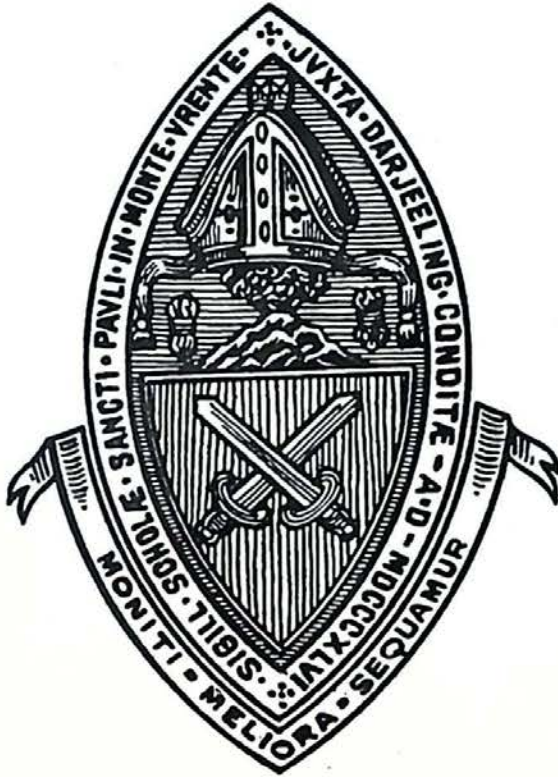


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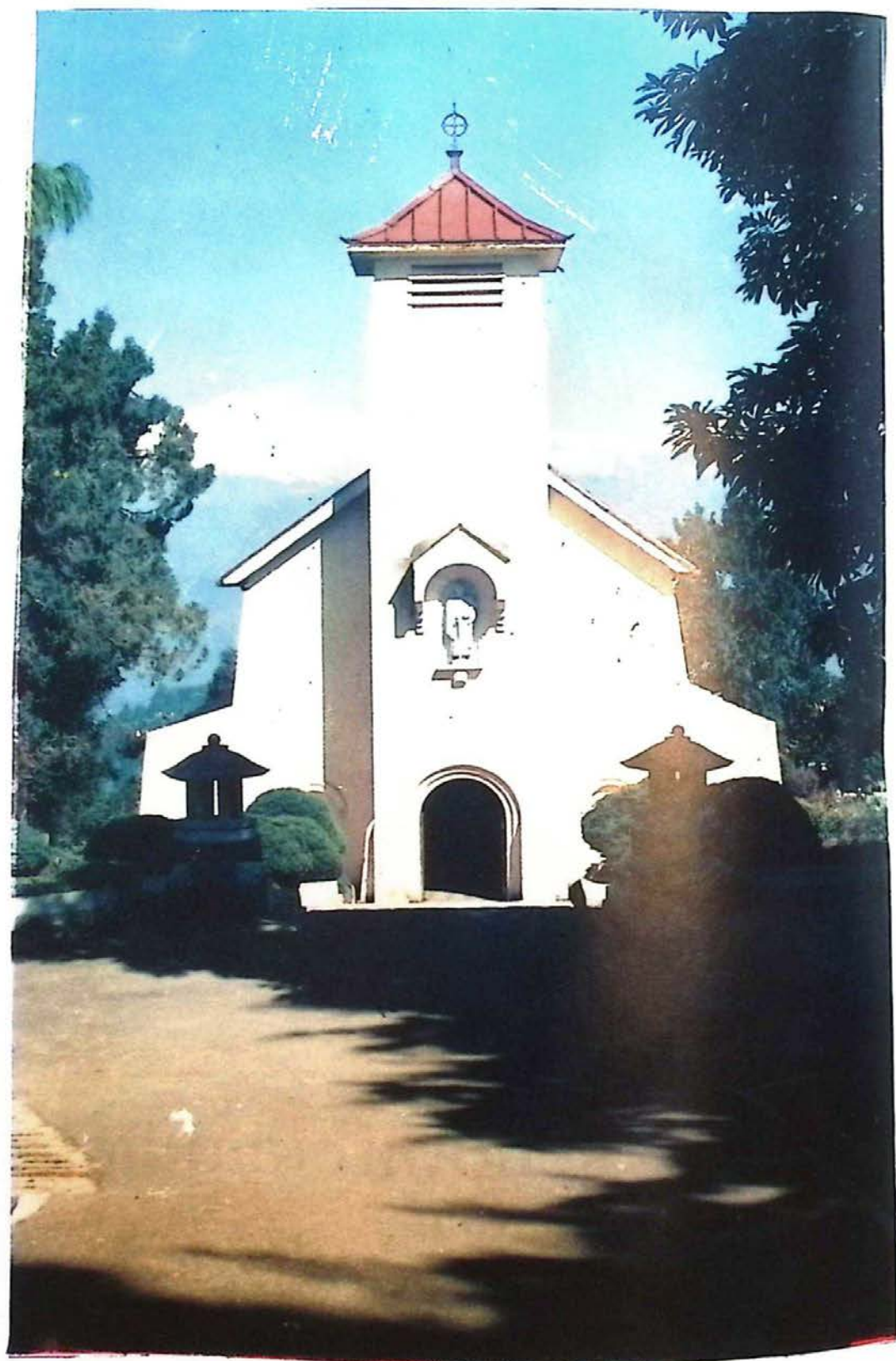


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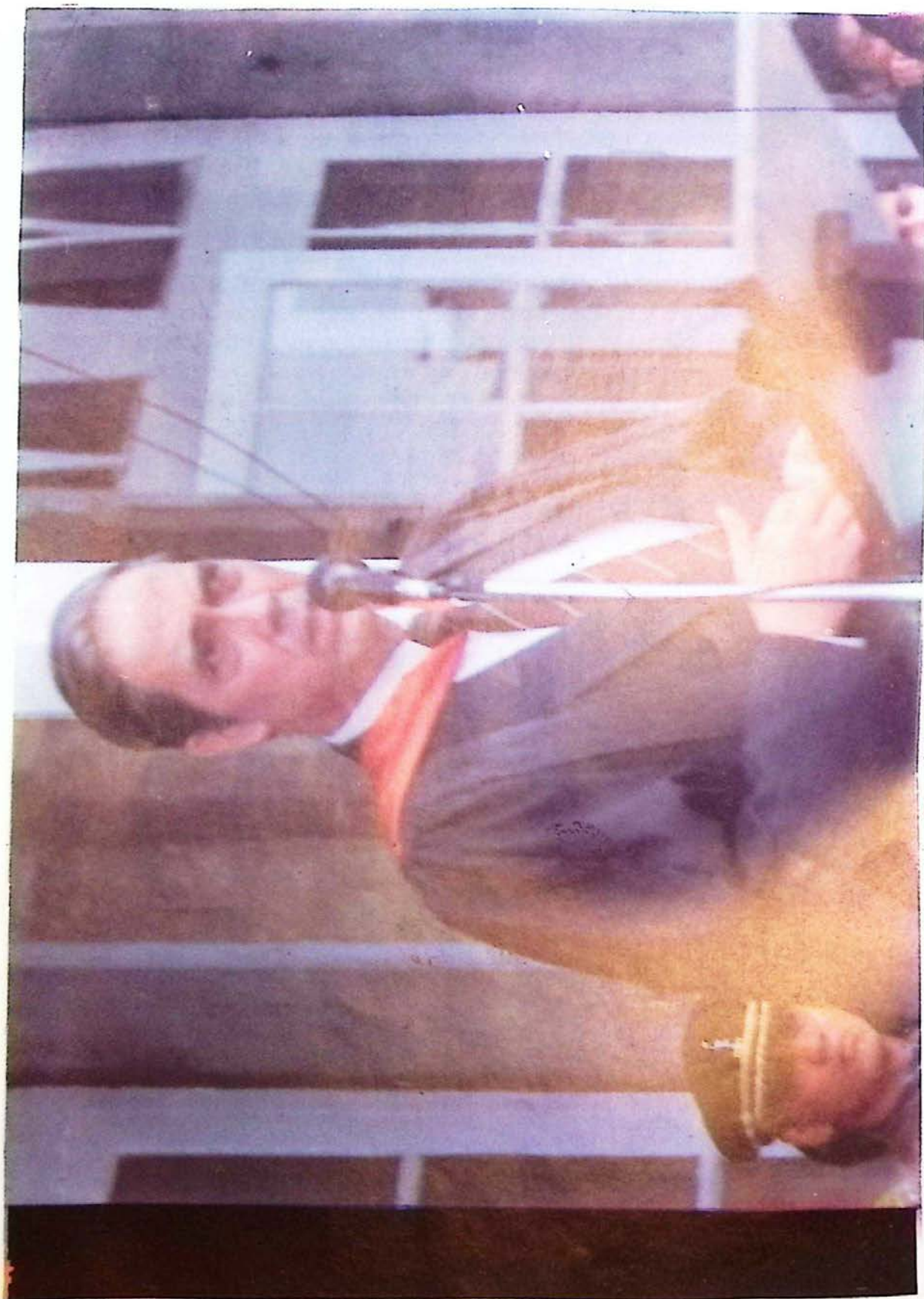


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The School Chapel



Rector - Mr. D. A. Howard

From the Rector's Desk

The year of 1996 under review saw this democracy of India conduct one of the most gigantic exercises in its electoral process. The fact that millions of people can be mobilised successfully to vote in a peaceful manner is an achievement in itself. Unfortunately, it appears that no single party could form a substantive majority on its own and this had led to another coalition government. One hopes that we have learnt from our past mistakes and that this new venture will be successful for our country.

Closer at school we have gone through the year without an Estate Manager which has placed its own strains on the administration. The greatest asset this year has been the addition of a new 100 KVA Gen-set which was installed in November. The end of this year also saw the departure of our Senior Master, Mr. Ian Myers, who left to take over as Principal of a new school in Jalpaiguri.

We wish him all success for the future.

D. A. Howard
Rector

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Heavens declare the glory of God - The School
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Mr.D.A.Howard, Rector, addressing the audience on the 173rd. Speech Day



The Junior staff with the Rector, Senior Master & Head Junior Wing



The Senior Wing Staff with the Rector



The Primary Wing Staff with the Rector and Head, Primary Wing



The Administrative Staff with the Rector

SCHOOL OFFICERS - 1996

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School Captain & Captain of Clive House	-	Akhilesh Kumar
School Vice Captain & Captain of Havelock House	-	Abhishek Kanoi
Captain of Lawrence House	-	Kinley Tshering
Captain of Hastings House	-	Nishant Sinha

House Prefects:

Clive House	-	Pravesh Singh
Havelock House	-	Anurag Dalmia
Lawrence House	-	Sisir Chhetri & Rajesh Changulani
Hastings House	-	Murtaza Johar



The Rector and the School Prefects

Rector's Speech - 1996

Mr. O'Brien, Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the Staff and Students it is my privilege to welcome Mr. Neil O'Brien as our Chief Guest this morning. Mr. O'Brien was until recently Managing Director of Oxford University Press for the whole of South-East Asia. He is presently Chairman of the Council for the Indian School Certificate Exams, and until recently, the M.L.A. in the W.B. Assembly, a nominated representative of the Anglo-Indian community. I had the privilege of serving with Mr. O'Brien on many committees in Calcutta and I am well aware of his wholehearted contribution to Anglo-Indian Education in general and to our W.B. schools in particular.

Also seated amongst us today is the Rev. Noel Sen who is presently the Vicar of St. Paul's Cathedral Calcutta, and who has just conducted the Commemoration Service in the Chapel. For many years Rev. Sen served on our Board of Governors, and, until August last year, he was our School Chaplain and Music Master. It is a pleasure to have him with us again on this occasion. I hope the Staff and boys have welcomed you warmly. In March this year we introduced the New Hymn Book in the Chapel (last year when he was with us it was a new Prayer Book) a fitting tribute to the work of Rev. Sen who not only revised the compilation but also ensured that all the necessary music was appropriately catalogued.

No sooner had we returned in March than we found a few spaces on our Staff-list created by resignations handed in during the winter holidays. Mr. P. Nedumaran, our Pry. Wing Games Master, resigned to take up a position in the Estate Department of Mount Hermon School. We wish him and his wife all success in their new appointments. Mr. Abhimanyu Sen, our teacher of French, suddenly lost his mother while she was visiting him here in Darjeeling. This changed his entire circumstances and he was obliged to return to Delhi to look after his own property and interests. Mr. Kaushik Dutta, our computer teacher, resigned to take up a more lucrative position in a computer firm in Calcutta. By the end of February, Mr. P. K. Roychowdhury, our Estate Manager for little over six years, resigned to settle down in his new home in Siliguri. This is a key position in any school and we are still in the process of filling up this vacancy. The situation was made a little more difficult in that Mr. Gokul Chetri, our Estate Superintendent, also reached the age of superannuation in March. Fortunately, being a local person he was easily available for

re-employment and has worked splendidly over this year. I would take this opportunity to thank Gokul for his loyalty and cooperation over the last 30 years. He has given us a lifetime of service and I know that we always ran to him whenever we wanted something done. His understanding of stagecraft was great and he has built many magnificent sets for the School Plays, year after year, with unfailing regularity. We will all miss his calm, good sense. At the same time we wish him and his wife peace and happiness as they enter into retired life.

