# SAINT DAUL'S

DARJEELING

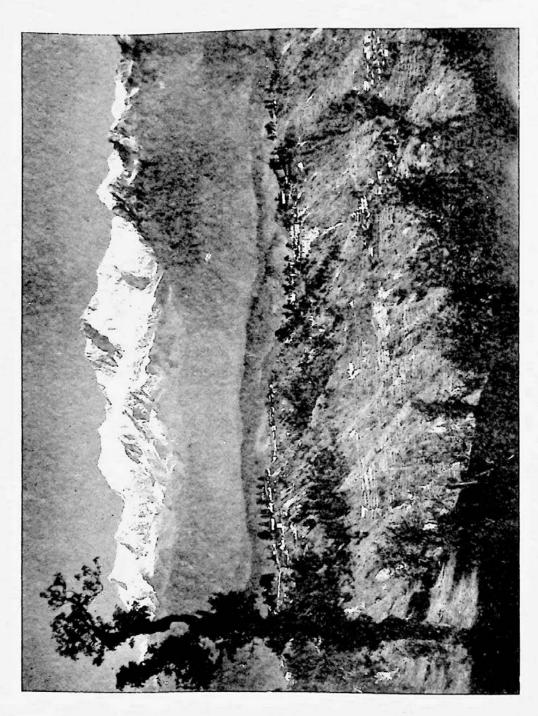


1979 SCHOOL CHRONICLE

Mrs. Gandhi with Sixth Formers at the Rectory

# CONTENTS

Editorial	••		1
Rector's Letter			2
Results—ICSE and ISC			8
Governing Body		• •	11
The Staff			 14
School Officers	•		19
The Year that was			 20
School Notes			23
Staff News			 46
Visitors			55
The Carter English Eassy			60
House Notes			62
Sikkim Shield Results			 72
Speech Day			73
Prize Winners			91
School Play			94
Annual Sports			 101
Music Notes			108
Art, Craft and Woodwork			 114
Sports, Games and Outdoo	or Activities		133
Junior Wing Notes			172
Primary Wing Notes			188
Old Paulites' News			199
OPA Annual Report			202
Chapel Notes	•		204
Salvete and Valete			207
Rev. Canon LeBlond			210



#### **EDITORIAL**

In 1835 the inevitable Alexia de Tocqueville called America une feuille blanche, a blank page upon which history wanted to be written. History has been scribbling away ever since. Generations of Chronicle editors have done the same since 1823 when St. Paul's School was founded.

'Time erodes memory', laments the poet. What if it didn't? Memory would crumble under the weight of trivia. However, it is remarkable how some chosen islands of experience defy the relentless tide of forgetfulness. It is these nuggets of memory, which dot our mental maps, that we prospect for while taking stock of events in the past year. And it is these that fill this Chronicle.

I would like to thank the Rector and my colleagues for their help in bringing out this issue of the Chronicle.

B.S.B.



Rector

# RECTOR'S LETTER

If in 1978 the aim had been to get the School together again and place it squarely in its elitist context within the environment of India, this year we have tried to give a gentle thrust in those directions which will begin to show the profile which the School will develop into the 21st century. A profile insidiously less tradition-bound, but within the traditional forms, more liberal, with due

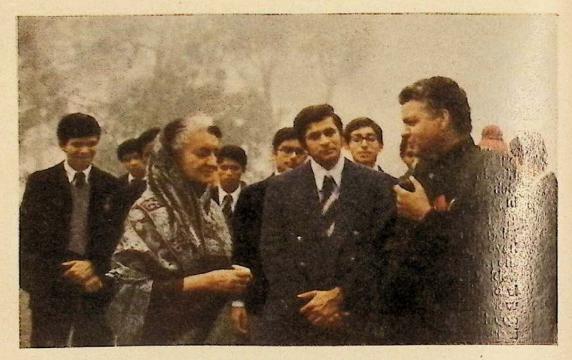
place for technology and science, and with progressive mingling of not only strange cultures from all over the world through the paracepolitan intake, but also through divergent stands of socio-exposmic horizons within the environmental context of India.

The Rector's letter is the Rector's subjective vision, but it also becomes the School's objective direction. This depends upon those aspects of school which functionally abide by the objective realities of the educational situation and the environment, however rough these may be suffused by that vision.

In the mountain environment of Darjeeling our aims are high, but more than anywhere else, these are limited by the environment. Life in the hills is arduous. The basic expectation at a Public School takes for granted the social and civic infra-structure, which in Darjeeling is under severe strain as never before.

Roads are difficult and expensive to maintain, telephone and telegraph communication, and of late, even postal communication, have tended to be irregular. Transportation is expensive. Coal, the major source of heating, has, since I joined the School, nearly trebled in cost, nor is it readily available. Local telephone contact is erratic; with Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta and elsewhere it is worse. Electricity on which depend all evening 'preps' was so appallingly erratic and of such poor voltage in 1977 that I made it our first priority to renovate for use our rusted 12 KVA generatorset. With this done, we went on to acquiring and installing a 40 KVA genset which has, since 1979, unfailingly provided all our requirements of auxiliary power. But genset power costs five times as much as grid power and diesel is not always readily available. St. Paul's is located 50 metres above the Darjeeling municipal water-tank below the chapel, and so all our watersupply, which has to be pumped into this tank by booster-pumps from Senchal lake with the erratic municipal power, is pumped through even more erratic and old pumps near the municipal water-tank, between the midnight hours, again using erratic municipal power, to an overhead municipal tank called Mount Vernon on Dawkin's spur, which supplies the School overhead tank near our tennis courts. Seldom is the concatenation of municipal power availability, municipal water tank capacity, functioning of pumps, presence of supervising and mechanical staff and electricians so fortuitous that water flows from the taps of St. Paul's. However, inspite of all these and many more complex infrastructure hurdles the water situation has already been eased, in electricity we are already self-reliant, and the major breakthrough of increasing self-reliance in immediate medical cover will result when Dr. (Mrs.) Usha Dasgupta, MBBS, FRCS, and her husband, join our staff rext year on returning from their expatriate decades in England.

A School is what the boys, the parents, and the staff make it. The immediate environment has never been very effective in its influence on residential schools in the UK or in India and that is the point of this letter. We accept all the boys and all the parents and all the teachers of St. Paul's, but we have also widened the intake horizon to increase motivation. Sons of professionals and salaried as well as Govt. of India Merit Scholars, have already improved our academic atmosphere. We also appeal to our current



Mrs. Gandhi talking to Rector

parents to try to help us to increase the motivation of our boys to strengthen their ambitions through their love of achieving and aiming higher. This aim is being realized, as even a casual glance through this Chronicle will show.

The unique characteristics of the teaching and administrative and domestic staff of St. Paul's are the subordination of the self, with but rare exceptions, for the achievement of higher aims for the boys. Never have the staff of the School worked as well and as hard as they have done this year, the results of which, like the crystal which precipitates or the pearl that is cast in the oyster, will show in March and June, 1980, in the ICSE and ISC examinations, respectively.

It is an anomaly that Darjeeling hits the headlines which our parents read, generally in terms of political or otherwise adverse or problematic contexts. No one reads about the many kindnesses of the people of Darjeeling district, and the hill areas in particular, to the boys and the institution of St. Paul's. One does not read in the newspapers of the generosity and affectionate, emotional nature of the people of Darjeeling. Seldom does the dedication and the integrity of our domestic staff hit the headlines, nor do the senior government officials and their subordinate staff in Darjeeling get the kudos they deserve. It is to the people of Darjeeling that St. Paul's owes not only its continuing existence but also its progressively improving image, performance and excellence.

St. Paul's is not substantively interested in Indian or International political tussles, as no good residential school should be. I count amongst my friends, well-wishers and old students politi-

cians of every hue who occasionally visit us and speak to our boys, for we are intellectually concerned.

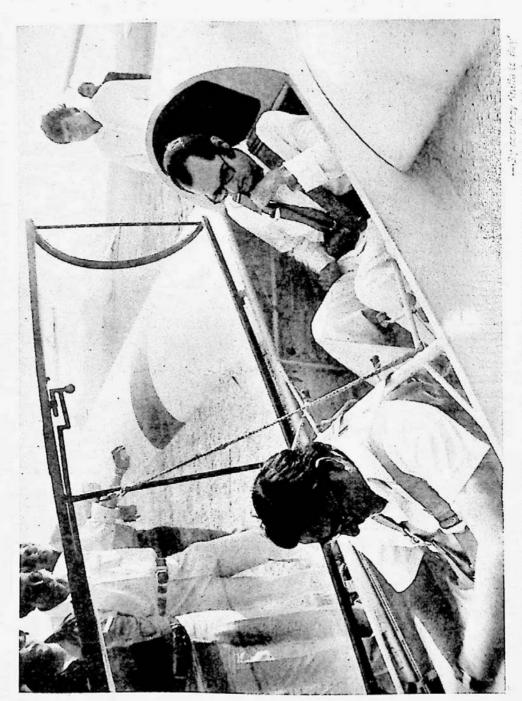
In the field of games and sports and co-curricular activities, where the School prided itself, has come the greatest breakthrough. In fact, in all games and sports, including boxing, which we have revived in the Junior and Primary Wings, there is a flowering of taient so far overshadowed by other schools. Not only has the intake of boys improved greatly, but also talent-development is now a reality through good coaching by the new and old staff alike. This is something generally not known to Old Paulites who do not get our newsletter, The Paulite, unless they subscribe to it, or the parental circulars, unless they have their sons here with us.

The boys now sing better, dance more smoothly and laugh more happily. Pianoforte and the Band have never been so effective or well-organized. The growing Machine Shop is a distinct innovation, and hobbies and Outward Bound programmes have never flourished so well, not to mention the skiing, the sailing and the seamanship courses which have been so successful. Then with the help of the army at Sukhna, Bengdubi and the 11 GRRC, Jalapahar, riding, golf and squash have also been introduced on a very modest scale. Yet we hear the amusing, if delightfully malicious, rumour echoing through the social whirl of Calcutta and Bombay that St. Paul's boys were never proud of their results. Now they all pass the examination, may be half of them in the first division, and they even get excellent aggregates. But, the rumour-mongers say, we have become social cabbages. Well, I can say there is nothing like a marinated cabbage to go with a well-done steak, and if it requires inebriation in out-of-bounds restaurants in Darjeeling, or first-fights at Keventer's resulting in broken noses, failing examinations, not shaving, keeping long hair, and wearing flappy, foppy, fashionable, hippy, yippy clothes, with or without undesirable stimulants, all the abracadabra of youthful degeneration and decay—if it is all these and much worse, not to mention certain fashionable "public School" forms of perversion which are keeping us from not being 'social cabbages', which some Calcuttans and Delhites to call us, then we are proud of being 'social cabbages'.

What a delight it was to have Mrs. Indira Gandhi come up modestly one morning in July this year, to preach at Matins on Courage and Self-reliance. How fortunate the 255 boys of the Senior School were to listen to her that morning! If our boys do not develop that calibre then education is wasted on them. Sanjay Gandhi also came to visit, but I did not encourage him to speak to the boys because neither he nor I would have wanted to impose the vision of a strong and modern India on our boys, but "Courage and Self-Reliance" were and remain the personal foundation of staunch character.

We also had the Chairman of I.C.I., Mr. A. L. Mudaliar who presided over our Sports Day.

We have increased our traditional collaboration with Commercial houses like Macneill and Magor, Shaw Wallace, TISCO ITC etc, to all of whom we are grateful for renewing the kind of relationship which used to exist in the days of Mr. L. J. Goddard.



Sanjay Gandhi just before the take-off in a glider. He visited St. Paul's with his wife, Maneka

This year we have sustained a severe jolt in the sudden passing away of our beloved Padre, Rev. Canon Kenneth Oscar Loslond. His loss is irreparable and all of us at School as well as the Church, the Diocese and Old Boys, feel it deeply.

Next year we start the construction of a very ambitious new school building project which for the sake of convenience we are calling the Primary Wing Project. Actually, this is for 200 boys from Caches I to V and will release space in the Junior and Senior schools where we do not plan to increase the numbers, so that we are able to provide more dormitory and play and activity space to the boys of both the wings. This building project, which will eventually cost nearly 15 lakhs, though we hope the contracted cost will be much less—approximately 10 lakhs—should be ready by March 1982, and it will be from parents, Old Paulites and well-wishers that we would expect extreme generosity to enable us to raise funds to complete the project in time. I know our appeal will not be in vain.

It has always seemed strange and unacceptable to me that the artificial dichotomy and contradiction between scholarship and sports should be accepted without thought by many people lacking in understanding of the Public School ethos. The optimal 'public school' qualities should enable a public-school-boy to be versatile, good at games and sports, with a 'ground passion' or hobby at which he excels. These enable him to have that focussed power of concentration which can demolish all obstacles in the way of excellence in academics. It does not mean that every boy should become an outstanding scholar and an outstanding sportsman. It only means that, if the school is functioning well, every sportsman is also a scholar, and every boy also develops the attributes of a sportsman. Mens sana in corpora sano—a healthy mind in a healthy body. How could it be said better? Our motto is Moniti meliora sequamur-Having been taught (or advised) let us follow better (or higher) things". This then is the path to follow. The path shown by sages and by public Schools is to be versatile, to deny nothing, to exclude nothing, to discriminate while accepting everything, to be superior and excellent without pride or conceit in a spirit of service. Effortless excellence is thus the aim, and not the strain of the bookworm, or the conceit of the gladiator with an empty head. It is here that I would like to record our greatest triumph, our deepest sense of hope and optimism that our boys are growing along these lines. Some may be still recalcitrant, lagging behind like a rudderless ship, but the staff are trying. Finally, the boys will follow the models placed before them, and the prefects and staff have tried to be good models.

The fine honing of the intellect is a laborious process which most often happens at public schools, and, once begun, never stops till the individual grows in understanding and maturity, as also in stature, to become a man who demands: "Raise high the roof-beam, Carpenter," for here comes a man taller than any. And the divine carpenter, like the world of man below recognises this moral, intellectual and spiritual stature, and builds a bigger world and a better world for such boys, such young men.

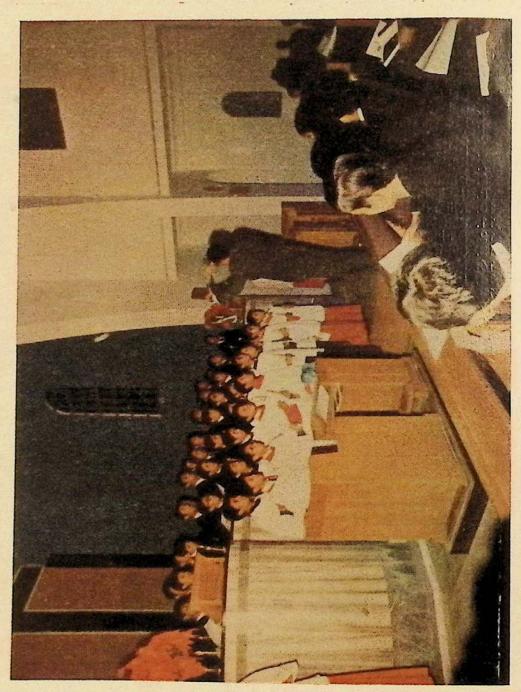
# RESULT OF THE ICSE EXAMINATION, 1979

1	aar	agata		Grades 1 and 2
		gate		Grades 1 and 2
Anirudha Bonnerjee	• •	11	• •	English, Modern Maths,
6 1 K 1		40		History, Geography, Science
Sudeep Kundu		13	• •	Bengali, Modern Maths.,
		4-		History
Kinley Dorji		17	• •	Mathematics
Md. Faizul Islam		17		Bengali, Modern Maths.,
				History
Joseph K. Joseph		17		Modern Maths., History,
				Geography
Sudeb Chatterjee		18		Geography
Ramesh Ruia		18		Modern Maths., History,
				Elements of Accounts
Nikhil Chowdhury		21		English, History
Rohan Labo		21		English, History, Geography
Ritwick Dasgupta		23	10.50	g, .,.eter,, eeegrapm,
Kabir Master		24		English
Arijit Datta		24		Geography
Anurava De		24		deography
Ashley Nagpal		25		
Ashik Ajmera	• •	25		
Vivek Chawla	• •	26		
Madhukar Shrivastava	• •			
Danial Sillivastava	• •	27		
Ramananda Sengupta	• •	28		English
Diwakar Sinha		28		
Rahul Sood		29		
Gautam Borooah		29		
Shattrundam Shahi		29		
Imran Darbar		30		Art
Kailash Bhawnani		30		
Md. Saiful Hoque		31		
Promode Singh		31		
Mahesh Jalan		31		
Vikram Naharwar		32		
Suresh Vaidya	::	32		
Amal Das		32		
Anil Lobo		33		
Ashik Rangoonwala	• •	33		
Ujjal Roy	• •			
Indraneel Sarkar	• •	33		
Shiv Sachdeva	• •	34		
Sodhan Patel		35		
	• •	36		
Shantanu Mookherjee		37		
Pratip Banerjee		37		
Jayanta Bose		37		
Deepak Mittal		39		
Surojit Sen		39		
Namgay Dorji		40		
Akash Siddiq		41		
		17110		

# RESULT OF THE I.S.C. EXAMINATION, 1980

		Aggregate	e Grades 1 and 2	
1. /	Arun Agarwal	7	English, Hindi, History, Geography, Economics, Commerce	
2	Raj Kumar Lachchiramk	a 12	Mathematics, Chemistry	,
3.	Rajeev Malhotra	15	Mathematics, Physics	
	Deepak Chadha	15	Chemistry	
5.	Amresh Sinha	16	English, Hindi	
	Debashis Kundu	16	Economics	
7.	Pritam Ghosh	16	English	
	Dhruva Guha-Sircar	19	Art	
	Jagir Jabbal	19	English	
10.	Nilim Baruah	19	English	
	Saneer Gurung	20	9.10	
	Darius Chenai	20		
	Sunit Sikri	21		
	Mainak Mukhopadhyay	22		
	Dick Dadul	23	Art	
	Jamil Rahman	23		
17.	Philip George Philip	23		
	Sanjib Banerjee	24	English	
19.	Biraj Adhikari	24		
	Abhijit Sen	24		
21.	Raju Lal	24		
22.	Pravir Murari	26		
23.	Avijit Bakshi	28	English	
24.	Bashab Banerjee	28		
25.	Suraj Vaidya	28		
26.	Sunil Saraf	29		
27.	Soumitra Sharma	30		
28.	Jagjot Khandpur	32		
29.	Dipankar Banerjee	32		
30.	Purushottam Mintri	33	d leases	
31.	Dalim Chowdhury	(101)	pe announced later)	

Thirty-one candidates were sent up for this examination.



# THE GOVERNING BODY, 1979

- THE RT. REV. J. AMRITANAND, B.A., Punjab, Bishop of Calcutta, Cheirman
- S. BISWAS, Esq., M.A. (Co-opted)
- B. T. BROOKS, Esq., M. A., T. D., Principal, Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong, West Bengal
- THE RT. REV. R. W. BRYAN, D. D.
- GROUP CAPTAIN A. K. CHAUDHURY, VM & Bar, IAF, Principal, The Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, W. B.
- A. K. DAS, Esq., M.Sc., B. T., Dip-in-Sc. Studies (Hull), WBES, Deputy Director, Secondary Education, West Bengal
- DR. B. DASGUPTA, M.Sc., Ph.D., London, Principal, Darjeeling Government College, Darjeeling, West Bengal.
- S. DUTTA, Esq., IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Darjeeling, West Bengal
- THE RT. REV. J. E. GHOSE, B.A., B.Ed., B.D., Bishop of Darjeeling
- GROUP CAPTAIN A. J. S. GREWAL, IAF, Principal, The Panjab Public School, Nabha, Panjab
- DR. N. R. KAR, M.Sc., D.Phil., Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal
- THE REV. CANON B. MANUEL
- MAJOR GENERAL D. K. PALIT, Vr. C., FRGS, (O.P.), (Co-opted)
- HARI DANG, Esq., M. A., B.Sc., (Hons.), Rector-Secretary



Rev. Ghose at the PW 'Breaking of Ground Ceremony'



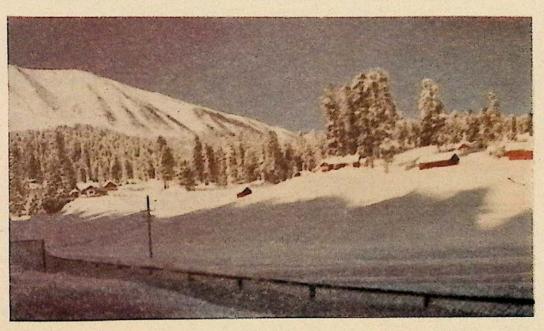
At the Ski School, Gulmarg

A Paulite



At the Ski School, Gulmarg

A Paulite



A Paulite

# THE STAFF, 1979

HARI DANG, M.A., B.Sc. (Hons.), Delhi, Rector

M. N. TANKHA, M.A., Allahabad, M.Ed., Hawaii, USA, T.D., London, FRGS, Senior Master

D. HOWARD, B.A., Agra, TTC, Calcutta, ATCL, Second Master

B. S. BHATNAGAR, M.A., B.Sc., Agra, B.Ed., Rajasthan, FTEG (USA), G. C. Eng. Litt., Glassboro, USA, Head of the Junior Wing

MRS. R. DANG, B.A. (Hons.), Delhi, Administrative Head, Primary Wing

G. R. ANTHONY, M.A., B.Ed., Rajasthan

S. K. BANERJEE, M.A., Panjab, Housemaster of Havelock

R. S. BAONI, B.A., Sagar, M.A., Fine Art and Crafts, Vishwa Bharati, Santiniketan,

B. S. BAWA, M.A., Indore

C. CHATTARJI, M.A., Calcutta, A.C.P., London, Housemaster of Lawrence House

N. CHATTORAJ, M.Sc., North Bengal

K. N. DAR, M.A., B.Ed., Delhi, Housemaster of Clive House

S. ELLIS, M.A., B.Sc., Rajasthan

J. GOSWAMI, M.A., Calcutta, B.T., North Bengal

A. JAYAL, M.A., Allahabad

K. KANTI, M.A., Gujarat, M.Ed., Allahabad, Rashtra Bhasa Ratna Visharad, Housemaster of Hastings House

P. KUMAR, M.Sc., B.Ed., Agra

A. K. LAHIRI, B.A., B.T., Dip. P.E., Calcutta

REV. CANON K. O. LEBLOND, B.A., (Hons.), London, Dip. Ed., Edinburgh, Chaplain

C. MACDONALD, B.A., B.T., Calcutta, (On Leave)

M. F. MAHMOOD, M.Sc., (Maths.), Allahabad, M.Sc., (Physics), Aligarh

T. MUKHIA, B.Com., B.Ed., Calcutta, M.Com., North Bengal

K. L. PRADHAN, M.A., B.Sc., B.T., Agra

N. K. SHARMA, M.Sc., B.Ed., North Bengal

S. P. SHARMA, M.Sc., Rajasthan

D. SINGH, B.Sc., Panjab, M.Sc., Panjabi, B.Ed., Rajasthan

H. P. SINGH, C.P.O., P.T.I., I.N. (Retd.), N.I.S., Patiala, Director of Physical Instruction

H. SINGH, M.C.P.O., P.T.I., I.N., (Retd.), N.I.S., Patiala, Physical Training Instructor

B. B. TAMANG, B.A., (Hons.), B.Ed., North Bengal

MRS. R. ANTHONY, B.A., B.Ed., Lucknow

MRS. J. BANERJEE, M.A., Allahabad, L.T.

MRS. S. DAR, B.A., Allahabad, B.Ed., North Bengal

M. ENOS, T.T.C., Calcutta

MRS. G. KANTI, M.A., Delhi
MRS. J. MACDONALD, C.T., Bombay, (On Leave)
MISS E. R. MORTON, C.T., Bombay
K. MUSTAFI, B.A., (Hons.), Delhi, Resident HousemasterCum-Hallmaster, Primary Wing
MRS. K. Z. MUSTAFI, B.A., Lucknow, M.A., (Hons.), Delhi
MRS. S. PALIT, B.A., (Hons.), M.A., Patna, B.T., North Bengal
MRS. A. PAUL, C.T., Bombay
MRS. D. PAULOSE, B.A., Osmania, B.T., North Bengal, Dip. A.M.I.
MISS J. PRASAD, B.A., B.T., North Bengal
MRS. R. SHARMA, M.Sc., North Bengal
H. N. STOLKE, B.A., North Bengal, T.T.C., Calcutta
P. TSHERING, B.A., North Bengal, T.T.C., Calcutta
A. WOOD, B.A., North Bengal, T.T.C., Calcutta
MRS. C. WOOD, C.T., Bombay

#### Part-Time Staff

MRS. R. CHATTARJI, B.A., Calcutta
MRS. M. DASGUPTA, B.A., Calcutta, M.A., North Bengal, Dip.
Montessori, St. Nicholas, London
J. GOMES, Physical Training Instructor
MRS. A. GOSWAMI, M.A., Calcutta
MRS. A. LOBO, B.A., (Hons.), Bombay
MRS. S. MUKHIA
S. M. PRADHAN, B.A., North Bengal, M.A., Tribhuvan
MRS. K. SINGH, Library Incharge, Junior Wing
MRS. S. GURUNG, Secretarial Staff

# LIBRARY INCHARGE

MISS D. SINHA

#### MUSIC STAFF

 D. A. V. PRINCE, Bandmaster's Cert., Military School of Music, Pachmarhi, Director of Music
 R. PAUL, L.T.C.L.
 MRS. H. E. AVARI

#### MATRONS

MRS. I. V. HOLLAND, **Senior Wing** MRS. S. K. THAPA, B.A., B.T., Calcutta, **Junior Wing** MRS. P. P. TSHERING, **Junior Wing** MRS. R. M. RYLANDS, **Primary Wing** 

# ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

CDR. N. M. LOBO, B.Sc., Osmania, I.N., (Retd.), Bursan LT. COL. P. ROY, B.Sc., Patna, Corps of Engineers, (Retd.), Estate Manager and Steward

K. LAMA, Rector's Secretary

MRS. S. ROY, Assistant Steward

MRS. P. PRINCE, Caterer

N. BHATTACHARYA, B.Com., Calcutta, Accountant

G. S. CHHETRI, Clerk of Works

H. B. CHHETRI—I, Storekeeper H. B. CHHETRI—II, Cashier

H. B. BARAILY, MISS A. PRINCE, MRS. F. STOLKE, Secretarial Staff

A. K. GHOSE, R. B. GURUNG, M. K. PRADHAN, D. B. TAMANG,

R. P. TAMANG, Office Staff MISS. M. CHHETRI, Assistant Housekeeper

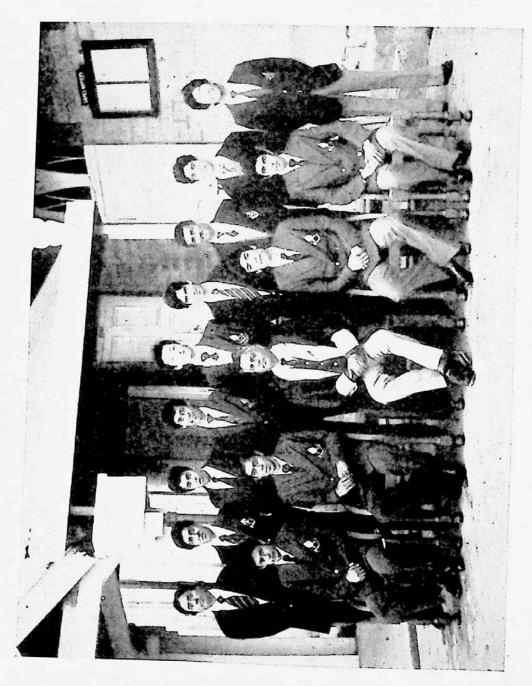
## PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER

DR. T. Y. PEMBA, M.B., B.S., London, F.R.C.S., Superintendent, D.D.M.A.

# MEDICAL OFFICERS

DR. P. P. SAGREIYA, M.B., B.S., D.A., F.C.P.S., Bombay DR. N. K. SARKARA, M.B., B.S., Calcutta, D.P.H., London MAJ. (DR.) T. R. TAKHTAR, B.D.S., Bombay, Dental Surgeon MRS. L. MOKTAN, S.R.N., Resident Sister, School Infirmary COL. (MISS) P. JACOPS, M.N.S., (Retd.), Resident Sister, **Primary Wing** 

The Staff 1979



## SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1979 SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Relian Earuah ... Captain of Hastings House

# SCHOOL VICE-CAPTAIN

araj Vaidya .. Captain of Lawrence House

#### PREFECTS

Parina Chenai ... Captain of Clive House

Distance Guha-Sircar ... Captain of Havelock House Sancer Gurung ... Clive House

Dalim Chowdhury ... Clive House
Dipankar Banerjee ... Hastings House
Rai Kumar Lachbiramka

Raj Kumar Lachhiramka .. Hastings House Sunit Sikri .. Havelock House

Rajeev Malhotra .. Havelock House Philip George Philip .. Lawrence House Jamil Rahman .. Lawrence House

Dick Dadul .. Lawrence House

#### CAPTAINS OF GAMES

Athletics .. Dalim Chowdhury
Badminton .. Praveer Murari
Basketball .. Dick Dadul

Cricket .. Dipankar Banerjee

Fives .. Abhijit Sen Football .. Suraj Vaidya

Gymnastics .. Raj Kumar Lachhiramka

Hockey .. Jamil Rahman
Marathon Saneer Gurung
Squash .. Philip George Philip

Swimming .. Darius Chenai

Table-tennis .. MainakMukhopadhyay

Tennis .. Nilim Baruah Volleyball .. Sunil Saraf Games Secretaries .. Raju Lal

Soumitra Sharma

## THE YEAR THAT WAS

We asked Mrs. Renuka Dang, Administrative Head of the Primary Wing, how she would describe her first year on the job. The phone rang and she left the room to answer it. When she returned, she said, "Well, we have come a long way, but we still have a long way to go." This was sufficient to break the ice. She told us how grateful she was to her predecessor, Mr. David Howard, for the nice work he had done before handing over the Primary Wing to her. As the epitome of cool reserve and self-effacement, she said her staff should get all the credit for the successful year the Primary Wing has had since she took over.

She constantly emphasizes the need to combine hard work and sincerity with humility, patience and advance planning. All this is quite evident from her own family background and upbringing. Her father, late Mr. Justice Atma Charan, ICS, a senior judge of the Allahabad High Court, tried the Mahatma Gandhi murder case at the special court in the Red Fort, Delhi. Her mother belongs to an equally illustrious family which gave several generals to the Indian army.

She is utterly sincere and genuine; she is nothing if not perpetually cheerful; she is everready to help, as she believes the best. She is generous to a fault with all her time and energy. Though a perfectionist, she is the soul of humility; it is her habit to esteem others better than herself and so we had to find out more about her.

She passed the Senior Cambridge Examination from Presentation Convent, Delhi, and then obtained her B.A. (Hons.) degree in Economics from Miranda House, Delhi University. She feels that life should be balanced with outdoor activity and as such she has tried her hand successfully at NCC—she was adjudged the best NCC cadet at the All India Camp in 1959; got her nursing certificate from St. John's Ambulance Association; trekked extensively in the Garhwal and Kumaon hills and in Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh with her headmaster—husband, rafting down turbulent rivers, skiing on the snowy slopes of Landour and Kufri, angling all over India; jungle-fowl shooting and birdwatching are some of the activities which she has enjoyed.

She professes unconcern about the lack of public prominence to her efforts. She says, "I haven't worked on an 'image'. My purpose is not so much to be appreciated or praised as to do a good job." We have noticed that in doing her job, Mrs. Dang is highly organized, self-disciplined and tireless. Every minute is made to count. She does her homework and is persistent.



Mrs. R. Dang

Mrs. Dang's stamina and perspicacity over the year have brought considerable improvement and prestige to the Primary Wing. It has been a remarkably successful stint for which the Primary Wing boys and their parents are grateful, and of which she may be justifiably proud.

If she had accepted some two years ago, the offer to continue as an ITC managerial hotel executive—she was trained at the Pusa Institute of Catering Technology, New Delhi, and was on the staff of Hotel ITC Sheraton-Maurya—we might today be able to judge ourselves her distinguished career. She chose instead to head the Primary Wing and evangelise into healthy growth the round-eyed primary-graders with crinkly smiles and cotton-candy words. She is undoubtedly the best person on the job, for traditionally at schools like St. Paul's a child is welcomed by the Rector's wife, as a substitute mother. The St. Paul's Board of Governors should be happy in their choice for, in the words of John Hornby, Headmaster of Clifton Preparatory in Bristol, and a long-standing influence in the Incorporated Association of Prep Schools, "When governors are appointing a new head, I always tell them to take one look at the man, but two at his wife".

To list the qualities attributed to her by colleagues and parents alike is to risk an eulogy-affable, diligent, courteous, calm, gets things done with effortless ease, a remarkable judge of people. She cannot remember the last time she was angry. "It does not do any good." She can, however, register annoyance and this she does if people make silly mistakes or if they tend to "make a meal out of things."

She fell in love with the Rector and married him in 1965 when he was teaching at the Doon School. Her life is spent in the intimate path of the Rector, sharing secrets and strains and building a rare confidence and trust. It is her influence as a wife, more than as her capacity as the PW Head, that she has had the most impact. She agreed with us when we suggested that she strives, to an unusual degree, as a critical sounding board for the Rector's views on school matters.

Mrs. Dang and the Rector never miss any school function. They are an understanding couple and very close to one another. Clearly abounding energy such as Mrs. Dang and the Rector display has its origin in some deep human relationship and an harmonious home. Their home is always a happy one to go into, no matter how sudden and unexpected one's appearance. One somehow goes out of it fortified, strengthened and encouraged.

Eschewing polemics, Mrs. Dang concentrates on the problem facing the PW, and seems to have struck a chord. "If the Rector's PW Project 1978 succeeds and our prayers are answered, we would soon have a new PW complex," she said. She displays the infections certainty that she will succeed because she cannot fail. She has an amazing facility of getting on with her boys and staff and getting the best out of them.

B.S.B.

#### SCHOOL NOTES

Like last year, 1979 began with the third term for the ISC (1979) class when on the 31st of January the Sixth Formers and their teachers returned to School. The third term began on the 1st release. After a month's classes the ISC boys took their examination beginning on March 1st.

During winter vacation, two very fruitful outward bound courses were arranged for the senior wing boys. The first was a week's sailing course held in December at Bombay. This was led by Mr. Hardip Singh. We are grateful to Vice-Admiral Russi M. Gandni, F.O.C.-in-Chief, Western Naval Command, and Commodore Subhash Chopra, Chief of Staff, for providing us with the facilities for this training. The second course, on skiing, was held at the Indian Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering, Gulmarg. It was led by Mr. B. B. Tamang. For this course we would like to thank Lt. Col. V. P. S. Chauhan, the institute's Principal, Mr. J. M. Malik, Director, and Miss Anjani Mehta, Additional Director, Tourism, J and K and Mr. Sehgal, Director, Gulmarg Project, Srinagar. The Following boys were awarded prizes at the end of the course—

Nilim Baruah (HS)—I in Technique Suraj Vaidya (LW)—III in Technique Sunit Sikri and Rajendrapal Singh (both Hv)—III in Slalom

'The old order changeth yielding place to the new'. This has been the order of this world for hundreds and thousands of years. The 29th of March saw the investiture ceremony of the new prefects for 1979.

Darjeeling was, at the beginning of Trinity Term, plagued by two scourges-cut in electricity supply and water scarcity. St. Paul's was not entirely unaffected by these. But Paulites, being what they are, took everything in their stride. Despite the fact that on one occasion we received no water supply for three days there was no adverse effect on our daily life and not a single activity was missed. Didn't Nietzche say, "Perhaps, I know best why man is the only animal that laughs. He alone suffers so excruciatingly that he was compelled to invent laughter."

The Anglers' Society was formally inaugurated by the Rector on 22nd March. He spoke on *Mahaseer Fishing* while Mr. James Johnson talked about his experiences of trout fishing. Sir Alec Douglas-Home in his biography, *Border Reflections*, says, "Every now and again, and sooner than later, the line tightens and the peace is exchanged for an excitement so tense and tumultuous

that every nerve tingles until the prize is won or lost. What more can one ask of life?"

At the 69th Darjeeling flower show organized by the Darjeeling Horticultural Society at the local Gymkhana Club, St. Paul's, true to its tradition, won the First Prize for its garden. Incidentally, this prize was won by St. Paul's for the 25th year in succession. St. Paul's was also awarded a cup for the highest number of points, which it shared with Raj Bhawan (the West Bengal Governor's residence). It also won ten first and four second prizes. The individual prize winners were Rupin Dang (HI)—I, and Alok Kedia (Ev)—II, both in the Posy Section. Shiv Narayan, one of the school gardeners, was awarded a third prize in the Vase and Bowl Section.

April was quite an eventful month. We had plenty of sunshine, plenty of rain and some very interesting and important persons visited us. The famous Hindi poet, Shri Harivansh Rai 'Bachchan', visited St. Paul's with his wife and equally famous son, Amitabh



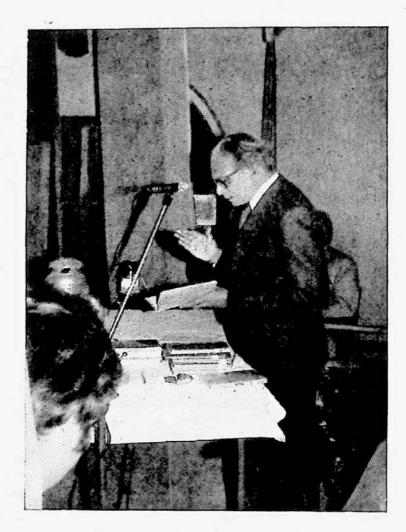
Head Gardener receiving a prize at the Flower Show

Bachchan, and daughter-in-law, Jaya. While Bachchanji kept us spell-bound with his recital of *Madhushala* and excerpts from his Hindi translation of Shakespeare's Macbeth, the Paulites put up a variety programme to entertain the Bachchan clan and the other film personalities, Amjad Khan, Utpal Datt and Shakti Samanta. If there were fever stars in the sky on that night the reason was not too far to seek. The stars had come down to St. Paul's to add giller and glow to the musical programme we had arranged for them.

The Trinity Term at St. Paul's is the season for the upward migration of bird life in the Darjeeling district. Almost as if by magic, the minivet, the thrush, the magpie, the leothrix, the Yuhina and the Sibia appear. Exciting birdwatching trips by the members of the Orinithological Society were arranged separately by Rector and Mr. Tillotson to Lepcha Jagat, and Bagora, respectively, and a large variety of birds was spotted and identified.

Thanks to the initiative of Rector, St. Paul's received the first batch of Govt. of India merit scholars in May when Dibaker Deb and Shantanu Chakraborty from Tripura and Sudip Mitra joined us from Calcutta. Later, Lalthanzuala joined us from Nagaland. We are proud of the fact that the Union Ministry of Education chose St. Paul's for the placement of merit scholars without the School being inspected by its officials. We have more than proved the point that St. Paul's stands for national and international integration, but, more than that, it stands for equality in education and bringing up of its pupils.

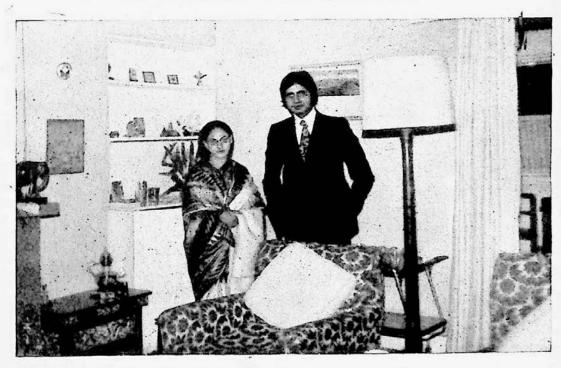
The second generator was commissioned on May 5th and since then the evening preps have been done uninterrupted. Our co-curricular activities and cultural evenings have not suffered, either, for want of electricity.



Bachchanji reciting Madhushala



Mrs. Dang and Rector with Jaya Bachchan



Amitabh and Jaya Bachchan at the Rectory



Rector, Shakti Samanta, Mrs. Dang, Jaya, Amitabh, S. M. Amjad Khan and a Film Producer



Amitabh Bachchan meeting Prefects

The Primary Wing Annual Sports were held on May 18th. The Chief Guest, Maj. Gen. Mathew Thomas, VSM, AVSM, Director General, National Cadet Corps, was presented a Guard-of-Honour by the St. Paul's NCC troop. Maj. Gen. Thomas was also the Chief Guest at the Annual Gymnastic Display held the next morning at the Gymkhana Club, and the PW and JW Annual Concert held in the evening. The long epithet—Primary and Junior Wing Concert-seemed to be the harbinger of an equally long evening of songs and plays, and no matter how much affection we have for our younger schoolmates it does not extend to watching a gruelling two-and-a-half hour concert. However, the programme was good in quality. Many items were, as the bard of Avon said, "of the self same tune", but when you have to involve almost all the boys and girls in an evening's programme. songs and playlets are bound to outnumber other items. General was so much impressed with the programme that he presented two trophies to the young actors, Vikram Singha (PW) and Shiv Anand Lal (JW) for their superb acting, as he put it, and one NCC trophy to the St. Paul's NCC Troop.

Meetings of the Paulite Parent Teacher Association were held on 20th and 21st May. There was a very useful exchange of views and some important decisions were taken at these meetings.

Prof. Shambhu Ghosh, Minister for Higher Education, West Bengal, stayed at the rectory from 23rd to 27th May. He was the Chief Guest at the seminar on National Physical Fitness hosted by St. Paul's. The hon'ble minister inaugurated the seminar at which Rector also addressed the delegates.

Musical appreciation classes were reintroduced, after a lapse of many years, when Mrs. Moneesha Chaudhuri rejoined us to conduct these classes twice a week. She is, in the words of the bard, "refreshing the mind of man (Paulite) after his studies, or his usual pain."

Another interesting activity which was reintroduced this year was karate. Now the boys of all the three wings have the benefit of learning this martial art. Despite the boys' enthusiasm for this sport there has been no apparent damage to the school furniture and classroom blackboards yet.

Rector and Mrs. Dang presented three aquaria to the school. The Primary Wing, the Junior Wing and the main dormitory in the rectory have one each. The black mollies, the guppies and all the other exotic fishes survived despite severe winter.



Mrs. Dang with Maj. Gen. Thomas



At the PW Sports Meet

Foreign students attending the annual summer camp of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations visited the school on June 7th. They entertained us with music and dancing. The football match they played with us was won by us.

The Sixth Formers had two very enjoyable encounters with Loreto College girls on 27th June. The first was a battle of wits in which they graciously yielded to our petite opponents. After all, chivalry is in the Paulite blood. The battle, an English debate on Woman is the most beautiful mistake of God, was followed by an equally enjoyable social.

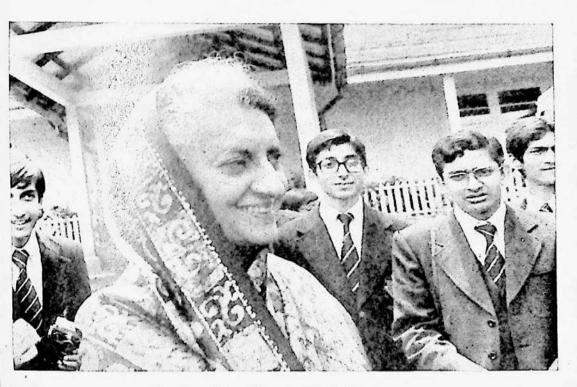
While the rest of India reeled under the gruelling heat wave sweeping through the sub-continent, Darjeeling, had heavy rains almost every week in June, and the weather was ideal for football althrough—

Rain makes the grass turn nice and green, It makes the air smell fresh and clean; Rain makes the flowers sprout and bud, It also, said to say, makes mud.

We created history by wining the 2nd Division Football League Championship and for this credit must go to Mr. A. J. Wood, the Coach, and Suraj Vaidya, the Captain of the School XI.

One more playing field, with fencing around it, was made available to the PW and JW boys. It has been named Carter's.

A new hobby was introduced in the Senior School in the Michaelmas Term. Metalwork, introduced by Mr. Michael Enos, has proved to be immensely popular.



Mrs. Gandhi talking to Sixth Formers

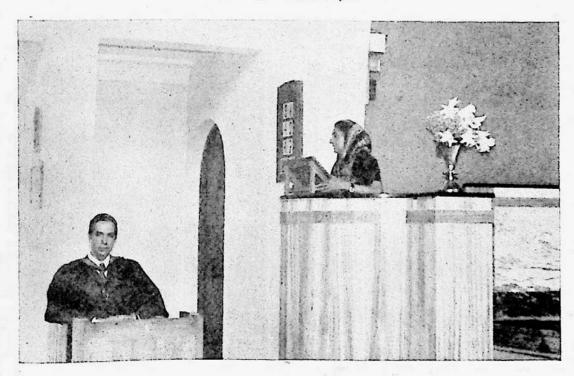
Paulites were fortunate to welcome on July 1st Mrs. Indira Gandhi to the School when she responded to the invitation of Rector and Mrs. Dang and spent almost two hours with us. She was the visiting preacher at Matins and then she had coffee with Rector, Mrs. Dang, staff and their wives and Sixth Formers. She was in a relaxed mood and had time for everyone that morning. She posed for photographs with all of us, including the bearers who served her coffee. Later, in the evening, Mr. Sanjay Gandhi and Maneka Gandhi visited the rectory and spent some time with Rector and Mrs. Dang.

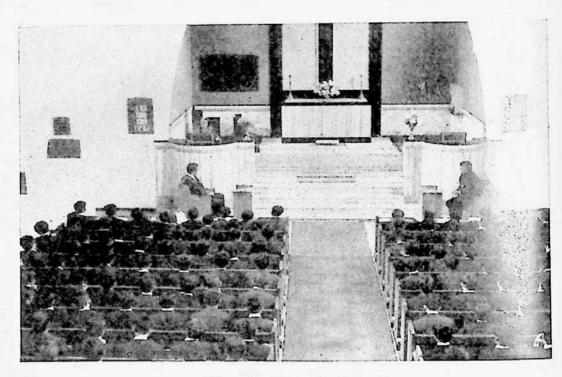
After the Trinity Term Examination, which ended on 12th July, NCC cadets went camping to Mungpo, Tonglu, Takdah and Lepcha Jagat. Their activities included trekking, camping, cooking and other outdoor exercises. Many Senior Wing boys went trekking to phubshering, Debrapani, Kalimpong, Peshoke, and Rambi.

Mrs. Gandhi sharing a joke with Rector



Mrs. Gandhi in the Chapel





Mrs. Gandhi in the Chapel





Mrs. Gandhi with Coffee Servers

The 165th birth anniversary of the great Nepali poet, Bhanu-Bhakta Acharya, was celebrated by Darjeeling citizens on July 13th. Paulites, accompanied by Messrs. Tamang and Pradhan, participated in the ceremony. It was followed, a couple of days later, by the first ever Inter-School Nepali Elocution contest for Darjeeling Schools. It was hosted by St. Paul's on 28th July. Eight schools participated in the contest which was presided over by the famous Nepali litterateur and Sahitya Academy and Ratna Shri Award winner, Prof. Shiv Kumar Rai. The shield was won by Loreto Convent team. In a virtuoso speech after the concert, Prof. Rai was by turns folksy, avuncular, firm, conciliatory and statesmanlike. In his speech he alternately charmed his listeners and taught them the importance of learning a language.

In the other two Inter-School Elocution contests, Hindi and English, St. Paul's teams did better. The results were.

## Hindi

Group. I—Alok Parasrampuria (We)—3rd Group. II—Vikram Datta (Hv)—1st Group. III —Sodhan Patel (Hv)—1st Group. Open—Pradeep Ganeriwala (CI)—1st Shield shared by St. Paul's and St. Helen's Convent

# English

Prose—Vikram Datta (Hv)—1st Poetry—Basav Ray Chaudhuri (An)—3rd

Extempore Speech—Gautam Barooah (Hv)—2nd. St. Paul's Team—Runners-up

The 32nd anniversary of the Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm. A special chapel service was held in the morning. Mr. Homi Wadia, General Manager, Oberoi Hotels, Cairo, Egypt, hoisted the *Tricolour* and then inspected the NCC Guard-of-Honour. Cubs and scouts renewed their promises and the whole school sang *Sare Jahan Se Achcha Hindusthan Hamara* under the direction of Mr. S. K. Banerjee. Mr. Wadia then addressed the School. Later, a gymanastic display was held on the top field. Rector and Mrs. Dang had lunch with the domestic staff. A Hindi film was screened specially for the domestic staff.

Rector's birthday was celebrated on August 18th. It was a whole holiday. We had a special chapel service at which the school chaplain pronounced his blessings on Rector and his family. The Senior Master gave Rector a birthday present on behalf of the staff, and the staff and their wives had lunch with Rector and Mrs. Dang. The boys were pleased to receive chocolates from them.

On Sunday, August 26th, we were lucky to see the lighter side of our teachers when they entertained us with an evening of music and laughter. While established singers like Mr. Banerjee and Mr. N. K. Sharma were there to entertain us, hidden talents were also discovered. A fitting finale to the evening's programme was the staff choir singing *Think of all you ate...*. The choir, led by Rector, sang under the baton of Mr. Denzil Prince. It was rumoured that the Estate Manager received a complaint the next morning that a number of window panes were found cracked in the Prep Hall! The staff is advised not to sing too close to the windows next time they decide to sing as metzo sopranos.

The Annual Bengali Society concert was marked by the highly entertaining play Waiting Room, written and produced by Mr. J. Goswami, our Senior Bengali Master. The Chief Guest at this occasion was Lt. Gen. Sundarjee, Corps Commander. The Nepali and Hindi concerts were equally entertaining and successful. The Nepali Society staged Skylab, written and produced by Mr. S. M. Pradhan of the Nepali Department. Col. Gurung, Commandant, II GRRC, was the Chief Guest. The Hindi Parishad staged Dr. Ram Kumar Varma's Mahabharat Mein Ramayana. Dr. Misra, Station Director, All India Radio, Kurseong, was the Chief Guest.



School Captain and Sixth Formers on Teachers' Day

Teachers Day was celebrated on 5th September. Boys of 12th and 11th classes, under the guidance of the School Captain. and prefects, ran the school that day. In the evening, bouquets of flowers were presented to the staff and their wives and a variety entertainment programme was held in the honour of teachers.



Mortal remains of Padre LeBlond being taken for burial

A pianist of international fame, Richard Deering, gave a delightful performance on September 7th. His visit was arranged by the School with the help of the British Council Division, Calcutta. Richard firmly established that evening his reputation as a soloist and lecture recitalist. A couple of days later the Darjeeling City Orchestra gave a two-hour performance under the baton of our Director of Music, Mr. Denzil Prince. It was an evening of semi-classical music.

The School community was plunged into grief at the sudden passing away on 19th September of the School Chaplain, Rev. Canon LeBlond. His end came suddenly after a heart attack at about 11 a.m. that day. A memorial service was held the same afternoon. The mortal remains of Padre LeBlond were laid to rest the next evening after the funeral service was conducted by the Bishop of Darjeeling, the Rt. Rev. J. E. Ghose, assisted by Rev. L. M. Kundu, Parish Priest of St. Andrew's Chruch. Later, one more memorial service was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Bishop R. W. Bryan on Sept. 26th.



Mrs. LeBlond being consoled by Mrs. Dang and Rector



School community at Padre's funeral

Our Trinity College of Music results were excellent this year. Besides Mr. Rufus Paul, our pianoforte teacher, passing his L.T.C.L. Examination, the following were declared successful:

Pass-Zubin Medora (We)

Merit—Huzefa Akbarally (Be), Himraj Dang (Cl), Siao Houng Tham (Hv), Sujoy Dey (Hv), Sanjeev Tankha (An) and Mrs. R. Sharma.

Honours—Shabbir Akbarally (Be), Avirup Chakraberty (Hs), Kaizad Irani (Ca), Bhavesh Karia (An), Shiv Anand Lal (Ca), Aditya Sureka (An), Anil Welinkar (Hv) and Shankar Dev Chowdhury (Hv).

The 156th Speech Day was Celebrated on September 29th. Rt. Rev. Bishop R. W. Bryan, a Governor of St. Paul's, was the Chief Guest. On arrival, he was received by Rector. He inspected the NCC Guard-of-Honour and then was introduced by Rector to the staff and prefects. After Rector's annual report, Bishop Bryan gave away the prizes and spoke to the gathering. A day earlier, the Annual Sports Meet was declared open by Mr. A. L. Mudaliar, Chairman, ICI Ltd. He also gave away prizes and certificates to the winning athletes. The Annual Commemoration service was conducted by another School Governor, Rev. Canon B. Manuel.

During Puja holidays, a short rock-climbing course was organized by the School with the help of the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling. The course was conducted under the supervision of Mr. B. B. Tamang. The following boys were awarded badges and certificates:

Junior Wing: Tanvir Master, Kshaunish Sarkar, Inderpal Suri, Lalthanzuala, Sandip Kapoor, Prem Samtani, Surendra Malla, Subrata Saha Jr., Sandeep Harlalka, Budhadev Basu, Syed Ehtesham Haider, Syed Intesar Haider, Bimal Das, Sandeep Shetty, Ajit Azariah, Sandeep Sen, Rananjaya Shahi.

Senior Wing: Kuo Hsing Chiang, Rajeev Sahgal, Hassan Bin Kabir, Vikram Almal, Rajesh Drolia, B. Hassan, Phuntso Namgay, A. Jain, S. Saraf, R. Dasgupta, Daniel Rana, Ajoy Bose, Sujoy Bose, Ashok Khiatan, Sunil Samtani, Sanjay Singh and S. Agarwal.

Bishop Foss Westcott's anniversary was held on October 19th. A special chapel service was conducted by Rev. L. M. Kundu

who also addressed the congregation. Wreaths were laid at the graves of Bishop Westcott and Padre LeBlond by Rector, Mrs. Dang and the School Captain.

The Primary Wing boys showed the way to others on October 30th by putting up a tremendous show of boxing in the Prop Hall. Besides six bouts, which were fought with great entire ideas, there was also karate demonstration by PW and JW boys. It was after more than a score of years that boxing which was technically sound and aesthetically appealling was seen at St. Paul's. The Administrative Head of the Primary Wing deserves our praise for reintroducing this manly sport in St. Paul's and all kudos to the Boxing Coach, Mr. Harinder Singh, for a jolly good show.

H. E. Sir John Thomson, British High Commissioner to India, and H. E. Mr. Stephen Miles, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, with Lady Thomson and Mrs. Miles visited St. Paul's in October. Talking to boys, Sir John said in a lighter vein, "There is a lot of similarity between a diplomat and a lady. If a lady says may be, she means yes. If she says no, she means may be, but if she says yes, she is no lady. Similarly, if a diplomat says may be, he means no; if he says yes, he means may be. But if he says no, he is no diplomat."

Boys of St. Paul's gave a delightful performance of pianoforte music at Sherwood College, Nainital. They were accompanied by Mr. Rufus Paul who himsell gave a full length recital. Mr. E. Chelvan of Sherwood College said the select audience was in raptures after the concert was over.

On November 11, Rector attended the Annual Remembrance Day Service at St. John's Cathedral, Calcutta. It was conducted by the Vicar, the Rt. Rev. Noel Sen. It was a moving experience for the congregation. Rector also attended, at the same cathedral, a memorial service for the late Rt. Rev. Canon Subir Biswas at which the moderator of the Church of North India recalled the services of the late Canon Biswas to the poor of Calcutta. Mother Teresa also spoke to the congregation and exhorted all to love our fellowmen if we really believed in any religion. Rector said that it was a unique experience for him to attend these services. He thought that it would be a very good idea for our boys to attend the Remembrance Day Service every year.

The Rt. Rev. J. E. Ghose, Bishop of Darjeeling, conducted the special service on November 20th to mark the 'Breaking of Ground' ceremony for the new building complex of the Primary Wing. After the benediction, Bishop Ghose, in his brief but impressive speech, outlined the need for the Primary Wing buildings

and thanked all those who had contributed to the project. The 'Digging of Ground' ceremony was held on Carter's Spur where the buildings are going to come up. The PW boys sang a welcome song and then the Bishop initiated the digging. He was followed by Rector, the Administrative Head of the PW, the Second Master, the JW Head, the School Captain and the prefects. The whole school sang Now Thank We All God before the ceremony concluded.



Mr Rikkey at The S.W. G.H.D.

The PW heralded the GHD spirit with carol singing and supper at Eden Falls on November 21st. The carols and christmas songs sung by the PW boys were impressive and left us in no doubt that the PW will have a choir to contend with seniors next year. The prizes were given away by Mr. Howard.

The next evening, the JW had their carol service and GHD supper. Despite the frequent failure of electricity during the service, the choir sang movingly. The service ended with the singing of Away in a Manger. At the supper, the trophies were given away by Mrs. Moneesha Chaudhuri.



Homeward bound for winter vacation

The Senior Wing Carol Service brought the St. Paul's Michaelmas Term to an end. At the GHD supper, a tea planter of repute, and a friend of St. Paul's of long standing, Mr. H. Rikhey, gave away the trophies.

The School closed for winter vacation on November 27th. The next morning, all boys except ICSE Candidates left for home. The ICSE boys left for home on 30th November.

Thus ended 1979 which will have a unique place in the history of St. Paul's for many outstanding achievements.

#### STAFF NEWS

One citadel of bachelorhood fell in December when Mr. Sydney Ellis married Miss. Renuka Deane of Jaipur. Miss J. Prasad of the Primary wing married Maj. I. J. Singh, Artillery, in May. We would like to wish both the two couples a long and happy married life.

Mr. Kamlesh Kanti, Senior Hindi Master, attended two educational programmes sponsored by the National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi. The first was the meeting in New Delhi of the working group of the Hindi Text-books Committee, and the second was the Arun Bharati Orientation Programme for teachers of Hindi held at Chianglang, Arunachal Pradesh.

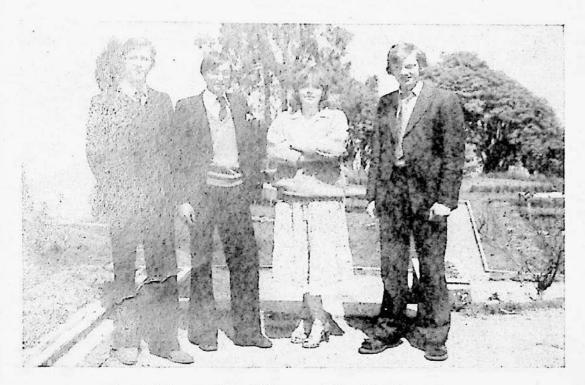
Mr. Chandak Chattarji, Senior English Master, broadcast a talk on Mother Teresa from the Kurseong Station of All India Radio.

The Rector was again able to use his good offices to help the School and staff, as a result of which Mrs. J. Macdonald of the Junior Wing was awarded a fellowship for environmental studies at Gevent College of Higher Education, England, under the British Technical Cooperation Training Programme. Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald are presently in Dublin, Ireland, teaching in a preparatory school there.

Mrs. R. Sharma passed the M.Sc. (Zoology) Examination of the University of North Bengal obtaining a first division and standing second in order of merit.

We welcomed the following to the Common Room this year:

Mr Kabir Mustafi (Cl—'70) and his wife, Kamini Zohra, joined us in the Primary Wing. Mr. Mustafi is also the housemaster and hallmaster there. He has a B.A. (Hons.) degree of Delhi University. At the university he made his mark as a debater and published a magazine, Corner. He gave up his job with Air Travel Bureau (P) Ltd., New Delhi, in order to take up teaching which he enjoys very much. He is interested in reading, tennis, cricket, badminton, table-tennis, shooting and writing. Mrs. Mustafi had her schooling at Pine Mount School, Shillong, from where she passed the ISC Examination. She has B.A., and M.A. (Psychology) degrees from Lucknow and Delhi universities, respectively. She taught at Silver Rest School, Lusaka, Zambia, and Julien Day School, Calcutta, as a clinical psychologist. She is interested in children, nature, reading and handwork.



James Johnson, Giles Tillotson, Miss Woolfe and James Brown—School leavers

Mr. Nilachal Chattoraj joined us in Biology Department. He has had a brilliant academic career. He was awarded a national scholarship at school. He passed both B.Sc. (Hons.) and M.Sc. (Zoology) Examinations from the University of North Bengal in the first division and topped the list of the successful candidates. He was awarded a gold medal at the university convocation. He represented North Bengal University at the 65th and 66th sessions of the Indian Science Congress. At school he published a Bengali magazine, Jhalak. His interests range from insect collection, horticulture, pisciculture and scientific experiments to writing Bengali novels and plays. He plays football, cricket and badminton.



Mr. Bawa



Mrs. Dar



Mr. Chattoraj



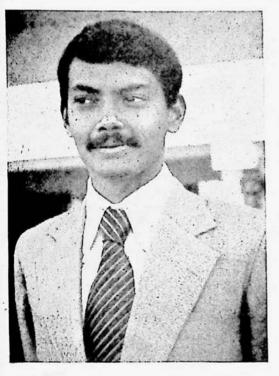
Mr. Enos



Mr. Kumar



Mrs. Palit



Mr. and Mrs. Mustafi





Mrs. Sharma



Mr. H. Singh

Mr. Harinder Singh, MCPO, Indian Navy, joined the Primary Wing as the Physical Training Instructor and Boxing Coach. He is also a qualified basketball coach having been trained at the National Institute of Sports, Patiala. He was for many years the boxing coach at the Army School of Physical Training, Poona.

Mr. Baljit Bawa joined us from the Daly College, Indore, M.P. He has B.A., and M.A., English Literature, degrees which he obtained in the first division from the University of Indore. He was the school athletics champion and represented Indore district at the 7th Madhya Pradesh Athletics Meet. At Government College of Arts and Commerce, Indore, he was the captain of athletics and body-building teams. He was awarded several prizes in dramatics. He used to broadcast harmonica music and radio talks besides conducting general knowledge quizzes for students from the Indore station of All India Radio. He is teaching English in the Senior School.

Mr. Fromod Kumar has joined us in Chemistry Department. He has M.Sc. (Chemistry) and B.Ed., degrees from Agra University, and for many years he taught Chemistry at Sainik School, Kunjpura. Karnal, Haryana. He has a 'B' Certificate of the Air Wing, NCC, and is interested in hockey, football, badminton and table-tennis. He is a keen trekker.

Mr. Michael Enos joined the Primary Wing after teaching for sometime in the school section of St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling. He is interested in music, art and crafts and is very good at lathe work.

Mis. Sheelekha Palit joined the Primary Wing after a couple of months' teaching at Loreto College, Darjeeling. She has B.A. (Hons.) and M.A. (English Literature) degrees from Patna University and B. T. degree from the University of North Bengal. She is interested in gardening, crafts and reading.

Miss Dorothy Sinha and Mrs. Kamaljeet Singh looked after the senior and junior wing libraries respectively, in a temporary capacity.

Mrs. Moneesha Chaudhuri joined us in June to restart, after a lapse of many years, her immensely popular musical appreciation classes. As the bard of Avon would have said, she is now "refershing the mind of man (Paulite) after his studies, or his usual pain."

Mr. David Howard, Senior Geography Master, was appointed the Second Master.

Mr. K. N. Dar succeeded Mr. Deshpande as Housemaster. Clive House.

Mr. N. Jha, English Master, was appointed Principal of Bhadrachalam Public School, Bhadrachalam, Andhra Pradesh, early in the third term. He and Mrs. Jha left us in March.

Mr. M. F. Mahmood, Senior Physics Master, and Miss Anieta Prince of the secretarial staff, resigned for personal reasons. Miss Prince joined the secretarial staff of Welham Boys' School, Dehradun, U.P.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood left at the end of the year to join Barnes School, Devlali



Mr. and Mrs. Jha with their children

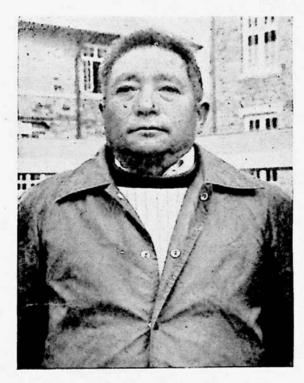


M. Srivastava

Mr. Wood

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mustafi and Mr. and Mrs. Kumar on becoming the proud parents of a son and daughter, respectively.

We would like to wish a happy retirement to Col. Protap Roy, Estato Manager, and Mrs. Shiela Roy, Assistant Steward, and to Ana. Lapona, bearer, and Joginder, washerman. We are grateful for their services to the School.



Arat Lepcha



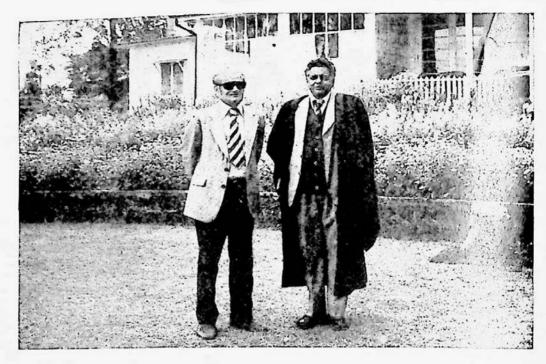
Das Studio Col. and Mrs. Roy



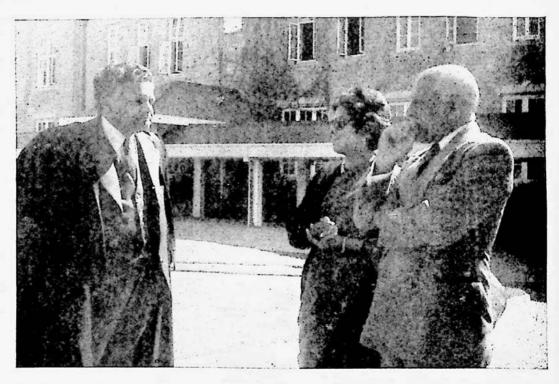
M. Srivastava School Captain presenting a farewell gift to Col. Roy

#### VISITORS

The former Prime Minister of India, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, her son, Sanjay, and daughter-in-law, Maneka; Wg. Cdr. S. G. Prasad, IAF, Commander of a fighter squadron in the eastern region, Mrs. Presad; Mr. David Blagbrough, scientific adviser to the British Council; Mr. Kamal Bhagat, Managing Director, Cassit Moran and Co. Ltd., Lt. Col. C. L. Ghei, Group Commander, NCC; Miss Jane Pollard of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Schools, England; Mr. T. Mozumdar, Civil Engineer; Mr. B. T. Brooks, Principal, Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong; Prof. L. N. Roy, Head of the Physics Department, Darjeeling Government College, Darjeeling; Shri Harivansh Rai 'Bachchan', Mrs. Teji Bachchan, Amitabh Bachchan, Mrs. Java Bachchan; Lady Innes, wife of Lord Innes, Chairman, Andrew Yule; Mr. Michael Dalvi, cricketer; Mr. Neil Kemp, adviser in science and technology to the British Council; Mr. J. P. Kakkar, Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, Mrs. Kakkar; Col. Lam Dorji, Chief of the General Staff, Royal Bhutan Army, Mrs. Dorji; Mr. A. N. Mitra, Chief Metallurgist, Tata Iron and Steel Co. Ltd, Mrs. Mitra; Mr. Evans, Regional Director (South Asia), Mr. Sengupta, Regional Manager, Eastern Region, and Mrs. Mukherjee, Planning Officer, all of Grindlays Bank; Mr. K C Sengupta, former Indian ambassador to Ethiopia; Bombay film personalities, Mr. Amjad Khan, Mr. Utpal Dutt and Mr. Shakti Samanta; Mr. Mohan Mukherjee, Honorary Consul-General of Portugal in India: Mai, Gen. M. Thomas, VSM, AVSM, Director-General, NCC; Prof. Shambhu Ghosh, Minister for Higher Education, Government of West Bengal; Mr. Sushital Banerjee, Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of India; Mr. G. Bhattacharya, Joint Secretary, Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry; Dr. N. R. Kar, Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal; Mother Damien, Principal, Loreto Girls' College, Darjeeling; Mr. Das, District and Sessions Judge, Darjeeling; Mr. Justice M. N. Chandulkar of the Bombay High Court; Mr. Kulkarni, General Manager (East), Crompton Greaves Ltd., Bombay; Grp. Captain A. K. Chaudhury, IAF, Principal, the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling; Mr. H. C. Sarin, President, Indian Mountaineering Federation; Mr. Tenzing Norgay, 'Everest hero! Mr. N. Gombu, Director of Field Training, the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling; Mr. Devenish, formerly on the staff of St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, Mrs. Devenish; Mrs. Elizabeth Cameron of Lockhart; Miss Jill Coombes; Mr. Oleg Polumin; Brig. Varma, Director, NCC, West Bengal Area; students of Modern School, New Delhi, Tashi Namgyal Academy, Gangtok, and NDMC Navyug School, New Delhi; Sister Jesslin, SND, Sister Anima, SND, Sister Mary, SND, all of Notre Dame Academy, Bihar; Col. R. B. Naranpanawe of the Ministry of Education, Government of Sri Lanka; Mr. Paul J. Smith of St. Stephen's



Rector with the Defence Secretary



Lt. Gen. E. S. Vas, GOC-in-C, Eastern Command, and Mrs. Vas talking to Rector



The Japanese Conquerer of Everest at the Rectory

College, Delhi; Father Stanford, S.', of North Point; Lt. Gen. Sundariee, Corps Commander: Father Burns, SJ, of North Point; Mr. O. P. Gupta, Lecturer in Commerce, Delhi College, Delhi; Col. P. K. Jain; Major (Dr.) Khanolkar, AMC; Dr. Mrs. S. Srivastava of the Hindi Department, Indraprastha College, Delhi; Mr. Sarkara, Adviser, Indian Tea Association; Dr. Vimlesh Kanti of the Department of Hindi, DAV College, Delhi; Prof. Shiv Kumar Rai, Nepali litterateur; Prof. B. Misra, Director of Education, Government of Sikkim; Mr. C. L. Bhatia, Chief, Forest Survey of India; Mr. S. S. Saini, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Government of Bhutan; Dr. Misra, Director, AIR, Kurseong; Mr. Homi Wadia, General Manager, Oberoi Hotels, Cairo, Egypt, Mrs. Wadia; Mr. J. Madan, Consultant, Business Management; Dr. Pathak of the World Bank; Grp. Captain AJS Grewal, Principal, Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi, U.P., Mrs. Grewal; Col. R. B. Gurung, Vr. C, Commandant, 11 GRRC, Mrs. Gurung; Mr. Richard Deering; the Rt. Rev. J. E. Ghose, Bishop of Darjeeling; Rev. L. M. Kundu of St. Andrew's Church, Darjeeling; the Rt. Rev. Bishop R. W. Bryan; His Excellency Sir John Thomson, British High Commi-



Mr. Ray, Executive Director, 20th Century Fox, and Mrs. Ray at Photographic Exhibition

ssioner to India, Lady Thomson; Mr. A. L. Mudaliar, Chairman, ICI(I) Ltd., Calcutta; Mrs. Mudaliar; His Excellency Mr. Stephen Miles, British High Commissioner to Bangladesh, Mrs. Miles; Canon Basil Manuel; Mrs. Janet (Carlton) Adam-Smith, widow of a former headmaster of Westminster School, London; Professors Kapur and Kenny of Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Mesra, Bihar; Mr. Chowdhury, IAS, Commissioner, Jalpaiguri Division; Lt. Gen. E. Vas, PVSM, MVC, GOC-in-C, Eastern Command, Mrs. Vas; Bishop James Blair; the Rt. Rev. Thorman; Wg. Cdr. Tripathi, Principal, and boys of U.P. Sainik School, Lucknow, U. P., Mrs. Tripathi; Mr. H. Rikhey; and Old Paulites, Kamal Sehgal (1945), Kamal Das (1977), K. Mithaiwala (1975), Avyudaya Chaudhury (1974), Deepak Chaudhury (1968), Mrs. Chaudhury, Anil Saini (1977), Anup Sen (1956), Naresh Mittal (1973), Mrs. Mittal, Peter S. K. Liu (1977), D. Bhattacharya (1977), and P. Saha (1971), all of Clive House; Rahul Wahi (1972), S. K. Ray (1955), Hitesh Talukdar (1936), Mrs. Talukdar, Nowroz Cama (1968), Mrs. Cama, Shekhar Barman (1974), Sanjeev

Malhotra (1979), Dipu Paulchowdhury (1979), Arathnoon John (1929), Haladhar Dey (1957), Mrs. Dey, Apu Paulchowdhury (1974), Mrs. Paulchowdhury, and Jamshed Sethna (1969) and Mrs. Sethna, all of Havelock House; Jayant Singh Judeo (1968), Arun Sicka (1967), Amitava Palchowdhury (1944), Mrs. Palchowdhury, N. K. Swaika (1961), Mrs. Swaika, G. K. Roy (1974), Anurag Jain (1978), Shree Prakash Jaiswal (1978), Soumitra Pay (1978), Rajeev Tankha (1979), and Shyam Baruah (1974), all of Hastings House; Siddhartha Sinha (1973), Ranjit Mitra (1957), Bar-at-Law, Mrs. Mitra, Manosh Moitra (1978), SVS Maidu (1943), Mrs. Naidu, Shiv Shankar Jaiswal (1970), Satyajit Banerice (1958), Vijay Sharma (1975), Suresh Bansal (1969), Fatok Irani (1958), Mrs. Irani, Tarit Sur (1954), Mrs. Sur, S. S. Maidu (1958), Mrs. Naidu, K. R. Bhattacharya (1957), S. N. Singh (1967), Siddhartha Chattopadhyay (1979), Avijit Mukherjee (1974), and Amar Thakur (1971), all of Lawrence House, visited the School this year.