At the start of this year we welcomed Mr. Prafulla Pradhan to our staff. A cheerful and talented young man, I hope he will enjoy his stay with us. Mr. Jaideep Chaudhuri joined us in June, 1996 to teach Computer Studies to the senior boys. With their help he has mounted his first exhibition, open for all to see. Mr. Asish Dutta of ICS replaced Mr. Maneer Alam in the Computer Department this year.

Once again the end of May saw the publication of the ISC and ICSE results. For the ISC (Class XII) - 31 students appeared and all were successful; at the ICSE - 64 students appeared with 63 successful. At the Class X level we were able to secure more distinctions in the individual subjects than in the past. At ISC level our Commerce stream results were remarkably good and the Sciences have begun to show a distinct improvement. This is all very encouraging and I would like to congratulate all the Teaching Staff for this improvement. It is always easy to assess the senior-most teachers by the result-scores of a public examination; it is not so easy for those teachers who do not prepare students for public exams. However, any senior teacher would be the first to admit that the success of his students depends entirely upon all the preliminary work that went in, starting from Class I, something taken for granted at Class X but without which, passing an exam would be impossible.

On the games fields, we began the year with the Cricket Season. The first of the traditional matches was played against the Old Paulites on the Easter weekend. The present students won. The Old Paulites presented a new trophy for this game in honour to Mr. Ajit Prasad (OP) as well as an individual medal for the best cricketer in the present team. Our school then went on to win the prestigious Edinburgh Cricket Shield, defeating Mount Hermon and St. Joseph's, North Point. During the first term volleyball, basketball, and tennis were also played. The Gymnastics team presented their display at the Gymkhana Club

on June 11th. Our Chief Guest was Mr. Dawa Pakhrin, Councillor for Sports, D.G.H.C. The size of the gym team was larger than before and this will provide benefits for the future. After the June break we settled down to football, table-tennis, badminton, squash, and Eton fives. We took part in the local Herlihy Cup Tournament in football but soon got knocked out in spite of having a fairly responsible team. The marathon season followed and we are deeply grateful to the Commandant, 123 Mtn. Brigade, Jalapahar, for giving us permission to use the Jalapahar road. For the last three weeks we have been preparing for Athletics, which culminated in yesterday's Sports events. Last weekend the Inter-School Athletics Meet was held - the seniors at North Point and the juniors at Dow Hills, Kurseong. I am pleased to announce that St. Paul's won the Open Div. (+2) and the B. Division with a third place in A. Division. We also won outright the Junior Grouping of C.D.& E. Divisions. Congratulations to the students and our Games Masters who helped and trained these children. When we return after this Puja break the game of hockey will be played. Unfortunately this game has suffered over the years by having a very short season and no Inter-School fixtures.

NCC parades were held throughout the year climaxing in a grand display put up on Independence Day. Our Chief Guest was Brig. S. Chowdhury, Commandant, 123 Mtn. Brigade, Jalapahar, who graciously presented a memento to the School. I would also like to thank Brig. Chowdhury for so splendidly coming to our rescue in late September when we had a severe water crisis due to the breakdown of the electricity supply from the town. He not only permitted the use of the Jalapahar road but also loaned us the Army tankers to ferry water. There have also been a number of DEAS expeditions for the Bronze and Silver Awards conducted through the year.

The stage has been constantly used for the production of 6 House concerts and the PW Drama competition. The Junior School presented their annual play on June 11th - "The Winslow Boy" by Terrance Ratigan - a slightly ambitious play for this age group but with very commendable performances by the boys. In August, we presented an evening's entertainment where all the Second Language Departments (Hindi, Bengali, Nepali, and French) put up One Act Plays or skits thus providing for versatility. The School Play, presented to you last evening was Moliere's "The Miser" a witty farce in the best French traditions. I would like to thank the boys and the staff who worked hard to

present this play for your enjoyment. A number of Quiz Competitions also have been held. A popular pastime with the students ranging from Primaries to the +2 level, this year we entered a team for the Bournvita Quiz (Zee TV) held in Bombay. We came third at the Semi-Final stage at the All India level. We won the N.M. Master Memorial Shield for English Elocution for the third year in succession. We also prepared students for the second language elocution meetings in Hindi, Bengali, and Nepali.

For the first time in Darjeeling, St. Paul's School innovated and hosted a "Plus 2 Fest" for the students of North Point, Mount Hermon and Dr. Graham's Homes. This was a two-day affair and greatly enjoyed by all. What pleased us most was the warmth and friendliness generated amongst the senior-most students of those schools, which hopefully, would last a life time.

The Second Term Examinations have just concluded and parents will receive the Report Cards from their sons as they leave for the Puja break. In addition to all the other extracurricular activities a large number of Prize Examinations have also been held. For the "Hindi Day" District celebrations our students stood first and second in the extempore speech section and second in the essay writing competition. Two of our class X students took part in the Programming contest organised in Darjeeling by the Computer Society of India and our team stood first.

It is in the sphere of music we have gone from strength to strength. The Trinity College of Music Exams were held on 12th September. 21 candidates were successful at Pianoforte, and this year, for the first time, we presented 4 students for singing - all passed with distinctions. After many years the PW presented an entire evening of musical entertainment which was delightful. The school choir now has a repertoire of anthems that would be the envy of most churches. I take this opportunity of congratulating all three of our music teachers. At this stage it is a little difficult to predict the exact status of Ms.C. Hillier's stay with us at St. Paul's. Her work-permit is due to expire at the end of this year when she will return to the UK. However, Ms. Hillier hopes to have her permit extended and, if she can, she would like to return to us; but there are many, many imponderables. I would like to thank Ms. Hillier for her unselfish service to the students. Extremely talented, she is a brilliant accompanist and a patient piano teacher. In addition to a full music timetable she has also accepted an additional load with the teaching of French. I

hear glowing reports from her students and I know that she has spent hours with them encouraging them to greater achievement. Thank you.

In spite of being short of an Estate Manager we have nonetheless undertaken a number of development projects during the course of this year. We have completely grilled all the windows of Cotton and Milman Hall that face the field. A new 100 KVA generator has been ordered complete with all the necessary wiring and a new building has gone up to house the Genset. This is scheduled to be installed after the Pujas. Our staff Gent's bathroom has also been completely renovated with tiling and all modern conveniences. All this in addition to the usual repairs and maintenance that place a never ending demand on our estate department.

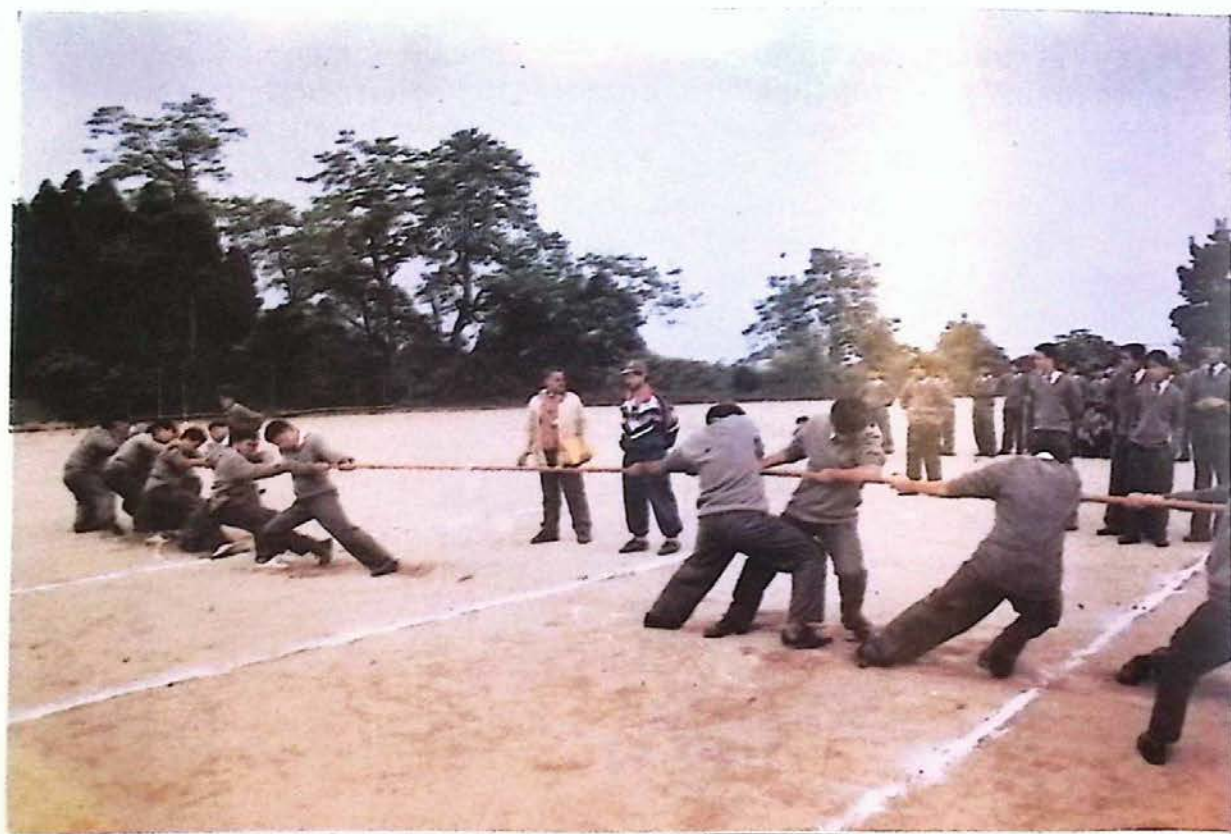
On an occasion such as Speech Day one highlights all the special activities so that the ordinary day-to-day activities are glossed over. Yet it is these humdrum day-to-day activities that give the school its fundamental structure and security. I would like to thank the entire Teaching Staff body for their untiring efforts. I would like to thank the Admn. Staff: Office Staff, Matrons, Doctor and Nurses, Caterers and the Estate Deptt., and the Dom. Staff for ensuring cooperation and the smooth running of their departments. Coordinating all these zones are the Heads of Pry. Wing, Junior Wing, Second Master, Senior Master and Bursar. It is through their dedication that activities move through smoothly.

At the end of this year we will bid farewell to Mr. Ian Myers, our Senior Master, since 1992. He has been appointed as the Founder-Principal of a new school in Jalpaiguri and I know that he views this appointment with some trepidation. There is the excitement of heading a school, mixed with the wonder as to what the future holds. All I can say is, "Don't worry, it will all work out; you will be successful." I would like to thank Mr. Myers for his dedicated service to the boys of this school. He has been untiringly patient and even-tempered. His charm and tact has won him many friends in the staff body. His loyalty and devotion to the school is unquestioned. With a combination such as this, it must follow that success anywhere is assured. He leaves with our best wishes for his success in the future.

I take this opportunity to thank the Board of Governors

for reposing their trust in me and giving me their support. I hope that we can all move from strength to strength in the years to come.

May I now request the Chief Guest, Mr. Neil O'Brien to address the school.



The survival of the fittest - Tug Of War

Chief Guest's Speech on Speech Day '96 (Mr. Neil O'Brien)

Mr. Howard, members of the Staff, Parents, Ladies and Gentlemen, and students. At the very outset, let me say how delighted I am to be here today on the occasion of your Speech Day. I have been threatening to come to St. Paul's for the last three or four years, but something or the other has always kept me from coming. This year, however, everything worked out well. It has been more than ten years since I last came to St. Paul's and I have been extremely pleased to see the well-maintained buildings, the fine spirit amongst the teachers and the wonderful spirit of fun and comradeship among the students.

On this occasion of your Speech Day I wish to share a few thoughts with you. When you ask young people what they want to be you get answers such as doctor, engineer, architect, IAS officers, etc. If you ask parents what do they want their children to be their answers are very similar. There is one word to describe or summarise the myriad range of ambitions. That one word is: success.

Success, of course, is a relative term. Hitler was a successful man in what he set out to achieve and Mother Teresa is also a successful person but by any yardstick the two can hardly be compared. The meaning of success is different for different people; but there is one thing in common to all routes that lead to success: there are no short cuts.

The path to success begins in the mind. Without proper preparation in the mind any ambition becomes very difficult to achieve. What distinguishes human beings from other animals is that humans are endowed with intelligence; humans have intellect and this is what they must use in order to attain success. All success must begin in the mind. However, we must accept also that there are barriers of mind which must be overcome if we are to march on the road to success.

Young people must be told that there is nothing that is useless in the world. Why, even a broken clock shows the right time even if it is only twice a day! Youngsters must be trained to look upon themselves as individuals. Our own individuality is important to us and all education must encourage this individuality. I am particularly happy to see from the various prize winners today what a wide spectrum of talent is encouraged here in St. Paul's.

Here I would like to share a story with you; the story of "The Little Jester" by Anatole France. There was a little jester who was considered quite useless by the entire community and nobody wanted him. He finally managed to persuade the monks of a particular monastery to employ him as a cook in their kitchen. He worked hard in the kitchen; but nobody was interested in his real talent, being a jester. Then one day there was a great feast and all the monks brought various gifts for the Lord and offered them with sincere devotion. When everyone had left, the jester went up to the altar and started to do his little jig. After sometime the monks wanted him, but he was nowhere to be found. When they finally discovered him he was doing all sorts of acrobatics in front of the altar. The monks were very cross at this sacrilegious act. They scolded him and were prepared to inflict a punishment on him for desecrating their place of worship. Just then something caused them to look at the image of the Virgin Mary and they saw a tear roll down her cheek.

What do we learn from this story? Nothing is useless, every talent is considered great in the eyes of the Lord. The little jester did what he knew best and he did it to the best of his ability. Doing your best is what really counts. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the prize winners who have won prizes today. As for those who didn't win any prizes, I would want them to think and ask themselves: Did I do my best? If the answer is "Yes" then you have done yourself proud irrespective of whether you won any prizes or not. In that case there is nothing to be ashamed of. Always give everything you do your best shot. That is important.

My God bless all students, Staff, and this School.
Thank you.

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The Senior Master, Mr. I. Myers proposed a vote of thanks and then wished everyone present a pleasant and enjoyable Puja holidays.



The School Quad

SPEECH DAY
LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS
PRIZE LIST - 1996

Class	First	Second	Progress & Application
1	Abang Taba	Vikramjit Sen	Debaghya Ghose
2	Shashank Baid	Bamdev Saha	Swamadip Banerjee
3A	Gaurav Agarwal	Ankit Saxena	Ashish Kr. Murarka
3B	Prasenjit Biswas	Gautam Agarwal	Shreya Manadhar
4A	Gautam Kumar	Ayon Chakraborty	Amit Tibarewala
4B	Adarsh P. Saxena	Mohit Gourisaria	Utsav Pradhan
4C	Aditya Khetan	Akhil Bansal	Harshit Kumar
5A	Amit Khetan	Sudipta Saha	Ayon Bhattacharya
5B	Saurav Agarwal	Kushal Batabyal	Tamal Chakraborty
5C	Anil Kumar roy	Aditya Sanyal	Dehan Sharuz
6A	Mukesh Kumar	Ajitesh Jaiswal	Amulya Shakya
6B	Abhishek Chenani	Amanbir Grewal	-
6C	Ashwini Todi	Nikhil Agarwal	Prafull Saraf
7A	Momocha Thangjam	Pawan Agarwal	ABM Mukitul Haque
7B	Navin Gadia	Abhishek Jalan	Sabin Tuladhar
7C	Soumik Mukherjee	Tarak N Joshi	-
8A	Ankur Gupta	Ankit Das	Adeep Saha
8B	Nikunj Harlalka	Amit Bansal	-
8C	Neelay Choudhri	Abhishek Thackur	-
9A	Amber Huria	Harsh Deorah	Anurag Goswami
9B	Brajesh Raj Mishra	Shashank Agarwal	-
9C	Vishal Dokania	Vishal Agarwal	-
10A	Shashank dubey	Aditya Kanoi	Abhishek Singh Tariyal
10B	Niting Himatsingka	Amardeep Banerjee	Sourav Shah
10C	Gaurav Jain	Sushovan Karki	Pradeep Agarwal
11Com.	Avinash Agarwal	Sudip Sanyal	-
11Hum.	Raadeep Khan	Ashish Gupta	-
11Sc.	T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi	Parul Agarwal	-
12Com.	Koshal Karwa	Abhishek Kanoi	-
12Hum.	Deo Prakash	Saraf Rajeev Mehra	-
12Sc.	Murtaza Johar	Sami Ahmed	-

SPECIAL PRIZES
PRIMARY WING

Class	Good Conduct	Art
1	Mayank Nakipuria	Dendhup Gurung
2	Athoo Kasiezie	Arijit Chanda
3A	-	Ishan Malla
3B	Navraj Tiwari	Imkong T. Tzudir
4A	Shahil Karki	Kunga T. Sherpa
4B	Anindya Das	Parvez Md. Khan

4C	Ayush Agarwal	Rakesh Roshan
5A	-	Om Sree Narasingha
5B	-	Amar Bajracharya
5C	-	Rahatul Khan
	Essay Medal	... Debashish Kar
	Moore Divinity Medal	... Adarsh Saxena
	Jyoti Kundu memorial Medal	... Ritesh Ranjan
	Best Actor Medal	... Amar Bajracharya
	Best All Rounder Medal	... Om Sree Narasingha
	J.W. Art Medal	... Vivek Gupta
	B.J. Sharma Medal for the Best Sportsman	... Jyoti Prakash
	Jack Warren Medal for the Best Cricketer in JW	... Jyoti Prakash
	Jyoti Kundu Medal for Elocution	... Abhishek Thackur
	N. Shanmugam Memorial Medal for Good Conduct in Class VII	... Pushparaj Bhardwaj
	Disawala Medal for the Best Actor	... Sanjeev Mehra
	K.N. Sahgal Medal for Bible Reading	... Vikash Atal
	Moore Divinity Medal (Junior)	...
	Gayatri Kanti Medal for Consistent Academic Achievement in the Junior Wing	... Neelay Choudhuri
	Karanjai Prize for Quizzing	... Neelay Choudhuri

SENIOR WING

Kabra Proficiency Prize (ISC '96)	...	Anupam Goenka
A.H.Miller Medal for Science (ISC'96)	...	Ayush Verma
Rai Bahadur D.N.Singh Medal for Hum. (ISC'96)	...	Dushyant Jaiswal
Badridas Modi Medal for Com. (ISC'96)	...	
Awarded Kabra Medal	...	
Leslie Goddard Scholarship & Medal (ISCE'96)	...	Avinash Agarwal
Renuka Dang Proficiency Medal (ICSE'96)	...	Ritesh Pande
Kamlesh Kanti Medal for Hindi (ICSE'96)	...	Avinash Agarwal
K.L.Pradhan Medal for Economics (ICSE'96)	...	Raza Ali
Rudra Hindi Medal	Murtaza Johar & Rakesh Sarda	
Madhukar Rana Nepali Medal	...	Obaidullah Malik
Usha Rani Bengali Medal	...	Ritwick Biswas
Tower History Medal	...	Ugen Tshewang
Class of '89 Economics Medal	...	not awarded ✓
Clarke Geography Medal	...	Jigmela Wazalingpa
K.N.Sahgal Accountancy Medal	...	Koshal Karwa
K.N.Sahgal Business Studies Medal	...	Abhishek Kanoi
Anil Chaudhuri Art Medal	...	Rakesh Sarda
Moore Divinity Medal	...	David Sailo
Karun Majumdar General Knowledge Medal	...	Ugen Tshewang

Saraf Short Story Medal	... not awarded
Maj.Bhatnagar Medal for 'Brain of St. Paul's'	... Rajeev Mehra
Carter English Essay Medal	... Rajeev Mehra
Nanibala Dey English Literature Medal	... not awarded
Gal Gregory Maths Medal	... Sami Ahmed
Majumdar Science Medal	... Ramprakash
Gupta	
Kothari Physical Science Medal	... Sami Ahmed
Robin Banerjee Life Science Medal	... Obaidullah Malik
Lav Kumar Ecological Studies Medal	... Obaidullah Malik
R.S.Prasad Medal for Computer Science	... Keshav Tandon
Adams Music Medal	... Abhishek Kanoi
Rahoul Music Medal	... T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi
Nilima Gupta Indian Music Medal	... not awarded
G.V. Swaika Medal for Drama	... Akhilesh Kumar
Nilima Bose Medal for Excellence in Theatre	... not awarded
Best Actors Medal for 2nd Lang. Hindi	... Kapil Mehra
Nepali	... Kundan Shrestha
Bengali	... Sudip Sanyal
Bible Reading Medal	... Kapil Mehra
Sakraney Medal for Elocution	... Ian Macdonald
Air Force Trophy & Medal for the	
Best Public Speaker	... Abhishek Kanoi
N.K.Mitra Medal for Club Activities	... Ajit Singh Lamba
Best Craftsman Medal for 1996	
(a) Batik	... Rajesh Changulani
(b) Woodwork	... Bir Birendra Rai
Kamlesh Kanti Medal for the Best	
Photographer of the year	... Ashish Gupta
Das Studio Prize for consistent good work	
throughout the year	
Darjeeling Photo Stores Medal for	
excellence in Photography	... Sisir Chhetri
General Virendra Medal for NCC	... Nishant Sinha
Jack Warren Medal for Cricket (Cl. X and below)	... Ricky Risal
O.P.A. Medal for the best Sportsman	... Sisir Chhetri
O.P.A. Medal for Social Service	... not awarded
G.J.Shaw Trophy & Medal for the	
Best All-rounder (Cl.XI)	... not awarded
K.K.Mukherjee Trophy & Medal for	
The best All-rounder (Cl.XII)	... not awarded
School Captain's Medal	... Akhilesh Kumar
Rector's Medal	... Akhilesh Kumar

Note: Any errors, omission and commission may kindly be reported

Lawrence House

House Master : Mr.A.D.Jayal
House Tutors : Mr. T.Calvert
Mr.K.R.K.Singh
Mr.S.G.Pande

House Captain :K.Tshering
House Prefects : S.Chhetri
R.Changulani

This year we Lawrencians were proud to sing our house song, as it goes;

*"We Lawrencians are the best
All the shields and cups are in our nest."*

We started the year with a bang, bagging both the volleyball and basketball cups in the first season itself. We then went on to win the football shield. We narrowly missed winning the cricket trophy due to some mishap. Lawrence also lifted the squash and Eton Five trophies. At the end of the year, we won the hockey shield.

This year most boys who were awarded house colours were from Lawrence. Bir, Sisir, and Panday were awarded house colours for excellence in football. Tilak in volleyball, Bir and Sisir were also awarded minors in volleyball and basketball respectively.

Our success was not limited to the games field only. Lawrencians excelled on the stage, lifting the Grindlay's shield for debating after a series of closely contested battles with opposing teams. Boys of Lawrence also took part in various prize exams and fared quite well.

Lawrence held its house concert towards the fag end of the year. Since it was the last house to stage its concert, expectations ran high and Lawrence did not disappoint. Two one act plays, one instrumental, one recitation, one Hindi, and one Nepali song and a group of boys danced to the "Macarena" to entertain the school. We even had the House Captain and the House Prefect (coincidentally both from Bhutan) singing in Dzongkha. On the whole, the concert was a huge success enjoyed by everybody. But we enjoyed our special supper even more.

And so we have come to the end of another year - with its gains and losses, its victories and defeats, but nevertheless a united and successful year.



Lawrence House with (L-R seated) Mr. T. Calvert, Mr. A. Jayal (House Master), Mr. S. G. Pandey and Mr. K. R. K. Singh

I would like to express my sincerest gratitude and thanks to our House Master, Mr. Jayal for the love and care he has shown us throughout the year. I also thank our House Tutors for being cooperative throughout the year.

The important quality of a successful house is cooperation and the fact that everyone is willing to sacrifice himself when told to do so. And I sincerely hope that all those returning next year will maintain this tone and spirit and will do their utmost to make Lawrence excel and keep this flag flying.

ALL THE BEST

- Kinley Tshering



A scene from Lawrence House Play

Havelock House

House Master: Mr. U.K. Dwivedi	House Captain: A. Kanoi
House Tutors: Mr. A.K. Dash	House Prefect: Anurag Dalmia
Mr. G. Bhattacharya	
Mr. D.P. Pradhan	

*Here comes Havelock, only Havelock,
Standing high and mighty proud,
Head and shoulders six feet tall,
Not a worry, not a care,
Glorious Havelock, we are for you and we
Know you love us too.*

The year began slowly for us. We were never considered as hot contenders for the cricket shield and true to this, Havelock did not spring any surprises. Football was narrowly lost, but what hurt us most was losing to Lawrence in the volleyball and basketball finals. Our boys did put a fair fight but were unable to beat the opposition. Kulip Prasai, Ved Arya, Jigmela Wazilingpa, Tshering Yhale, and Karma Thinley deserve special credit for their efforts. J. Wazilingpa and V. Arya also went on to receive house colours in basketball and volleyball respectively.

Nevertheless, Havelock strove hard. Table-tennis was the first to come our way, with Manish Sarda who won the Open singles. While L. Ezong, U. Sharma, and A. Muria led Havelock to victory in the under 10. Eton Fives was the next where Vishal Kumar and Abhisek Kanoi topped the Open section giving Havelock the edge, while our under 10 team comprising of N. Razzak, K. Shah, and A. Huria secured 1st place in the badminton house matches with Vishal Kumar, Vikash Kumar, and Anurag Dalmia coming a close 2nd in the Opens to finally bring us the badminton trophy.

P.T. was never Havelock's forte, and we kept with the old times. Marathon too ended disastrously whereas the Athletics shield (in spite of the enthusiasm shown by the class X boys) was lost. Though we did win the Tug of War and come in second in the 4x200m - there wasn't much to compensate our loss.

Anurag Dalmia, Ved Arya, and Karma Thinley need particular mention here for the work put in by them. Anurag narrowly missed the house colours in athletics. They also went on to perform brilliantly in the Inter-School athletics where A. Dalmia won the Opens 400m and Ved, the shotput and discus throws.

We emerged triumphant in hockey beating everyone else to take on the hockey shield thus giving things a finishing touch that was just apt.