## THE CARTER ENGLISH EASSY PRIZE

## THE ART OF IDLING

by Arun Agarwal

Through the fifty thousand odd years of man's existence it seems that even today he is not aware of his most basic and natural urges, for that is what resting or idling can be classified. Among other needs like food, clothes, and shelter, idling has been ignored, for it seems to have a social stigma attached to it. Nobody, be it a king (there are not many left) or a commoner, likes to associate with an idler. To me it seems to be a perfectly foolish pastime-not associating with idlers because they are more often than not very entertaining people. The crux of the matter is that undue and exaggerated importance has been attached to social prestige and respect in our age. And one (probably the only) way of getting it is working hard, very hard. This is why idling is looked down upon. This is totally absurd. The persons who despise idling do not know the joys of idling. In fact they are not even aware that idling has its joys. They have such strong preconceived notions about idling that they refuse to look at this famous habit of Tom Sawyer from his viewpoint. People have become so completely engrossed with going about their own jobs, like ants in a nest, that they have forgotten the world which exists outside of them: the world whose pleasures they know nothing of; the world which they had awhile and now have lost forever; the world which is only that of idlers. Their fears of their own misdeeds-the nuclear holocaust, biological and geo-physical warfare-have reduced them to less than quivering pulps of jelly. To these people I say, "Come, my friends, do not be afraid of the society's disapproval. Let us return to the age when men were free of any social bondage and enjoyed the ecstacies of idling."

The great (I do not intend to be sarcastic) preachers of the benefits of hard work have coined several phrases and aptitudes which have deceived the general population. One of them showing their obsession with the idea of not letting man rest is—

'Early to bed and early to rise, Makes man healthy, wealthy and wise.'

Though I am in serious doubts about the factual accuracy of this idiotic statement, I'll let it pass. But I would like to ask, 'Does it also provide one with that strange feeling of contented complacency which is only that of idlers?' Extolling the virtues of rising early, these preachers have also said, "The early bird gets

the worm". But what about the poor worm? He had also performed the extremely commendable, (to me, questionable) task of getting up early. The fact is that man just does not think seriously about idling. Just imagine (if God has not endowed you with this quality, at least try to think). You are lying in bed in the morning with the gentle rays of the sun bathing your face, your eyes closed, your mind in that glorious state of being when it is neither asleep, nor capable of conscious thought, when.....

Contrast this with a man who has got up at four o'clock in the morning, who has gone about his daily routine chores machanically, who gets hot and bothered and flustered (usually about nothing), who has nothing to do in life but work, who is the advanced stage of paranoia, if you like schizophrenia, when nothing but work concerns him.

To me the lot of the first man seems to be infinitely better and enviable.

Though I do not claim to be a great exponent of the gentle art of idling, for modesty forbids me to say so, I would certainly like to exhort my friends to return with me to the age of their fore-fathers when life was calmer, quieter and more serene, resembling more a gentle steamer chug-chugging its way on the gentle waters of a slowly flowing river than a hectic jet airliner forcing its ways through the violently turbulent atmosphere.

Yes, I shall wait, patiently, for the day when people will see the foolishness of their crazy modes of living, which will lead nowhere but destruction and devastation.

And in the end

Where the mind is without fear and the body is without work
Where sustenance is free;
Where the clear stream of idling has not
Lost its way into the dreary drudgery of hard work;
Into that heaven of luxury, my father, let my friends awake.

(With apologies to Tagore)

## **HOUSE NOTES**

#### CLIVE

Housemaster: MR. K. N. DAR House Captain: D. CHENAI

The students and the staff attached to Clive House worked with great vigour throughout the year, which made this a good year for the house. Whereas we secured only the second position in hockey, athletics, volleyball, debating, elocution and singing, we managed to walk away with the Cricket Shield. S. Sharma proved to be a very able and enthusiastic cricket captain.

The annual house concert was a great success and was appreciated by everybody. For this all credit should go to the enthusiastic work done by the students, particularly of classes eleven and twelve, and the very substantial help and guidance of Mr. A. K. Lahiri, Mr. S. Ellis, Mr. R. Paul and Mr. R. S. Baoni. Our special thanks to Mr. D. A. V. Prince and Mr. S. K. Banerjee who went out of their way to help us with the concert.

That the house was able to function smoothly and efficiently was, in no small measure, due to the excellent work done by the House Captain, Darius Chenai, and his team of prefects. It was a fitting tribute to Saneer Gurung's work, that, at the end of the term, he was elevated to the position of School Prefect.

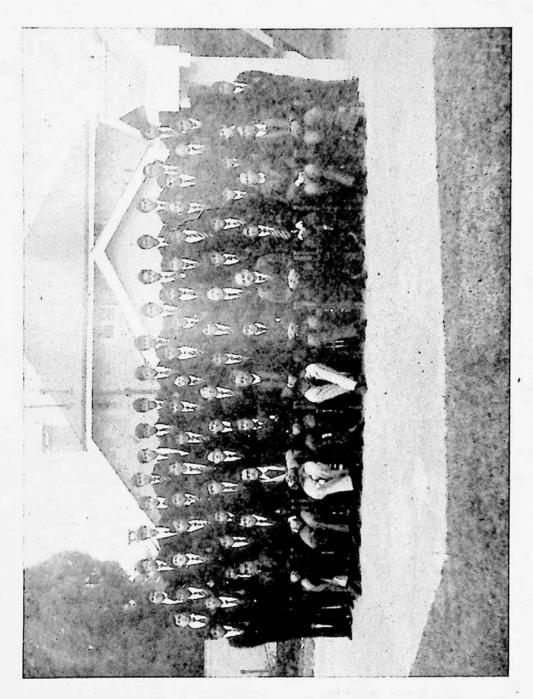
K. N. D.

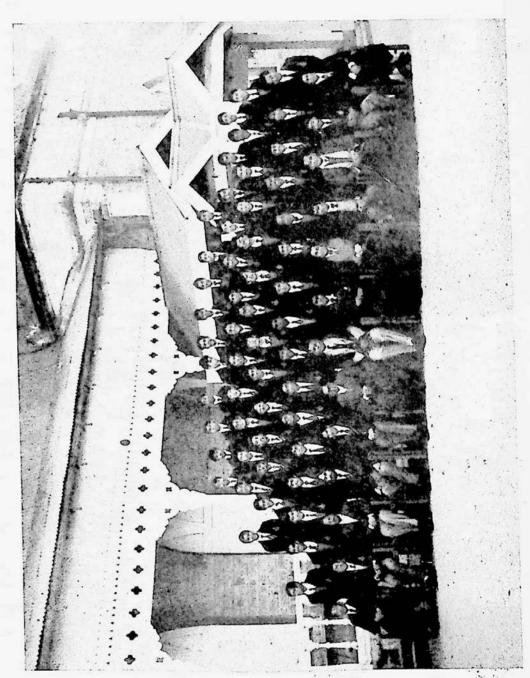
#### HASTINGS

Housemaster: MR. K. KANTI House Captain: NILIM BARUAH

'Hastings, Hastings all the way.' That just sums up the year 1979. (My apologies if the report appears lengthy, but then our achievements are just too many to be dismissed in a lone paragraph. The areas of our triumph extend from the playing fields to the class rooms.)

To send the house into a flying start, D. Banerjee captained the house to win the Cricket Shield. Next, N. Baruah showed the way to the team which won the Football Shield. He himself gave a sterling performance under the bar. The juniors gave us the lead at football and then again at athletics. The Athletics Shield came our way, thanks especially to Bidhan Chowdhury, who got the Victor Ludorum in 'B' Division. Finally, when at G.H.D. Supper, we were awarded the Sikkim Shield, it just showed how happy the year had been for Hastings.





B. Banerjee led us to the English Debating Cup, while R. K. Lachbiramka staked a successful claim to the Gym Cup. The juniors are to be commended for the Standards Cup. At Marathon, D. Banerjee breasted the tape way ahead of others and lifted the Cup. Our victory at Eton Fives displays the versatility of the House. The scholarly brilliance of Hastings was duly acknowledged, when we got the Commendations Cup. (A point worth mentioning is that we never brought up the rear in any field, and instead came second in badminton, tennis, etc.)

in the house concert too Hastings set the pace by introducing the iradition of an item by the members of staff. At the house supper, our captain, Nilim Baruah said "1979 won't be a golden year for Hastings for it may well be a diamond year". His prophecy did come true.

PRITAM GHOSH

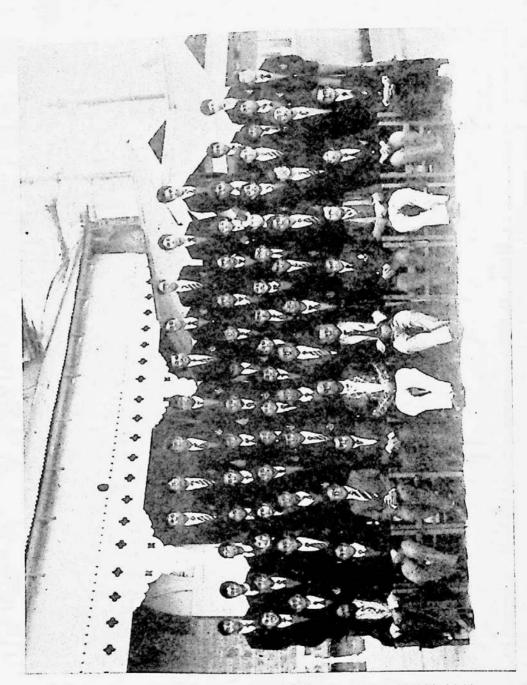
## **HAVELOCK**

Housemaster: MR. S. K. BANERJEE
House Captain: DRHUVA GUHA-SIRCAR

It is the rise and fall in succession that brings the rhythm and poise in the continuum of life. We started the year with a keen sense of effort of bringing out the best we have. Our boys excelled in some of the activities but we did have our reverses as well. If there were no falls in a struggle, where would the thrill of achievement be?

With our ardent speakers like Sanjiv Tandon, Gautam Borooah, Sodhan Patel, Vikram Dutta and Anup Mukherjee, who came first in their respective divisions in the Inter-House English, Hindi and Bengali elocutions, we deserved to win the Elocution Cup. Gautam Borooah and Sodhan Patel also won the first positions in the Inter-School English and Hindi elocutions, respectively.

I heard Mr. Prince remark the other day, "The school choir is virtually the Havelock House choir." No surprise, therefore, that the music trophy was won by us. Whether it was Indian or Western music, singing or instrumental, we were unrivalled. S. D. Choudhury, our budding musician and pianist, who has to go another four years in the School, won the Adam's Music prize. Anil Welinkar passed the Grade I Examination of the Trinity College of Music, London, with honours. Daniel Ghaznavi entertained the audience many a time with his melodious singing. Biraj Adhikari, the ever green and jubilant boy with his guitar, entertained the audience time and again.



As a team, we did not do very well at athletics. However, individuals like S. K. Chowdhury, Manish Mehta and Daniel Ghaznavi, deserve especial mention having done well at the School and Inter-School Athletics meets. Their achievements have formal mention in this Chronicle elsewhere.

With our tennis players, of whom Sodhan Patel, Daniel Chazusvi and Jagdeep Singh deserve a special mention, we won the Tennis Trophy.

Rohan Lobo became the 'Brain of St. Paul's, for the second year in succession. Rajiv Malhotra won the Gal Gregory Mathematics Frize. Our boys displayed a great sense of creative and artistic talent in painting, woodwork, wood-carving and the graphic art and won many certificates in these. Ashish Sen won the Anil Choudhury Art Prize.

N.C.C. was re-introduced in St. Paul's last year and this year Biraj Adhikari won the General Virendra Singh N.C.C. Medal having been adjudged the best all round cadet.

In the end, I would like to congratulate all the members of Havelock House for their excellent cooperation and team spirit without which the individual excellence loses significance. On behalf of one and all I wish our leavers good luck in their I.S.C. Examination, in particular, and for a happy and prosperous life in their future careers, in general.

S. K. B.

## LAWRENCE

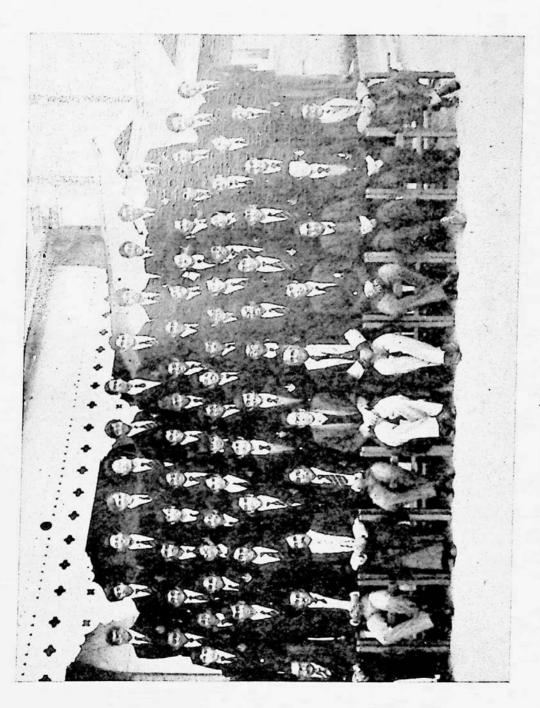
Housemaster: MR. C. CHATTARJI
House Captain: SURAJ VAIDYA

In China and some other countries the years are given specific names—more specific than 1979. If one was to name this year in St. Paul's in this manner one would call it the Year of Lawrence House. Not so much because Lawrence won a large number of trophies (which, incidentally, they did!) but because Lawrencians seemed to be in all fields of activities: academic, co-curricular and extra curricular.

As pace setters in school entertainment, the Lawrence House concert, once again this year, was a unique experience. The credit for this goes specially to the Sixth Formers for their 'item' and Dip Kapoor for very ably adapting an interesting English play, and giving it an attractive local colour. For the first time in any house concert, the Housemaster and two other masters attached to the house took part in a Bengali skit, written by Mr. J. Goswami, a Lawrencian. It was Mr. Goswami again who wrote the Bengali Society play.

It might sound like boasting if we go into the details of the contributions made by Lawrencians in the different fields of activities. But I have been advised by my betters that this is the age of 'blowing one's own trumpet'. So, much as I hate blowing the trumpet for my house, I will mention a few things. The School cricket teams (1st XI and 2nd XI) had nine Lawrencians; it was a Lawrencian-Dip-who was awarded a cricket bat for his consistently good performance during the season. In the Inter-House Annual Athletics Meet Suraj Vaidya, the worthy Captain of Lawrence House, proved to be the most outstanding athlete. He also excelled in the Inter-School Athletics Meet. It was once again under Suraj's captaincy that the School football team became the B Division League Champion; the School football team, once again, was full of Lawrencian stalwarts. Among the juniors, Narendra Pal Saluja was not only commended in every single Period Order, but also got the coveted Victor Ludorum in his section at the School Athletics Meet; he also did very well at the Inter-School Athletics Meet.

Doing well in the examinations, commendations, special prize examinations, club activities, name anything, and you would find a Lawrencian or two or more right at the top. Talk of service to the school community and you find boys like Sudhanshu Kumar, Mainak Mukhopadhyay, Philip George Philip, P. C. Roy, U. C. Roy and a host of others.

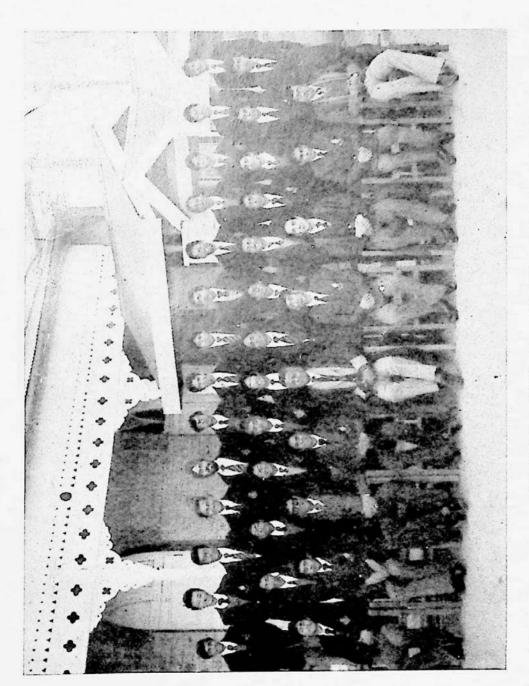


If I were to mention all that we as a House have achieved I would have to write a book, and I am sure the editor of the Chronicle would not want to publish such a book! The reason? Well. . . . ! So I shall not take the trouble to do any such thing.

All in all, 1979—The year of Lawrence House—has been a very satisfying and fruitful year. And this has been possible for the right type of 'house spirit' that has been evident not only among the students but also among the masters. My special thanks to Suraj Vaidya, Jamil Rahman, Philip George and Dick Dadul for helping to lead the House from one glory unto another. I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Mr. J. Gosward, Mr. B. B. Tamang, and Mr. N. Chattoraj for not only inspiring the boys but also taking part in the different activities that involved Lawrence House. One Lawrencian, Mr. Fazal Mahmood, left at the end of September. I, on behalf of the House, wish him good luck.

Innovators and pace setters are never satisfied with what they have achieved. We shall look forward to a still better 1980.

C. C.



Sixth Formers with Rector and their Form Masters

#### SIKKIM SHIELD RESULTS, 1979

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

Hastings

#### SPEECH DAY 1979

The 156th Speech Day celebrations took place on September 29th. The Rt. Rev. Bishop R. W. Bryan, D. D., was the Chief Guest, in the morning, we had the Commemoration Service in the chapel at which the Rev. Canon Basil Manuel addressed the congregation. At the Prize Giving, which followed the Commamoration Service, the Rector welcomed to his Paulite family the Chief Guest who has been a member of the Board of Governors for over thirty years. The Rector also welcomed the Rev. Canon Basil Manuel and Mr. A. K. Das, Deputy Director, Secondary Education, West Bengal, both members of the Board of Governors, Father Stanford SJ, a great friend of the School and of Mr. Goddard, parents and guests. He went on to say: I am happy to convey the good wishes and blessings of our Chairman, the Rev. Bishop J. Amritanand, who has not been able to be with us this day, and I am grateful for the presence in our midst, for the first time, of our new Governor, Rev. Canon Basil Manuel, from St. James', Calcutta. I am grateful to the other members of the Board of Governors and the parents who have strengthened our belief in our sense of values, by being with us today rather than elsewhere with the Pujahs and professional pre-occupations. It is customary on this occasion to recall the schemes of the Founders, the Governors, and the past Rectors of the School with whom we still remain in touch, Mr. Michael Cross, Mr. David Gibbs and particularly Mr. L. J. Goddard, through whose many decades of effort and vision the School today continues to develop its image and performance.

I was mentioning to some boys yesterday the reluctance to change the names of our Houses for it is not the name associated with a historical event or period, but the personal qualities of the man which we set up for emulation, and which should inspire us. Apart from changes in emphasis, these qualities retain their validity, and in the words of Demosthenes, "The more things change, the more they are the same."

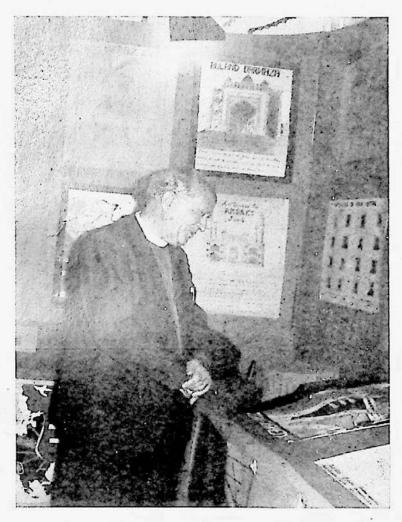
These are the qualities of character in a human being which make for completeness as a man, and are greatly in demand in every society, in every period of history, the more complex the more intensively valued, and hence most precious today. They may, and generally do, lead to relative affluence and prosperity in the short-term in terms of worldly success, but they also constitute a broad-based long-term strength which no socioeconomic, cultural or political upheaval can undermine or devalue. These are the qualities of the Public School personality. It is the strength of self-lessness of these young men, and not the external power of money or social context, which continues to

nourish the great educational tradition of good schooling at St. Paul's as at some other schools in India and in Europe.

The literature of the Public School ethos abounds in attempts at definition. One could speak of versatile involvement in a variety of intellectual and physical activities, all-round education and good citizenship. One could speak of grace-under-pressure, the meeting of challenges, the strength never to waiver from the austerity of long-term ideals willingly accepted as guidelines for life. The strength to stay, and the stamina to survive till the sim is achieved. One could speak of selflessness, of courage in adversity, of the disinterested performance of self-imposed duties, of the understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of human beings, of consideration and self-sacrifice required for community living, of the ideal of service of fellow-men less fortunate than ourselves.

None of these, nor all of these, could begin to define or limit the boundless strength and magnanimity of the ideal which widens the horizon, steels the resolve and sensitises the understanding of the exemplary Public School personality typified in all great schools by the Prefects, the House Captains and the School Captains. This is the key to the secular kingdom of education, but here at St. Paul's in the amalgam of the mountains and valleys the high ridges and forested spurs beneath the shadow of Kanchenjunga, and the Eastern Himalayas, we have the rare pearl of a personality deepened and enriched in the gentler crucible of a unanimously accepted Chapel-ethos which is perhaps lacking elsewhere. It is this added dimension of spiritual grace which makes us proud to be Paulites. Yes, even as Rector for only two years so far, with the boys and the staff, I have learnt to find a peace and a strength which accepts and welcomes all the complexities of a technological world, and the limitations. poverty and strengths of our own national context. We are not proud of our buildings though we hope to build more and improve further our existing facilities. It is not of the tradition that we are conceited, or for our social graces that we would be known, but that individual grit and unified strength of this our Paulite ethos.

We are also fortunate in our improving intake-pattern, hailing from cosmopolitan, international, successful professional and industrial families, increasingly better-motivated, and this trend of our new intake pattern is already strengthening the calibre and excellence of our School. In the welter of conflicting and confused educational policies bending to each political wind, there is a deep sense of commitment here in St. Paul's to the unchanging values and the innovating needs of good education for India. We are



S. Sutodia Bishop Bryan at the Exhibition

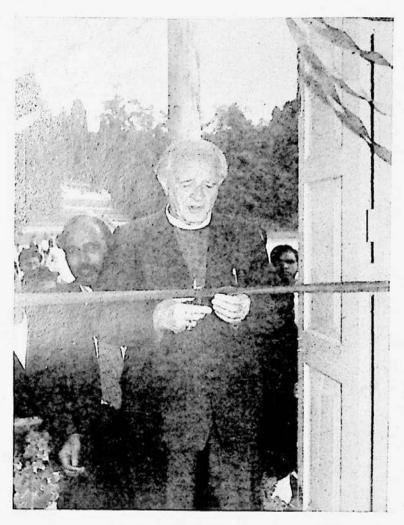
not, and cannot ever be, a mass school, but our elitism is rational and conscious in its obligation of service to India, our context and our society. It is not a foolish elitism of snobbery or exclusiveness in class, caste or sectarian narrowness. We now have in our school not only staff from all over, but also Govt. of India Merit Scholars from different part of the country, and scholars from other nations, as well as a growing list of St. Paul's School bursary-holders and scholars from defence services and other



Bishop Bryan and Canon Manuel at the Exhibition

professional backgrounds. It is out of the rich interchange and good mix of class, caste, religion, language, nationality and

background that good education emerges. I recall my first Parental Circular had a mention of how the immediate financial viability of the School and the administration could be improved, but how qualities of character and academic performance take time to develop. After the better results in the ISC Examination, 1978. the ICSE result for November 1978 and the ISC 1979 result have been, as expected, poor. The results of our efforts over the last two years to improve our academic routine, programme, syllabuscoverage and class-room instruction, will be seen in the ICSE, 1979, and the ISC 1980, examinations, but the staff and I consider our results upto our expectations, though not upto our ambition. I would like to reassure parents that we are not unaware of the extreme competitiveness in college and university admissions, and thus in professional choice. We are doing what we think right in this direction, and our reward is in the increasing demand, which we are unable now even to fulfill, from established, challenging commercial houses offering exciting opportunities who ask us



S. Sutodia Bishop Bryan cutting the ribbon at the Exhibition

to recommend boys from St. Paul's School to them for employment. I have several requests pending from Calcutta-based companies. That the chairmen and the managing directors of these companies, who are looking for boys from our School or schools like ours, and offering excellent opportunities, are friends of our School or of the Rector, is only incidental because what they are looking for are youngmen having those very qualities which St. Paul's School aims to develop.



S. Sutodia Mr. A. L. Mudaliar at the Exhibition

It is with a sense of profound loss that I record the passing away of our beloved Chaplain, the Rev. Canon K. O. LeBlond on Wednesday, the 19th of September, at the DDMA Hospital. Padre Leblond complained of exhaustion and chest pain just before choral matins on Sunday, the 16th, in the Chapel and, after resting at the Rectory, was asked to rest at the DDMA under the care of Dr. Pemba. He seemed rapidly to recover his usual verve and good cheer on Monday and Tuesday but on Wednesday



Mr. Mudaliar at the Machine Shop

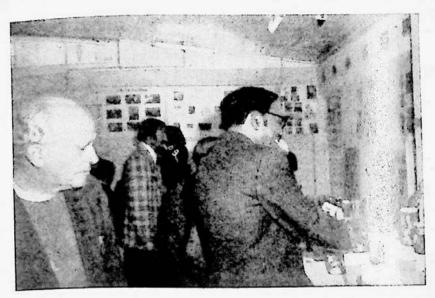
S. Sutodia

morning succumbed to a massive congestive cardiac failure in presence of Bishop John Ghose of Darjeeling, Rev. Kundu and his wife, after taking the last sacraments and holy communion.

Padre LeBlond was loved by all boys and staff and generations of Old Paulites and residents of Darjeeling. It will not be possible for us to replace him but it is a consolation to the School that he now lies buried on the *consecrated ground* near the Metropolitan Bishop Westcott's grave.

Our affectionate and sincere thoughts go out to Mrs. LeBlond who, I hope, will continue to stay with us at St. Paul's as our guest.

In expressing my sincere gratitude to our staff-teaching, administrative and the hardworking domestic staff—without whom the School could not flourish, I have great pleasure in welcoming in our midst Mr. Pramod Kumar from Sainik School, Kunjpura, for Chemistry and Mathematics; Mr. Nilachal Chattoraj who has a First Class M.Sc. degree, for Biology; Mr. Michael



S. Sutodia Bishop Bryan and Mr. Mudaliar at the Exhibition

Enos, a versatile product of the Mount Hermon Teachers' Training College, who comes to us from Coonoor; and Kabir and Kamini Mustafi, as Primary Wing teachers. Kabir is an Old Paulite who passed out in 1970 and has returned to the fold. I would also like to welcome Mrs. S. Palit from Loreto College, Darjeeling; Mr. Harinder Singh from the Indian Navy, who has not only geared up our basketball and has been of great help to Mr. Hardip Singh, but has also made a cautious and modest start with boxing in the Primary Wing; Mr. Baljit Bawa from Daly College, Indore, in the vacancy in the Elnglish Department, of Mr. N. Jha, who with Mrs. Jha, left us in April to take over the headship of the Bhadrachalam Public School under the India Tobacco Co., Ltd. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jha have sent their grateful thanks and good wishes, specially since Bhadrachalam seems to have cured Mrs. Jha's acute breathing problem which made her consider leaving Darjeeling.

We bade farewell to Lt. Col. and Mrs. Roy in August. Lt. Col. Protap Roy, an Old Paulite, had been our Estate Manager since 1970, and he retired in August on superannuation. He is going to settle down in Hazaribagh, his hometown, and takes with him our Assistant Steward, Mrs. Sheila Roy. We would like to congratulate them on the wedding of their daughter, Barbara, to Captain Denis Lobo of the 11 Gorkhas, a union blessed by

St. Faul's friendly relationship with the Commandant, Col. R. B. Gurung, and all ranks of the 11 GRRC. The 11 Gorkhas continue to help us in the problems of Jalapahar and occasionally send us down gifts of tankers of water from their heavenly springs, when our municipal water supply fails us, as it so frequently does.

We also bade good-bye to Mr. Fazal Mahmood, our Senior Physics Master, but I must reassure parents who might be concerned about the possible loss, particularly to the ICSE Class he was teaching, that though his departure in the middle of the term would be considered unprofessional conduct, Mr. S. P. Sharma has quite confidently moved into the former's Physics classes to the boys' greater advantage. Mr. Bijoy Daffadar has agreed to help with Physics till the end of the term. The boys will gain by the sincere and dedicated competence in classroom instruction provided by Mr. Sharma. In fact, our science faculty is stronger than ever before.

Lt. Col. P. Roy's son, Kenneth Protap Roy (Jr.), an Old Paulite, has joined Mr. N. K. S. Rao's school, Welham Prep, at Dehradun, and Lt. Col. and Mrs. Roy leave with a sense of satisfaction and justifiable pride in domestic and professional duties fulfilled. We are hoping that Mr. Allen and Mrs. Colleen Wood would not be leaving us, but the advice of our DDMA doctor about the allergic condition of their son makes this necessary, and they join Barnes School, Devlali, next year.

Mrs. Shashi Dar has joined us in the Primary Wing in the absence on leave of Mrs. Colleen Wood who has gone to Bombay to look after her ailing father.

After a long postal strike in the UK we have received letters, photographs and souvenirs from Chris and Jean Macdonald who, with their daughter, appear to be enjoying their two-year leave-on-lien at a Prep School near Dublin in Ireland, and will hopefully rejoin us next year. Chris Macdonald writes that he has, in the last one year, met four ex-Rectors of St. Paul's, Mr. M. W. Cross, Mr. David Gibbs and Mr. L. J. Goddard being three. I would be grateful if anybody could tell me the name of the fourth.

I will maintain the departure from tradition in not going into the details of our achievements, defeats and triumphs on the playing-fields. Suffice it to mention that we gracefully lost all our fixtures—football, debating and table-tennis to La Martiniere School, Calcutta. Once again we lost the Edinburgh Shleld, and again retained the Swimming Shield for the Senior Schools of Darjeeling, which we had won for the first time last year. A resounding victory in the 'B' Division League tournament

which won us the Football Shield is an unprecedented event in our history, and it was won by the team-work under the goldance of Mr. Allen Wood and the Football Captain, Suraj Vaidya.

The year began with acute power-shortage with which our parents are only too familiar in their own domiciles in Calcutta or elsewhere, but we overcame this hurdle by setting right our own generator, and installing a powerful new generator, both of which are giving yeoman service inspite of continuing teething troubles, Only once have we suffered a blackout since the installation of our new generator.

Water Supply is an altogether more serious problem, as we are worried not only by frequent shortage, especially when our parents come up during the two short-breaks and Danieling town takes away most of our share for the mushroom growth of hotels and guest houses for the tourists, but also about the quality of water. We have scraped and cleaned all our own water-tanks for the first time since the departure of Mr. Goddard, but there is little we can do about the quality of water in the town supply. Through the generosity of parents who unanimously agreed that the PPTA Water-Project would be taken up on priority, we have managed to collect a substantial amount separately towards the 2-Phase 8-lakh-rupee project we envisaged, based on monsoon-water storage to be pumped into our School supply as an auxiliary source to reduce our dependence on the town supply. This multi-purpose PPTA Water-Project would also include a seasonal swimming-pool as an adjunct in Phase I, and I must gratefully acknowledge the support of the parents and the generosity we continue to expect from them to make this project feasible.