If we lost out somewhat heavily on the field, we definitely made up for everything in all the other areas of functioning.

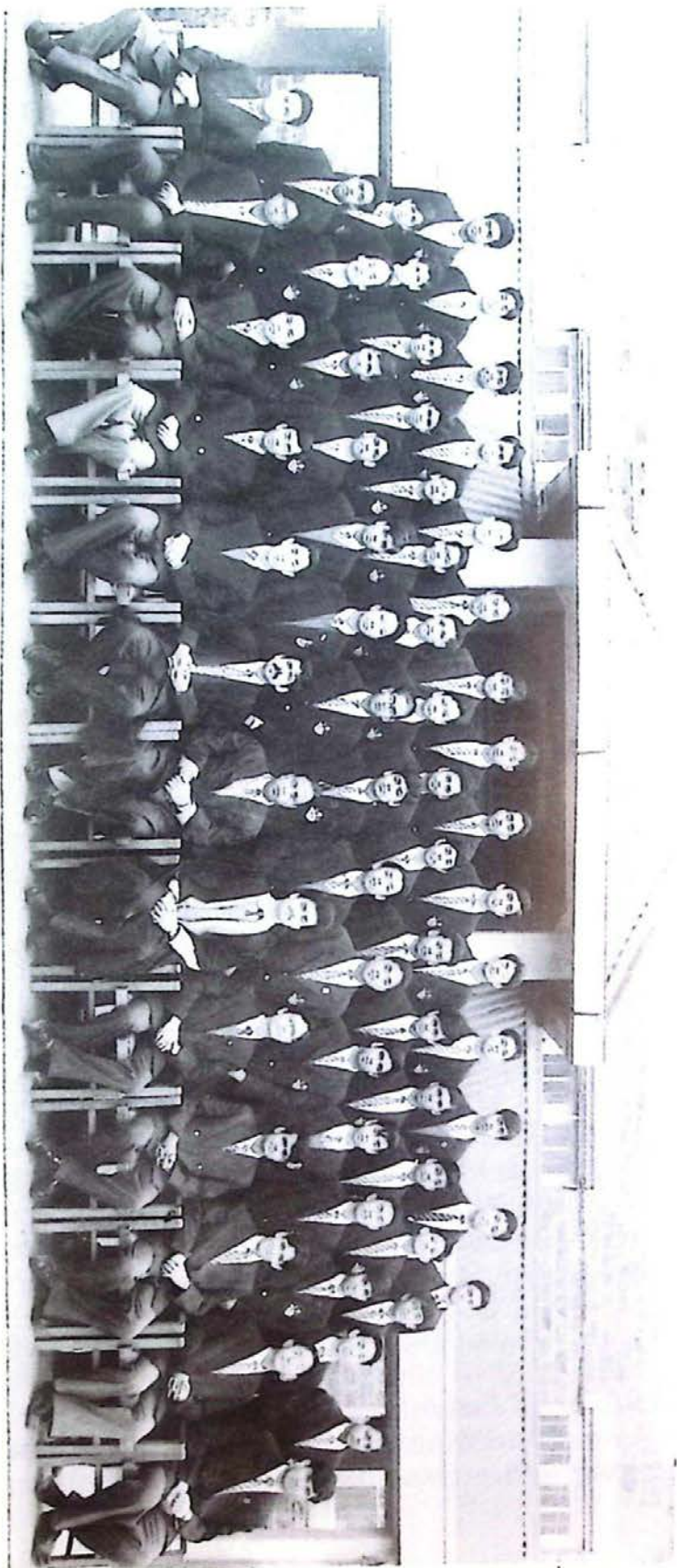
The English elocution saw Havelock emerge as outright winners as each participant from Havelock stood first in his respective category. Viraj Oberoi, Aditya Kanoi, Ian MacDonald and Abhisek Kanoi need to be commended on this. Aditya Kanoi also went on to be judged as the best in the extempore section during the Inter-School N.M. Master's English elocution competition. Saswata Sanyal, Arijit Ray, and Soham Chakraborty performed superbly giving Havelock an easy victory in the Bengali elocution and we came in second in the Hindi elocution with the help of Aditya Kanoi and Viraj Oberoi.

We also went on to share the Debating shield with Lawrence this year. Our team comprised of V. Oberoi, A. Kanoi, S. Sanyal, Ian MacDonald, and Abhisek Kanoi, and they lived up to our expectations.

Havelock has always been considered as a byword for creativeness, and this year was no exception as, with the help of boys like S. Sanyal, S. Rai, K. Padasai, A. Dalmia, J. Wazilingpa, and the Art Secretary, R. Sarda, we were awarded the Art Cup.

The Havelock House concert was held on the 3rd of August this year. The play in one act was entitled "Allison Lad" and, according to the reviews, brilliantly performed. S. Sanyal and V. Oberoi later took on major roles in the school play. The other items included a group song by the IX and X boys, two solos by M. Jamil and J. Wazilingpa, a duet by R. Sarda and K. Prasai and a piano instrumental by Tim Nabi, leaving little else to be desired. Topped by a sumptuous special supper, the 3rd of August was one day we would all remember. Havelock would like to sincerely thank the Senior Master, Mr. I. Myres who graciously accepted to direct our play, and Mr. S. Pande who took over the entire burden of organising the music and training the boys.

Our boys fared well in academics as well. Many of us received commendations in the different prize exams and quite a few were awarded prizes on Speech Day.



Havelock House with (L-R seated) Mr. G. Bhattacharya, Mr. U.K. Dwivedi (House Master) and Mr. D. P. Pradhan

The boys awarded general proficiency prizes were:

Class 9A	-	1st: Amber Huria
Class 10A	-	1st: Shashank Dubey
		2nd: Aditya Kanoi
Class 11 Hum	-	2nd: Ashish Gupta
Class 11 Sc.	-	1st: Tim Shanims Nabi
		2nd: Parul Agarwal
Class 12 Com	-	Abhisek Kanoi

Special prizes were awarded to:

Ashish Gupta	-	Kamlesh Kanti Medal for the best photographer of the year
Tim Nabi	-	Rahaul Junior Music Prize
Jigmela Wazilingpa	-	Clarke Geography Prize
Ian MacDonald	-	Sakraney Medal for Elocution
David Sailo	-	Moore Divinity Prize
Rakesh Sarda	-	Anil Chandhuri Art Prize Best Artist of the Year
		Rudra Hindi Prize
Abhisek Kanoi	-	K.N. Saghal Business Studies Prize
		Adams Music Prize
		Air Force Troph. and Medal for the best public speaker

(And to top it all, we won the Sikkim Shield for the year 1996!)

1996 has been an exciting and eventful year for us and I would like to thank each and every member of the house for his cooperation and above all - the dignity with which he has stood up for the house. Our thanks to the House Tutors, Mr.A.K. Dash, Mr. G. Bhattacharya, and Mr. D.P. Pradhan who so readily gave us help when needed and to our House Master, Mr. U.K. Dwivedi for his advice, guidance and support.

- Mr. Abhishek Kanoi with
Mr. U.K.Dwivedi.

Hastings House Report

HOUSE MASTER: A. Thackur
HOUSE TUTORS:

Mr. D. Bagchi
Mr. A. Sharma
Mr. G. Dutta
Mr. J. Choudhury

HOUSE CAPTAIN:
Nishant Sinha
HOUSE PREFECT:
Murtaza Johar

I would like to start my House Report with a deep sense of regret on the sad demise of Mr. Baljit Bawa, former House Master of Hastings. He was the head of the department of English and had directed many plays successfully.

We welcomed this year Mr. D. Bagchi and Mr. J. Choudhury as new members of the Hastings family. Nishant Sinha and Murtaza Johar were appointed the House Captain and the House Prefect respectively. We also bade farewell to Mr. K. Dutta this year. We extend sincere thanks for his contribution in the House activities.

The following sixth formers were honoured with various posts:

Nishant Sinha	-	Athletics Captain Group Commander of N.C.C.
Murtaza Johar	-	Secretary, Hindi Society and Science Forum
Henry Z. Pachnao	-	Secretary, Art Department

We managed to get a fairly earnest batch from class IX and XI this year, but we could not begin on a good note. The cricket, basketball, and volleyball cups, slipped from our clutches. However, there was victory in our defeat because of the spirited fight we put up along the way.

On 18th May, we staged an extract from the play, "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller. The actors such as Nishant Sinha, A. Marbaniang, and B. Rai Mishra did a splendid job and displayed some very high standards of dramatics. It was directed by Mr. A. Thackur. We also presented a variety of songs by G. Jain, P. Roy, N. Sinha, U. Tshwang, Vanhal Henry, K. Dorjee, and the sixth formers. A group dance was also performed successfully.

N. Sinha, N. Singh, A. Pradhan, Raiky R. Jaiswal, G. Agarwal, and Sanjay Kr. participated in the Annual Gymnastics

Display at the Gymkhana Club. Their performance was commendable. Rishikar Jaiswal was awarded House Colours for gymnastics.

We had a good football team but in spite of that we lost the Shield. This year our boys did very well in the marathon. We gave a good lead to other houses and got the victory. Rai Kumar stood 1st in the open division.

This year for the 3rd time we won the Athletics shield. Under the able training of Athletics Captain N. Sinha we made a hat-trick. Most of the events were clearly swept by our boys. We also received the March Past Cake for the best performance.

The detailed account of our Athletic performance is as follows:-

Event	Div.	1st.	2nd.
100 mts.	II	K.Kabir	-
100 mts.	I	K.Arora	-
100 mts.	Open	Raj Yadav	Nishant Sinha
200mts.	II	K.Kabir	-
200mts.	I	K. Arora	-
200mts.	Open	Rai Yadav	-
400mts.	II	-	K.Kabir
400mts.	I	AmitGupta	N.Kejriwal
400mts.	Open	-	Navtej Singh
1500mts.	Open	Navtej Singh	-
Broad jump.	II	K.Kabir	-
Broad jump.	I	Amit Gupta	Kunal Arora
Broad Jump.	Open	Rishikesh Jaiswal	NavtejSingh
High Jump.	I.	K. Arora	Amit Gupta
High Jump.	Open	R. Jaiswal	-
Tripal Jump.	II	K. Kabir	-
Tripal Jump.	I	A. Gupta	N. Kejriwal
Tripal Jump.	Open	Bhaskan Sharna	R. Jaiswal
Shot Put	I&II	-	Y.W. Kwok
Javelin	Open	-	Rai Yadav
110mt Hurdles	I&II	-	-
110mt Hurdles	Open	Bhaskar Sharma	-
800 mt	I	A. Gupta	N. Kejriwal
800 mt	Open	-	N. Singh
4X200mt	Relay	HASTINGS - FIRST	
Victor Indorum	Div-I-	Amit Gupta	



Hastings House with (L-R seated) Mr.G.Dutta, Mr.A.Sharma, Mr.A.Thackur (House Master, Mr.D.Bagchi and Mr.J.Choudhury

	Open Div.	Rai Yadav
House Colour	-	Rishikesh Jaiswal.

Hastings always manages to win the Elocution Cup and this year was no exception. Our Hindi Elocutors electrified the audience and the trophy came back to us once again. Congratulations to Rashant Agarwalla, Gaurar Jain, and Harsh Deorah. In the English elocution, we put up a good team comprising Nishant Sinha, Ashish Pradhan, Brijesh R. Mishra, and Abhinav Jalan. Their performances were commendable. Prashant Agarwalla, Bineet Agarwal, and Ritesh Agarwal participated in Bengali elocution.

Nishant Sinha, Murtaza Johar, Gauzav Jain, and Brijesh Rai Mishra put a good performance in the Inter-House English debates. Ngen Tshwang and Brihesh Rai Mishra participated in the Brain of St. Paul's. We stood first at the House level. Ugen stood second overall. Brijesh Rai Mishra performed excellently in the N.M. Masters shield for Inter Schools English Elocution and stood first in his division.

The following boys were given DEAS awards:

- 1) Bronze award - N. Kejriwal, M. Chetri, R. Prasad, and Shashank Agarwal
- 2) Silver award - Bhaskar Sharma, R. Jaiswal, and Rai Yadav
- 3) Gold award - Nishant Sinha

Hastings stood second in the Inter House P.T. Competition. Ashish Marbaniang, Brijesh Rai Mishra, and Samer Bandali participated in the annual school play.

The list on the Speech Day showed the academic mettle of our house. The prize winners are as follows:

1. M. Johar - Rudra Hindi Medal
2. U. Tshewang - Tower History Medal,
K. Majumdar
G.K. Medal
3. N. Sinha - General Virendra Medal for N.C.C.
4. Rai Kr. Yadav - Das Studio Prize for Consistent
Good Work

Class Prizes:

9A	-	2nd position	- Harsh Deorah
9B	-	1st position	- Brijesh Rai Mishra
9B	-	2nd position	- Shashank Agarwal
9C	-	1st position	- Vishal Dokama
10A	-	P.N.A.	- Abhishek Tariyal
10B	-	P.N.A.	- Saurabh Shah
10C	-	1st position	- Gaurav Jain
11(H)	-	1st position	- Raedeeep Khan
12(Sc)	-	1st position	- Murtaza Johar

Now as the year comes to its conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to our House tutors, Mr. D. Bagchi, Mr. A. Sharma, Mr. G. Dutta, and Mr. J. Chondhury for guiding our boys. I would also like to thank my sixth formers for being co-operative and sincere throughout the year.

Finally I owe a huge debt to my House Captain, Nishant Sinha, and House Prefect, Murtaza Johar for inspiring, and guiding the House. Well done!

- Ashok Thackur

Clive House Report

HOUSE MASTER: Mr. N. Gomes

HOUSE TUTORS:

Mr. S. Chakraborty

Mr. B. B. Tamang

Mr. N. Vincent

HOUSE CAPTAIN:

Akhilesh Kumar

HOUSE PREFECT:

Pravish Singh

Clive 1996 started the year with a bang by winning the cricket leagues and the Shield. Hats off to Sudeep Sanyal (1st XI) and Rupesh Kumar (2nd XI) whose splendid innings in all three matches saw us through beating the hot favourites, Lawrence.

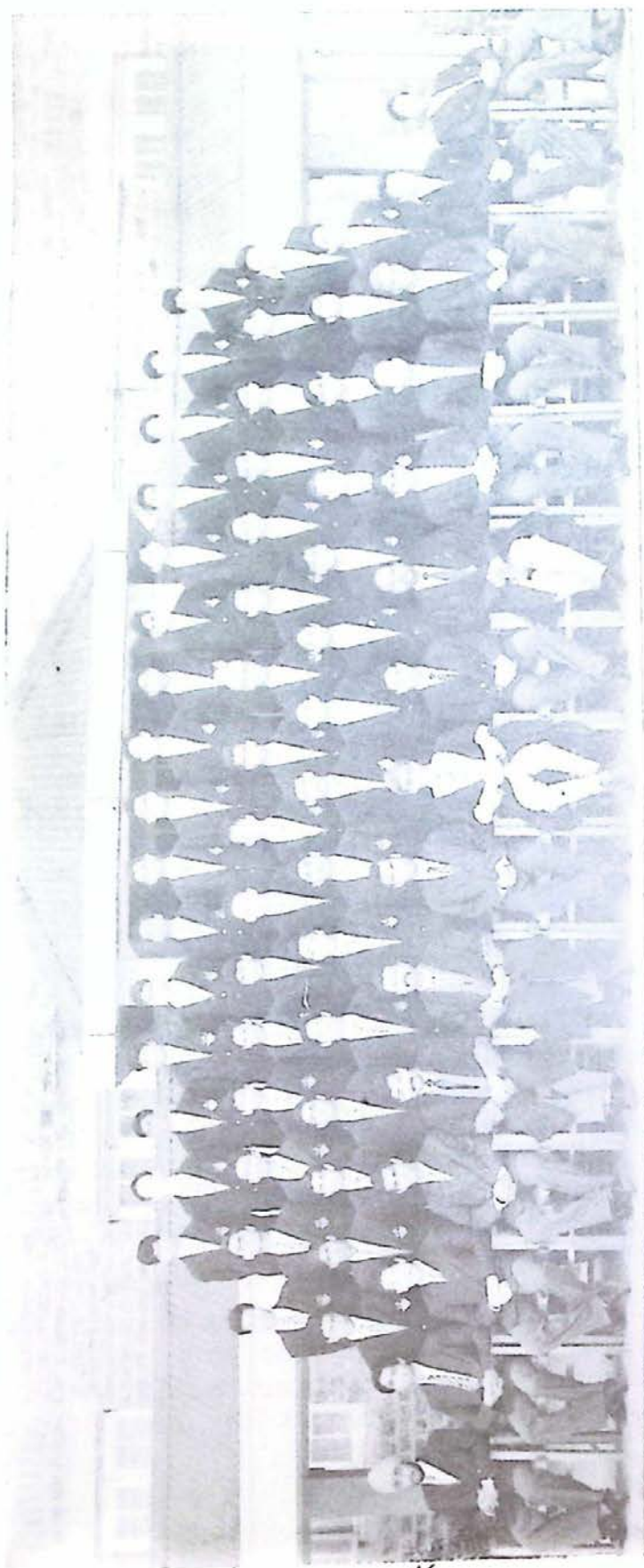
However, after this our fortunes began to sag. We had to be content with a third place in both basketball and volleyball. Even in the football matches, owing to a slight miscalculation in the permutations and combinations in forming the teams we lost very narrowly to Lawrence. The First XI team stood alone first with commendable captaincy from Pravish Singh and a strong defence put by S. Gupta, R.P. Gupta, and the goalkeeper, B. Gurung.

We had to be complacent once again in table tennis and Eton fives while squash and badminton were disasters.

A second place in marathon raised our hopes once again. With a few exceptions our boys had done considerably well for themselves.

This was followed by athletics. The boys proved their house spirit by walking away with the Athletics Standards Cup though Hastings were quoted to be outright winners. However, we had to eat the humble pie when it came to the Athletics trophy. Hastings was back with a vengeance and we stood second. Our outstanding athletes were Vishal Agarwal, Rupesh Kumar, Praveen Chandhary, Sandeep Ray, and Sharad Goel. On the Sports Day, our 20x100m relay team also proved to be the best.

Clive came into limelight once again with lawn tennis. Unexpectedly beating the others fair and square, we emerged runaway winners. Congratulations to Sudeep Sanyal, Sabin Tulachan, K. Tandon, D. Agarwal, S. Ray, and B. Gurung.



Clive House with (L-R seated) Mr. M. Vincent, Mr. S. Chakravarthi, Mr. B. P. Tamang and Mr. M. Gomes (House Master)

P.T. Competitions this year were a boosted activity with something new in every competition - we had four. Clive staked their claim for the cup by neatly winning the first three so that even if they stood fourth in the last one they would still win.

On stage, Clive performed fairly well. We stood second in Hindi, Bengali, and English elocutions while different houses took the first place each time. In the debates we were reduced to a modest third, in spite of having the calibre of proving that "God is dead." against Hastings. I suppose God didn't favour the atheists. A lot of fresh talent was shown in these spheres by B. Gurung, S. Sanyal, V. Agarwal, and N. Himatsinka while the more experienced ones - J. Gomes and A. Agarwal - redeemed their qualities.

The Brain of St. Paul's quiz competition was an interesting event for Clive. After the 1st round, in which we ended at the bottom, K. Tenzing left us. For the second round, we had to quickly look for a replacement and suitably found one in Sudip Sanyal. In the 2nd round it seemed that we were beginning to gallop towards a win when the "Field of Specialization" round dealt us another blow. Yet, with courage and determination of the "Dark House" we managed a comfortable second place by the end of the final round.

The house concert this year was not up to the reputation of Clive but a fairly well put up show. The main play was a horror entitled, "Once upon a Midnight Dreary". The reason for its failure may, perhaps, have been the fact that it has been staged twice in St. Paul's - once in the recent past - and could still be fresh in the minds of the audience. Two Hindi songs sung by R.Z. Chandhari (nicknamed "Kumar Sanu") and English song sung by S. Turachan and B. Gurung were thoroughly enjoyed. The sixth form skit, "Dry-Cola Ki Mohabbat" - a bilingual one - caught the audience on the wrong foot while our clashing sixth formers gave a crashing blow to the teachers with our version of "Brick in the Wall". (Well, they didn't actually mean it.)

In the academic arena, Clive did well to have earned a host of individual prizes. *Class prizes were awarded to:*

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| 1) V. Agarwal | - | 2nd in class 9C |
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2) N. Himatsinka	-	1st in class 10B
3) H. Bannerji	-	2nd in class 10B
4) H. Agarwal	-	1st in class 11 Com.
5) S. Sanyal	-	2nd in class 11 Com.
6) K. Karwa	-	1st in class 12 Com.

Special prizes were awarded on Speech Day to:

- 1) A. Agarwal - a) Leslie Goddard Scholarship and Prize
b) Kamlesh Kanti Medal for Hindi
- 2) K. Tandon - a) R.S. Prasad Computer Studies Medal
- 3) S. Sanyal - a) Best Actor in the Bengali concert
- 4) K. Mehra - a) Best Actor in the Hindi concert
- 5) K. Shreshta - a) Best Actor in the Nepali concert
- 6) A.S. Lamba - a) N.K. Mitra Medal for Club Activities
- 7) R. Biswas - a) Usha Rani Bengali Medal
- 8) K. Karwa - a) K.N. Sahgal Accountancy Medal
- 9) R.P. Gupta - a) Majumdar Science Medal
- 10) O. Malik - a) Madhukar Rana Nepali Medal
-b) R. Bannerji Life Science Medal
-c) Luv Kumar Ecological Studies Medal
- 11) A. Kumar -a) G.V. Swaika Medal for Drama
-b) School Captain's Medal
-c) Rector's Prize

Besides these, minor colours in cricket were awarded to Sudip Sanyal and in football and volleyball to Pravish Singh.

I wish Clive the embellishment of their courage and determination in the ensuing years and hope that "Lady Luck" will them give them a broader smile some other time.

- Akhilesh Kumar

JUNIOR WING NOTES

When I sit back to visualize how a busy year has come to an end, it seems as if it all passed as the wink of an eye. But when you came to analyse the toil behind the success, the whole scenario changes. This year too the sapling of labour, work and cooperation planted by the Jnr. Wing staff and students blossomed fruitfully into another successful year.

The school year for the Jnr. Wing began on the 8th of March, after an enjoyable and long desired vacation. Dormitories were filled with young and sprightly Paulites, all eager and expectant of what it held for them. All the boys happily enseeded in this intermediate wing of St. Paul's. The class 6's from the Pry. Wing responded to their new ambience and within the first week itself the books were distributed and the wing swung into action. Many new boys also joined the wing this year to increase the number to 250 plus.

This year the Jnr. Wing suffered the loss of Mr. P. Nedumaran, who left us at the beginning of the year to join Mount Hermon School in Darjeeling itself. Mr. A. Alva has been called on to take morning PT in the Jnr. Wing presently. We also bade farewell to Mr. A. Sen and Mr. K. Dutta. Mr. Dutta's place as the Hallmaster of Cross Dormitory was duly taken over by Mr. G. Dutta. In the beginning of the term we welcomed on the teaching staff Mrs. V. Sharma, Mr. U. Moktan, to take History classes in the absence of Mr. O. P. Agarwal, both Junior Wing teachers who were on leave. Mr. P. Pradhan for Mathematics and English and Mr. A. Dutta to take computer filling in the vacancy created by Mr. M. Alam. I would like to thank Mrs. R. Anthony who took up the duties as housemistress of Cable House in the absence of Mrs. Kanti. This winter Mr. D. Kumar and Mr. M. Dutta decided to get married. My congratulations to them and also to Mr. & Mrs. G. Dutta, Mr. & Mrs. S.K. Mishra who were blessed with sons.

Soon after the boys settled down, the following boys were appointed as House Monitors to control the ruffians:

Anderson House - Ankur Gupta and Robin Pandey
Betten House - Vikash Kr. Atal and Jyoti Prakash
Cable House - Sandeep Tuladhar and Kaushik Shah
Westcott House - Sandeep Tuladhar & Kaushik Shah

This year too the Jnr. Wing house activities took place on the 12th of March to make the new boys feel at home. The boys enjoyed it thoroughly.

The games in the Junior Wing were played with a lot of enthusiasm and vigour. The year started with a successful season of Cricket. The season commenced with the leagues and the net practices of the school team. We had Mr. S. Banerjee the cricket coach to help the boys learn the game. The season threw up some rather promising talent in the shape of Jyoti Prakash and Kaushik Sha who made it to the School Edinburgh Cricket team. Jyoti also went on to win the Jack Warren Medal for the Best Cricketer in the Junior Wing. A number of Inter-School cricket fixtures were also held in which the Junior Wing boys fared creditably. Junior Wing under 8 teams played against Mount Hermon and under 7 against St. Joseph's. Westcott won both the matches. The leagues were duly completed and the cricket cup was lifted by Cable. Whereas the Cake was enjoyed by Westcott.

The Basketball and Volleyball Inter-House matches also concluded in a good game spirit. Both the cups were bagged by Westcott this year. Fahimul Alam of Jnr. Wing also featured in the under 10 Basketball school team. The conclusion of these seasonal games was perfectly synchronised with the arrival of the monsoon, then the football season began. The football leagues continued till the end of July, followed by the Inter-house matches. The cup was awarded to Betten. A 'Cake' match was then arranged between Betten and Westcott and Betten walked away with the cake. A number of inter-school fixtures were also arranged. There were two Inter-School teams this year, the Junior Wing team and the 4' 10" team. The J.W. team won against North Point. The 4'10" team played a number of matches. They won one match and lost the other against Mount Hermon School and drew twice against North Point and West Point.

The football season gave way to marathon. This year we had a short season of marathon which commenced on the 19th of August. After a number of practice runs, the final race was flagged off on the 6th of Sept. Betten again emerged on top of the heap.

A new record was set in Div.'B' by Uday Sharma (Cable) C1.6. Nischal Singh came First in the Jnr. Division. Jyoti Prakash, Gautam Ghosh and Dhabup Prasai came first, second and third

respectively in the Intermediate Division. My congratulations to all these boys.