Though we started swimming as a sport in 1978 by using the Mount Hermon School swimming pool, by the kind courtesy of Rev. John Johnston, the Principal, and could do without a swimming pool for sport, there is strong justification to teach all Paulites how to swim if only as a precautionary measure. For this we would make a swimming pool a part of the Watersupply Project.

While on the subject of projects, I must mention the proposed Primary Complex which is to be built on Carter's Spur below the Chapel, as soon as 8 lakh rupees required for it have been collected. Of this amount we have received only Rs. 3,00,000 so far, with promises of more, which I hope to convert into actual endowment from our generous parents whose own interest in better accommodation and educational facilities for their children in the Primary

Wing are the same as ours. We are particularly grateful to Bishop Bryan and Canon Basii Manuel who are with us today, and who have helped as to take the final decision in regard to the selection of the site, the design and the construction of the new Primary Wing. The new Primary Wing will release space in both Junior and Conor Wings in a chain of moves, benefitting all the boys from Classos I to XII.

While the functional efficiency and performance of the School depend upon the hard work, organisation and unified effort of all members of the School, and progress has been made in this Ecid, there is need for nearly Rs. 30 lakhs to be able to publide for St. Paul's School the additional facilities and space which have for a decade past been a progressively urgent requirement.

The hobby activities and outward-bound programmes of the School have improved as you may have seen from the departmental exhibitions, and we plan improvements in our scouts and cubs programmes, perhaps to include the 'Primaries' who have been allowed to go in for 'cubbing.'

Pianoforte Department registered a further increase in popularity with excellence with 15 scholars being sent up for the examination of the Trinity College of Music, London, 8 passing with Honours, 6 with Merit, including Mrs. Raji Sharma from our staff, and one with a Pass. We would like to congratulate Mr. Rufus Paul, our Pianoforte Master, on passing the LTCL examination on this same occasion.

There is some satisfaction in the continuing growth of fine art and craft and Batik, and woodwork, photography, pianoforte, music and band, and the newly-opened Machine Shop which have made notable strides under their respective dedicated staff. All these are areas of SUPW, now included in the ICSE syllabus.

The pride of place in 1979 must go to the School Captain, Vice-Captain, the Prefect Body and the VI Form for the healthy direction and self-discipline which they have by personal example and judicious administration of PD, given to the rest of the School. I know the boys will share their little joke about generators, squash courts, the Primary Wing and Water-Project which are our unanimous ambition as is the stew I continuously advise them to relish at lunch, instead of curry-and-rice, but I am convinced that the excellent performance and participation by almost our entire VIth Form, and some others, in the twenty-one-day Ski-Course at the National Institute of Skiing, Gulmarg, has been partly responsible for the growth of healthy attitudes through the

transmission of values from the Seniors to the junior boys. I expect our incoming VI Form, who are going to undergo a sailing course with the Indian Navy in Bombay and/or Cochin, will maintain this pace and tradition.

To an external observer the daily routine in St. Paul's would appear to be frantic, with occasional periods of duli routine, now popularly known as the period of the 'monsoon blass', but to keep boys fully stretched should remain the aim of a good teacher and a good school and this is our purpose.

We record here with justifiable pride and satisfaction the appointment of Gp. Capt. AJS Grewal, a member of our Board of Governors, as Principal of the Punjab Public School, Nabha, example of not only the Board of Governors helping our School with guidance, but how, reciprocally, one of our Governors has been bitten by the professional headmastering bug to plunge into what must be now considered a high-pressure, high-tension vocation.

As a corollary to the departure of the Roys, we also lose this year Miss Anietta Prince who also joins Mr. N. K. S. Rao at Welham Prep School, Dehradun, soon after Protap Kenneth Roy (Jr) does. I will personally miss her energetic handling of visitors and telephone calls and her willingness to shoulder a hectic schedule in the Rector's office which enabled Mr. K. Lama, the Rector's Secretary, to keep us from being submerged!

We welcome Mrs. Phylis Prince who moves up from the Primary Wing to look after the catering in the Junior and Senior Wings, and thank Mrs. Rylands, with her new Assistant House-keeper, Miss Madhumaya Chhetri, for taking over the responsibility of the Primary School catering and pastrol care in such an efficient manner.

We have had several school-leavers from Eton, Stowe, Sherborne, etc., who have taught for short terms this year, and we also welcomed for a month's holiday Miss Lucinda Gibbs, daughter of Mr. David Gibbs, who was on a nostalgic journey into the past with us.

It is not by the number of socials that we measure the relationship between the VI Form Paulites and the girls of Loreto College. Though we have had two successful and one somewhat formal socials, the growing confidence in such relationship displayed by our seniors and the confidence displayed by Mother Damien and the staff of Loreto College in our growing ability to look after the girls to the extent that chaperons tend to find the socials a bit

dull as nothing very alarming seems to happen, is a measure of growing good sense and maturity of our boys.

Old Paulites keep visiting the School, and are always welcome, though not always in equal leisure. I hope the Old Paulites here today, and all Old Paulites, will appreciate that it is not always possible to look after them as well as we would like to do, but that they are always welcome even more so if we are informed in advance.

We are proud indeed of our Old Paulites. I would like here to mention about some of them. Dr. Rustom Roy, director of materials research and chairman of the science, technology and society programme at the Pennsylvania State University, Philadelphia, has been appointed the Hibbert Lecturer at Oxford for 1972-the lecture series' centenary year. Notable among those who have delivered lectures in this series include Dr. Albort Schweitzer, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan and the poet Rabindranath Tagore. SVS Juneja, an IAS Officer, is Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India. Subir Munshi is the Deputy Marketing Manager, Export, Tea Trading Corporation of India. Haik Sookias got his 'A' Levels from Haileybury and joined the University of Bradford for a degree in business administration. Maj. Gen. Monty Palit has, between playing polo in the U.K. and India, published his book, Pakistan's Islamic Bomb, which he wrote in collaboration with Mr. Namboodri. The book deals with Pakistan's nuclear programme. Rajiv Jaitly, who is reading agricultural science at the Punjab Agricultural University, has been awarded a merit scholarship for three years. Vijay Chibber is in the IAS and is presently posted to the Manipur Cadre. Bhaskar Mitra is the First Secretary at the Indian Embassy, Kathmandu, Nepal.

Health at the School under the capable guidance of Dr. T. Y. Pemba, PMO of the DDMA Hospital, and Sister Moktan and Col. P. Jakops in the two infirmaries, is now under control, but we did have a few bad months at the beginning of the year, with wide-spread epidemics of chickenpox, measles and a few cases of jaundice. We are grateful to the DDMA for providing this cover and adding dental facilities and opthalmological guidance to their effort.

The School Captain, Nilam Baruah, and the Vice-Captain, Suraj Vaidya, have welded the prefects and Sixth Formers, and through them the entire School, into a unified body, and they are following, what I consider, the best aspects of Kipling's Victorian values while retaining their sense of individuality which makes them reject all that is false and unrealistic in the past.

The Rector of a School like St. Paul's may feel himself over-burdened and constantly under pressure, but he actually performs only the symbolic function of the Head. He does, and should, reign but not rule. I am grateful to the staff, and his gratitude is born of the realisation that the work is done by the staff in whose effort, self-sacrifice and service lies the future of the School and its present functioning. It is to our staff that I should dedicate the year under review, and to them I give my heartfelt thanks for all the loyalty, devotion and cooperation and help that they have so generously, willingly and selflessly given me in discharging our duties.

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

After giving away the prizes, the Bishop first expressed his gratitude for the privilege of being the Chief Guest at Speech Day and his appreciation of all that he had been able to see of the life and work of the School during the past three days. He went on to say:

We have all been so busy during these past few days, especially the staff and boys of the School, that I expect most of you would echo the words of a little poem which I came across some years ago.

I wish I were a little rock
Upon a little hill,
A-doing nothing all day long
But just a sitting still.
I wouldn't eat, I wouldn't drink,
I wouldn't even wash:
I'd sit and sit a thousand years,
And rest myself-by gosh!

I am not however going to speak to you this morning about resting; my theme is a more demanding one, and I address it especially to the younger members of this audience.

When I was in Great Britain during May and June this year, I watched a great deal of cricket on television. There was one particular incident which I think I shall never forget. It was during the World Cup tournament of one-day matches. England were playing the West Indies and the latter were batting. Gordon Greenidge was at the crease and seemed set for a good score. Derek Randal was fielding at mid on. As the bowler delivered the ball, and while the batsman was still shaping for his stroke, Randal anticipated the stroke and started running to his left.

Greening made his stroke and began to run confidently, but Randal made if the ball in a flash. Without straightening up, while the stopping, in one movement he gathered the ball and flund it at the wicket, breaking it while Greenidge was still ten yard. The crease. It was an incredible piece of fielding. In made match against India, Randal ran out Sunil Gavaskar in alternative same way. What would have happened if he had been disting in the Oval test recently and had run Sunil out before he was well set for his double century?

I mention this incident because it illustrates the importance of good fielding. It makes for a team of match winners more than does a collection of stars who may or may not come off. Those who follow cricket will agree with me when I say that recent cricket history has shown the need of this lesson.

This kind of fielding calls for two qualities. First, it involves commitment to the common good rather than seeking to win personal glory. This is what we mean by team spirit. Secondly, it demands conscientious devotion to duty and a constant vigilance. There is no room here for any slackness.

All over the world today, there is a crisis in leadership and this is true of India also. The crisis in leadership is not only in politics but extends also to every sphere of public life. There is a dearth of leaders who command our respect and admiration and even our hero-worship: leaders whom we will delight to imitate. The basic reason, I believe, is that we commonly have a wrong conception of leadership. We tend to think today 'primarily in terms of exercising power and of seeking personal glory and privilege. But no: we should think of leadership primarily in terms of responsibility and the demands which responsibility entails. If there is any privilege, it is the privilege of service.

This understanding of leadership goes back at least to the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. You may know the incident when two of his twelve disciples, James and John, approached him with a request for positions of special privilege in his kingdom. Jesus did not encourage them. When the other disciples heard about it they were jealous and angry. So their Master called them together and explained to them that their understanding of leadership was all wrong. "Rulers of the world", he said, "exercise authority upon those who are under them, and they demand to be served. But it should not be so among you. Whoever wishes to be a leader of others must be their servant. even as I came not to be served but to be a servant."

Jesus enforced that teaching by his own example. He never occupied or sought any position of influence. His whole public ministry was one of service to others, epitomised by his action when he performed the duty of a slave in washing the feet of his disciples; and his life of service reached its climax on the Cross when he gave his life for all, even his enemies. It is for this reason that we look up to him and follow him and commit our lives to him.

True leadership then does not lie in bossing people. It does not mean having a crowd of minions at my beck and call, but in putting myself at the disposal of others. This teaching is so revolutionary that worldly wisdom would call it nonsense. Some understanding of it has indeed rubbed off in our common speech in the terms "civil servant" and "public servant." Yet it is a commonplace that today these terms could only be used ironically of the majority of those who hold these posts. Generally speaking they delight to show themselves as the masters and bosses of the public rather than their servants.

The other person whom I would quote as having exhibited in his own life the same understanding of leadership that we have seen in Jesus Christ is Gandhiji, whose birthday we shall be celebrating on Tuesday. All of us would agree that there was this element of Christ likeness in him. I have been working among the archives of our library at Bishop's College, where we have stored much of the correspondence of Bishop Foss Westcott whose memory you honour in this School. In those difficult years when the freedom movement in India was at its height, the Bishop was accepted and trusted as an intermediary between the British Government on one side and the leaders of the freedom movement on the other.

I recently came across a letter written by Mahatma Gandhi in his own hand in reply to one he had received from Bishop Westcott. It begins with the words "My dearest friend" and ends in terms of personal affection. Bishop Westcott had written to him on that occasion when he was undertaking one of his fasts—in this instance not to seek some political end but to express penitence for an incident in which some of his followers by taking the life of other people had contravened his own principle of non violence. Here was a man who was punishing himself for the sin of his followers. How far we have moved from that conception of leadership today?

You may think I have wandered far away from my cricketing story, but in fact what I have been saying about leadership comes back to the same two points which I mentioned in commenting on good fielding. What is demanded are two things. First, a sense of duty: sticking to the job we have been given. It is this which keeps the fieldsman on his toes through a long hot day in the outlied, through a long slow moving innings in which nothing seems to happen. Secondly, it calls for the true team spirit, which involves subordination of one's own desires, interests and ambition to the common good. This is the antithesis to the emphasis on "stars", which belongs rather to the film industry in which people are divided into stars and extras.

I hope I have made clear what I understand to be the kind of leadership which the world needs today and India needs, today; which we should be exhibiting and inculcating in St. Paul's School; to which all our education should be directed. It is marked not by domineering ways, but by an understanding consideration for others; not by self advertising, but by promoting the common good; not by self ambition, but by sharing the common task; not by self seeking, but by self-giving; not by self-glorification, but by self sacrifice.

The kind of leader for whom we look is not a mere boss, still less a bully, who makes others fear him and kowtow to him, but whose dealings with them are marked by a sense of concern and obligation for their welfare; one who does not just give orders and have others running frantically around, but sets an example and takes his part in the task in hand; who considers his highest privilege to be a primary in service.

This concept of leadership may be epitomised in a story of the first World War. It was in France, where the war was fought largely in trenches and dug-outs, with the opposing armies sometimes only a few yards from each other. A young subaltern was sheltering in a small dug-out, perhaps a quarter of the size of this stage, with a platoon of 14 or 15 men. An unexploded bomb landed in the dug-out, obviously on the point of going off. It would have killed everyone in that confined space, but the young officer threw himself on it, smothering the explosion by his own body. He was blown to bits; but he saved his men; none of whom was seriously wounded.

The young officer had understood the meaning of true leadership. It is unlikely—though by no means impossible—that any of you young people will be called upon to perform an heroic act such as his self-sacrifice, but I pray that St. Paul's may be a place where this conception of leadership is cherished and where such leaders are trained.

Finally, my young friends, you may well be disillusioned and fed up with the leaders of our day. With the excusable confidence of youth, you may think you will do better. I hope so, would, however, recall you to that strong note in the Commemoration Service in which we took part an hour ago, namely, we can never do these things and scale these heights in our own strength and by our own goodness, but only in God's strength and by the grace which He gives.

After the Chief Guest's speech, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. K. Das, Deputy Director of Education, West Bengal, who is also a Governor of St. Paul's School. The celebrations ended with lunch at the rectory which was attended by Bishop Bryan, four governors of St. Paul's, guests and members of Staff and their wives.

### PRIZE WINNERS, 1979

CLASS	FIRST	SECOND	P&A
1	Subbo Poddar	Sanjay Acharya	Amitabh Bisht
2./\	Rajiv Chakrabarty		Sarjeet Sidhu
2B 3A	Naveen Poddar	Rupin Dang	Hemant Coomar
	Sampurna Chattarji	Vineet Arora	Navin Shrimali
38	Suman Misra	Ashish Kajaria	Kishan Garg
4A	Ranjan Kedia	Vinay Bothra	Khalid Bin Jamal
4B	Vikram Singha	Ravi Budhia	Lakpa Lama
40	Vivek Saraf	Sanjay Bhartiya	Ehsan-ul-Hoque
5A	Sandeep Sen	Sunanjit Saikia	Vijay Jain
5B	Vikash Saraf	Amit Bubna	Rahul Sanganeria
6A	Shanatnu Chakraborty	Ramendra Baoni	Manish Chowdhury
6B	Alok Parasrampuria	Shabbir Akbarally	Ronen Mukherjee
7A	Surajit Kar	Shib Shankar Rov	Anjan Roy
7B	Abhijit Chatterjee		Piara Singh
7C	Amit Sinha	Himanshu Bhartiya	Lalthanzuala
8A	Arindam Chaudhury	Sanjay Kumar	Rajeev Sahgal
8B	Narendepal Saluja	Pankaj Kumar	Rajesh Drolia
8C	Kuo Hsing Chiang	Siao Houng Tham	Praveen Singh
9A	Sunil Mahto	Santanu Pal	Dinesh Agarwal
9B	Pulak Pal	Ravi Bhagat	Roni Chatterjee
10A	Anirudha Bonnerjee	Sudeep Kundu	Nikhil Choudhury
10B		Saiful Hoque	Suresh Vaidya
11A	Sonam Tshering	Sanjeev Tandon	Sarfraz Ali
11B	Subhasish Bhowmick	Dip Kapoor	Dhiren Prasad
12A	Arun Agarwal	Debashis Kundu	Bashab Banerjee
12B	Rajiv Malhotra	Amresh Sinha	Suraj Vaidya

#### SPECIAL PRIZES

#### PRIMARY WING

Class	Art Prize	<b>Conduct Prize</b>
1	Ripundam Shahi	Vijai Singh
2A	Raja Ray	Asghar Ali
2B	Sajal Agarwal	Alok Kedia
3A	Dibyakar Chhetri	Gagandeep Makar
3B	Sandeep Kedia	Jay Bahadur Shah
4A	Lottey Tshering	Pranay Kumar
4B	Ashish Todi	Chayan Mehra

#### **JUNIOR WING**

4C T. Kirrimchandani	Pranit Banerjee
Jyoti Kundu Memorial Prize for g	lood
conduct in Class 5A	Sandeep Sen
Moore Divinity Prize (Junior)	Alok Kanti Aditya Sureka
Naresh Shanmugam Memorial M	edal
for the best boy in Class 7B	Sanjay Gupta
B. J. Sharma Prize for the Best Spo	orts-
man in Junior Wing	Abhijit Chatterjee
Art Prize (Junior)	Surajit Kar

#### SENIOR WING

Anil Prasad Proficiency Prize— (ICSE '78) Rajendra Kabra Proficiency Prize—	Manoj Saraf
(ISC '79)	Raj Mahtani (Nilim Baruah
Tower History Prize	Arun Agarwal Raj Lachhiramka
Moore Divinity Prize (Senior)	Nilim Baruah
Moore Divinity Prize (Middle) Clarke Geography Prize Karun Majumdar G. K. Prize	Debasish Sanyal Bashab Bannerjee Raj Lachhiramka
Carter English Eassay Prize	Arun Agarwal Pritam Ghosh
Usharani Bengali Prize Rudra Hindi Prize	Md. Faizul Islam Raj Lachhiramka

#### Gal Gregory Maths Prize

Anil Chauchury Art Prize Nilima Gupta Indian Music Prize Majumdar Science Prize Nani Bula Dey English Literature

Prize

N. C. Mitra Memorial Prize for Club Activities

Bible Reading Prize
Adam's Music Prize
Rahoul Music Prize
N. L. Sakraney Elocution Medal
Best Sportsman of the year
Pioneer-Award Prize
Maj. I. S. Bhatnagar Memorial Prize

to the Brain of St. Paul's, 1979 Gen. Virendra Singh N. C. C. Medal G. V. Swaika Medal for Drama

Raj Lachhiramka Rajiv Malhotra

Ashis Sen Sunil Mahto Raj Lachhiramka

P. G. Philip

Suraj Vaidya Brijesh Dhandhania Bashab Bannerjee Shankar Dev Chowdhury Avirup Chakraberty Dip Kapoor Suraj Vaidya Raj Lachhiramka

Rohan Lobo Biraj Adhikari Dip Kapoor

#### **Best Actor Award for:**

Hindi Drama Bengali Drama

Nepali Drama

Das Studio Prize

O. P. A. Medal for Social Service School Captain's Medal Senior Master's Prize Rector's Prize Pradeep Ganeriwala Abhijit Sen and Pradeep Ganeriwala Biraj Adhikari

Madhukar Shrivastava Sandeep Sutodia

Mainak Mukhopadhyay Nilim Baruah Anirudha Bonnerjee Nilim Baruah



# ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL DARJEELING

Presents

**NIKOLAI GOGOL'S** 

## THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

at 6 p.m.

on Thursday, 27th and Friday, 28th September, 1979



Scenes from the School Play

S. Sutodia



S. Sutodia

#### SYNOPSES OF SCENES

#### Act I

A room in the house of the Mayor

#### Act II

Scene I-A room at the inn.

Scene II-A room in the Mayor's house

#### Act III

Scene I-A room in the Mayor's house

Scene II-A room in the Mayor's house

(There will be an interval of 10 minutes between Acts II & III)

#### The Music

A Selection of Tunes

Haydn Camao (Special request)
Overture Zenith
Czech Polka (Main Theme)
Idle Fancy (Serenade)
Overture Ambition
Czech Polka Finale

#### THE CAST

The Mayor .. SUNIT SIKRI

His Wife .. GAGAN BARMAN

His Daughter ... SANJOY DUTTA

The School Superintendent .. RAJEEV MALHOTRA

The District Judge .. SANJEEV TANDON

The Charity Commissioner .. S. UTTAM

The Post Master .. SNEHJIT SENGUPTA

Town Landowners .. PRAVEEN DEVA and

KARL IRANI

A Junior Official from .. DIP KAPOOR

Petersburg

His Servant .. PROSENJIT BASU

The Police Superintendent .. PRODYOT ROY

Constables .. JAY WELINKAR and RAJEEV MAHAJAN

The Mayor's Servant .. PRADEEP GANERIWALA

Waiter .. ARUP BOSE

Gendarme ... DANIEL GHAZNAVI

PRODUCED BY MR. B. S. BAWA

#### THE ORCHESTRA

WOODWIND

**BRASS SECTION** 

Rajesh Modi Rajeev Modi Alok Kanti Kidhan Chaudhuri Pulak Pal Vikram Datta Avrajit Kar Srijiv Mukherjee

Dinesh Agarwal

Vivek Arora

French Horn Anurag Bhatnagar Bombardon Arindam Chaudhuri

Saxophone Sanjay Ray Chaudhuri & Kailash Pradhan

Piano

Percussion

Mr. Rufus Paul

Mr. Phubu Tshering

Conductor: Mr. Denzil Prince

#### BACKSTAGE

General Adviser

Mr. David Howard

Stage Management

Mr. Sidney Ellis

Stage Sets

Mr. R. S. Baoni Mr. Gokul Chhetri

Costumes

Mrs. I. Holland

Make-up

Miss E. R. Morton Mrs. R. Anthony Mrs. A. Paul Mr. J. Goswami

**Prompters** 

Ashis Jain Arvind Daga

#### REVIEW

#### THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

#### By Nikolai Gogol

When one reminisces on the dramatic productions at St. Paul's over the last few years, one realizes what a tremendously varied kaloidoscope of histrionic talent unfolds before one. One's mind filts from Barrie's delicate satire in "The Admirable Crichton", to the sordid symptoms of a putrefying tradition in "Conduct Unbecoming." The grandeur and spectacles of "The Royal Hunt of the Sun" was tragedy in the Greek sense, followed by the psychological melodrama "The Seventh Man." Last year's typical British drawing room comedy was smooth and compact, and it made 1979's choice of a nineteenth century Russian social satire, an all the more striking contrast.

The Russians are among the most romantic people in the world, and when their romanticism is assailed by the 'slings and arrows of outrageous fortune', they sometimes take refuge, as does Nikolai Gogol, in caricature and satirical mirth.

Those who are familiar with the history and literature of the period will have at once recognized the classic bourgeois characters who are made to expose themselves so mercilessly. Avarice, hypocrisy, vanity and pretension have always been the legitimate prey of those with a malicious eye on the social scene—the names of Moliere and Shaw particularly, come to mind. Nikolai Gogol does not lag behind, however, and under the guidance of Mr. B. S. Bawa, expertly advised by Mr. D. A. Howard, the St. Paul's School cast puts on a memorable performance.

The theme of the play is the time honoured one of mistaken identiy, and Dip Kapoor is magnificent as Hlestakov, the racketing young man with an eye for the main chance. Having lost his last penny at cards he is passing through a provincial town on his way to his father's farm, and is mistaken, by the local officials, for the dreaded Inspector General from St. Petersburg. The panic stricken officials, headed by the Mayor, make anxious efforts to bribe him, efforts which are inevitably crowned with immediate success. Sunit Sikri as the Mayor is a most convincing portrayal of a typical small town bureaucrat, cunning and obequious in equal proportions, he is the perfect foil for the burlesque and bombast of Dip Kapoor.

Gagan Barman is very successful as the vulgar middle aged wife is "ready for anything", while Sanjoy Dutta is suitably coy

and decorative as her daughter to whom the incorrigible Hlestain manages to get betrothed. Other competent performances are those of Rajeev Malhotra and Sanjeev Tandon as the School Superintendent and District Judge, respectively, as also are those of the Charity Commissioner and the Postmaster by S. Uttaniand Snehjit Sengupta.

Prosenjit Basu as Hulestakov's servant is extremely funny verging on the farcical, while Arup Bose, rubbing his greasy cutlery, plays the seedy waiter to the manner born.

Prodyot Roy ably shows that 'a policeman's lot is not a happy one in his attempts to carry out his duties", and he is well supported by constables Welinkar and Mahajan and Gendarma Ghazanavi, while Pradeep Ganeriwala makes a dead pan appearance as the mayor's major domo.

Praveen Deva and Karl Irani are absolutely hilarious as a pair of boisterous local landowners. Their verve and side splitting antics arouse gales of laughter whenever they appear, and they do much to bring the entire performance alive.

The sets showed taste and imagination and were in keeping with the period depicted. The whole play was a tribute to the team work and selfless dedication of the staff and boys, all of whom deserve to be congratulated.

**ANJALI LOBO** 

#### THE ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

The annual Sports Meet of St. Paul's was held on September 28. It was declared open by Mr. A. L. Mudaliar, Chairman, I.C.I., who in his speech emphasised on character building and leadership. He said:

I one very happy to be here today and I would like to thank Render Hari Dang for inviting me in your midst. As a premier public school in the country, St. Paul's occupies a special place in our educational system and its distinguished tradition which statches over a century and a half epitomises a track record marked by consistent excellence. The role of an institution like St. Paul's is of abiding importance in the development of the critical input, human capital. Indeed, it is more so in an environment such as own where the factor of quality is at an increasing premium.

To my mind, the cardinal task of any educational system is to imbue into the young the urge to pursue quality and excellence. This pursuit is unremitting, regardless of all shifts of the environment and the passage of time. As one of the eminent past Rectors of St. Paul's, Mr. L. J. Goddard, had remarked, the endeavour is to awaken and cultivate in students an ever-increasing desire to follow the better things, not just because they are better, but because they alone are worth following. It is imperative in all walks of life to be able to mark out the real from the dross, the permanent from the merely transient, the excellent from the expedient.

Getting adequately prepared for developing this perception for quality in later life is perhaps the quintessence of schooling In this regard, success or failure in examinations hardly provide the standards by which the promise of the future may be estimated. Originality of thought or achievement is not measurable by the same units as those of absorbing power of a prescribed curriculum, usually tested by a written examination. Thus, for example, Lord Kelvin never made it to the Senior Wrangler although he had already produced several original papers in the higher branches of Mathematics in his undergraduate days. The point is that unless a student acquires the desire to see and do things independently and harpens up the enterprise of the mind, he can know little of the scientific spirit which seeks out new knowledge gained by individual enquiry into uncharted areas.

It is now commonplace to observe that these days the task of warding off 'negative interferences' from the outside world is getting increasingly difficult—that 'no man is an island' is now dramatically true of modern times. Shifting social relationships,

the complexities of a technological structure of growing complexity, the impatient behaviour of consumer tastes, the fluidity of political alignments and a strengthening attitude of alienation, all these make up the staple of the current fabric of society. Faced with it, some people despair, some yearn for a return to more stable times, while others strike out on more risk-taking, imaginative and forward-looking paths. What is called for is that all at levels we must learn to engage the outside world forces more effectively. We must become more skilled at recognising patterns of opportunity and threat, so that we can take up the initiatives and act on problems.

This seems to be particularly important in the present countext of our country when things are in a depressing flux and a sense of drift prevails. An observation which was made by Sir Kenneth Clark when discussing the progress of human civilization comes to my mind at this point. He judged that a civilization or a way of life can be just as effectively destroyed by its own cynicism or lack of confidence as it can, by war, natural disasters or adverse economics. Thus it is necessary for all of us to help build each other's confidence in our daily work so that we are free to act effectively no matter what the future holds. Of course, for every individual who tries to inject hope and energy into a situation, there always seems to be a hundred ready to slow things down and to remind us of the insurmountable barriers ahead. But it is only by helping to build other people's confidence that we will also build up our own.

I would like to submit that this is what education is all about. Rather unfortunately, in recent times the picture has become blurred on account of widespread indiscipline on campuses right round the country and the frequent modifications of the official policy on education have not helped. The former of course stems from various socio-economic factors while in the case of the latter, a sense of proper orientation seems to be lacking. In terms of figures, India's effort on education is substantial, although in terms of the needs of our country they may not amount to a great deal.

The important thing, however, is to ensure that the expenditure so envisaged yields the best value for money. At the end of the day, the manpower quality standards have to match upto requirements in the best possible manner, and that provides the acid test of efficacy. In the absence of such a match, standards tend to slide, unemployment ensues and the credibility of the education system itself gets jeopardised. Evidently, our country can illafford this kind of miscalculation.

Hence I again return to my basic theme of the primacy of the pursuit of excellence as the key to all education. Here at St. Paul's this pursuit is transparently clear and the elitism that this connotes confers a special responsibility on Paulites. No one can afford to remain cloistered in terms of attitudes and behavioural patterns in the world of today. Indeed the privilege of being at St. Paul's has to be transmitted to the greater good through contributing to the excellence of the wider world into which you will be going out in time. The School motto itself 'Having been taught to follow the better things'—enjoins you to that pursuit and no doubt all of you will live upto it in full measure.

## INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS MEET, 1979 Junior Wing

	First	Second	Time/ht/dis
Class D			
75 metres 100 metres Sack Race Running Broad	P. Lochan P. Lochan S. Shetty	S. Wong A. Bubna A. Bubna	12.5 sec. 16.6 sec.
Jump Running High Jump	A. Bubna	M. Sinha	3.24 metres
	P. Lochan	D. Tenzing & G. Shaw	1.04 metres
Class C			
100 metres 120 metres 3—legged race	S. Biswas D. Ghosal S. Biswas & M. Agarwal	D. Ghosal S. Biswas D. Ghosal & R. Karamcha	15.2 sec. 18.6 sec.
Running Broad Jump Running High Jump	D. Ghosal S. Biswas	A. Chatterjee I. Dass	3.81 metres 1.11 metres
Class B			
100 metres 200 metres 3—legged race Running Broad Jump Running High	S. Gupta A. Bhansali S. Sahu & A. Jagwani S. Gupta	A. Bhansali S. Gupta A. Kanti & J. Lahiri A. Bhansali	14 sec. 29.2 sec. — 4.30 metres
Jump	V. Saraf	J. Ahmed	1.24 metres
Class A			
100 metres 200 metres 400 metres Running Broad		K. Narsingani A. Chatterjee K. Narsingani	14 sec. 29 sec. 1 min. 7 sec.
Jump Running High Jump	A. Chatterjee  A. Chatterjee	A. Jain S. Tankha &	4.44 metres
		Navid Zafer	1.31 metres

## VICTOR LUDORUM-CLASS A

## Abhijit Chatterjee

4×100 matres

relay Shutilo Relay Anderson Betten Betten Betten

Anderson 57.1 sec.

## J. W. ATHLETICS TROPHY

## Anderson

## SENIOR WING

## CLASS IV

100 metres			
(Rahoul Trophy) M. Mehta		N. Saluja	13 sec.
200 metres	N. Saluja	S. Ray Chaudh	ury 28 sec.
400 metres	N. Saluja	S. Mukherjee	1 min, 6.4 sec.
Running Broa	ıd		
Jump	Pankaj Kumar	N. Saluja	4.53 metres
Running Tripl	е		
Jump	S. Ray Chaudhu	ry N. Saluja	9.52 metres
Running High			
Jump	I. Mukherjee	S. Pradhan	4'-2"

## CLASS III

	First	Second	Time/ht./dis.
110 metres low hurdles 100 metres 200 metres 400 metres 800 metres Broad Jump Triple Jump High Jump		C. Dorji S. Bose S. Bose A. Das A. Das S. Bose P. Basu A. Qayyum	20.3 sec. 12.5 sec. 26 sec. 1 min. 4 sec. 2 min. 56. 5 sec. 5.42 metres 11.56 metres 1.52 metres
			(New Record)

## CLASS II

	First	Second	Time/ht./diਰ.
110 metres low			
hurdles	S. Chowdhury	B. Chaudhuri	18.3 sec.
100 metres	R. Mahajan	P. Deva	12.3 sec.
200 metres	P. Deva	S. Chowdhury	26 sec.
400 metres	P. Murari		1 min. 0.6 sec.
800 metres	B. Chaudhuri	P. Murari	2 min.28.2 sec.
Broad Jump	B. Chaudhuri	P. Deva	5.25 metres
Triple Jump	B. Chaudhuri	N. Chaudhuri	11.74 metres
High Jump	N. Chaudhuri	N. Dorji	1.56 metres

# CLASS OPEN

110 metres		THE RESERVE	
high hurdles	S. Vaidya	D. Dadul	17.4 sec.
100 metres	S. Vaidya	D. Chowdhury	/ 11.6 sec.
200 metres (P.N	1.		
Dey Medal)	S. Vaidya	D. Chowdhury	24.5 sec.
400 metres	N. Baruah	D. Chowdhur	
800 metres	D. Chowdhury	S. Gurung	
1500 metres	S. Gurung		5 min. 2.2. sec.
Broad Jump	S. Vaidya		
			5. 84 metres
Triple Jump	S. Vaidya		12.03 metres
High Jump	S. Vaidya	Suresh Vaidya	1 min. 52.5 sec.
			(New Record)
Pole Vault	N. Dorji	S. Chowdhury	
Putting the shot	S. Vaidya	K. Dorji	8.89 metres
Javelin Throw	N. Dorji	A. Sen	36.65 metres
Discus Throw	S. Vaidya	J. Bose	28.30 metres
	TALLETS INSTITUTE TO SEE		
MARATHON			
Primary Wing	K. Garg	V. Shah	15 min. 15.5 sec.
Junior Wing	A. Ali	R. Youser	12 min. 21 sec.
•			(New Record)
Senior wing			(Hew Hecold)
(Jrs.)	P. Singh	A Quavaum	20 min. 35 sec.
	i . Omgn	A. Quayyuiii	20 11111. 35 360.
Senior wing	D. Paparias	C C	04
(Srs.)	D. Banerjee	S. Gurung	31 min. 9 sec.

### SPECIAL RACES

Visiting Children's

Race

(Siris') U. Basu Manisha

(lioys') Irfan-ul-Hoque Shibroop Basu

Donnessic Staff

Rage V. Kumar Dawa

Staff Relay Mr. Dang's Team Mr. Bhatnagar's Team

Victor Ludorum Class IV -Narendrapal Saluja

Class III —Amal Das

Class II —Bidhan Chowdhury

Class Open —Suraj Vaidya

4×200 metres relay Lawrence—I; Clive—II 20×100 metres Shuttle Relay Hastings—I; Clive—II

Inter-House Trophies

Marathon —Hastings Athletics Standards —Hastings Athletics —Hastings

#### MUSIC NOTES

## Western Music

Chairman: MR. D. A. V. PRINCE Secretary: PULAK PAL

Music programmes the world over generally get off to a bright, cheerful and interesting start with fanfares and overtures. Our music log for 1979 should be likewise.

Fanfare in the month of March happened when it was known through the grapevine that Mrs. Monesha Chaudhuri was returning to St. Paul's to restart music appreciation classes. It is baffling task to assess the pros and cons of Paulite views on this aesthetic subject since it changes with every period, but this I would say in emphatic tones that the music department, both staff and students, have gained a very gracious mentor in Mrs. Chowdhury. Welcome home, madam!

Loss of a friend-September 19th: "With every friend I love who has been taken into the brown bosom of the earth a part of me has been buried there; but their contribution to my happiness, strength and understanding remains to sustain me in an altered world. "—Helen Keller. The choir lost a guiding light in the passing away of Rev. Keneth LeBlond. We still sing the hymns he loved, but they are never quite the same. He loved his Paulite choir even when they sang his favourite Crimmond out of tune. God bless you, Padre. Choir practice starts the new term; choir practice ends the term. And in between the organist and the choirmaster pray for a perfect performance in the chapel or on stage. Despite two major drawbacks, namely the nonavailability of a sustaining soprano section from Class 8, and the ICSE academic commitments of Class 10, the choir continues to do yeoman's service.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates from Psalm 24 was our Easter Anthem when we were invited by Rev. Lalit Kundu to sing at St. Andrew's Church, Darjeeling. On stage we added a new dimension by singing in Bengali in the cultural programme presented on Rabindra Jayanti by the Bengali Society. Tumi Kamon Kore Gane Karo and Gram Chara, compositions by Tagore, were very much appreciated by the audience. For the Hindi Society programme we sang Bharat Vijay Naye Lahar and Barhe Chalo in Hindi.



School Band

In the Inter-House Western Music Singing Competition Yogdeep Gurung (Ce) secured the first place in the solo singing section while Havelock House topped the score card in the group song and overall house points.

The school band has always amazed me with its skill when the occasion demands. The introduction of the SUPW (Socially Useful Productive Work) for Class 9 has brought many rewards not only to the band as a team but to each individual musician as well. Absentees were down to a minimum under this system. We had a fair chance to show our skill at musical evenings and house concerts, NCC Guard-of-Honour, flag hoistings, sports programmes and the much looked forward school play. Mention must be made of the young musicians of Class 6 who have a 14 piece 'brass ensemble' of their own. They performed on stage for the Junior Wing musical evening and gave a delightful mini band concert with fanfare, waltz, gavotte, polka and marches.

We played host to the Darjeeling City Orchestra in September. This young group of musicians under the presidentship of Mrs. Monesha Chaudhuri, comprises the musical talent of Darjeeling town, students of Mount Hermon School, Darjeeling, and the reed section of the 11 Gorkhas band. The evening's programme included solos, duets, trios, and orchestra, with such lovable selections as 'Swan Lake', 'The Puppet Show' soprano solo from Bach's The Great Magnificate and a host of other short pieces. The programme was well attended and well received.

The British Council, Calcutta, enabled all Paulites and the music lovers of Darjeeling to hear a concert pianist and lecture recitalist of international fame, Richard Deering. He had his audience spellbound for an hour and a half with his skillful, technical aplomb and rapport with the audience. His visit came at an opportune moment for our young examinees of the Trinity College of Music who were provided with an audio-visual demonstration in terms of musical composure and skill which are so essential for concert pianists. Richard Deering's recital included sonatas of Haydn and Schubert, a nocturne from Chopin and special requests from the audience.

In the month of July the music staff with Mr. David Howard invited all Paulites to a musical afternoon. Light and semi-classical pieces included a vocal selection from Mrs. Hilla Avari, our Primary Wing pianist, pianoforte solos and duets by Mrs. Monesha Chaudhuri and Mr. Rufus Paul, a mandolin solo by Mr. Prince and a duet by Mr. Howard and Mr. Paul. The audience showed concert hall etiquette and spontaneous appreciation.

The Mountain Angels have outlived Mountain Devils and now have a fifth new member in lead guitarist, Mr. Enos of the Primary Wing. Welcome, Sir, to the happy band of angels!

A staff trio with Mr. David Howard, Mr. Rufus Paul and Mr. Prince, along with the guitar accompanist, Mr. Ellis, sang favourite hymns on selected Sundays in the School Chapel.

This year we presented A Pilgrimage to Bethlehem, a candle-light carol service with reading from the Holy Bible. An innovation at this year's service was the procession of the Yule Candle specially made for us by the Junior Wing Candlemaking hobby group. The choir rendered its anthem, The Angels' Song, from the chancel steps to set the theme for the service. From all accounts, the programme was thoughtfully executed and was praised by the congregation.

D. A. V. P.

### INDIAN MUSIC

Indian Music has its devotees both from the staff and students of all the three wings. It is here more of an individualistic type than as an orchestra. We have been unable to combine the various instrumentalists into an orchestra but the individual performances of members have been praiseworthy. Biraj Adhikari with his mastery over string instruments, mandolin and electric guitar, was always a tremendously successful instrumentalist. Our ustaads from Darjeeling, Shri Lama (sitarist), Shri Narayan Sharma (flutist and harmonium player) and Shri Fakira Ram (tabla master), continue to instruct and discipline our students twice a week.

Our appreciation is due to the members of staff who time and again appeared on stage at various musical evenings. They were Mrs. Joyshree Banerjee who excelled on the sitar, Mr. Baljit Bawa who never failed to receive an encore with his harmonica and Shri Lama and Shri Fakira Ram who had all Paulites at the edge of their seats with their instrumental *jugalbandi* (duel) on the sitar and tabla. Others who contributed patriotic songs and ghazals to the accompaniment of harmonium and tabla also deserve our thanks.

The Inter-House Indian Music Singing Competition was held on August 18th, and the results were as follows:

Solo Singing:

Daniel Ghazanavi (HV)-I

Kabir Master (CI)—II
Bashab Banerjee (Hs)—III

Group Singing:

Clive-I

Havelock—II Hastings—III

House Positions:

Havelock—I Clive—II Hastings—III

D.A.V.P.

## PIANOFORTE NOTES

Chairman: MR. RUFUS PAUL: Secretary: A. CHAKRABERTY

Anything can be made a success if there is proper guidance, everyone cooperates and does the right thing at the right time without including any mediocrity in their efforts. It is through this constant process of contrast and change that one is able to retain one's moral and cultural values of which music forms an essential part.

Through the centuries, music has been interpreted differently and the very concept of music now is changing though much of yet lies immortal. The pianoforte has been widely used in bringing out this immortality. It has always been a very popular instrument. This divine instrument has inspired and spurred goat composers into composing melodies and pieces which leave a permanent impression on one's mind. Music from this instrument is 'better than all measures of delightful sound'.

This year the pianoforte department has been much more active than before. Many boys have taken up pianoforte, under the guidance of our teacher.

After a six month period of sincere practice and effort 14 candidates appeared in the Trinity College of Music, London, Pianoforte Practical Exams. The results were well deserved and very near our expectations—eight of the candidates passed with honours, 6 with merit and 1 with pass grade. A special mention should be made of Mrs. R. Sharma who joined the department in June, and appeared in her Grade II Exam. in September and passed with merit. Our congratulations to Mr. R. Paul, our teacher, on passing his L.T.C.L. (Licentiate of the Trinity College of Music, London). The department has also sent 14 candidates for the first time for the Theory Examination, this November.

The department welcomes Mrs. Moneesha Chaudhuri, who has taught music in St. Paul's before and is now taking Music Appreciation Classes. She is an excellent pianist and soon after her return gave a concert with Mr. Paul and a few other members of staff.

Mr. Richard Deering, a renowned concert pianist, performed before a select audience in the St. Paul's School auditorium. His recital enraptured the audience who enjoyed it immensely.

The Examination candidates performed for the Primary Wing on the 11th September. The programme was short and mainly held to acquaint the Primary Wing boys with the various techniques of playing. The rather simple pieces played encouraged the Primary Wing boys to take a further step into the world of eternal music.

For the first time in the history of St. Paul's and the pianoforte department, 10 pianists represented the school at Sherwood College, Najnital. The concert had a tremendous impact on the audience. Mr. Ezekiel Chelvam of Sherwood College in his report wrote, "Mrs. A. K. Das, who is herself a pianist, in her vote of thanks, commended the boys for their artistic display of profound humaneness, integrity and optimistic talent."

On the following evening, Mr. Paul gave a recital. His playing is, of course, of a concert standard and the audience consisted of people from all over Nainital. Mr. R. Paul and his brother Mr. Christopher Paul aim played for the audience who enjoyed every moment of the magramme judging from the thunderous ovation they received. Atogether, the short trip to Nainital was very pleasant and contributed partially to the revival of music in Sherwood. It was a grand success and I am sure this is just the beginning of a long series of trips that the department will undertake.

In a school like St. Paul's where music has for decades formed a part of the tradition, it is only essential that it should carry on doing so without its advance being checked. Music contributes very greatly to the character of a boy. It rounds off the sharp edges of youth and impresses itself on teenagers. It stirs up within us the deepest emotions which are dormant at other times and these are things which we all would like to nurture, cultivate, treasure and value.

AVIRUP CHAKRABERTY

## **DEVIL'S DISCIPLES (GUITAR HOBBY)**

Master-in-Charge: MR. S. ELLIS

Secretary: TASHI TSHERING

As mentioned in last year's chronicle, "Finally the Muontain Devils went to sleep this year", they were this year replaced by another pop group, *Devil's Disciples*. This group comprises mainly the boys who have come to the Senior School from Class 7 and they will, therefore, take some time in attaining the high standard set by their predecessors, *Mountain Devils*.

This group put up a number of musical shows during the year, and, judging by the audience they attracted, they were all very successful. Some of the tunes presented by them were very popular, especially in the Junior School.

We are grateful to the Rector for providing us with a new set of amplifier and speakers. We are sure to make full use of these and the electric guitars in order to lessen the effects of monsoon blues. My special thanks are due to Biraj Adhikari, Sonam Tshering, Yogdeep Gurung, Tashi Tshering and Sailesh Pradhan for their help in putting up concerts and musical evenings. We owe a debt of gratitude to Messrs Prince, Paul and Enos for all that they did for the success of this hobby.

## ART, CRAFT AND WOODWORK

Chairman: MR. R. S. BAONI Secretary: SURAJ VAIDYA

This was the year when our department of Fine Arts & Crafts produced results which were the best in the nation, in both the examinations, i.e., ISC (XII) & ICSE, conducted by the Council for the I.S.C. Examinations, New Delhi. My congratulations go to Mr. Baoni, whose guidance made this possible.

In the month of June lots of enthusiasts contested for 'Anil Chaudhuri Art Prize'. Ashish Sen won the prize and proved himself the best student-artist of St. Paul's. Like every year our boys, Ashish Sen, Daniel Ghaznavi, Imran Darbar and Jayanto Bose, took part in 'On The Stot Painting Competition', which is organised in the memory of Late Goray Douglas, the famous artist of our town.

As usual, this year also saw the 156th Annual Art and Craft Exhibition, on the Speech Day, achieve great success. Our exhibition was the centre of attraction amongst the other exhibitions organised by different hobby groups.

Most of the paintings done during this academic year were oil canvases. Inspired by Mr. Baoni's own work, Dip Kapoor, Suraj Vaidya, Dhruva Guha-Sircar, Pravesh Lakhmani, Philip George, Sonam Tshering and Manishekhar Singh covered the front wall of the exhibition hall by these beautiful oil paintings, whereas a huge number of graphics, tempera paintings, wash water colours and transparent water colours were on view all over the four walls of the Art School. Pravesh Lakhmani and Surajit Sen's water colours, Dip Kapoor and Sumit Sikri's graphics on coloured paper are worth mentioning. Madan Pradhan's 'Study of Roses' was one of the best exhibits of this year. Practically two huge display boards were full of the graphic and pencil drawings by Ashish Sen.

Our wood-work pieces with intricate and skilled carving reminded the spectators of the master wood carvers of Kashmere. Ujjal Roy, Namgay Dorji, Amal Das, Adwaita Shrestha and Santanu Paul are worth mentioning in this respect.

Under the able guidance of Mrs. Urmila Baoni, as many as 50 enthusiasts made beautiful batik paintings, wall hangings and other pieces. This work was exhibited in every dominant corner and on the ceiling of the exhibition hall. Dhruva Guha-Sircar, Jamil Rahman, Dick Dadul, Pravesh Lakshmani, Jayanto Bose and Salim Darbar did excellent batik pieces of the year.



A Batik Enthusiast

M. Srivastava

We are assured of an Art Gallery by our Patron, the Rector, who takes very keen interest in this department's activities, and we are thankful to him for his encouragement from time to time. We really look forward to having such a place where our best pieces of art and craft will be exhibited permanently to encourage the new art entrants and to give a grand feast to the eyes of our visitors.

I would like to thank Mr. Mudaliar, the Chief Guest, who encouraged us by inaugurating and visiting the 156th Art Exhibition this year. Our regards and thanks are due to Bishop Bryan who very kindly agreed to witness the exhibition and was very much impressed by the work of the students this year. He remarked, "I was most impressed by the high standard of the exhibits in each and every section of the art and craft exhibition, and congratulate all those involved in it. It was indeed an enjoyable experience to go round it".



A Woodwork Exhibit

M. Srivastava

Our sincere thanks are due to Mr. David Howard, Second Master, who came and worked till late nights, displaying the art and craft pieces in most suitable places and manner. Our thanks are due to Mr. Gokul Chhetri and Mr. D. B. Tamang, who always spared men under their control for us.

SURAJ VAIDYA

#### AEROMODELLING CLUB

Master-in-Charge: MR. S. ELLIS

Secretary: C. AVARI-COOPER

Although we did not have a room to ourselves we are pleased to report that our work went on uninterrupted this year. We used the J. W. hall for assembling the models.

We were able to make about 250 models this year which included Bobni Bebix MIG, F-16, English Electric Canberra, Electric, Mini-Sugha, Piper Cub, Hindustan, H. T. 2, Spitfire, Harvker Hunter, Rudey Beck, Yellow Birds-Junior and Senior, Sizy Bee-Junior, Middle and Senior, Mercury Martin, Mallard, Grome and Tiny Tot.

We also have a small ship modelling division and this has turned out INS Rana, Mat, Tir, Ganga, Konkan, Cauvery, Vikrant and HMS Hood.

We had a very successful year and boys have worked hard for this hobby. I would like to thank our experienced modellers, Sanjay Uttam, Sanjay Nangia, Amit Sinha, Jibesh Advani, Vivek Naidu, Sanjeev Tankha and Alok Kanti for their keen interest in this hobby and for helping us to mount an exhibition of models on the Annual Speech Day.

We would like to welcome Mr. Promod Kumar to this Club. We thank Mr. Ellis and Mr. Kumar for their help and guidance.

CARL AVARI-COOPER

#### **BENGALI SOCIETY**

Chairman: MR. J. GOSWAMI Secretary: AVIJIT SEN

No doubt the Bengali Society has seen another successful year in 1979. Our society has been able to create interest amongst the Paulites at larger dimension this year.

We celebrated Rabindranath Tagore's Janma Jayanti on May 9th in an appropriate atmosphere. It was really praiseworthy when we saw Siao Houng Tham and Kuo Hsing Chiang, two Chinese boys, and Rohit Arora (a Punjabi boy) reciting Tagore's poems and Md. Daniel Ghaznavi (an Assamese) singing Tagore's song with reasonable excellence. The school choir, under the

direction of Mr. D. A. V. Prince, presented two Tagore's songs. The participants were from all parts of our country as well as abroad. This reminds us Tagore's famous lines:—

"....Punjaba, Sindhu, Gujaratha, Maratha, Drabira, Utkala, Banga.....

On this occasion, we invited Mr. Anima Datta, noted Tagoresong artiste, as our special guest. Mr. S. K. Banerjee, Mr. C. Chattarji and Mr. R. Paul also took part in this programme to pay homage to our great poet.

The Inter-School Bengali Elocution Contest was held on April 20th at Loreto Convent, Darjeeling. Gautam Barooah, Anup Mukherjee and Sanjib Biswas represented our school in Senior, Intermediate and Junior divisions respectively. Gautam and Anup stood second and Sanjib got the fourth position. Our school was adjudged second in overall performance.

Md. Faizul Islam was declared the winner of Usha Rani Bengali Prize this year while other participants were highly praised. The Inter-House Bengali Elocution was held on 8th April. The first position was shared by Lawrence and Havelock Houses. Hastings House got the third position and Clive House stood fourth.

The most successful play in the school this year was "The Waiting Room", written and produced by Mr. J. Goswami. Mr. C. Chattarji and Mr. N. Chattoraj directed the play. The scene of the play was the waiting-room of a small railway station.

Pradeep Ganeriwal (as Pannalal Babu) and Avijit Sen (as Janardan Babu) successfully projected two typical characters common in a railway waiting-room. Debasish Kundu (as Station Master), Jayant Bose (as Padma Lochan), Jamil Rahman and Viraj Adhikari (as coolies), Sanjib Banerjee (as Maharaj Purusottam Yogananda), Snehajit Sengupta (as Sahachar Sahadeb), Dipankar Banerjee (as police inspector), Santanu Mukherjee (as Poltu Pal), Dalim Chaudhury (as Vajan Pagla), Avijit Bakshi (as retired Police Commissioner), Ashish Sen (as sahityik), Anup Mukherjee (as a young man), Gautam Borooah (as Mrs. Pakrashi), Md. Kabir Master (as Miss Hatia) also deserve admiration for their appropriate acting, team-work and skill. Md. Daniel Ghaznavi and Nipu Paul Choudhury appeared as beggars and sang a folk song which was directed by Mr. S. K. Banerjee. The audience spoke highly of the play for which all the Paulites deserve our thanks. We also owe our debt to Mr. D. A. V. Prince, who inspired the school choir to present two group songs before

the play started. Mr. R. Paul was the organist and Mr. D.A.V. Prince directed the music.

"Rugir Badaley Murgi" were two hamorous skits, written by Mr. J. Goswami and were staged on the opposion of Hastings and Lawrence House concerts, respectively.

Lastly, we feel that all our endeavour would not have been successful had Mr. J. Goswami not been with us all the time as a source of guidance and inspiration.

**AVIJIT SEN** 

#### CAREERS CLUB

Master-in-Charge: Mr. J. GOSWAMI

Secretary: MAINAK MUKHOPADHYAY

Our Careers Club seems to have become more and more useful as the members are now thinking seriously of their future choice of careers.

This year, we proposed to organize our activities in three ways, namely, (a) sessions for discussion (b) career talk by men of distinction (c) career information.

Our Rector was pleased to invite all the members of the club twice this year and we had two meaningful sessions of discussion with him on various aspects of careers and courses.

At regular intervals, we invited men of distinction in various disciplines to address our boys. They included senior executives of different commercial organizations, senior officers of Indian Administrative Service, leading industrialists, eminent engineers and a few Old Paulites. Sometimes we arranged our career talks together with 'World Forum' on common interest.

We tried to supply career information to examinee Class XII boys for entry to the I.I.T., medical and engineering colleges. We are in the process of procuring the prospectuses, brochures, pamphlets and admission information from leading educational and vocational institutions in India and abroad.

We must record our thanks to Rector who is the Chief Patron of this club and is always the source of inspiration for us.

MAINAK MUKHOPADHAYAY

#### CHESS CLUB

Master-in-Charge: MR. C. CHATTARJI

Secretary: S. B. KASIR

This is one of the very few clubs in the School the activity of which is not as 'evident' as that of most other clubs. But the members of the club were throughout the year in the very engrossing game of chess. The game proved specially popular during the prolonged monsoon in Darjeeling. It will be great for St. Paul's when the number of boys trying to chase the 'monsoon blues' away with chess is much larger than what it is at present. On many a Sunday afternoon have I been jolted out of my afternoon siesta by a boy who had come to get a chessboard and chessmen from me.

Chess Club has had the privilege of having a class eight boy as its Secretary. Saieed Bin Kabir has proved a very capable Secretary. The annual chess tournament was conducted by him very efficiently at the end of November. We have plans of organizing the tournament next year on a grander scale.

C. C.

## JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: MR. A. JAYAL

Secretary: SRIJIB MUKHERJEE

The Junior Debating Society met regularly over the year. Srijib Mukherjee was elected secretary early in the year.

The response from the boys to participate in debates was heartening. Vivek Arora, Vikram Dutta and Sanjay Raychoudhuri of Class VIII showed tremendous potential of becoming good debaters.

The Inter-House debate was held in November. Cable House won the running trophy for the second time in succession. The individual positions were as follows—

Carl Avari Cooper — I Zubin Medora — II Alok Kanti —III

My sincere thanks to the Secretary, Srijib, for extending the help during the year.

A.D.J.

### SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: MR. C. CHATTARJI

Secretary: SANJIB BANERJEE

The Debating Society has not been as active this year as it ought to have been. This, of course, does not mean that no debates were organized under the auspices of the society. Of the debates held mention may be made of the debate with Loreto Coliege. The motion was: Woman is the most beautiful mistake made by God. The Paulites spoke for the motion. Chivalry that is a part of each Paulite prompted them to yield with grace to enable the girls—the young mistakes of God—to win the debate. The Inter-House debate was held in the month of August. In this event, Hastings topped the list.

In our annual fixture with La Martiniere, Calcutta—held in the month of August—though each member of St. Paul's team spoke well, the trophy was won by La Martiniere.

An international inter-school debate was scheduled for the first of October. But it could not be held because a large number of schools that had agreed to participate regretted their inability to do so a month before the debate was scheduled.

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr. C. Chattarji for helping me to run the Society smoothly. I would also like to thank Mr. Baljit Singh Bawa for helping us when Mr. Chattarji was on leave in Calcutta.

SANJIB BANERJEE

### **ELECTRONICS**

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

Secretary: J. S. JABBAL

This year electronics was added in the list of various club activities. It was indeed the most popular activity in the School.

With the help of Mr. S. P. Sharma and our Electronics Master, the boys were able to make many electronic equipments—intercoms, transistors, radios etc. while eliminators were the most popular.

Boys like Sudhanshu Kumar, Deepak Mittal, Ashik Rangoon-wala, Ramesh Ruia. Vivek Chawla, Sunil Hemrajani and Brijesh Dhandania took a lot of Interest in the hobby and were awarded club certificates.

I hope the interest of the boys in this activity is maintained, and I am sure under the competent hands of Mr. S. P. Sharms this activity will progress consistently.

R. K. LACHHIRAMKA

## FILM SOCIETY

The Film Society made every effort to keep the school entertained. We were able to get the new 16 mm. projector and a large number of films were screened. Films like 'The Poseidon Adventure', 'The Lost Horizon', 'The Odessa File', 'Man who would be King', 'Juggernaut', 'Crazy Boys and the Queen's Necklace' and 'Operation Crossbow', were enjoyed by one and all.

A large number of documentaries were shown on the 16 mm projector. These included educational films, too. We are thankful to the British Council and the French Embassy for the loan of these films.

A number of Hindi films were also screened for the boys and the domestic staff. I would like to thank Mr. K. N. Sehgal and Mr. Debesh Ghosh for their help in procuring these films.

I would like to thank Mr. M. F. Mehmood and Mr. S. P. Sharma for their cooperation. Thanks are also due to Suraj Vaidya, Mainak Mukhopadhyay, Sudhanshu Kumar, Ujjal Roy and Nakshu Lepcha for their help in the smooth running of films.

N.K.S.

#### HINDI PARISHAD

Chairman: MR. K. KANTI Secretary: P. GANERIWALA

Hindi Parishad started its activities with the Inter-House Elocution Contest. Clive was adjudged first. The general standard of the contest was excellent as it was commented by one of the judges Dr. (Mrs.) Sushila Jha of Indraprasth College, Delhi. Soon afterwards we participated in the Inter School Hindi Elocution Contest held at Mount Hermon. The Paulites once again won both the shields in Group I and Group II.



S. Sutodia

A Scene from the Hindi Society Play



S. Sutodia
A Scene from the Hindi Society Play

The most interesting and the much awaited annual feature of the Parishad, the Hindi one-act play, Dr. Ram Kumar Varma's 'Mahabharat me Ramayan' was staged with great success. Ramesh Ruia, Avirup Chakraberty, Sanjoy Mehrotra and Shikarpur Uttam acted beautifully. Pradeep Ganeriwal's acting was a class in itself. He was adjudged the Best Actor. As the secretary of the club he shouldered the responsibilities well. The Rudra Hindi Prize was won by Raj Kumar Lachchiramka.

Looking back, I can certainly say that under the able guidance of Mr. & Mrs. Kanti, Mr. G. R. Anthony and Mr. K. L. Pradhan, the year has proved to be a year of work, joy and success.

R. R. LACHCHIRAMKA

## HISTORY SOCIETY

Staff Adviser: MR. K. N. DAR Secretary: A. SINHA

The year began with an absorbing talk on 'Contemporary Britain' by Mr. James Johnson. This was followed by a very rewarding and fruitful discussion on the experiences of an Indian in Toronto and Sophia. The discussion was led by Dr. Vimlesh Kanti, who had distinguished himself in both these places as a professor of Hindi. The next meeting was addressed by Rev. N. Sen, whose talk on 'Christianity in India' was well received by the members and it acquainted them with some of the issues being faced by the Christians in our country today. The last meeting of the year was devoted to 'Nagaland'. The discussion, which turned out to be most stimulating, was led by Mr. Arun Ellis.

On the Speech Day, students of Classes VIII & IX put up an impressive exhibition. The entire organisation and planning was done by the boys themselves and was most commendable. Our special thanks to Mr. A. Jayal for guiding the students.

We were exceedingly lucky to have Amresh Sinha as the secretary. He conducted the affairs of the society with great energy, enthusiasm and efficiency.

K. N. D.

### MACHINE SHOP

With the coming of machinery into the home and school the handling and understanding of machines becomes an integral part of education. Thus there is a need to give student non-specialists a tendency to feel that technological processes are within their reach and comprehension.

July 1979 saw the inauguration of a new hobby—Machine Shop—the members of which are essentially involved with developing skills in the handling of various machine tools.

The shop started with these machines: a horizontal bench lathe, a drill press, a Wolf cubmaster and numerous accessories. Although metal was initially selected as the medium of work it was replaced with wood as the cost of metal was prohibitive.

The hobby demanded from the students a great deal of mental and motor coordination, 'applied' mathematics and a basic knowledge of electricity and mechanics with an understanding and use of technical jargon.

The enthusiasm of the students was heartening and that made it possible for Speech Day visitors to see an impressive array of items on display. The morning of the same day saw the Rt. Rev. R. W. Bryan, the Chief Guest, formally inaugurate the machine shop and give his blessings.

I would like to express my gratitude to the Rector for his guidance and to Mr. R. S. Baoni for his help in supplying the shop with wood, and to Bishop Blair, who is associated with a technical school, for his interesting talk to the members. Special thanks are due to all members of this club who contributed to the success of the hobby.

It is hoped to acquire more machines in the near future in view of the growing interest in the hobby. Thus may I conclude with these words: More power to the Machine Shop!

M.M.E.

#### MATHEMATICS SOCIETY

Chairman: Mr. S. K. BANERJEE

Secretary: R. K. LACHCHIRAMKA

Although we did not have any formal meeting this year, we had many an informal talk on various topics from Mr. Banerjee. Some of the topics which were discussed in detail were 'Boolean Algebra', Complex Numbers and a particular talk which was not only fascinating but also inspiring was on the recent and revealing facts about the Egyptian Pyramids. It is simply splendid to realise the effective implications of these pyramids because of their mathematical construction.

This year there was a change in the pattern of the paper for the Gal Gregory Mathematics Prize Examination. In the past the paper could normally be answered only by the boys of classes 11 and 12. This year there were many general and interesting problems which could be tackled by bright boys of junior classes also. The attendance at the examination was also very encouraging. The prize was shared by R. K. Lachchiramka and Rajiv Malhotra.

Before I complete this report I must thank Mr. Banerjee under whose guidance and with whose sincere effort the Mathematics Society is making consistent progress.

RAJKUMAR LACHCHIRAMKA

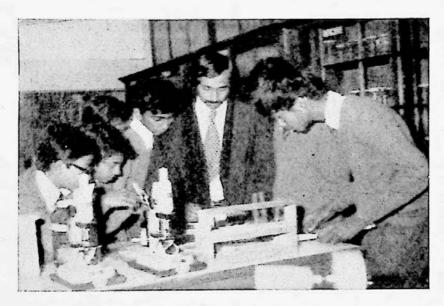
### NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Master in-Charge: N. CHATTORAJ

Secretary: S. SHARMA

With the induction of Mr. Chattoraj into the staff, the Natural History Society got a new lease of life after Mr. Mandrelle's departure. The rebirth was really energetic. With the active interest of the Sector, the society flourished. Expeditions were organized, to such places as Singla Bazar, Kalimpong, Senchal Lake, Mangpoo, the Defecting Zooligical Park and the Bengal Natural History Museum. The boys benefitted greatly from these outings.

In an effort to make the society more appealing to the boys, film shows were made a regular part of our meetings. With the kind courtesy of the British Council, Calcutta, we were able to view very absorbing movies on 'Elephants and their capture', 'D. N. A. and the Double Helix' and '12 hours at a waterhole'.



In the Biology Laboratory

A novel effort this year was the introduction of the NHS magazine. Published as a wall magazine, at regular intervals, it was an instant success. Written by different boys under the editorship of Mr. Chattoraj, its colourful get-up, and quiz competitions aroused keen interest. World Wildlife Fund badges were distributed to the quiz members by the Rector. The connection of the school to the W. W. F. was strengthened further with the subscription of seventy five boys to the W. W. F. magazines and the Animal's Friend magazine.

Among the more important formal meetings we had, two readily spring to the mind. The first was the talk delivered by Mr. Fanthome of Doon School on the role of Hupothalamus in Reproducton. Mr. Palit. D. F. O., Darjeeling, talked on 'The Biosphere Preservation in Darjeeling District'.

The future of the Natural History Society is extremely bright. Among the ambitions, and yet concrete ideas in the offing, are plans for a 'Pheasantry'. A trip to the Andamans may also be undertaken. The generous help given by Mrs. R. Sharma is also gratefully acknowledged. I take this opportunity to wish the next year's office-bearers all the best in their efforts.

S. SHARMA

## JW NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The year proved to be an interesting and worthwile one for the members with a number of activities ranging from gardening and insect collecting to making and selling of greeting cards. We made more than a hundred rupees from greeting cards on our Annual Speech Day and this we propose to use on buying a book for the JW library.

The JW boys showed an active interest in the flora and fauna in and around Darjeeling. Herbarium sheets and charts were prepared and the flora and fauna identified and classified. Insects were pursued relentlessly and when they were caught we classified and mounted them. A JW natural history exhibition was organized on the Annual Speech Day. A number of animal and plant specimens, charts, herbarium sheets and models were exhibited. Greeting cards were made from dried flora specimens and these were sold like hot cakes to the delight of our members

The society would like to express its thanks to all who have encouraged and helped it in its achievement this year.

R.S.

### **NEPALI PARISHAD**

Master-in-Charge: MR. B. B. TAMANG

Secretary: BIRAJ ADHIKARI

As the society was formed, the year started off with much enthusiasm on part of the boys and masters. This year proved quite a fruitful one for the Parishad. To start with, the Nepali Parishad of St. Paul's School hosted the first Inter-School Nepali Elocution Contest. Various schools from Darjeeling, Kurseong, Kalimpong and Gangtok participated. The Chief Guest was Shri Shivkumar Rai, the recipient of Sahitya Academy Award, who kept the audience highly entertained with his talk on the Nepali language which was amusing as well as educative.

The Second Nepali Concert this year was a grand success. The play, 'SKYLAB' was highly appreciated by our own boys as well as the guests. The Nepali Parishad's orchestra, trained by Mr. D. A. V. Prince, was of a high standard and played songs like 'SAILI RA MAILI POILA GAECHHA' and 'CHYANGBA HOI CHYANGBA. Yogdeep Gurung's song kept the audience captivated right till the end. Whatever may be, this year a lot of talent was unearthed among the junior boys. The unique 'Khukuri Dance' was also appreciated by all. The only drawback of our Parishad was the paucity of members; the same handful of boys had to do almost everything. The Chief Guest on this occasion was Col. R. B. Gurung, Commandant of 11 GRRC.

This year our boys participated in the Bhanu Jayanti Celebrations where Pawan Pradhan garlanded the bust of poet Bhanubhakta at Chowrasta, Darjeeling, on behalf of the school. They also participated in the Youth Day celebrations.

In short, this was a successful year on the whole and I wish the Nepali Parishad all the best in the year to come under the able guidance of Messrs. B. B. Tamang and S. M. Pradhan, and Mrs. S. Mukhia.

BIRAJ ADHIKARI

## PHILATELY

Chairman: MR. B. S. BHATNAGAR

Secretary: ARUN AGARWAL

Did not somebody say, "The only place where nations stick together is a stamp album?" Well, our Philately Club had a large number of members from all the three wings of the School and it prospered through the year. We used to have regular meetings at which a lot of information on stamps was exchanged and duplicate stamps changed hands.

With the opening of a postoffice in the school campus it was easy for us to obtain new issues. However, the supply of new issues and first day covers was neither punctual nor regular. The head postoffice of Darjeeling was not of much help, either. I would like to mention here that Mr. J. Banerjee, Senior Superintendent of Postoffices, Darjeeling Division, was kind enough to issue his orders to the head post office to send new issues and first day covers to our school postoffice for sale to our club. The supplies were, however, erratic.

This year there was no philatelic exhibition organized by the postoffice. We did have an exhibition of stamps in the Junior Wing which we mounted for the Annual Speech Day. The exhibits were much appreciated by the visitors.

We do hope Darjeeling head postoffice will soon have a philatelic bureau to serve the philatelists of this town as well as the tourists who throng to this hill station twice a year.

ARUN AGARWAL

## PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

Chairman: MR. K. KANTI Secretary: M. SRIVASTAVA

We started the year 1979 with thirty four members on our rolls. In the first month we were busy in setting the new dark-rooms and studio. This year we were better off than before as we had two dark-rooms fully equipped for developing films and making enlargements. The new studio gave us a lot of opportunities for indoor portrait photography. During the Trinity Term old members helped Mr. Kanti in covering all the school functions and training the new members in the art and technique of photography. During the May holidays members joined different

expeditions and brought really interesting negatives for the Annual Photographic Exhibition and Contest. The topic for the contest was Children as it was the International Year of the Child.

The Annual Photographic Contest was judged by the Rector, Mr. Hari Dang, Mrs. Renuka Dang and Mr. R. S. Baoni. The results were as follows:

Rajiv Modi—'Let me think'
Sandeep Sutodiya—'Let me think'
Ravi Bhagat—'What're yor selling little girl?'