In the various other games also the Jnr. Wing boys did well. Vikash Atal and Surojit Gogoi represented the school at the table tennis Carnival in Kalimpong. The Inter-House Cup was won by Cable. The Badminton Cup was bagged by Westcott this year and the Lawn Tennis Cup was won by Anderson.

The Athletics season in the Jnr. Wing was an interesting one. A large number of Paulites were seen sweating it out in order to bring their house some valuable points. It started off with standards and practices of the Inter School teams. The standards Cup was won by Betten and so was the athletics cup. Jyoti Prakash was awarded the "Best SportsMan" medal in the Jnr. Wing this year. Congratulations Jyoti. On the Inter-School front the Jnr. Wing boys performed commendably. The school team which brought home the championship trophy comprised of Jnr. Wing boys, the results of this championship were announced on the All India Radio. The season terminated in the form of an enjoyable Sports Day. Jyoti Prakash needs special mention for his excellent performance at school, where he smashed a couple of records and also at the Inter-School level. My sincere thanks to Mr. J. Singh for carrying out all the duties of organising the events.

Towards the end a rough and dangerous season of Hockey set in. The boys played the game in good spirit and with the efforts of Mr. J. Singh they restricted the use of the stick to the ball only. Westcott House won the Hockey Cup this year while in Squash house matches, Anderson and Westcott shared the Cup.

I would like to thank Mr. A. Alva who supervised the morning PT, in the Jnr. Wing this year. It went off well with the help of Mr. J. Singh. The P.T. competitions also went off well. In the end, the PT Cup was lifted by Westcott and Sandeep Tuladhar of Westcott was adjudged the Best P.T. Commander for 1996.

Some tournaments were also organised in the Jnr. Wing. A number of boys took part in carrom, chess, table tennis and badminton tournaments. The winners and the runners up were awarded the cups in the dining hall. I would like to thank the Jnr. Wing Games secretaries, Sarfarag Alam and Hriday Nr. Prasad for their hard work.

Regarding the entertainment of the boys. they were shown

a number of movies in the Jnr. Wing hall and the SW Prep Hall. Besides these house concerts of the Jnr. Wing were also enjoyed by the boys. These concerts were of good standard. I would like to thank the Housemasters and Housemistress who helped the boys in these concerts.

The Jnr. Wing and Pry. Wing concert, a main feature before the May holidays is always looked forward too eagerly. This year it was decided that only Jnr. Wing will take part in the concert and the Pry. Wing will take it next year. The Jnr. Wing boys rehearsed well to put up a good show and this effort was clearly visible in the play, "The Winslow Boy". Mr. S.K. Mishra deserved a special word of thanks for his effort in directing the play this year. One could see some very talented actors in Sanjeev Mehra and Vikash Atal. Sanjeev Mehra also went on to act in the annual school play, "The Miser" and was the recipient of the Disawala prize for the Best Actor In the Jnr. Wing.

The class 8 boys were taken on a tough trek to Sandakphu. They stayed the night at Jaubari, Sandakphu and Rimbick respectively. The Class 6 & 7 boys were meanwhile taken to Namchi. All of them enjoyed themselves.

The Jnr. Wing Choristers were taken to Pelling and Pemayangste in Sikkim by Mr. S. Pande. They also attended the Goethal's School Concert at Kurseong. These trips were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Siddarth Poddar, Ajitesh Jaiwal and Abhishek Chenani comprised the team that represented St. Paul's at the Maggi Quiz Concert on the 17th of April in Mount Hermon School. Once again Brajesh Raj Mishra (Cl.9) and Neelay Chaudhury (Cl.8) did us proud by standing first in the Bournvita Quiz Contest on 17th of April under the able guidance of Mr. B. Cecil. They went to Bombay again. As far as the Inter House quizzing was concerned, Westcott won the cup and Neelay Chaudhury was awarded the Karanjai Medal for quizzing in the Jnr. Wing. My sincere thanks to Mr. Cecil who helped the boys.

The Inter-House Hindi Elocution contest was held on 3rd of July. The whole wing was packed into the Prep Hall and witnessed a commendable performance by the participants. It was a good contest, Westcott eventually bagged the cup. My congratulations to Vaibhav Neota and Hridya N. Prasad who represented the school in the Inter-School Hindi Elocution

programme at North Point. My sincere thanks to Mrs. Kanti for organising the contest. The English Inter-House Elocution contest was held on the 24th of July. My thanks to Mr. M.S. Calvert who helped develop the skill of the Juniors in this field. Westcott won the Cup. In the Inter-School Elocution Contest for the N.M. Master's Memorial Shield which was held on the 10th of September, Abhishek Thackur of Cl.8 was the only representative of the Jnr. School. He stood a proud second in the prose section and helped St. Paul's win the shield. Congratulations.

Around the beginning of August, vigorous NCC practices were carried out by the Cl.8 boys who were for the first time inducted into the NCC training programme this year. They displayed a high degree of smartness in their turn out and movements during the Independence Day parade. The remaining boys of classes 6 & 7 sang a beautiful song. The boys were trained by Mr. S. Pande and on Independence Day programme they were accompanied on guitars played by four Snr. Wing boys and Mr.P. Pradhan.

Jnr. Wing Debates began early this year as the budding debaters struggled to convince us on their topics. Westcott won the cup. Sanjeev Mehra of Westcott was adjudged the Best Speaker in the Jnr. Wing for 1996. I would like to thank Mr. S.K. Mishra, in charge of the debating in the Jnr. Wing.

The class 8 boys got busy immediately after the second terminal examinations in early October towards setting up the Jnr. Wing Annual Exhibition. The efforts of Class 8's paid off well in the form of an attractive exhibition with 'The Archies' as their mascot. The Jnr. Wing exhibition was of a high standard and the popular hobbies were 'Macreme' and wool weaving, model making and tile painting, fabric painting, tie and dye, photography, batik, pin and thread, Mazaic and card making. Congratulations to all the teachers who helped the boys with their hobby pieces.

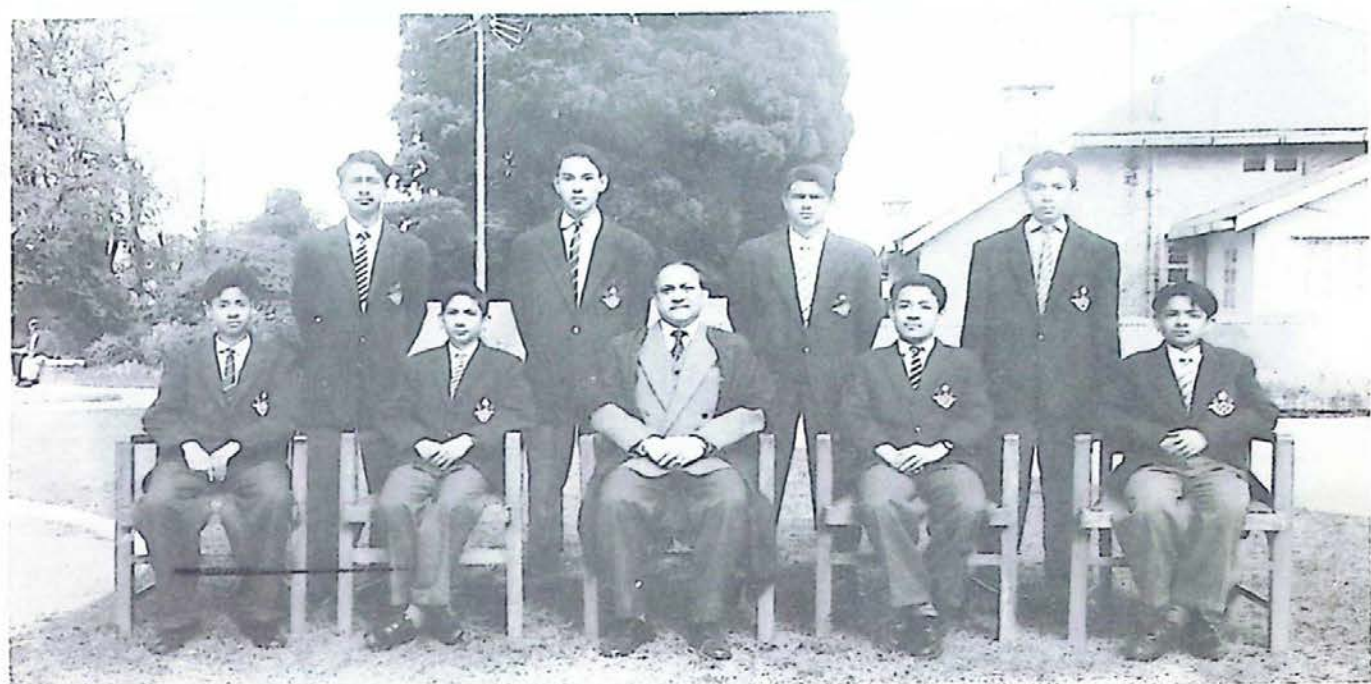
This year in the Trinity College of Music (London) Examination, a large number of Jnr. Wing boys took part and did pretty well. T.Momocha and Shiva Bagchi got the highest percentage in Pianoforte in the whole centre this year and we are proud of them. They achieved 86% each. Reynold Anthony of Cl.6 and Bharat Golcha of Cl.8 did an exam, of Voice Perfection as well as Pianoforte and both did commendably. My congratulations to them and also to Miss C. Hillier and Mr. S. Pande for having trained them so well.

During July the Wing was put in a precarious position when due to unknown reasons an epidemic of diarrhoea, dysentery and viral fever struck St. Paul's with more than half the school sick, normal classes and routines had to be stopped temporarily. It was during this time the Resident School Doctor and Nurse worked tirelessly to bring the school back to normal.

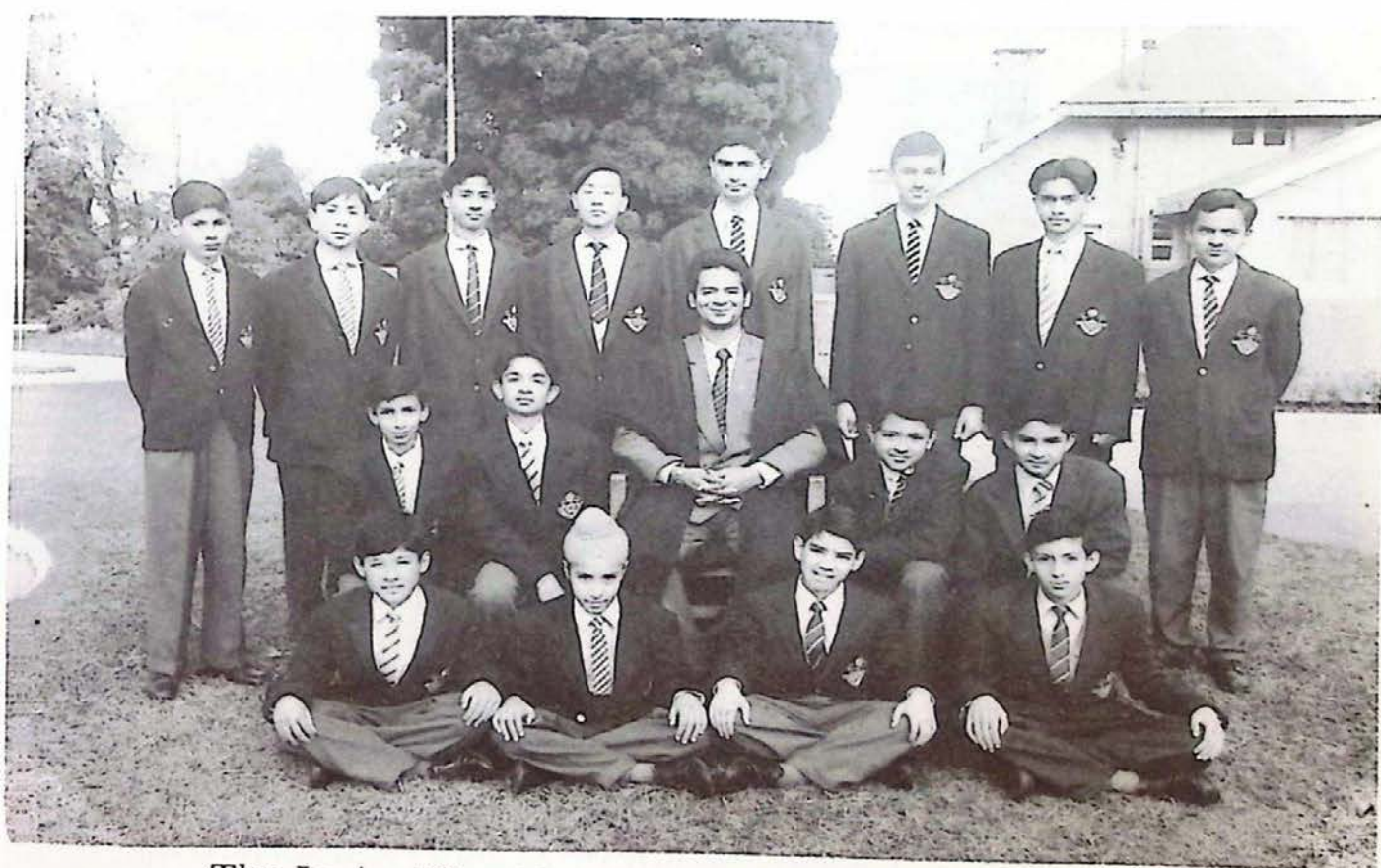
As we drew towards the end of the year, the boys had frequent Choir practices. At the end of the final examinations, we had a memorable and enchanting Carol Service. The Choir's performance was excellent. The Carol Service and End of Term Supper was just the thing needed to set a holiday mood amongst the boys. Thanks to Mr. S. Pande and Miss C. Hillier for coordinating the beautifully sounding choir for the Carol service.