3rd Prize

Open Section
Darius Chenai—'Nector & I'
Ramesh Ruia—'Knowledge Under My Arm'
Consolation
Prize
Madhukar Srivastava
Sandeep Sutodiya
Das Studio Prize for consistent good work
throughout the year

The photographic exhibition this year attracted a large number of visitors and lovers of photography.

In the end, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Kanti, Mr. G. R. Anthony, Mr. B. S. Bhatnagar and all the members of the club for their help in organizing and running the different activities of the club this year.

M. SRIVASTAVA

#### SCIENCE FORUM

The science faculty had a new look this year. We bade farewell to Mr. Deshpande and Mr. Mandrelle last year, while Mr. Mehmood left us in September this year. I would like to welcome Mr. P. Kumar, Mr. N. Chattoraj, Mrs. R. Sharma and Mr. B. Duffadar to the faculty.

The science forum organised a number of meetings during the year. Amongst our distinguished guest speakers were Mr. Maurice Banerjea from St. Joseph's College and Dr. Roy from Darjeeling Government College.

The Mazumdar Science Prize Examination was organised in a different fashion and this resulted in a much improved participation. An essay competition was another notable feature of the year.

A large number of films of scientific interest were obtained by courtesy of the British Council and the French Embassy and screened for the members of the forum.

I would like to thank the Rector for his guidance throughout this year and the other members of the faculty for their cooperation.

N. K. S.

## WORLD FORUM

President: MR. K. N. DAR Vice-Presidents: A. AGARWAL

J. RAHMAN

Secretary: B. BANERJEE Joint. Secretary: K. GOMBU

This was another successful year for the World Forum. We had an enthusiastic set of members and an equally enthusiastic group of office bearers. Without the zest and unselfish work of B. Banerjee, J. Rahman and K. Gombu, the forum would not have worked so very efficiently. The members are especially grateful to our Rector and Patron, Mr. H. Dang, who helped us in finding suitable speakers.

This year's series was begun by Mr. Sengupta, the former indian ambassador to Ethiopia and several other countries, who spoke to us on his experiences in the Indian Foreign Service. Then came Mr. Bhattacharvya, who talked to us on Shri Aurobindo and the ashram set up by him in Pondicherry. Next was Mr. Michael Devenish, who was on our staff in 1962, and is now running a publishing concern in England. He talked on the rather complex world of publishing. He was followed by Mr. I. C. Puri, I.A.S., a top civil servant of the country. He spoke on a wide variety of subjects ranging from calligraphy to his meetings with men like Idi Amin. His talks were exceedingly well received. Then Mr. J. N. Dar narrated his interesting experiences as a master and a headmaster in several public schools in India. Mr. Madan's talks on 'Listening' were greatly appreciated by the members. The series concluded with Mr. Ranabir Mitra, Bar-at-Law, an Old Paulite, speaking about his work as a lawyer and his experiences as a student at St. Paul's. Everybody greatly enjoyed his talk.

ARUN AGARWAL

## SPORTS, GAMES AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

#### ATHLETICS

Master-in-Charge: HARDIP SINGH

Captain: DALIM CHOWDHURY

As always, good weather graced our Annual School Sports.

This year the standard of athletics was at its zenith. More than 80 boys took part in sports this year, which was histroy itself. The credit for such a thorough job must go to Mr. Hardip Singh.

Suraj Vaidya was outstanding in the field, bagging no fever than 8 medals. He repeated the same at the Inter-School Athletics West by winning 9 medals and was adjusted the 'Best Athlete of the Meet' for the 2nd year in succession.

Our performance as a whole was remarkable. Paulites, altogether, won 48 medals in the Inter-School Athletics Meet.

The Athletics Shield and the Standards Cup were both won by Hastings.

Colours were awarded to the following:

Major Colours- Saneer Gurung

Minor Colours— Abhijit Sen, Nilim Baruah, Dick Dadul, Namgay Dorji, Bidhan Chowdhury, Praween

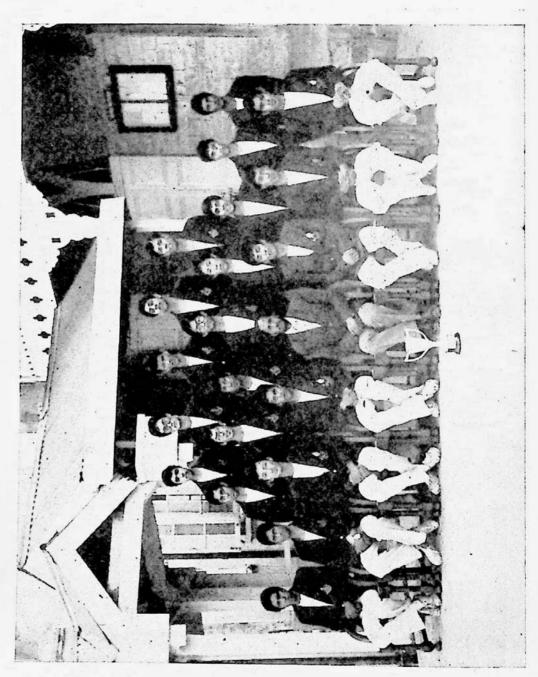
Namgay Dorji, Bidhan Chowdhury, Praweer Deva.

RAJ KUMAR LACHCHIRAMKA

#### BADMINTON

Master-in-Charge: MR. S. ELLIS Captain: PRAVIR MURARI

1979 was a very successful year for badminton. There were many members of this club from amongst the staff and boys of both the Junior and Senior Wings. The standard of this game has risen considerably this year. The badminton court was repaired and new neon tubelights installed in the hall so that we had had uninterrupted sessions even late at night.



It is a pity that we do not have any Inter-School tournament in Darjeeling. We cannot participate in the district tournaments for lack of time. Some of our boys could achieve great heights if only they could participate in competitive badminton.

The following boys were the winners of the 1979 Badminton Tournament.

Raj Kumar Lachchiramka—Sr. Singles
Sudhanshu Kumar and Dip Kapoor—Sr. Doubles and Open
Himanshu Kumar—Jr. Singles
Himanshu Kumar and R. Modi—Jr. Doubles
Ashik Ajmera—Sr. Singles Runner-up
Suraj Vaidya and Sunit Sikri—Sr. Doubles Runners-up
Pravir Murari and Raj Lachchiramka—Open Doubles
Runners-up

R. Modi—Jr. Singles Runner-up
Bijou Lulla and Utpal Banerjee—Jr. Doubles Runners-up

Minor Colours were awarded to Pravir Murari, Sunit Sikri and Debashis Kundu.

S.E.

### BASKETBALL

Master-in-Charge: MR. M. N. TANKHA

Captain: DICK DADUL

The basketball season began this year with a match against Goethals. It was a tough game which we played valiantly but unfortunately lost by 22-38. Saneer Gurung, Nilim Baruah and Dick Dadul put up a good show.

The next match also we lost by a narrow margin (39-43). It was against Mt. Hermon who have the advantage of having girls to cheer the Hermonites. Who would not do better than usual if there were girls to cheer them up? In this match also Saneer was outstanding and his accurate jump shots from the cornner area deserve a mention here.

One of our unusual matches was with Loreto girls. Girls on the terrace, girls around the court and girls everywhere! Even though we avoided bumps and clashes and observed more than usual politeness in the game, we could not but beat our graceful hosts (62-25). Krishna Basnet, the girls' captain, showed a superb game and was the highest scorer.



At the basketball carnival, which was held at St. Augustine's, we did not fare well and lost both the matches—against St. Joseph's and St. Augustine's.

the Harinder Singh's arrival gave us good cheer. He was up at the court every morning before us and imparted his technical knowledge of the game to us. He has been a source of great inspiration to us and the basketballers of 1979 should be indebted to him. I am sure the 1980 team would do much better than us for they are going to have the benefit of Mr. Harinder Singh's coaching right from the beginning of the year.

The following boys were awarded School Colours:

Dick Dadul (Lw), Saneer Gurung (CI) and Nilim Baruah (Hs)—Major Colours.

Namgay Dorji (Hs) and Amit Datta (Hv)-Minor Colours.

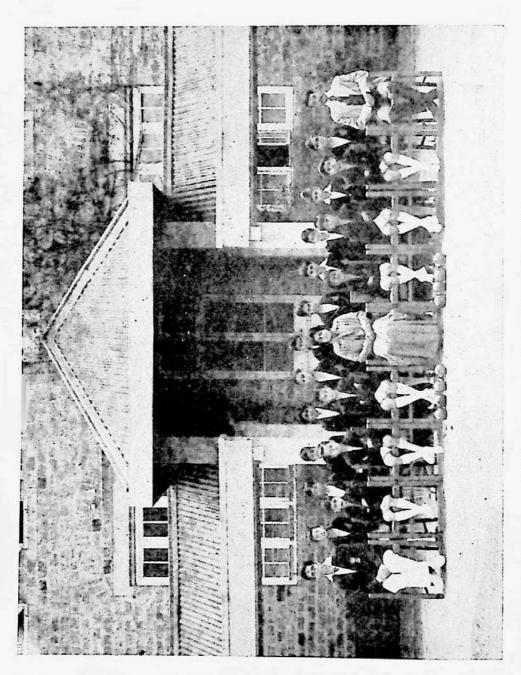
DICK DADUL

#### BOXING

Boxing was introduced in the Primary Wing shortly after the May vacation and the children took to it like the proverbial ducks to water.

Gloves were got, punching bag bought and training began in earnest. By early September the boys were ready for the interhouse boxing finals scheduled for 22nd September. The sudden loss of Canon LeBlond who was to be one of our judges, saw the event postponed to 30th October. But the day finally did arrive as all days are wont to do. The Prep Hall was looking awe inspiring and remarkably like a boxing stadium, with an 18'×18' standard ring in the centre complete with corners, bunting, canvas and centre light. The benches were arranged on all sides of the ring with places for judges, seconds, boxers, announcer and time-keeper. For this credit must go to everyone who worked so hard and so willingly.

On the dot of 5:00 p.m. the first bout of the finals began with Mr. Harinder Singh as referee. It is no exaggeration to say that the standard of boxing as witnessed that evening was excellent. It was heart-warming to see the children, none of whom were over eleven years of age, to box with technique, intelligence and guts-no mindless slugging, no brute display of fledgling strength; simply



PW Boxing Team with the Admn. Head, PW

the practice of an art. After the six final bouts the Junior Wing boys of the locate club put up a very creditable demonstration followed by an inspiring exhibition boxing bout between Darius Chenai and P. C. Roy of Senior Wing. To round off the evening, Rector spoke words of encouragement and appreciation to the boys and Mr. David Howard gave away the prizes. All kudos for a memorable an intrinsing evening to Mr. Harindar Singh, the children and everyone else who helped to make the event such a success.

### RESULTS

Winner	Runner-up
Taposh Saha (Ht)	Sonam Topagay (HI)
Ripu Sair. (Ht)	Naveen Poddar (HI)
Naveen Shrimali (Ev)	Syed Nadeem Akhtar (HI)
Lakpa Lama (Tz)	Sanjay Acharya (Tz)
Sandeep Kedia (HI)	Suman Priya Subba (HI)
Tshring Lepcha (HI)	Raj Kr. Agarwal (Ht)
	Taposh Saha (Ht) Ripu Sair. (Ht) Naveen Shrimali (Ev) Lakpa Lama (Tz) Sandeep Kedia (HI)

Best Boxer: Taposh Saha Best Loser: Sanjay Acharya

Best House: Hillary

KABIR MUSTAFI

### CRICKET

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

Captain: D. BANERJEE

This year the Cricket season started minus the captain and the Class XI and XII boys. These boys arrived in the School in the last week of March and D. Banerjee, the Cricket Captain, had to struggle hard to build up the cricket team. I am thankful to Mr. Wood for looking after cricket for sometime during my absence and also for captaining well against the Scindia Club, Calcuita, and against Mt. Hermon in the Edinburgh Shield match.

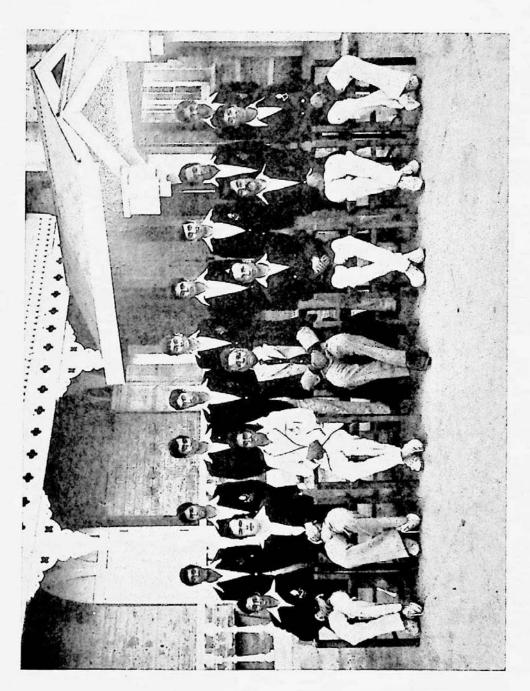
Our First XI won quite easily against Goethal's, Mt. Hermon and Victoria Schools but lost to St. Joseph's which was restricted to Class X and below. Our School team drew in a friendly match against the Scindia Club, Calcutta. We had the misfortune in our Edinburgh Shield matches to have missed Vikram Naidu, our chief wicket-taker against St. Joseph's, and my absence due to injury during the match against Mt. Hermon. We drew both the Edinburgh Shield matches and could not play our last match against the Planters as St. Joseph's had already got the Shield. We felt the absence of Mr. Macdonald, our dependable batsman, in our Edinburgh matches this year. To compensate for losing the Edinburgh Shield, our School team won against the Dooars and got the Cup for the third time in succession. Both Ujjal Roy and Dip Kapoor scored a century each this year and the latter was presented with a cricket bat by the Rector for his lively batting during the season.

The Inter-House Cricket Tournament was keenly contested and the trophy was shared by Clive and Hastings.

Major Colours were awarded to Dipankar Banerjee, Dip Kapoor and Soumitra Sharma, and Minor Colours to Ujjal Roy, Amal Das and Vikram Naidu.

## The Players

- D. Banerjee has captained the School fixtures very efficiently. He made some good runs for the team and proved useful as a stock bowler.
- S. Sharma has been a dependable opening batsman for the School team. He is good at the hook and cut but he should concentrate on a more fluent drive.



The outstanding performer of the season was D. Kapoor who scored a brilliant century and a few half centuries. He is very strong on the off side but he needs to improve his leg side strokes. He is quite dependable behind the stumps.

- M. S. Singh, our best spinner, was not as successful as last year. He maintains a good length and occasionally bowls a googly. In the course of the year, he has proved to be a sensible opening bat and a good fielder, too.
- U. C. Roy started well with a century but gradually failed to score much as he plays the ball with his head up and lacks patience. However, he is good at the drive and cut.
- A. Das has been the best fielder in our team. He is very fast at picking up and throws accurately into the wicket-keeper's gloves. Though he is very strong on the leg, he lacks the correct technique of batting.
- A. Ajmera, our opening bowler, bowls his outswingers well and he is capable of scoring some runs but he is very slow and sloppy at fielding.

Vikram Naidu was the chief wicket-taker this year. He bowls inswing extremely well and he has a bright future. His fielding is still below par.

B. Choudhury, a young player, could not scrore much this season but he is likely to do well in future. However, he proved useful in the team as a good fielder. S. Vaidya (Sr.), A. Sen, A. Jain, S. Sengupta, K. Bhawnani and S. Sachdeva, all played for the School XI in some matches and their performances were commendable.

A. K. LAHIRI

#### GAMES PLAYED

# 18th March-Vs. Planters (Home)

School—155 for 3 declared (U. C. Roy 101 not out)
Planters—155 for 6 (K. Bhawnani 2 for 46, S. Sachdeva 3 for 21)—Drawn

# 1st April—Vs. Scindia Club (Calcutta)

Scindia Club—203 for 8 declared (K. Bhawnani 3 for 50, A. Ajmera 3 for 48) School—180 for 6 (S. Sharma 81, D. Kapoor 61)—Drawn

# 7th April-Vs. Mt. Hermon

School—255 for 7 declared (A. Das 76, D. Kapoor 122 not out)
Mt. Hermon—30 all out (A. Ajmera 3 for 15, S. Naidu 2 for 15)
—School won

# 8th April-Vs. St. Joseph's School (upto X)

School—77 all out St. Joseph's School—78 for 7 declared (A. Ajmera 3 for 22. S. Naidu 3 for 29)—School lost

# 16th April-Vs. Mt. Hermon (Edinburgh Shield Match) -Home

Mt. Hermon—253 for 8 declared. (S. Naidu 3 for 49, A. Ajmera 3 for 81) School—175 for 6 (S. Sharma 56, D. Banerjee 32, A. Wood 37 not out)—Drawn

# 19th April-Vs. Goethals (upto X)

Goethals—77 all out (S. Naidu 5 for 22) School—78 for 3 declared (U. C. Roy 27, S. Bose 36 not out) —School won

# 21st April-Vs. Mt. Hermon

Mt. Hermon—78 all out(S. Naidu 3 for 12, M. S. Singh 2 for 10) School—79 for 6 declared (U. C. Roy 36)—School won

## 22nd April-Vs. Victoria

Victoria-82 all out (S. Naidu 6 for 34)

School—88 for 4 declared (D. Kapoor 31 not out)—School won

25 April—Vs. St. Joseph's—Edinburgh Shield Match (Away)

St. Joseph's—301 for 7 declared (A. Ajmera 3 for 73) School—217 for 9 (S. Sharma 32, D. Banerjee 30, Kapoor 44, Mr. Lahiri 32 not out)—Drawn

## 6th May-Vs. Dooars (Home)

School—189 in 43 overs (M. Singh 46, D. Banerjee 33 D. Kapoor 40) Dooars—176 in 45 overs—School won

## BATTING

	Innings	Not out	Rune	Highest Score		Daalalaa
	mmigs	NOT OUT	nuns	Score	Average	Position
D. Kapoor	7	2	323	122*	65.00	1
Mr. Wood	4	2	73	37*	37.00	2
Mr. Lahiri	2	1	33	32	33.00	3
S. Sharma	7	-	199	81	28.00	4
A. Sen	4	2	50	21	25.00	5
A. Das	7		164	76	23.00 * not out	6

#### BOWLING

Bowlers	Övers	Maiden	Runs	Wickets	Average	Position
S. Naidu	104	38	215	19	11.00	1
S. Sachdevo.	22	5	59	4	15.00	2
A. Ajmera	108	26	331	19	17.00	3
K. Bhawnani	38	10	118	6	20.00	4
M. S. Singh	42.3	5	182	7	26.00	5

A. K. L.

#### **ETON FIVES**

Master-in-Charge: MR. J. JOHNSON

Captain: ABHIJIT SEN

In the beginning of the year it appeared as if this traditional game of Eton Fives would disappear from St. Paul's. Firstly, the Master-in-Charge, Mr. Johnson, left for England, and secondly, we had neither Fives gloves nor balls.

It was very kind of the Rector, who got us 1 dozen balls all the way from Eton and then only we could continue with this game. Soon after the arrival of these balls the tournaments were held. The results were as follows:—

Open: Abhijit Sen and R. K. Lachchiramka (Winners) Indranil Sircar and Pramode Singh (Runners-up)

Senior: Sunil Saraf and Suraj Vaidya (Winners)
Akash Siddique and Suresh Vaidya (Runners-up)

Junior: Rajeev Mahajan and Atiqur Rahman (Winners) Ratul Sood and Rajya Agarwal (Runners-up)

The Best Loser's Cups were awarded to Rohit Sood and Shatrundam Shahi. This tournament helped us in discovering talented players. The boys who deserve special mention are Ratul Sood, Rajya Agarwal and Indranil Sircar. Minor Colours were awarded to Sunil Saraf, Suraj Vaidya, Abhijit Sen and Raj Kumar Lachchiramka.

Hastings won the Inter-House Fives Cup with ease. It was a successful year for Fives and full credit goes to the capacita whose keen interest helped in improving the standard of the gas to.

R. K. LACHCHIRA

#### FOOTBALL

Master-in-Charge: MR. A. J. WOOD Captain: S. VAIDWA

"Alibaba Chalis Chor, come on St. Paul's show your jor" ran the chant, spurring the soccer 1st XI to victory. And indeed St. Paul's did show its "jor" by winning its first league shield ever. The School XI had an unblemished record save one heartbreaking loss—the defeat at the hands of La Martiniere, Calcutta.

Keeping with tradition, the football season began with a match against the Staff XI and again, not breaking the tradition, the boys beat the staff by 6-1. But the score is misleading for it was a keenly contested match. We had as many as ten league fixtures this year. The league team consisting of staff, boys and Diamond from the domestic staff won all but one of their matches with relative ease. The exception was Mt. Hermon College which held us to a draw, 2-2. In fact, twice we were trailing by a goal, but Mr. Stolke's equaliser saved the day. Ironically, Mr. Wood, the league Captain, Mr. Stolke and Mr. Tshering, all veteran members of the league team, are ex-Hermonites.

The restricted team (Class X and under) played with much vigour, but little practice. In the Brigade of Gurkhas Command Cup they delivered a 7-nil drubbing to Municipal School, Darjeeling, before losing to St. Joseph's, 1-4, despite being in the lead till the lemon break. The C XI came through undefeated. Even at Mt. Harmon with practically the entire school at their throats they emerged victorious. Very creditable indeed! The 2nd XI, DXI, EXI, G and F XI had a balanced number of victories, draws and defeats. Being an easy and enjoyable game to play, football is very popular here. The only grouse that the boys had was the limited number of games they had weekly. In addition to form matches, dormitory matches were also organised. The House matches were a fitting climax to the football season. In the Junior Wing, Anderson House were victorious while in the Senior School, Hastings emerged winners of the Football Shield. All the matches were played with a tremendous amount of competitive spirit.



The 1st XI (Class XII and under) had two victories against Mt. Hermon and Victoria and lost to La Martiniere, Calculate. Without undermining the skill of the La Martiniere players a must say that the unfamiliar ground conditions played a large part in our 0-3 defeat. Kursung Gombu was probably the player to adjust completely to the field employing sliding tactics whenever he found himself slipping. However, I must applaud their victory and the lavish hospitality they bestowed on us.

Mr. Lahiri who was always on the sidelines to encourage the team once told me that a well contested defeat is more satisfying than an easily earned victory. In this context our Herlihy match against the Assam Rifles was victory in defeat. This is one of the toughest local tournaments and we had the misformate of meeting the holders in our very first round. Much to the pleasant surprise of the capacity spectators we held them to a 1-1 draw and were pressing tremendously when in extra time their superior stamina paid off and they shot in two quick goals.

The St. Paul's Estate team lent another dimension to our football scene. Their dexterity and ball control are treats to watch.

Though all the members of the team deserve mention I'm afraid the print won't permit it. Those who deserve special mention are Suraj Vaidya (Captain) whose morning practices and towering figure which headed the ball almost as well as his kicks was a great asset to the team; Saneer Gurung, full back, who plays with brawn as well as brain, and Amal Das whose speed and ability enabled him to be the highest goal scorer. In fact, the last two were selected to attend the Darjeeling District Schoolboys' Coaching Camp.

Last but not the least, I must mention Mr. Wood, the coach, who despite his growing tummy played with great stamina to shoot a large number of goals as well as inspired us to victory.

**NILIM BARUAH** 

As can be seen from the above report, the Football Season has undoubtedly been an active and a very rewarding one. The credit, however, goes to Suraj Vaidya and his boys for the excellent teamwork and fighting spirit put into the game.

Reference has already been made to some of the players on their general performance. Nilim, I might add, has made a remarkable improvement as a goalkeeper and at times has displayed some acrobatic feats between the posts. I would fail in my duty if I do not mention his superior goalkeeping against the Assem Rifles XI. He was definitely the 'Man of the Match'.

Kursung Gombu was awarded Minor, and Nilim Baruah, Major Calours for the year 1979.

A. J. WOOD

### **GYMNASTICS**

Master-in-Charge: HARDIP SINGH

Captain: R. K. LACHCHIRAMKA

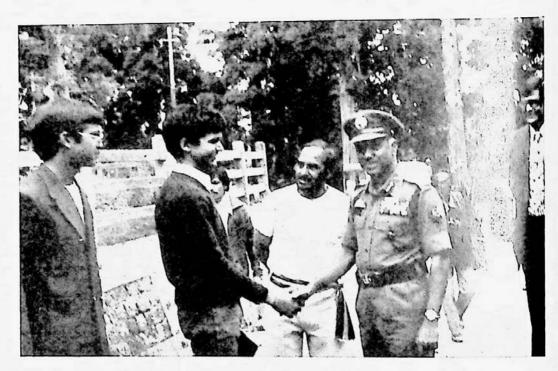
With the departure of Dipu Paulchowdhury and S. Rana, there was certainly a gap in the gym team. But it is to the credit of Mr. Hardip Singh who took great pains and did real hard work in bringing up the younger gymnasts in order to fill up that gap.

This year we shifted back to our good old tradition of holding the gym display in the Gymkhana Club, Darjeeling.

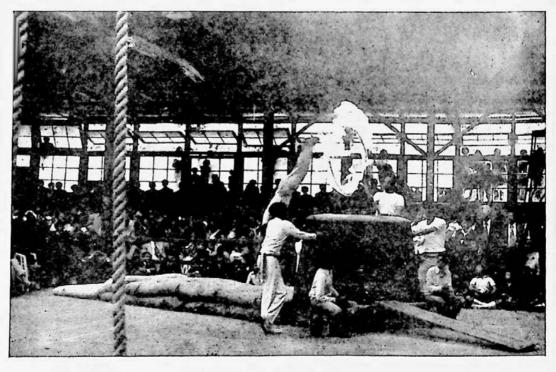
The standard this year was good. Under Mr. Singh's supervision we made history by putting up the young boys from Class 8 on the ropes. The log team again gave a fine performance.

The gym team gave an item on the Independence Day. Krishnapal Singh, Daniel Mohammad, Sudeb Chatterjee, Imran Darbar and Kailash Pradhan were the 'gymnasts' of the year. Minor Colours were awarded to Kailash Pradhan, Imran Darbar and Raj Kumar Lachchiramka. The gym team has a bright future under the able guidance of Mr. Hardip Singh.

R. K. LACHCHIRAMKA

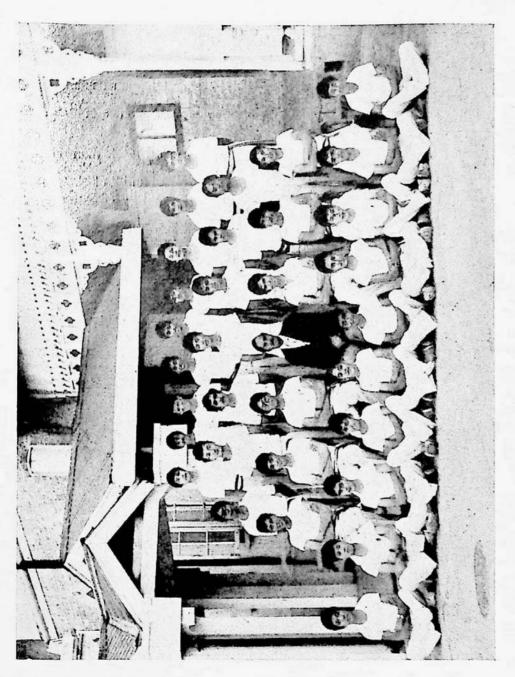


Maj. Gen. Thomas with the Gym Coach and Captain



At the Gym Display

S. Sutodia



#### HOCKEY

Master-in-Charge: MR. D. SINGH

Captain: JAMIL RAHANN

This year we had a longer hockey season than usual. We started playing hockey in the athletics season. We played those matches against the staff. The staff lost two matches and won one.

This year we played against two schools, Mt. Hermon and St. Joseph's. Our, 1st XI played very well against Mt. Hermon and won 4-1. Against St. Joseph's both the 1st and 2nd elevens lost but C and D gave a good account and won their respective fixtures.

We took part in a local shield match, six-a-side, played at St. Robert's School. We came 2nd. The only hockey tournament which is held in Darjeeling is for the Pliva Shield. Our boys worked hard for it, but unfortunately it has been postponed to March, 1980.

Lawrence House won the Inter-House Hockey Shield this year. The other three houses gave a good fight.

In the end, I must thank all the members of staff and domestic staff who took a keen interest in the game.

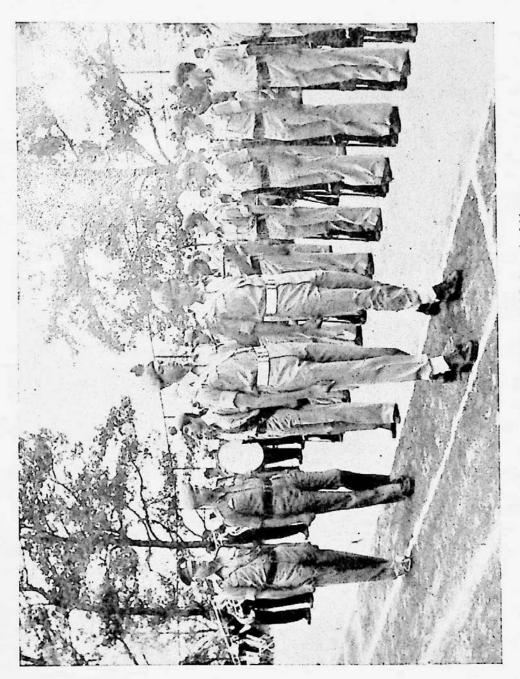
J. RAHMAN

## NATIONAL CADET CORPS

Officer-in-Charge: MR. S. ELLIS

Cdt. Sgt.: BIRAJ ADHIKARI

1979 has been a successful year for National Cadet Corps. Our thanks are due to Mr. Bhatnagar who laid the foundation of this troop last year. When he took over the Junior Wing as its Head, I was given the responsibility of running the troop. I would like to express my thanks to Mr. Promod Kumar, too, for his help in running the NCC programmes successfully this year.



Maj. Gen. Thomas inspecting the NCC Guard of Honour

We had special parades on three occasions when we presented Guard-of-Honour to distinguished visitors to School. Maj. Con. Thomas, Director-General, NCC, Bishop Bryan and Mr. Weella, General Manager, Oberoi Hotels, Cairo, inspected the parade and took the salute on PW Sports Day, Annual Speech Day and Independence Day, respectively. They were highly impressed with the turnout and drill of the cadets.

60 cadets took the NCC Part I examination for Certificate 'A' and all were declared successful. Unfortunately, we could not attend any annual camp organized by the 5th Bn NCC his year for the dates clashed with either our examinations or May holiday. However, we did organize 3-day camps on our own at Takdah, Mungpoo, Sandakphu and Tonglu. These were highly successful.

Although we did not have regular firing practice due to shortage of ammunition, we were able to handle and straig .22, .303, SLR and LMG.

This year's appointments were Kursung Gombu and Prodyot Roy (Stick Orderlies), Sudhanshu Kumar and Harshvardhan Varma (Senior Cadets). Sgt. Biraj Adhikari was awarded Gen. Virendra Singh Medal for being the best allround cadet. Cups for best leadership were awarded to Sgt. Jamil Rahman, Sgt. Jagjot Singh and Cpl. Raj Kumar Lachchiramka.

I cannot end my report without saying a big 'Thank You' to Mr. Prince, Director of Music, and to the School Band for helping us with special parades and Guard-of Honour.

S. E.

#### PIONEER AWARDS

MR. M. N. TANKHA MR. D. SINGH

min B. om on

Rock Climbing MR. HARDIP SINGH

Archery MR.THOMAS MUKHIA

Cooking MR. DAVID HOWARD

Camp Craft MR. M. N. TANKHA MR. DALJIT SINGH

May & Compass Reading MR. S. K. BANERJEE

MR. K. N. DAR

MR. N. K. SHARMA

First Aid MR. G. R. ANTHONY

MR. S. P. SHARMA

Secretary R. K. LACHCHIRAMKA

This year, the Paulite pioneers literally marched from peak to peak as they trekked to Tonglu, Sandakphu and Phalut. More than 10 boys from Class XII joined the Pioneer Award this year; this is really encouraging.

The special feature of Pioneer activities this year was the organizsation of night treks to Tonglu. All the boys from Class 8, 9, 11 and Form VI did it with great enthusiasm.

Like last year, this year again there was a rock climbing course at the HMI. All the boys who took part in it were awarded special badges and certificates.

I must give full credit to the ISCE examinee class, who in spite of being occupied with their studies, took keen interest and organized some successful expeditions.

It is my duty to thank Mr. Tankha, Mr. Daljit Singh and all other masters who gave their valuable time in guiding and encouraging the boys. I do hope in the years to come more boys would take part in Pioneer Award activities.

At the end of the year, the awards were given by away Mr. Avari. 53 boys were awarded certificates. 38 boys were awarded bronze medals, while the following were given special awards.

Silver Award: Prosenjit Pachal, Sonam Tshering,

Kursung Gombu and Norbu Tanzing.

Pathfinders Award: Avijit Bakshi, Dipankar Banerjee, Suni

Saraf, Philip George Philip and Raj Kussar

Lachchiramka.

Instructor's Award: Avijit Bakshi, Nilim Baruah, Darias

Chenai, Dalim Chowdhury, Dipankas Banerjee, Dhruva Guha-Sircar, Staril Saraf, Suraj Vaidya and R.K.Lachchiras da

R. K. LACHCHIRAMIA

### JALAPAHAR RIFLE CLUB

Master-in-Charge: MR. S. ELLIS: Secretary: DARIUS

CHENAL

Jalapahar Rifle Club was started in St. Paul's late last year by our Patron, Mr Dang. It was started primarily for the boys who are foreign nationals and cannot join the National Cadet Corps.

We have four. 22 rifles which are not very modern but can be used for practice. Although we did not have much ammunition this year we were lucky to be able to go out for target practice at the 11 GRRC range on bright and sunny days. I am very happy to record that Darius Chenai and Goopal Singh emerged as crack shots this year.

I must mention here one problem that we often faced on Sundays and holidays when we could not get many boys to practise at our range. On these days the boys wanted to go to town. Bright and sunny Sundays and holidays being few and far between, we did not want them to miss the opportunity of going on walking leave. This was one of the reasons why we could not hold the Inter-House Rifle Shooting Competition this year.

I am very hopeful that the Rector will use his good offices next year to procure ample ammunition from ordnance factories for our use throughout 1980.

#### RUNNING

Master-in-Charge: MR. HARDIP SINGH

Captain: SANEER GURUNG

It is indeed a great pleasure to see boys running marathon and enjoying it, too.

Compared to last year there were even fewer boys on restriction and the enthusiasm was very marked. Inspite of inclement weather the general standard of the marathon was encouraging.

The credit goes to Mr. Hardip Singh whose strict guidance stimulated the boys to do so well and to Saneer, the captain. A new feature was the introduction of the P. W. Marathon.

Saneer Gurung, Dipankar Banerjee and Nilim Baruah were awarded Minor Colours. These three ace runners performed extraordinarily in the one mile race at the Inter-School Athletics Meet.

The Marathon Cup was retained by Hastings for the 3rd year in succession.