And I would like to thank sincerely all Junior Matrons, specially Mrs. Alva who looked after the Rectory dorm when Mrs. Dash was ill towards the end of the last term, Hallmasters, Housemasters, Housemistress, and members of staff, as the year would not have been such a successful one without their help and cooperation. I would also like to thank the Rector for his continual help and guidance.

- G.R. Anthony
Head, Junior Wing



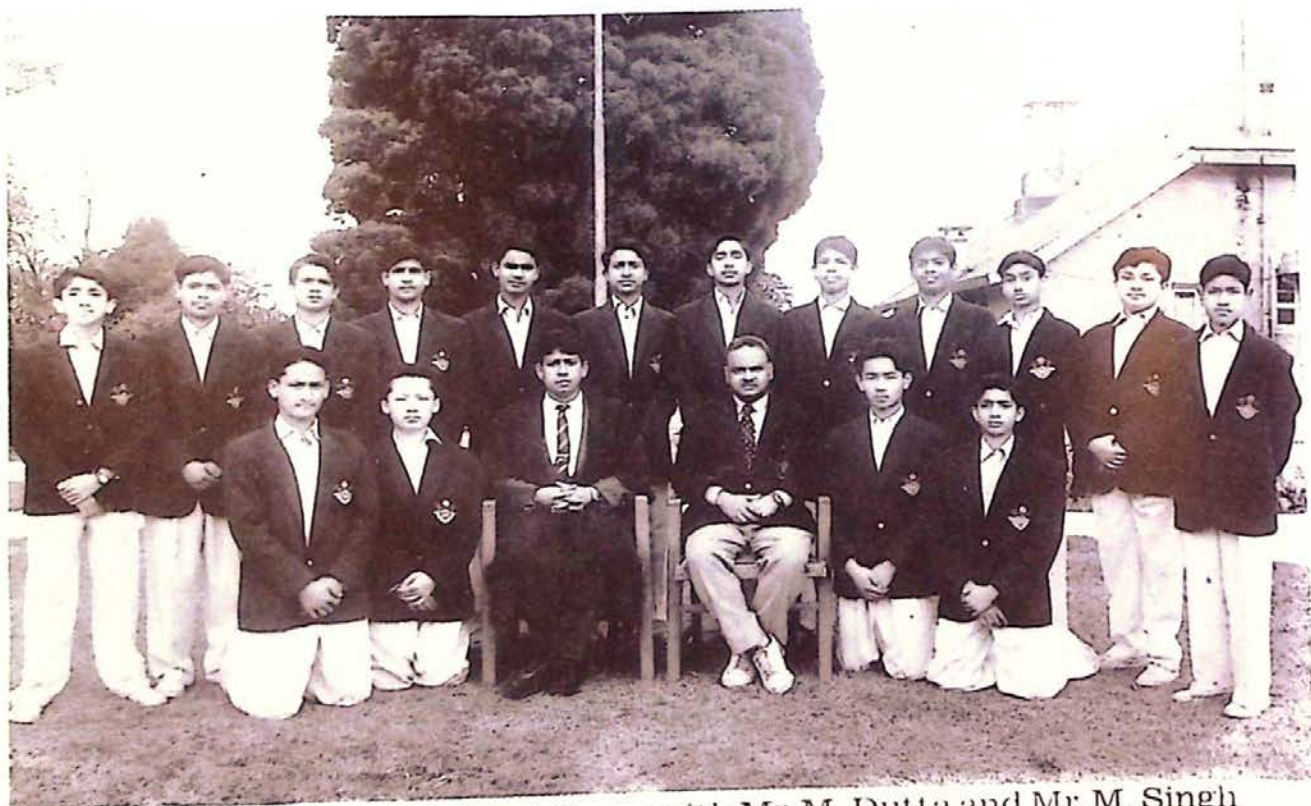
The Junior Wing Monitors with Mr.G.R.Anthony (Head)



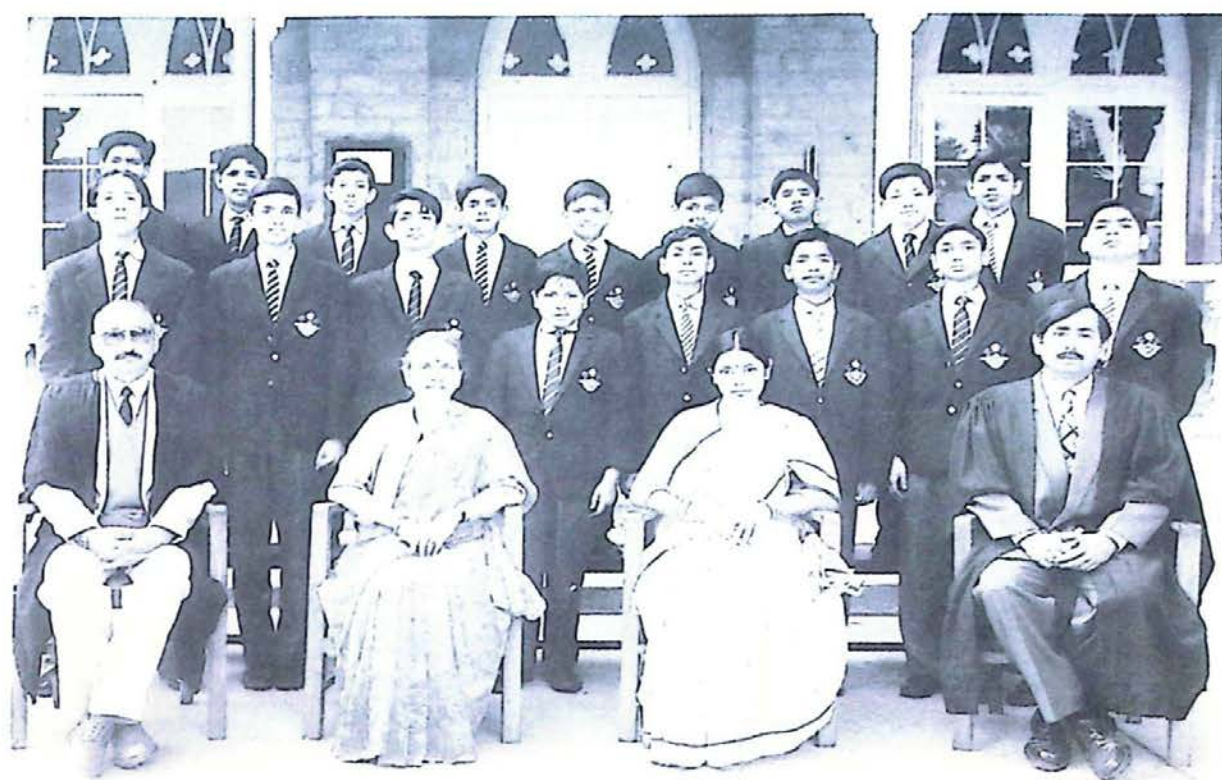
The Junior Wing Elocution Team with Mr. M. Calvert



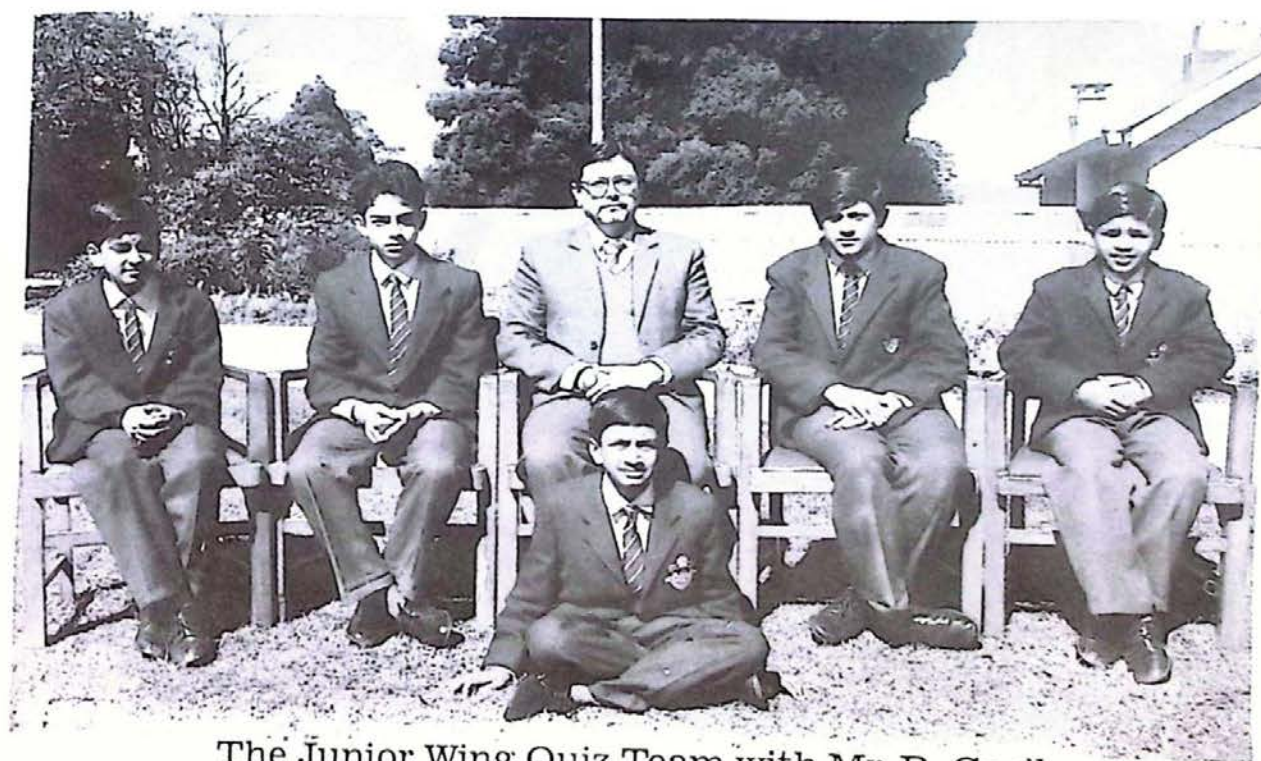
The Junior Wing Debating Team with Mr. S. K. Mishra



The Junior Wing Cricket Team with Mr. M. Dutta and Mr. M. Singh



The Junior Wing Second Language Elocution Team with
Mr. S.M.Pradhan, Mr.G. Kanti, Mrs.PBhattarcharya and Dr. M.Kumar



The Junior Wing Quiz Team with Mr. B. Cecil



The Junior Wing Concert



Anderson House

House Master: Mr.S.M.Pradhan

House Monitors: Robin Pandey
Ankur Gupta

One who go up must come down so that one might go up again. Anderson House has been at the top or very near the top for quite sometime. So the climb down was not anything surprising. We are certain to be on our way up again.

This year was one of the mixed fortunes for Anderson. On the class rooms we were consistently good, but lacked the quality in behaviour in the dinning hall and on the playing field. The House monitors were Robin Pandey and Ankur Gupta and they tried their best to maintain discipline among the Andersonians.

In the fields of studies Nimunj Harlalka, Ankur Gupta, Arjun Gupta, Tarak N. Joshi, Nikhil Agarwal, A. Grewal and a large number of others contributed their mite in every single order and got us the prestigious Academics Shield.

We had great number of commendations for boys in the house, but an equally large out put of satisfecits nullified the credit we could have achieved. Bijay Gurung, Robin Pandey, S.R.Bhandari, D. Ghosh, P. Tiwari, T. Kutsapa and Eric Manaudhar are worthy of mention in connection with sports. Bijay Gurung, S. Bhandari and Ankur Gupta got us the lawn tennis cup. We should not forget to give credit to S. Husan for his remarkable performance in Badminton and Marathon. He represented the Junior School in the Inter School badminton tournament.

After the June break, the very first week saw us in the midst of preparation of our House concert along with Betten. The combined play 'Roamin Jo and Juli' a modern version of Romeo and Juliet written by Mr.N.S. Lawrence was much praised by all teachers and boys.

The House Report would be incomplete if I was not to thank our House Master Mr.S.M. Pradhan without whom this year wouldn't have been a successful one. He managed the house very well and kept the boys on their best behaviour.

To end, I can just say 'GoodLuck Anderson and try harder next year!'

- Ankur Gupta



Anderson House with (L-R seated) Mr.O.P.Agarwal, Mr.S.M.Pradhan (House Master), Mrs.R.Anthony and Mr.A.Dutta

Cable House

Housemistress: Mrs. G. Kanti
House Tutors:
Mr. S. D. Lama
Mr. M. Dutta
Mr. P. Pradhan

House Monitors:
Ankit Das
Avyudaya Sthapit

This year all the boys of Cable House came back after celebrating the festival of Colour-Holi, with vigour and determination to do well in academics, sports, and games, and also enjoy cultural and literary activities which are organised for the boys in the school.