The results of the marathon races were as follows:

# Senior Wing

Dipankar Banerjee (Hs) —1st Saneer Gurung (Cl) —2nd Nilim Baruah (Hs) —3rd

Time: 31 min. 9 sec.

## Senior-Junior Marathon

Piara Singh (Be)—I—Time: 20 min. 35 sec. Abdul Qayyum (An)—II Prakash Jain (Hv)—III

# Junior Wing Marathon

Ashique Ali (Ca)—I—Time: 12 min 21 sec. (New Record) Rinchen Youser (Ca)—II Javed Ahmed (An)—III

# **Primary Wing Marathon**

Kishan Garg (Ht)—I Time: 15 min. 5.5. sec. Vikash Shah (Hi)—II Sandeep Kedia (Hi)—III

We are very grateful to Keventers for providing free milk to  $\widehat{\ \ }$  runners.

R. K. LACHCHIRAMKA

#### SKIING

For the first time in the history of St. Paul's, a group of Paulites accompanied by their teachers, Messrs. B. Tamang, S. K. Banerjee, Daljit Singh and Arun Jayal and the Rector went for a ski course held at the Indian Institute of Skiing and Mountaineering, Gulmarg, Kashmir, from 29th January to 11th February. Among these boys were Nilim Baruah and Dhruva Guha-Sirear who had attended an adventure course a year earlier at the Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi, U.P.





At the Ski School

A Paulite

The basic course started with glissading and sliding along the snow-covered road and then to the nursery slopes where we learned the basic techniques of snow plough and parallel turn. While we were falling flat, tumbling and hitting one another in the absence of even the rudimentary knowledge of turning and twisting with skis on, Mr Daljit Singh was already skiing alongside the Rector on the slope as he had earlier done the intermediate course. Next, we were taken to the longer slope which is known as 'T' Bar Slope where we learned traverse and parallel turns and then to the Rope Top Slope and the Chair Lift. Some of the boys even attempted to ski down the 'Death Valley' under the Chair Lift. There, Suraj Vaidya twisted his ankle as he was probably over-enthusiastic to be photographed by the cameramen of Films Division of India. Luckily, he was not hurt badly and soon recovered. At the same spot, Purushottam Mintri, unable to snow plough, dashed into a stationary jeep, broke his glasses and a piece of his glasses was left in his eye. This was promptly removed by the doctor of the Institute.



At the Ski School, Gulmarg

A Paulite

The course ended with Nilim Baruah and Suraj Vaidya bagging the first and third prizes in technique (it is interesting to note that Nilim was appointed the School Captain and Suraj his deputy a month later in School), and Sunit Sikri and Rajendrapal Singh stood first and third, respectively, in slalom. All others who took part in the course, Philip George Philip, Dhruva Guha-Sircar, Purushottam Mintri, Darius Chenai, Dick Dadul, Dipankar Banerjee, Deepak Chadha, Krishnapal Singh, Harshvardhan Varma, Sanjeev Tandon, Jamil Rahman, Amresh Sinha, Rajiv Malhotra and Avijit Bakshi were also highthly commended for their efforts.

We are grateful indeed to the instructors who looked after us throughout the course. The course was a great success and the boys enjoyed it. The frequent invitations from the Rector's friend, Col. N. Kumar, the Principal of the High Altitude Warfare School, to slide shows and films were welcome indeed.

Since most of our boys have no activity like skiing or sailing during the long winter vacation, I would suggest that as many boys as can afford to go should attend such courses in the vacation.

B.B.T.

#### SCOUTING

Master-in-Charge: Scout-Masters: MR. R. PAUL

MR. C. CHATTARJI

MR. S. ELLIS

MR. J. GOSWAMI MR. A. JAYAL MR. K. KANTI

MR. P. KUMAR

MR. J. K. SHARMA

Every growing child is expected to acquire certain qualities which will make him dutiful, responsible, helpful, cooperative, courteous and loyal. While the classroom instructions provide academic training, scouting brings the children adequate opportunities of cultivating the aforesaid qualities in practice.



At a Scout Camp

We had regular activities in scouting before and after the monsoon sessions this year, which the boys enjoyed thoroughly. The Annual Training Camp for the scouts was held from 15th to 17th April at three places, Mangpo, Plungdung and Rangaroon. Mr. C. Chattarji, Mr. J. Goswami, Mr. K. Kanti, Mr. J. K. Shacha, Mr. S. Ellis, Mr. A. Jayal were Masters-in-Charge in these training camps. Spending nights in open-air tents, trekking, cooking, self-dependence and games were a few aspects of our camps.

May Day was earmarked for the Field Day for the scouts and the boys spent it on outdoor activities.

After the Puja Holidays, boys took the Tenderfoot Examination and the successful candidates were awarded certificates and badges.

With a sense of satisfaction, we conclude that this year the team of scout masters took great initiative to make the activities popular and purposeful to the scouts.

R. P.

## SQUASH RACQUETS CLUB

Patron: RECTOR Master-in-Charge: MR. S. ELLIS

This game was introduced last year but became immensely popular right from the beginning of this year.

Squash is the perfect game during monsoon. We now have very competent and enthusiastic players in Shiv Sachdeva, Daniel Ghaznavi, Sanjay Mehrotra, Suraj Vaidya, Suresh Vaidya, and Philip George Philip. I am confident that their interest and enthusiasm will also influence and encourage the younger boys and we shall have more members next year.

I would like to express our gratitude to the Commandant and his staff of the 11 Gorkha Regimental Recruiting Centre, Jalapahar, for the use by our boys of the 11 GRRC courts. These courts are always at our disposal, and, thanks to Col. Gurung, we can go there any time we want to.

The Rector has very kindly promised to provide us with squash courts here in school and we shall look forward to this next year.

S. E.

#### SWIMMING

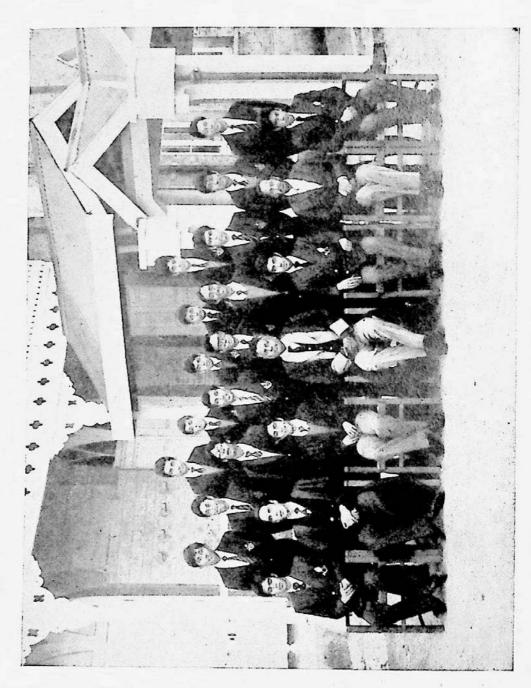
Master-in-Charge: MR. D. A. HOWARD

Captain: DARIUS CHENAI

This year we were able to start swimming in June and the season lasted till mid-September. Once again Mount Hermon Sahool was gracious about allowing us to use their pool three aftendors a week. Our thanks go to Rev. Johnston and Mr. Jeff Cardner for accommodating us so cheerfully. At school here we received much encouragement from the Rector and Mr. Hardeep Singh.

As we moved into our second year of swiming history, we opened a new chapter by entering for the Burns' Shield Com petition. This was held at Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong, on the 14th and 15th September. The schools competing were the Homes, Mount Hermon, St. Augustine's, St. Joseph's and ourselves. In spite of our best efforts we found we could not make up full teams in all the divisions. This automatically meant that we were out of the running for any team championships, but for a first attempt, we were modestly successful.

In the 'E' Division we had two promising swimmers in Jaideep Grewal and Huzefa Akbarally. Jaideep did well in the freestyle and backstroke events. Huzefa, though still young, is a promising swimmer and able to swim some of the more difficult strokes. In the 'D' Division we need to make special mention of Shabbir Akbarally. Shabbir has both style and strength and was our chief entrant for the more difficult butterfly and breast-strokes in both the 'C' and 'D' Divisions. He is a swimmer of competition standard and proved his worth. Manish Chowdhury made up the fourth for a 'D' Division relay team, though we did not place in this event. In the 'C' Division we had Avirup Chakraberty, Robert Clarke and Sandeep Seth. None of them placed in any event but we congratulate them on their pluck and sportsmanship. We were embarrassingly short of boys in the 'B' division and preferred not to enter for this division. In the 'A' Division we had a team of four boys, Karl Irani, Shiv Sachdeva, Ujjal Roy and Rajashree Mukherjee. Karl was able to improve his speed in freestyle and did fairly well. Shiv was our representative for backstroke and Ujial was our butterfly and breast-stroker. The team came second in the freestyle relay and this was an excellent achievement.



By the middle of August it was fairly clear to Darius and myself that we did not stand much of a chance in the Burns' Shield Competition and we readjusted our thinking to success at the Inter-College Meat, which was to be held on 18th November at Mount Hermon. Our hopes were justified and we romped home in siyle. We won eight of the thirteen events and came second in the remaining five. Our team score was double that of our nearest competitors, Mount Hermon Undergraduate Teachers' Training College. It would be invidious to pick out any single name for excellence. The names of the boys are mentioned in the list of winners below. All of them gave of their best and were deservedly rewarded. This Inter-College Meet was, once again, a very pleasant competition and the highlights of the afternoon were a series of 'jollies' in the pool which kept us amused. There was an entertaining 'horse-fight', a curious 'sailing' race, and a race on air-mattresses. Nilim took off like a real professional in this 'mattress' race, and Rajiv Malhotra's return journey had us in splits of laughter. These mattresses are more difficult to control in the water than would seem possible! There was also a staff versus boys relay and inevitably, the boys won-even though the adult judges tried to influence the results in favour of their peers!

At the end of the season Darious Chenai, Rajiv Malhotra and Nilim Baruah were awarded Minor Colours. It would be churlish of me not to acknowledge my debt to these boys who helped so much. Nilim served excellently as captain of swimming last year and was an enthusiastic member of the team this year in spite of his many other commitments on the football field. Rajiv was a patient coach for the younger boys and a swimmer whose stamina we always admired. To Darius goes my gratitude for his enthusiasm, loyalty and good sense. He fulfilled his role as captain excellently and was, himself, a proficient and neat swimmer. Well done all of you! We have made a good start and I hope we will do even better over the years.

#### RESULTS

INTER-SCHOOL BURNS' SHIELD SWIMMING COMPETITION (at Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong)

Jaideep Grewal

2nd in 40 Yards freestyle (E Div.)

2nd in 20 ,, backstroke (E Div.)

3rd in 20 ,, backstroke (D Div.)

Shabbir Akbarally 3rd in 60 ,, freestyle (D Div.) Karl Irani 3rd in 100 ,, freestyle (A Div.)

4x40 yards freestyle relay (A Div.)-2nd-St. Paul's

# INTER-COLLEGE SWIMMING COMPETITION (at Mount Hermon School)

## A Division

Darius Chenai 1st in 40 metres butterfly stroke

2nd in 40 metres freestyle

Avijit Bakshi 2nd in 100 metres freestyle

Prodyut Roy 1st in 40 metres breast stroke

Nilim Baruah 1st in 40 metres backstroke

4 × 40 metres freestyle relay—1st—St. Paul's 4 × 20 metres medley relay—1st—St. Paul's

## **B** Division

Krishnapad Singh 1st in 40 metres freestyle

Rajiv Malhotra

1st in 20 metres butterfly stroke

2nd in 20 metres breaststroke

Amresh Sinha 1st in 20 metres backstroke

Dhruva Guha Sircar 2nd in 20 metres freestyle

4 x 20 metres freestyle relay-2nd-St. Paul's

D. A. H.

#### **TABLE-TENNIS**

Masters-in-Charge: MR. B. S. BAWA

MR. T. MUKHIA

Captain: MAINAK MUKHOPADHYAY

Table-tennis continues to be a popular sport at St. Paul's. Boys can be seen thronging the T. T. room in their leisure hours. The standard of table-tennis has also improved considerably this year. In our first friendly fixture against St. Joseph's, we beat them, 5-1, quite comfortably. In the second fixture against Mount Hermon, once again victory fell to our side. We beat them 3-2.

In Inter-School T. T. Tournament also our boys did quite well and we were declared Runners-up of the tournament. Looking to the interest of the boys I am sure that their performance will be much better next year.

B.J.B.

#### TENNIS

Master-in-Charge: MR. D. SINGH

Captain: NILIM BARUAH

This year tennis was very popular and it drew a lot of boys from classes 8 and 9. The tennis season began with the matches against other schools. We won both our matches against Mount Hermon while it was one-all against St. Joseph's.

In the 2nd term, the season started very late. The tennis tournaments could not finish due to lack of time. The Tennis Cup was won by Havelock. Daniel Mohammad and Sodhan Patel were at their top forms and they put up a great performance.

We were supposed to be taking part in the District Tennis Tournament. But the matches were spread over a period of a month or two, and our good players being from the examinee class could not afford to take part under such circumstances.

Mr. Daljit Singh and Nilim Baruah took a lot of interest in the game which helped in improving the standard this year.

R. K. LACHCHIRAMKA

#### VOLLEYBALL

Master-in-Charge: MR. B. B. TAMANG

Captain: SUNIL SARAF

The Paulite 'SMASHERS' blazed their way into the finals of the Inter-School Volleyball Meet. It was sheer hard luck that the shield eluded us by a lone point. It was after a long break of five years that the volleyball team made the school proud.

In the various school matches also, St. Paul's emerged triumphant. Sunil Saraf, Suraj Vaidya, Sudhanshu Kumar and Sonam Tshering shone in our wins.

Table Tennis Team

Tennis Team



Minor Colours were awarded to Himanshu Kumar, Kursung Gombu and Bitwick Tamang.

The annual Inter-House Competition was won by Lawrence for the second year in succession.

I hope next year's team will lift the Inter-School Trophy and the game will prosper further in the school.

Best of luck to the volleyball team of 1980.

SUNIL SARAF

#### JUNIOR WING NOTES

This academic year for the first time we had 196 boys and one girl. Because we are not too large, because of the reservoir of academic talent which can be called upon from the Senior Wing to supplement our resources, and because we are putting a great deal of effort and thought into our school programmes, I am confident that we are offering an education of high quality.

Last May we introduced a tutorial system which has been a tremendous help to many. We are now much better able to monitor progress and to give help, friendly encouragement or firmer assistance where necessary.

We had the benefit of the services, though for a couple of months only, of three school leavers from England. James Johnson from Eton, Giles Tillotson from Sherborne, and James Brown from Rugby helped us until the end of May. James Johnson taught English and History besides handling the teaching of French to the entire JW, and Giles produced The English play for our JW concert. Mr. A. J. Wood, on transfer from the Primary Wing, took charge of cable House and the cubs. Unfortunately, he left us at the end of the year to join Barnes School, Devlali. We would like to thank all these gentlemen for their work. Mrs. Lobo, who was teaching English in a part-time capacity, decided to have a break and left us in May. Our thanks to her, too. Mrs. Mukhia taught Nepali and Mrs. Kamaljeet Singh looked after our library, besides teaching art to some classes, in a part-time capacity.

In work and games, and in multifarious things that are done on Wednesday afternoons and at weekends the year has been as active as usual. In games, the year has shown a normal pattern, with triumphs and disasters in about the right proportion to each other—that is to say, keeping us reasonably cheerful without getting too pleased with ourselves.

It is difficult to know where to start when talking about sport. Measured in the traditional manner, the highlight of the cross country season was the establishment in Inter-House Marathon of a new record by Ashique Ali (Ca) who completed the run in 12 min. 21 sec. Piara Singh (Be) competed with the SW boys in the Jr. Section and came first. Two JW athletes deserve a special mention here. Piara Singh (Be) came first in both 400 and 800 metre races and Abdul Qayyum Khadim (An) was first in high jump at the Inter-School Athletic Meet. At the School Meet, Abhijit Chatterjee (An) won the Victor Ludorum Cup in Class A and was awarded the Best Sportsman of the JW Prize on the Annual Speech Day.

This year the boys ran the JW Badminton tournament under the guidance of Mr. Stolke. Abhijit Chatterjee (An) was the winner and Amit Sinha (An), runner-up.

Cricket in 1979 had its moments of glory (and other moments too) and there is no doubt that standards continued to rise. Abhijit Chatterjee (An) was selected to play for C XI on the strength of his all-round performance as a batsman and opening bowler. This was quite a performance for a JW boy!

Our boys attended a rock-climbing course at the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute in October. The boys who were awarded certificates and badges were Tanvir Master, Kshaunish Sarkar, Inderpal Suri, Lathanzuala, Sandip Kapoor, Prem Samtani, Surendra Malla, Subrata Saha, Sandeep Harlalka, Budhadev Basu, Syed Ehteshan Haider, Syed Intesar Haider, Bimal Das, Sandeep Shetty, Ajit Azariah, Sandeep Sen and Rananjaya Shahi.

John Donne's declaration that "every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main", is particularly relevant to the life in the JW. Our boys participated in the Hindi, Bengali and Nepali concerts produced by the SW. Alok Parasrampuria (We) and Basav Ray Chaudhuri (An) were both placed third in the Inter-School Hindi and English Elocution Contests, respectively. At the JW level, we had two Inter-House contests. The following were the winners:

**English Debate** 

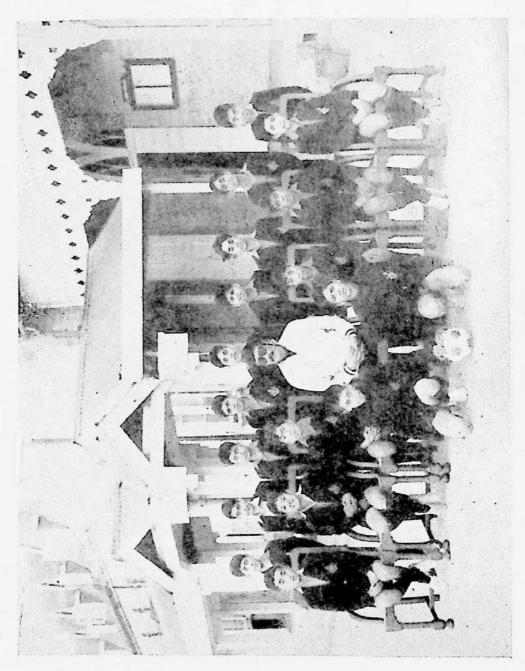
Carl Avari-Cooper (Ca)—I Zubin Medora (We)—II Alok Kanti (Be)—III Cable—Winners; Westcott—Runners-up

**English Elocution** 

Classes 4 and 5—Ranjan Kedia (Ca)—I Kaizad Irani (Ca)—I

Classes 6 and 7—Basav Roy Chaudhuri (An)—I Shiv Anand Lal (Ca)—II

The music goes from strength to strength and for this achievement we would like to thank Mrs. Moneesha Chaudhuri, Mr. Denzil Prince and Mr. Rufus Paul. Seven boys passed the Trinity College of Music Examination this year. These were—



JW Cricket Team

Zubin Medora (We)-Pass

Huzefa Akbarally (Be) and Sanjeev Tankha (An)-Merit

Bhavesh Karla, Aditya Sureka (both An), Shabbir Akbarally (Be), Kaizad Irani and Shiv Anand Lal (both Ca)—Honours

JW boys presented two musical evenings, and, judging by the audience which attended these from the PW and SW, they were reasonably successful.

Our band has, during the year, achieved great success. It made its presence felt at most school functions.

We had promising swimmers in Jaideep Grewal, Shabbir Akbarally, Huzefa Akbarally and Manish Chowdhury (ail Be) who helped the School in winning the Inter-School Burns' Shield.

The Annual Cubs Rally was held on 31st October on the Shrubbery grounds and was immensely successful. Rector and Mrs. Dang Spent some time there watching the activities and had lunch with us. Haathi Pack, led by Mrs. Kanti, was adjudged the best pack and awarded the penant. Sandip Kapoor was awarded the Best Head Sixer's Prize.

In social service our boys did not lag behind. Twice this year they donated food packets to mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity, and at Dewali they gave away sweets and other eatables to the bustee children.

This report will not be complete without recording our deep gratitude to Rector and Mrs. Dang for their help in many spheres of JW life. They also presented us two aquaria which helped in livening up things in the JW and encouraged our choir by inviting them to tea, and the homesick boys at the beginning of the year found a welcome home at the rectory.

I would like to end with something Head Masters too often forget, an expression of my thanks to the staff for their dedication.

## INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS MEET-1979

## PRIZE WINNERS

	First	Second	Time/ht/dis
Class D		Market Street	and the second
75 metres	P. Lochan	S. Wong	12.5 sec.
100 metres	P. Lochan	A. Bubna	16.6 sec.
Sack Race	S. Shetty	A Bubna	
Running Broad Jump		M Sinha	3.24 metres
Running High Jump	P. Lochan	D. Tenzing	
01		& G. Shaw	1.04 metres
Class C		D 01 -1	45.0
100 metres	S. Biswas	D. Ghosal	15.2 sec.
120 metres	D. Ghosal	S. Biswas	18.6 sec.
3-legged race	S. Biswas &	D. Ghosal &	
	M. Agarwal	R. Karam-	
D	D. Charal	chandani	3.81 metres
Running Broad Jump		A. Chatterjee I. Dass	1.11 metres
Running High Jump	S. Biswas	i. Dass	1.11 metres
Class B			
100 metres	S. Gupta	A. Bhansali	14 sec.
200 metres	A. Bhansali	S. Gupta	19.3 sec.
3-legged race	S. Sahu &	A. Kanti &	10.0 300.
3-legged race	A. Jagwani	J. Lahiri	
Running Broad Jump		A. Bhansali	4.30 metres
Running High Jump	V. Saraf	J. Ahmed	1.24.metres
maining riight Sump	v. Outui	o. / IIIIIoa	112 1111101110
Class A			
100 metres	A. Chatterjee	K. Narsingani	14 sec.
200 metres	K. Narsingani	A. Chatterjee	
400 metres	A. Ali	K. Narsingani	
Running Broad Jump	A. Chatteriee	A. Jain	4.44 metres
Running High Jump	A. Chatteriee	S. Tankha	1.31 metres
5 g		& N. Zafer	

## VICTOR LUDORUM—CLASS A

## Abhijit Chatterjee

4×100 metres relay	Betten	Anderson	57.1 sec.
Shuttle Relay	Anderson	Betten	

## J.W. ATHLETICS TROPHY

Anderson

#### **HOUSE NOTES**

#### ANDERSON

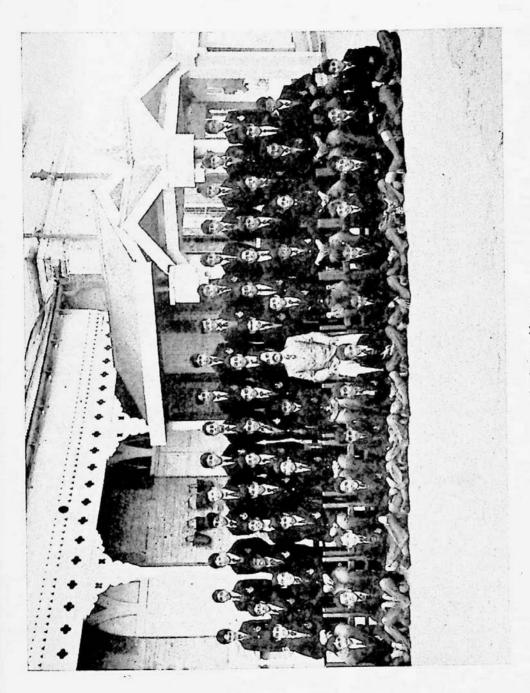
The brand new buses of the Darjeeling Syndicate came gently down the Goddard gradient and finally stopped on the grassless top-field of St Paul's. This final stoppage was going to be an eventful and nostalgic year for the fifty boys who were going to don the famous maroon tie which spells ANDERSON. Familiar faces yelled with delight to their second homecoming, to the chagrin of the new faces, still to wipe the final tears streaking down their home-fed and molly-coddled faces little knowing that November 22nd, '79 would bring pride and satisfaction to their troubled faces. A year's work, well fought and won honestly.

One has to begin somewhere and I feel it is most appropriate to start with cricket, a game played according to laws, a game termed by cynical people as boring, complicated, stupid, expensive and time consuming. This game has seen riots, state diplomacy and even clean fun. But we walked away without a blemish with the Cricket Cup. Abhijit Chatterjee, Alok Jain and Rajeev Tankha deserve special praise for their lion-hearted contribution to the House success.

Football followed immediately while we were still toasting our success at cricket. To prove that cricket was no flash in the pan; we romped home yards ahead of the other houses. Concerted anti-Anderson slogans could not deter the minds of the three teams fielded by our House. The more the cat-calls, better the goal average, till finally even our adversaries acknowledged our superiority by yielding the Football Cup with grace.

The marathon season came along and the Andersonians took this sport as just routine, something which needed stamina and strong muscle co-ordination which was not lacking in our boys. The whole house participated wholeheartedly and secured the first place.

Athletics season brings to a fitting climax the sporting events for the year. This year's running was an improvement on last year's, not in position but in points. We beat our previous best by a number of points. Special mention could be made of Padma Lochan, Debashis Ghosal, Abdul and Javed Khadim, Alok Jain and Abhijit Chatterjee. Abhijit won the Victor Ludorum Cup and was acknowledged the best athlete of the Junior Wing. Besides winning the Athletics Cup we also won the Shuttle-relay Cake, which proved that it was not because of the chosen few mentioned above that we won the Cup but through teamwork.



Academically, we had to give way to others, not because the house had brawn only, but only due to a few who carried their games to class and could not differentiate from the two. The House thanks the long list of boys who hit the 'charts' and brought points to the House. We also thank the boys who strove to the best of their ability but could not hit it, whereby forfeited points.

A number of Andersonians excelled in other activities like music, badminton, debates and table-tennis. Omission of Aditya Sureka, Rajeev Tankha, Bhavesh Karia, and Basav Ray Chaudhuri would be unpardonable on my part. Aditya Sureka heiped us in the book-room, cheerfully distributing books. Amit Sinha, 'Lumboo', constantly kept the boys and the teachers on their toes with his accurate bell-ringing.

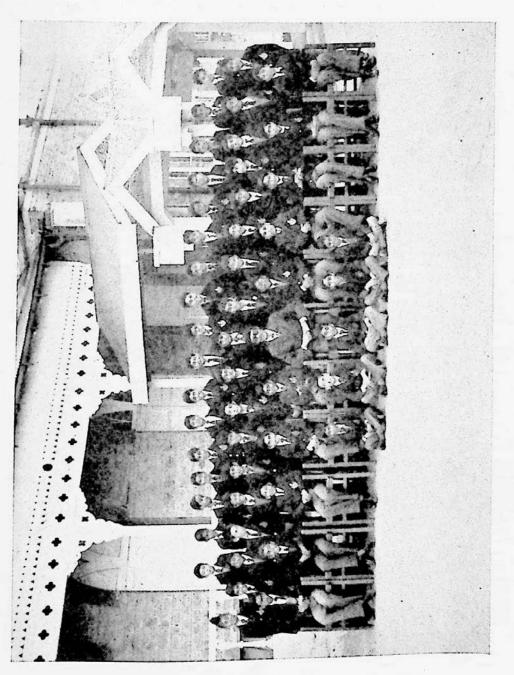
Alok Jain and Abhijit Chatterjee, the house monitors, commanded love and respect from the boys, so much so that when it came to the question of choosing the best house for the cup instituted this year by Mr. Bhatnagar for the House that was best disciplined, ANDERSON stood first! Well done!

P. T. Cup, the last but final Cup, was also won by our House, Abdul Khadim was adjudged the Best P. T. Commander.

22nd November, 1979, will be memorable in the minds of the Andersonians as this day the House was honoured with the Solomon Cup, the cup signifying the 'Best House' in the Junior Wing. This is the second year in succession that we have won this prestigious cup.

I would particularly miss a number of boys who will be in the Senior Wing next year. What I hope and pray is that the 'do or die, spirit which they have inherited from us, Andersonians, does not fade into insignificance, that they reach out for higher peaks in academics and sport so that one day they can look back to their formative years and thank the Almighty that they were fortunate to be in Anderson House.

H. N. S.



#### **BETTEN**

The year started on a promising note. We had fifty one boys to begin with but the final number was 50 with Aaron Sur leaving us in the middle of the year. With so many boys to choose from it was difficult to choose the monitors. Eventually Sanjay Gupta and Nasir Rahman were selected and they did a good job.

At cricket and football we were not able to do well and were placed 3rd and 2nd, respectively. But considering the team it was a remarkable achievement. The hockey team was a strong one and we had no problems in defeating others to get the Hockey Cup. They were ably supported by the 2nd XI who will be able to do well on the games field next year.

The athletic season started on a bright note. Piara Singh, Sanjay Gupta, Anil Bhansali, Kamal Narsinghani and Vinith Saraf were the outstanding athletes of the House. They were also selected to represent the school at the 17th Inter-School Athletics Meet where they did well. It was unfortunate that we lost to Anderson House the Athletics Trophy by a margin of 1 point. The boys have done well in academics, too. The hard work they have put in has enabled the House to get the Commendation Cup which we share with Cable House. Many boys were awarded special prizes for studies. To name a few, Piara Singh and Maneesh Choudhury were awarded the Progress and Application prizes. Shabbir Akbarally, Vikash Saraf and Vivek Saraf were awarded the first prize in their respective forms. Sanjay Gupta, the House Monitor, was awarded the most coveted award, the Naresh Shanmugam Memorial Prize for the best boy in Class 7 B. Our congratulations to all of them.

The outstanding boys were Maneesh Choudhury, Shabbir Akbarally, Jaideep Grewal and Huzefa Akbarally. Their efforts have gone a long way in helping the school retain the Inter-School Swimming Shield. I am sure they will be an asset to the school team in the future, too.

The boys took their P. T. seriously and came 2nd in the overall performance. My congratulations to them.

The general behaviour of the boys has improved by leaps and bounds. The new additional trophy for behaviour was keenly contested by the House and their effort has not gone in vain, it is another collection of trophies by the House.

I would like to take the privilege in wishing those who are leaving us, fond adieu, and for the rest, a very successful year to come !

P.T.

#### CABLE

It is rare that a House can keep up to its glory which it had the previous year. Boys keep constantly changing and hence the departments in which one excels normally alter.

1979 for Cable was a year which was devoted entirely to studies. Having toiled hard at this in the classroom they reaped the benefit by sharing the Commendation Cup with Betten. It would be an arduous task to name all those who contributed towards this but Class 7A as a whole did exceedingly well to better the prospects for this Cup.

There should be no doubt, however, that we did try hard on the games field and did so reasonably well. The Marathon season saw Ashique Ali at his best. By clocking 12 mins. 31 secs. he was able to break a long standing record. Rinchen Youser also did well by placing second which was also within the record time. Shib Roy and Surendra Malla fared well in the Senior—Junior Course.

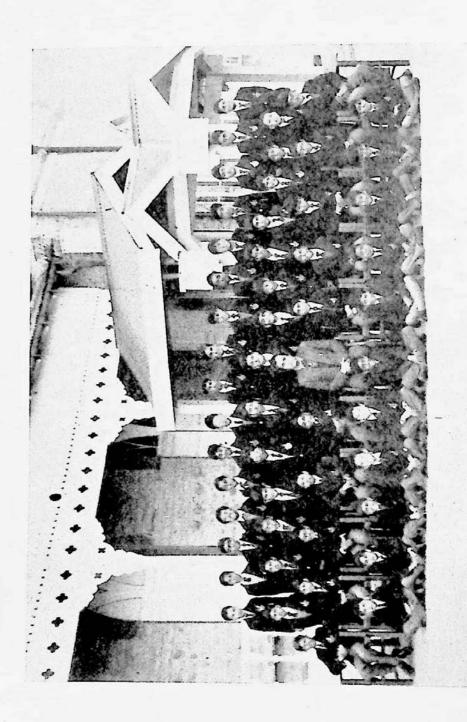
Carl Avari-Copper and Nimesh Patel jointly brought honours to the House by lifting the Inter-House Debating Cup; Carl Avari-Cooper was adjudged the best speaker.

Shiv Anand Lal and Kaizad Irani were awarded the Trinity College Certificates for pianoforte.

It is with a feeling of great nostalgia (to say the least) that I conclude the last report for Cable House. I have thoroughly enjoyed the seven years association with the Cableites and I guarantee my successor of their unending and untiring efforts to do their best.

My sincere thanks to both the monitors, Shib Roy and Puneet Burman, who did a marvellous job of their responsibility.

A. J. W.



#### WESTCOTT

At the close of this year Westcott House won the most coveted of ail trophies, the Classwork Trophy, which carries the maximum number of points. Congratulations to all members for their fine academic performance and more especially to the prize winners—Anjan Roy, Alok Parasrampuria, Shantanu Chakraborty, Amit Bubna, Sandeep Sen, Vinay Bothra, Ehsanul Hoque and Pranay Kumar. And added laurels came Westcott way by Sandeep Sen receiving the Jyoti Kundu Medal.

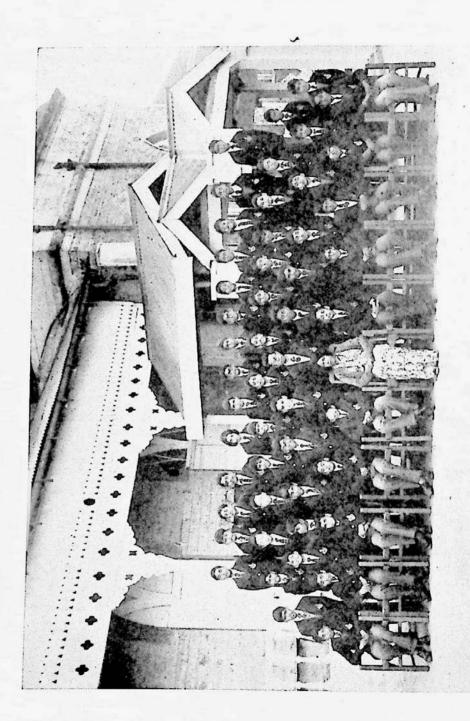
Our standard in P.T. improved tremendously as the year advanced, thanks to the tireless efforts put in by the two House Monitors, Anjan Roy and Jitendra Narayan, as well as to the excellent commanding performed by Zubin Medora. We were also a very close contender for the Debating Trophy. Zubin Medora was adjudged the second best speaker and was ably assisted by Ehtesham Haider. In both these events the House was placed second.

Gameswise, out of a total strength of 51, only 5 were rated for selection in a school team. These include Anjan Roy, Vivek Naidu, Iftikhar Alam, Dhamey Tenzing and Raju Thapa. Our field performances lacked oustanding potential; and the new entries in the House were rather disappointing in this area. Nevertheless, there appears to be a bright future for our plucky Third XI who were victorious in all their matches. Well done to you, Tenzing, and all the members of your team!

We were fairly successful at athletics. Sanjeev Biswas entered the finals in a number of events and contributed some valuable points. Milan Aggarwal and Sandeep Sahu stood first in the three-legged race and so did Sandeep Shetty in the sack race; while Indraneel Das stood second in high jump. But the most successful athletic performer was Amit Bubna who bagged three certificates for 100 metres, broad jump and sack race.

The rock climbing course at the H.M.I. was successfully attempted by Ehtesham Haider, Intesar Haider, Budha Basu, Sandeep Harlalka and Sandeep Sen, who were each awarded a certificate and badge.

Westcott House boys are known for their dependability and cheerfulness in assisting behind the scenes. Sanjay Sarkar was the Hospital Monitor for the whole year, while Zubin Medora distributed the mail each day. They both also played major roles in the J. W. Concert.



Finally, Westcott House bids a found farewell to House Monitors, Ardan Roy and Jitendra Narayan, and all Class VII boys; and we wish them every success and happiness in their future studies and activities.

E.R.M.

## **JUNIOR WING CUPS, 1979**

Athletics
Classwork
Commendations
Cricket
Debating
Hockey
Marathon
P.T.
Soccer
Lineup and dining room
behaviour
SOLOMON CUP

Anderson
Westcott
Betten and Cable
Anderson
Cable
Betten
Anderson
Anderson
Anderson
Anderson
Anderson
Anderson and Betten

Anderson

#### PRIMARY WING NOTES

In a year studded with events, each more deserving of record than the other, the primary yardstick for measuring of the success of these events are the children. We can, with no exaggeration, therefore, claim that 1979 has been an immensely successful year from every aspect and again the first credits go to the children without whose inimitable zest and eager enthusiasm nothing really succeeds.

To begin with, our first major event was the Annual Sports Day, held on 18th May. Major General M. Thomas, Director General of the N.C.C., presided over the proceedings and gave away the prizes. The Chief Guest was generous in his praise of the entire morning's programme and complimented organisers, as well as participants, on an effort that was sincere and well executed.

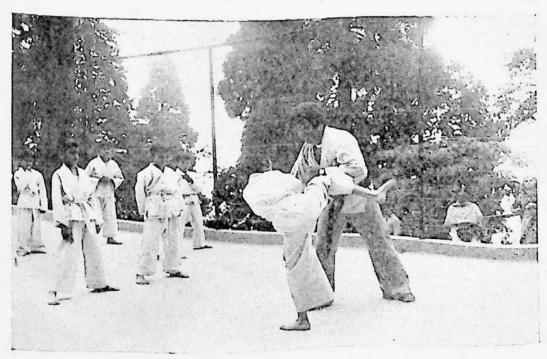
Following the Sports Day, came the School Concert on the 19th. This too, was a fluent production with each member of the Wing thoroughly involved and contributing. It is noteworthy that of the two awards for acting that Major General Thomas so kindly gave away, one was received by Vikaram Singha of Class IV B.



P.W. Concert



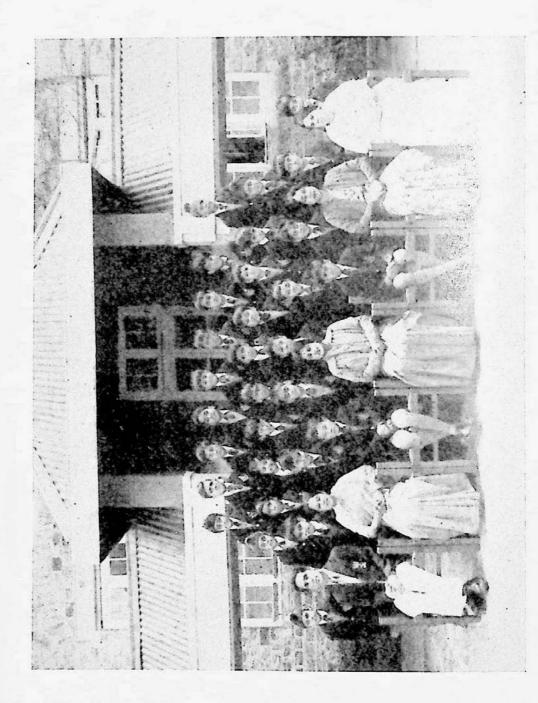
Karate in P.W.



S. Sutodia

The P.W. Staff, 1979





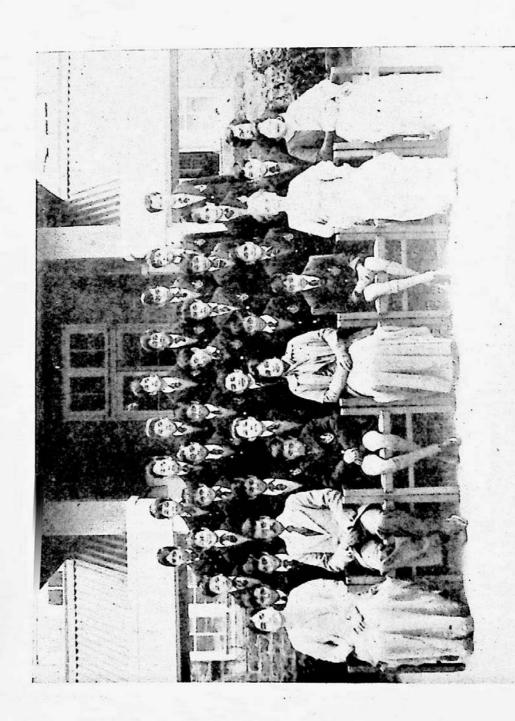
In order of chronological majority, the next big event was the exhibitions which were opened on 28th September, soon after the conclusion of the Senior Wing Sports. As exhibitions go this year's production was an eye-catcher with a difference. After the guests had been welcomed, which included Mr. & Mrs. Mudaliar of I.C.I., Bishop Bryan and Canon B. Manuel, they were taken on a tour of all the class exhibitions. On their way back, they were greeted by a Karate demonstration by thirty of our young initiates, complete with cries and kicks and jabs. Duly impressed, the guests then walked on towards the playroom and tea, when a squad of another thirty boys arrested attention by a really splendid P. T. display.

On 29th September, the prize winners went up to the Senior Wing to receive the prizes after speeches, from Bishop Bryan and returned thereafter to either go off with their parents for the Puja-break or to wait for the 2nd of October, when they left for Bagora for the excursion.

Of all these, however, the most significant event of the year was celebrated one quiet morning on 20th November. After a short but apt chapel service Bishop Ghose and the Rector led the congregation out to Carter's spur, where amidst an assembly of the entire school, the Bishop, ably assisted by Dipankar Kabra (Tz-Cl I), performed the formal rites of Ground-breaking for the new building of the Primary Wing. A long awaited hope was thus another step closer to realization.

It is always difficult to condense the happenings of any given year into a few written lines and more so for the year under review being 1979. Underscored all along by genuine hard work by all, in working towards the two terminal examinations, the Primary Wing has done the gamut of activities. There were picnics at Rangaroon, Tiger Hill and Lepcha Jagat, with nature walks in strange silent forests; there were rifle shooting and games and playing host to such distinguished visitors as Miss Jane Pollard, who judged our first ever attempt at debating and Mrs. Jaya Bachchan, who was probably the first important visitor to sample our May Concert. There were other concerts, less glamorous but no less enjoyable, prepared entirely by the children in one brief interval between lunch and tea; there were musical evenings, the foremost among which was at the Senior Wing with the whole school for an audience that could not help but marvel at the selection of percussion instruments; from bottles of water to a tea-chest with one twanging string.

And then of course, there were boxing and marathon, both executed for the first time in the Wing, and if the marathon was





somewhat overshadowed by the senior boys' run, the same can never be said of boxing. Not only was the event a first for the Wing, it was symbolic of rejuvenating the sport in the rest of the school. The finals were conducted in the Prep Hall on a specially manufactured standard size ring and the hall looked that evening of the 30th of September as it never had before. Taposh Saha was adjudged the best boxer of 1979, Sanjay Acharya as the best loser, and Hillary as the winning house. Mr. David Howard gave away the prizes. In this context, it is only fitting to mention that the passing away of Canon LeBlond was and still is a keenly felt loss with all of us at Primary Wing and his relationship with the children always something very much valued. While on subject of staff, there were several changes this year beginning with Allan and Colleen Wood who returned to the Junior Wing and were replaced by Kabir and Kamini Mustafi as house-master and hall-mistress of the Wing, respectively. Then Miss Isabel Wolff, who was here on a brief teaching stint from Rugby, returned to England in the third week of April; Miss Jayashree Prasad left us shortly after to marry Major I. J. Singh, and Mr. Harindar Singh joined us at the end of the month. In the month of May, Mrs. Shrilekha Palit took over as class teacher of II A and Mr. Michael Enos entered the portals of the Wing soon after to assume his responsibilities among many other things, as Hallmaster and a teacher. Mrs. Phyllis Prince, after long and competent service, took over as caterer in Senior Wing, leaving Mrs. A. Rylands to very ably manage the matron department, assisted by Miss Madhumaya Chhetri, as well as the catering. Last but not the least, is the departure of Mrs. Colleen Wood. The Woods, owing to the ill health of their children, have left St. Paul's for warmer climes and the loss of Mrs. Wood's efficient contributions to the classroom and outside is going to take some getting over.

This then rests as a summary for all that 1979 entailed and carried and let it not be said that life in the Primary Wing is either slow or dull.

## PRIMARY WING ANNUAL SPORTS

## **Prize Winners**

'A' DIVISION			
100 metres 150 metres 200 metres Broad Jump High Jump	First S. Kedia S. Kedia S. Kedia L. Lama T. Lepcha	Second T. Lepcha L. Lama L. Lama T. Lepcha S. Subba	Time/dis/ht. 17.3 sec. 27.2 sec. 27.2 sec. 3.23 metres 3'-5"
'B' DIVISION 50 metres 100 metres 150 metres Broad Jump High Jump	V. Shah V. Shah V. Shah V. Shah V. Shah	P. Jaiswal P. Jaiswal R. Singh R. Prasad R. Prasad and N. Ganeriwal	8.5 sec. 18.2 sec. 28 sec. 3.16 metres 3'
'C' DIVISION 50 metres 100 metres Broad Jump Sack Race High Jump	S. Acharya S. Agarwal P. Kothari B. Goenka A. Ali	S. Topgay S. Acharya S. Acharya J. Ahmed P. Kothari	9.1 sec. 2.69 metres 13.45 sec. 2'—11"
'D' DIVISION 25 metres 50 metres Broad Jump High Jump	N. Jaiswal N. Rana J. Dar M. Gupta	J. Dar N. Tshering N. Rana N. Rana	5.6 sec. 10.1 sec. 2.35 metres 2'—6"
Inter-House Relay 4×60 metres 18×50 metres (shuttle)	s Hillary Hunt	Everest Tenzing	25.25 sec. 2 min. 54.8 sec.
Champion House Runners- up Best Athlete	Tenzing Hillary Vikash Shah		



S. Sutodia

Rev. Ghose with Rector at the PW 'Breaking of Ground'
Ceremony

## **AWARDS FOR 1979**

Cricket
March-past
Football
Athletics
P.T.
Best P.T. Squad Commander
Marathon
1st in Marathon
2nd ,, ,,
3rd ,, ,,
Boxing
Class-work
Best All-rounder
Eden Cup
(for the Best House)

Hunt
Hillary
Hunt
Tenzing
Hunt
Lepcha Tshering
Hunt
Kishan Garg
Vikash Shah
Sandeep Kedia
Hillary
Tenzing
Chayan Mehra
Hunt

#### **OLD PAULITES' NEWS**

Ruben Ahmed (CI-'76) is a student of Coye's School, London.

Mac Chaytor (Hs-'45) has come back to India as Chairman, Jokai (Assam) Tea Company Ltd., and is stationed in Calcutta.

Vijay Chibber (CI-'69) joined the India Administrative Service. He is in Manipur cadre.

John Claman (1915) is writing his biography. He now lives at 10363, North Kendall Drive, Miami, Florida, USA.

A. R. S. Doha (Lw-'43) is presently the Bangladesh ambassador to the court of St. James, London.

Farok Irani (Lw-'58) is the Chief Executive of the First Leasing Company of India, 749, Mount Road, Madras 600002, Tamil Nadu.

John Jacob (Lw-'40) is the General Secretary for India, Scripture Union, CSSM, and lives in John's Parsonage, Bangalore-5, Karnataka.

Rajiv Jaitly (Hv-'77) is reading agricultural science at the Panjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab. He has been awarded a merit scholarship for three years.

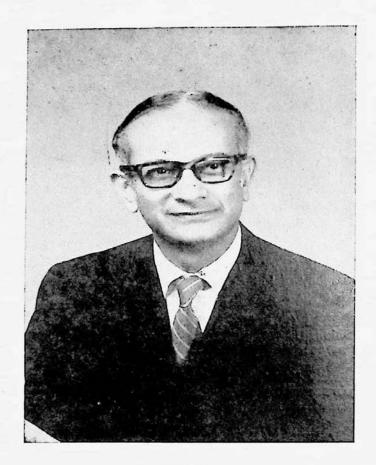
S. V. S. Juneja (Hs-'44) is in the Indian Administrative Service. He is presently the Joint Secretary of the Department of Economic Affairs, Union Ministry of Finance.

Rajendra Kabra (Ca-'67) has donated to the School Rs. 20000/- for its 1978 Project Fund.

Subir Munshi (Hv-'67) is the Deputy Marketing Manager, Tea Trading Corporation of India, Calcutta.

Harish Naidu (Lw-'68) is the Area Sales Supervisor, Minimax.

Maj. Gen. Monty Palit (Hv-'37) has written, in collaboration with Mr. Namboodri, a book, Pakistan's Islamic Bomb, which deals with Pakistan's secret nuclear programme. The book, priced at Rs. 30/-, is published by Vikas Publishing House (P) Ltd., New Delhi.



Dr. Rustom Roy

Fourteen Indian-born Americans who have achieved international recognition for their achievements in science and the arts were honoured in Washington DC, USA, on June 27th "with esteem and affection from the people of India". The event was the last official function of India's ambassador to the USA, Mr. Nani Palkhivala. His motivation, as he expressed it, was to "let the glory of Indian talent in the USA" know that the motherland is proud of its sons. One of those honoured at this function was Rustom Roy (Lw-'37), scientific consultant to leading US Corporations, who is also director of Pennsylvania State University's materials research laboratory. Rustom has just been appointed Hibbert Lecturer at Oxford, a post previously held by Rabindranath Tagore and Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan.

Dilip Saraf (Lw-'75) married Saroj Jhunjhunwala on February 1st.

Jamshyd Sethna (Hs-'69) is the Marketing Manager, Travel Corporation of India, Bombay.

Sidhartha Sinha (Lw-'73) is serving his internship at Patna Medical College, Patna, Bihar.

Haik Sookias (Lw-'75) completed 'A' Levels from Haileybury and is presently reading business administration at the University of Bradford, England.

Michel Rumi Vacha (Be-'64) is working with the celebrated pianist Marcela Crudelli of the Conservatoire Santa Cecilia, Rome, under the grant of a scholarship awarded by the Italian Government. He recently gave a pianoforte recital at India International Centre, New Delhi. This was followed by two successful recitals at Poona and Bombay, with the local press giving account of his musical career and commenting on his effective contabile and fluency in rendering Chopin" and on the "brisk tempo adding to the excitement in Brahms" Rhapsody Op 79. No. 2." Paulites would be interested to know that Michel has won an open scholarship at the prestigious Academia della Santa Cecilia in Rome. The selection was made by a panel of twelve judges, and pianists from all over the world competed. The music critic of India Today remarked, "Will Michel Vacha make it right to the top, like his compatriot Zubin Mehta?" In Geneva he played before the famous Henri Gautier who encouraged him to take up professional playing. He was invited to play before a distinguished audience from the embassies in New Delhi. At the end of the concert, the French ambassador observed, "You have the touch of Alfred Cortot." He was awarded a diploma for excellent performance at the National Music Festival at Velletri, Italy. He was concertised in Rome and Geneva, and is booked to play at the National Music Festival, Udine, Italy, and Belgrade, Yugoslavia, with an orchestra from Rome. He has been invited to play by Zubin Mehta in Florence, Italy, in February, 1980. Besides music, Michel has a gift for languages. He graduated with honours in French, Spanish, Italian and Russian from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

## OLD PAULITE ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL REPORT, 1978-79

I am happy to report that your association is alive and well even though we may not have achieved everything we charted for ourselves at the beginning of the year. Even accepting the fact that there are valid reasons for this apparent non-fulfilment of our objectives, the reality is that there was a lot we could have done but could not. This is where the inherent weakness of our association has come to the fore this year and that is the point I particularly wish to stress in this report.

It is no secret that the affairs of the association have been conducted over the years by a very small bunch of Old Paulites who probably have more dedication than time to spare. The result has beer that all OPA activities have depended solely on these few people to get things going and kept alive. These are the people who organize services as Vocational Guidance and Social Service and get-togethers like the annual dinner-dances. When, as it bound to happen, these same people cannot devote the necessary time to a certain activity due to the fact that there are no other Old Paulites willing to undertake the responsibility of being involved, we cannot do much.

This lack of involvement on the part of the younger generation of Old Paulites is of great concern to all the members. The affairs of the Old Paulite Association should be of interest to them and there must be many amongst its ranks who can surely devote some time to keep it actively involved for the benefit of all. We appeal to the new generation of Old Paulites to come forward and associate themselves actively with the objectives of the association and help to rejuvenate its activities. After all, the future of the association lies in the hands of the younger members and it is left to the more experienced senior members to groom them to look after a worthy cause. If we all did not agree to the usefulness of the purpose, there would be no Old Paulite Association today. As I have said before, I have deliberately mentioned this aspect of lack of involvement because the association suffered in 1979 due to this very cause.

The Executive Committee had embarked on various programmes for the benefit of its members but they were all stalled because those entrusted with their organization were unable to devote any time and others were unwilling to undertake the responsibilities. As a result, the drive for the Scholarship Fund has barely got off the ground and we are yet to endow the first OPA scholarship. Surely this should be of interest to all Old Paulites because

it is their sons who would stand to benefit. Not all Old Paulites can afford to send their sons to St. Paul's School and there must be many amongst them who are deserving of the opportunity. It is sad to record that our appeals, directed at individuals through letters, and to all the members through The Paulite, did not attract a single response. If we are to raise money through special efforts such as film premieres, etc., then a lot of effort is involved and it can never be successful unless many members come forward to do something. It can be achieved quite easily but a little help from all is desperately required.

For the same reasons we were unable to organize the Annual Dinner-Dance last year and we hope that we shall not continue to forfeit these important get-togethers by default in future.

The financial position of the association will be presented to you in detail by our treasurer. Since we had very little expenditure due to lack of activities, the position is healthy and the next committee will have to decide how to invest the surplus towards the Scholarship Fund.

A roster of the latest available addresses of Old Paulites is in the process of being drawn up and up-dated. This is very important to both the association and to St. Paul's School. The Rector, Mr. Hari Dang, is very keen that we have this available at the earliest and we require the help of all the members to tackle this task. Please inform us of any change in address of the knowledge of the whereabouts of any forgotten Old Paulites. Mr. Dang takes a very active interest in the association and certainly keeps me on my toes with his ideas. I am sure he will have something to tell you himself and we look forward to his advice and counsel on all things pertaining to the Old Paulite Association.

Our thanks to Kumar V. C. Lall and Mr. Raj Naidu, two of our senior Vice-Presidents, who have presided over the monthly OPA Executive Committee meetings and have been largely instrumental in determining the goals for the OPA.

Before concluding, I would like to express my gratitude and thanks to all the members of the outgoing Committee who have helped me with their cooperation in running the affairs of your association and I appeal, once again, to all of you to come forward and lend a helping hand to keep your interests alive and active.

We all look forward to the 80's as a decade of challenge to the Old Paulite Association.

DILIP CHATTERJEE Secretary

#### CHAPEL NOTES

As I write these notes I recall with affection the person who always wrote them year after year, the Rev. Cannon Kenneth Oscar LeBlond, our school chaplain, who died on 19th September and now sleeps with Jesus. His mortal remains lie on our knoll near the chapel which he loved. Generations of Paulites will remember him with love. Those of us who were here in September were dumbfounded when the news came up from the D & DMA. It took time to accept that 'Padre' was no more with us. Yet, amidst our grief we realise that "death is only an horizon, and an horizon is nothing, save the limit of our sight". Bishop Ghose conducted the funeral service on 20th September assisted by Rev. Kundu and Rev. Johnston. Bishop Bryan conducted a special memorial service for his old friend who was once the Parish Priest of St. Andrew's Church, Darjeeling, To Mrs. Gwen LeBlond goes our deepest sympathy in her bereavement. She is still with us here at school and will remain our honoured friend.

The first great season in the year was Easter. The chapel was beautifully decorated by the 'malis' who always do such a splendid job. They rose to the occasion once again for the carol services at the end of the year. Our thanks to Mr. Taylor of Ging T. E. for sending us those beautiful arum lillies and poinsettias at the appropriate seasons. The choir also did their best over the year and helped make the services interesting. Under the capable guidance of Mr. Denzil Prince, our choirmaster, and Mr. Rufus Paul, our organist, the musical aspects of the services were well handled. The staff 'trio' sang many anthems for matins and this seemed a popular variation. The choir itself gave of its talents at a special 'Choir Sunday' service at St. Andrew's Church. They did well.

The 'Commemoration Service' held on Speech Day, was conducted by Bishop Bryan with Rev. Canon Manuel as our preacher. The Memorial Service was read for Lord Mountbatten, Mr. J. P. Narayan and Mr. K. Lama's father, who passed away suddenly. To the families of all these go our deepest sympathies. On 20th November we held a special service for the 'Breaking of Ground' of the new Primary Wing Project that is to start this winter. Bishop Ghose officiated and we look forward in excitement to the new buildings which will ultimately house the Primary Wing which is currently housed at 'Edenfalls' the erstwhile St. Andrew's School. The moving spirits behind this project are Mr. and Mrs. Dang, and it is indicative of their acceptance of our ethos that their first thoughts should be to ask God's blessings on the new venture.

The Carol Services were, as usual, excellent. The Primary Wing were unable to hold a chapel service as such, but, far more appropriately, organised for themselves an evening of Carols and Christmas songs on their last day of the term. Their newly founded choir was cherubic to look at and sang with great control under the guidance of Mrs. Hilla Avari. The Junior choir, under the capable guidance of Mr. Paul, sang brilliantly for the Junior Wing Carol Service. The boys sang in two-part harmony with a delicate softness that gave their carols great meaning. Particularly attractive was the song, 'The Drummer Boy', a song with an interesting time and very appropriate for the occasion. Most commendable of all was the unfaltering precision which the Junior Choir displayed in continuing to sing inspite of repeated power failures when our electric Hammond organ automatically cuts off. At the Senior Carol Service we had an interesting variation with the Yule Candle being carried down the aisle to represent the 'Light of the World' entering. The Senior Wing Choir is large but there is a distinct lack of treble voices to counterbalance the powerful tenors and basses. This is a problem that began to occur when the Class VII boys moved away to the Junior Wing. It goes to the credit of Mr. Prince that his choice of carols was ideally suited to the lower voices and thus the problem was overcome.

This year we had some illustrious names amongst our preachers at Sunday matins, Mr. Mohan Mukherjee, Father Standford, Father Burns, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Bishop Blair, Father Thorman, Bishop Ghose and Rev. Kundu. To each of these we extend our thanks. A special word of thanks goes to Rev. Kundu, Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Darjeeling, who so willingly came up to serve us Holy Communion on Fridays and who conducted our Carol Services at the end of the term.

If our chapel services are well organised, and the chapel is always beautiful (as I am assured it always is) then the entire credit goes to those splendid boys, the chapel wardens. Under the guidance of P.C. Roy this group of eight boys worked quietly and untiringly throughout the year. I can pay them no higher tribute than to assure them that the service given of love earns the highest rewards from our Heavenly Father. Thank you for your splendid efforts.

D.A.H.

## CHAPEL ACCOUNT-1979

# Receipt and Payment account for the year ended 31st December, 1979

	RECEIPT:	Rs.	Rs.
To	Opening Balance	2,964.35	
"	School Chapel Collection	3,557.96	
"	Collection for Gym. Display Interest earned during the year	1,172.35 184.42	
"	Interest earned during the year	104.42	7,879.08
			7,573.00
	PAYMENTS		
Ву	- Coinil Board		
Бу	Darjeeling	252.00	
	Anand Mission Ashram, Nagpur	51.00	
"	N.P.A.A. (Children's Park)	151.00	
"	The Bengal Tuberculosis Associa-		
"	tion	50.00	
	President, India Sunday School		
"	Union	100.00	
	Mary Scott Home for the Blind,	1 - 2 - 2 - 2	
"	Kalimpong	300.00	
	Bishop of Calcutta Discretionary		
"	Fund	500.00	
	Church of North India, Calcutta		
"	Diocesan Trust Association	500.00	
	Suri Deaf & Dumb School	200.00	
"	The Bible Society of India, Dar-		
"	jeeling	100.00	
	Society for the Protection of		
"	Children in India	200.00	
,,	Calcutta Deaf & Dumb School	200.00	
"	Calcutta Blind School	200.00	
	Premananda Leprosy Dispen-		
"	saries	400.00	
	Gorkha Dukha Nivarak Sammelan	150.00	
"	Nepali Sahitya Sammelan	250.00	
"	Oxford Mission School, Calcutta	300.00	
	Missionaries of Charity, Mother	000.00	
"	Teresa's Orphanage, Darjeeling	400.00	
,,	The Treasurer, Leprosy Society	300.00	
	Women's Child Welfare Commi-	000.00	
"	ttee, Darjeeling	300.00	
100	Busti Children's Winter Comfort	1,398.20	
"	- Community Transcription	1,000.20	6,302.20
	Balance in hand		1,576.88
			7.070,00
			7,879.08

## SALVETE

Class 11

Subhashish Bhowmik
Sanjoy Bose
Yogdeep Gurung
Vinay Johri
Poninder Kumar
Ashutosh Misra
Pawan Pradhan
Harsha Prakash
Ashish Sen
Snehajit Sengupta
Praveen Man Shreshta
i-jarshavardhan Varma

Class 10

Ramananda Sengupta Vikash Sontakay

Class 9

Mayank Bubna Robert Clark Sumit Mitra Rajashree Mukherjee Mahesh Pradhan Daniel Rana Sandeep Seth

Class 8

Lokenath Ghosh Bijou Lulla Ajoy Malhotra Phultso Namgay Adusumilli V.S. Prasad Ramanabha Sengupta

Class7

Jibesh Advani
Bharat Bajoria
Himanshu Bhartiya
Subrata Chakraborty
Dibakar Deb
Umesh Desai
Ravi Ghosh
Tarep Imchen
Gopal Anand Iyer
Ravi Jagtiani

Arjun Kapoor Lalthanzuala Sudip Mitra Shouvik Mukherjee Varun Naidu Sanjay Nangia Nimesh Patel Arindam Sengupta Amit Sinha

Class 6

Shabbir Akbarally
Shantanu Chakraborty
Apaarjeet Chopra
Bharat Karia
Anurag Kedia
Mohit Khanna
Craig Larkins
Keshav Sharma
Manharan Singh
Anunaya Sinha

Class 5

Huzefa Akbarally Bhairav Bhagwanji Ambrish Brahma Kaizad Irani Syed Fayyaz Lateef Ranit Mitra J. Chaitanya Rao Vikash Saraf Gautam Shaw

Class 4

Anup Acharya
Amitabh Agarwala
Raj Kumar Agarwal
Syed Nadeem Akhtar
Pranit Banerjee
Pratim Banerjee
Raja Banerjee
Sanjay Bhartiya
Suman Biswas
Ravi Budhia
Suman Chandra
Janjyoti Changkakoty
Parthatosh Chatterjee
Sudeep Chowdhury

Devender Dondona Ehsan-ul-Hoque Dynshaw Italia Naresh Jagtiani Gauranga Jalan Bharat Kapoor Chayan Mehra Sanjeev Mehra Aditya Modi Saikat Mozumdar Rajeev Pathria Karamjeet Puri Ripu Sain Rakesh Sanghvi Manish Shahi Sandeep Shetty Sean Simons Vikram Singh Suman Subba Suman Thapa Lakpa Tshering Lepcha Tshering Ashish Todi Sharab Tonyot

#### Class 3

Kaiwan Ferzandi Mahesh Goyal Ashish Kajaria Manish Khanna Vikash Mehra Suman Misra Sugato Palit Rajesh Saharia Jay Shah Naveen Shrimali Anuneet Sinha Manish Varma

## Class 2

Sanjay Acharya Girish Agarwal Irfan Ahmed Asghar Ali Hemant Coomar Aseem Dutt Debanjan Ghosh Samir Gidwani Mayank Modi Subbo Narayan Poddar Vishal Raina Raja Ray Sunil Saraf Manpreet Singh Gurdeep Soni Dipendra Subba Prabhakar Thapa

## Class 1

Mohit Agarwal Sanjay Agarwal Atisha Baneriee Amitabh Bisht Siddhartha Chaliha Kunga Dorii Mrinal Dutt Manish Gupta Dipankar Kabra Vishu Lama Prashant Maheshka Rajeev Manandhar Suyas Prasad Neeraj Rana Debashis Saha Somenath Saha Pankaj Shah Ripundam Shahi Vijay Singh Preetpal Soni Tashi Doma Tshering Vishal Varma

#### VALETE

## Class 12

Biraj Adhikari Arun Agarwal Avijit Bakshi Bashab Banerjee Dipankar Banerjee Sanjib Banerjee Nilim Baruah Deepak Chandha Darius Chenai Dalim Chowdhury Dick Dadul

Pritam Ghosh Dhruva Guha-Sircar Saneer Gurung Jagir Jabbal Jagjot Khandpur Debashish Kundu Raj Lachchiramka Rajeev Malhotra Purushottam Mintri Mainak Mukhopadhyay Praveer Murari Phillip George Phillip Jamil Rahman Sunil Saraf Abhijit Sen Soumitra Sharma Sunit Sikri Amresh Sinha Suraj Vaidya

## Class 11

Vinay Johri Inamul Ghaffar Jabbar Poninder Kumar Pravesh Lakhmani Sunil Sahu

## Class 10

Ashik Ajmera Pratip Banerjee Kailash Bhawnani Anirudha Bonnerjee Gautam Borooah Amit Chakraborti Daniel Ghaznavi Asghar Hussain Zubin Irani Md. Faizul Islam Mahesh Jalan Joseph K. Joseph Sudip Kundu Kabir Master Sanjay Mehrotra Deepak Mittal Shantanu Mookherjee Ashley Nagpal Vikram Naharwar Sodhan Patel Madhukar Shrivastava Diwakar Sinha Vikash Sontakey

## Class 9

Subarno Chattarji Robert Clark

## Class 8

Chencho Dorji Pawan Gandhi AVSR Prasad Kafiluddin Yousuf

## Class 7

Bharat Bajoria Abdul Qayyum Khadim Surendra Malla Ashwini More

## Class 6

Ajit Azariah Anurag Kedia Ajay Mehta Basav Ray Chaudhuri Rinchen Youser

## Class 5

Suvra Basu Chandra Lama Ugyen Lhendrup Tanvir Master

## Class 4

Saurav Bhagowati Sandeep Chowdhury Chiradeep Sircar Raghuvendra Singh Aaron Sur

## Class 3

Suthep Chawla Vikash Mehra

Rev. Canon Kenneth Oscar LeBlond



"Now therefore fear the Lord and serve Him In sincerity and truth" (Josh. 24:14)

Canon Kenneth O LeBlond passed away quietly on the 19th September 1979, after a short illness, in his 73rd year.

He breathed his last soon after receiving the Sacraments at the hand of Rt. Rev. J. E. Ghose, Bishop of Darjeeling, and in the presence of his beloved wife Gwen, Rev. L. M. Kundu, Mr. Dang, Rector of St. Paul's, and other friends.

During his whole life Kenneth tried to serve his Lord Jesus Christ, in sincerity and truth.

Born on the 16th December, 1905, after finishing School, at St. Peter's, Bombay, Kenneth proceeded to England for further studies, but had to return to India, before the qualifying examination for the B. A. Degree, on receiving the news of his father's grave illness and subsequent death, when the burden of educating his younger brothers fell upon him.

He eventually received his B.A. Degree from London, and teacher's Diploma from Edinburgh.

Kenneth taught in many Schools in India. While teaching at St. Pater's, Panchgani, he fell in love with Gwen Williams and they were married in Poona in 1934. He taught for 9 years in Lawrence Military School, Mount Abu, Bishop Cotton School, Bangalore, and was Head Master, Bishop Cotton School, Nagpur.

During these years, Kenneth felt the call of the ministry of the Church, and proceeded to Bishop's College, Calcutta, for his theological studies. He was ordained Deacon in 1950 and Priest in 1951.

After his ordination, Kenneth ministered in the Dioceses of Nasik and Calcutta, before noming up to Darjeeling as the Chaplain of St. Andrew's Charoli, which was then under the Diocese of Barrackpore.

He was made a Canon of the Bartholomew's Cathedral, Barrackpore in 1962, by Fit. Rev. R. Bryan, Bishop of Barrackpore, and was appointed the Rural Dean for the Darjeeling District. Apart from the care of the congregation of the St. Andrew's Church, Kenneth taught French and Divinity at St. Paul's and ministered to various Churches of the Anglican Communion in the Darjeeling District.

On the inauguration of the Church of North India, in 1970, and creation of the New Diocese of Darjeeling, Kenneth joined St. Paul's School as the School Chaplain, Although I knew him since 1956, and he had prepared our 5 children for confirmation, it was only when I came to work in Darjeeling, that we were drawn closer. He was always gentle and understanding, and always ready to take my service at St. Andrew's when I had to go away for short periods on mission work. He had a great love for the children, and many times I have watched small boys of the school running upto him saying "Padre, bless me" irrespective of their caste or creed. As Kenneth would touch their heads and bless them. he would smile at me and sometimes say "He is one of the good naughty ones". Now why did the boys look up to him so lovingly and seek his blessing? It is because they had realised that here was a good man who loved them, who feared God and served Him in sincerity and truth.

Kenneth was to serve for another year in the School, but in God's providence, he was called home to serve in higher realms, for death is not the finality, but it is the door to a new life of service.

Kenneth's body was laid to rest, fittingly on the knoll behind the Chapel. The funeral service was conducted by Bishop Ghose, assisted by Rev. L. M. findu. It seemed all Darjeeling was present at the service to per their last respect to the man whom they had loved and who had won their hearts by his Christian living.

A memorial service was conducted by Pt. Rev. R. Bryan in the School Chapel, attended by the whole school and many friends.

So passed Kenneth O. LeBlond to his well earned rest and I am sure he received the welcome in heaven, "Welcome thou faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord".

Our sympathies go out to Mrs. Gwen LeBlond who has borne the separation from her life-long companion and beloved husband with great fortitude. She continues to live in the School, loved by and students, longing for the day when she too will enter her rest and be re-united with her beloved husband.

"For they that love beyond the world,
Cannot be separated by it.

Death cannot kill, what never dies,
Nor can spirits ever be divided,
That love and live in God,
The root and record of their friendship.
Death is but crossing the world,
As friends do the seas.

Love, having its source and being in God Is ever present and Immortal."

REV. L. M. KUNDU