Cricket World Cup gave lots of impetus to our boys in the cricket season. Besides enjoying the game our cricket eleven triumphantly secured the most prestigious cricket cup.

After the cricket season, the boys played well in volleyball, basketball, football and hockey matches but the trophies however were won by the other houses, by close margins. However, due to the effort and skill of Sonam Penjor we were able to get the table tennis cup.

The marathon season filled the boys with new spirit to run and enjoy the rain. On the final day Udhav Sharma (6B) broke the record of B division.

The Annual House Concert was clubbed with Westcott House. The main attraction of the evening was the comedy play directed by Mr. M. S. Calvert. Besides this, the musical items were also enjoyed and appreciated by the audience.

On the Speech Day, the following boys were awarded the class and special prizes for the year 1996:

Class VI B	-	Ajitesh Jaiswal	1st
Class VI C	-	Prafull Saraf	Progress & application
Class VII A	-	ABM Mukitul Haque	Applicaton
Class VIII A	-	Ankit Das	2nd
Class VIII B	-	Neelay Chowdhuri	1st



Cable House with (L-R seated) Mr.P.Pradhan, Mr.S.D.Lama, Mrs.G.Kanti (House Mistress), Mrs.A.Rai and Mr.M.Dutta

Special Prizes:

- Pushpraj Bhardwaj - N. Shanmugam Memorial Medal for
Good Conduct in Class VII
- Neelay Chowdhuri - 1. Gayatri Kanti Medal for
Consistent Academic Achievement
in Jr. Wing.
2. Karanjai Prize for Quizzing

At the Carol Service Supper once again the house bagged the cup for their good behaviour and discipline in the dining hall.

In the end, first of all I would like to thank one and all including the House Monitors and House tutors for their help and cooperation throughout the year and last but not the least to Mrs. R. Anthony for looking after the house for three months in my absence.

- Mrs. G. Kanti



Betten House with (L-R seated) Mr.D.Kumar; Mrs.PBhattarcharya, Mr.N.S.Lawrence (House Master), Dr.M. Kumar and Mr.S.K.Mishra

BETTEN HOUSE REPORT 1996

HOUSE MASTER : MR. N.S. Lawrence

HOUSE MONITORS:
Vikash Atal & Jyoti Prakash

The 2nd. of December was an exciting day for the Bettenites. The final examination having concluded, the boys were in blithe spirits and began the countdown for the Carol Service. The G.H.D. supper which followed began the countdown for the winter vacation with parents, relatives and friends. Another academic year was complete.

The year was undoubtedly another successful year for the house. The boys worked hard in the classroom and in true sporting spirit competed in all the competitive activities of the curriculum.

The house enjoyed a very successful season of Football. Many exciting league matches were played during the rainy season when the sky continually threw down its grey sheets of wet violence upon our young, enthusiastic footballers, and after many rounds of such matches, the house stood first. The final inter-house football matches put Betten house in the limelight again and the prestigious Football Cup for 1996 was clinched. A 'cake' match was then organised which finally consolidated and established the supremacy of the Betten House footballers.

During the Marathon season when the boys participate in different divisions, some race with the P.W. boys while others race with the S.W. boys, it is difficult to predict a winner. On the final day when it began to rain, there were casualties on the route and only the bold and persevering runners completed the race in time. Dame Fortune smiled on our 'Road-Runners' and after a thorough scrutiny of the points, Betten house was declared the winner of the Marathon Cup for 1996.

The Athletics season followed in quick succession. No sooner had the season begun than the boys were pressed into action to compete for the 'Standards Cup'. Our budding athletes wasted no time in tuning up for the new challenges and together they won the 'Standards Cup'.

When Athletics heats began, all the boys participated as usual but only those who qualified for the standards proved

efficacious in the heats. Competition was as close as it was the previous year and on Sports Day, Betten was abreast with its rival and only the last race-the 4X100m relay tilted the scales in favour of Betten. Kudos to Jyoti Prakash, Fahimul Alam, Hyder Ali Omar and Sachin Gupta for their concerted effort through which they won their spurs and provided the 'coup de maitre' to clinch the Athletics Cup for 1996.

Betten teamed up with Anderson and on 6th July they presented their concert before the staff and student body. 'Roamin' Jo and Juli' - a western version of The Bard's 'Romeo and Juliet' was staged. 'The Beans' sang some lively and happy songs. The Nepali boys sang an enchanting song in their vernacular. There was a mono act in Hindi and a Hindi skit entitled 'Ultee Ganga'. The 'Bharatnatyam' and the 'Breakdance' which were performed concurrently, provided the finishing touches to a very delectable programme.

Ashwini Todi, Mukesh Kumar and Soumik Mukherjee were toppers in their classes and were awarded prizes on Speech Day. Vikash Atal was awarded the K.N. Sahgal medal for Bible reading. Jyoti Prakesh was awarded the B.J. Sharma medal for the 'Best Sportsman' and the Jack Warren medal for the 'Best Cricketer' in the J.W. He was the first junior wing boy who represented the Edinburgh XI this year. In the inter-school athletics he won the 100m and 200m and represented the 4X100m relay team of Div. B which stood first. At the end of the Athletics season he had 16 new records to his credit. Fahimul Alam, another talented sportsman also represented the school in athletics. He came first in the 100m, second in High Jump and represented the 4X100m relay team of Div. C which stood second. A lot of support was provided by some of our unsung sportsmen who were equally talented in their own special way-Vikash Atal, Niraj Poudyal, Riwarz Acharya, Iftekar Fazli, Shankar Gurung, Sachin Gupta, Arjun Gurung, Siddharth Sahni and Omar. H. Ali deserve to be mentioned and commended.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the house tutors for all their help, co-operation and advice. Mrs. P. Bhattarcharya, Dr. Manoj Kumar, Mr. Sanjay Mishra and Mr. Dilip Kumar were always ready to train the boys for their competitions. I also thank the boys of class 8 for their co-operation and loyalty; on behalf of the house I wish them happiness and success as they move on into the senior wing. Deo gratias.

- N.S. LAWRENCE.

WESTCOTT HOUSE REPORT 1996

House master : Mr. M. S. Calvert

House Monitors:
Sandeep Tuladhar
Kaushik Sha

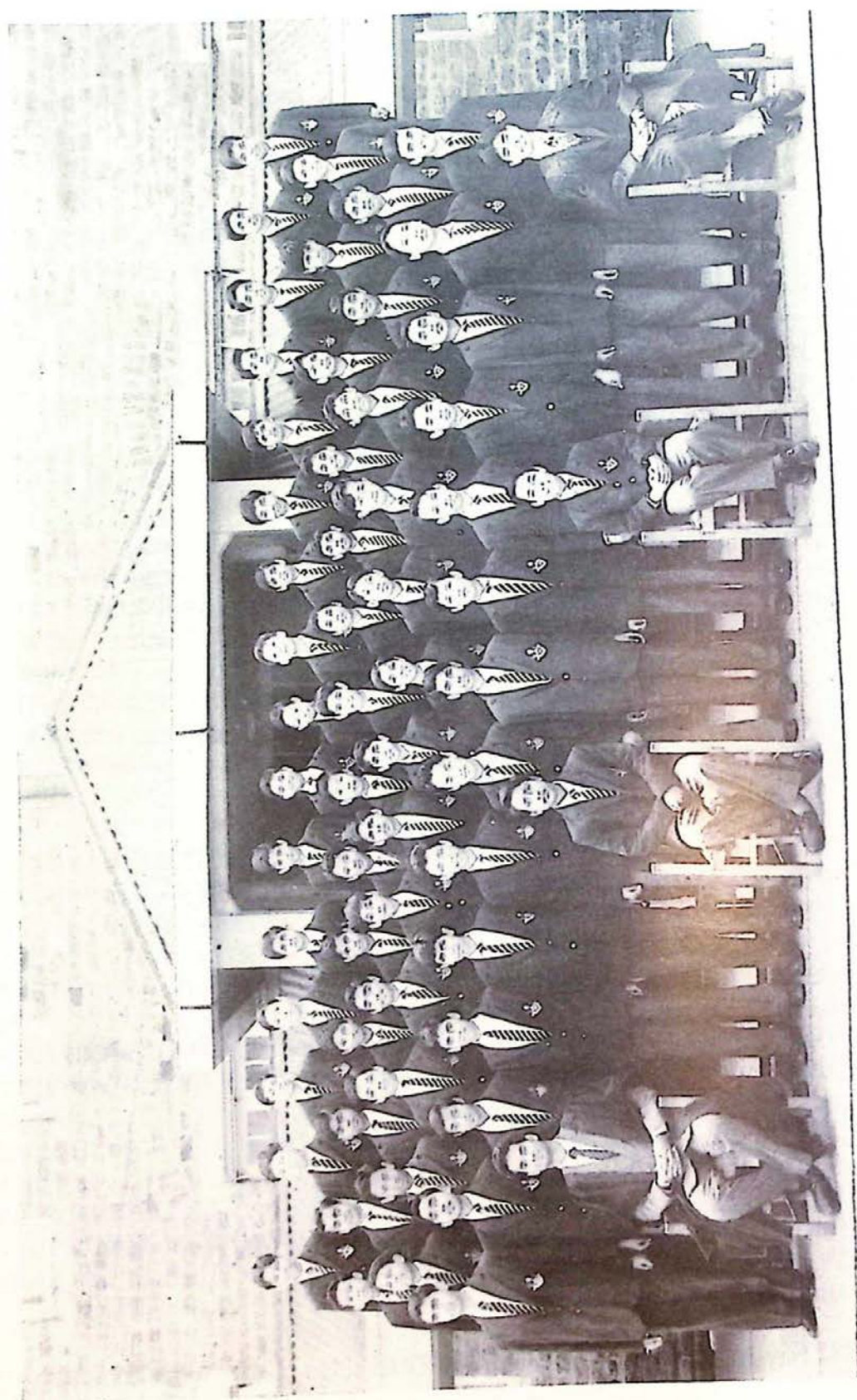
House Tutor : Mr. P. Tamang

The greatest results in life are usually attained by simple means and the exercise of ordinary qualities. These may for the most part be summed up in these two; common sense and perseverance. These two qualities found abundantly in the Westcottians helped them tremendously through the year and resulted in a most successful term.

It is the quality of leaders for the most part, that infuses the spirit of enthusiasm into the boys which enables them to strive for better things. This year the house looked to Sandeep Tuladhar and Kaushik Sha for inspiration and example and these two boys outdid themselves in virtually every aspect. Sandeep, the most modest and unassuming boy I have come across, is arguably the most talented all-rounder the Junior School has seen since Satish N. Joshi. Kaushik is an equally talented boy whose cricketing prowess is no secret and who made a name for himself in the Edinburgh matches and who also won laurels for the school in badminton. These two made an excellent team and were courteous, fair and firm and led from the front.

The year commenced with cricket and in the meanwhile preparations for the house concert was underway. Clubbed with Cable House the boys staged their concert on 13th. April, 1996. It began with S. Tuladhar singing a solo and then a one-act play, 'The Cock, The Crook and The Candle'. Sanjeev Mehra, Kane Willis, Abhishek Thackur, Amit Bansal, Anirban Sinha, Abhishek Choudhury and Barun Dahal were the ones who featured. This was followed by a musical skit; 'There's a hole in the Bucket', beautifully done by Momacha Thangjam (We) and Riju Brahmin (Ca). There was then a piano-forte recital by Nischal Singh, Bharat Golchar and Abhishek Thakur whose performance was appreciated by one and all. The curtain was brought down on the evening's programme after a closing song by the choir. The house is indebted to Mrs. R. Anthony, Miss. C. Hillier and Mr. S. Pande for their support and cooperation.

I would like to reiterate that the year was extremely



Westcott House with (L-R seated) Mr.M.S.Calvert (House Master) and P.Tamang

successful and the results in the competition held during the year will bear witness to it. Having done well in the cricket leagues the house came second after the house matches were concluded. In Football also the house was fated to come second. The teams playing the house matches were extremely good, but they lost what should have rightfully been theirs. The boys were however, successful in displaying the correct sportsmanship which is a must in character building. The House also came second in marathon and Standards and lost the Athletics shield to Betten by just 2 points. In Lawn Tennis and Table Tennis the house came second but came first in the Racquet games having won the Squash and badminton.

At the End-of-term Carol Service Supper all the boys of the house bloated with pride when majority of the cups distributed were taken by Westcott. The last game of the year, hockey, was won by the house and so was the P.T. competition with S. Tuladhar being adjudged the Best Commander. K. Tashi Sherpa, Kaushik Sha, Satyabrata Sen and Sersang Tenzing were the outstanding athletes who represented the school at the Inter-School Athletic Meet. Sandeep Taludhar was awarded the Victor Ludorum Prize for the Best Athlete in Division IV.

The Quiz Team comprising of Sanjeev Mehra, Siddharth Poddar and Anirban Sinha did the house proud when they won the Karanjai Quiz competition. Out debaters, with their poise, punch and panache convinced the judges on every count and proved to be the best debaters of the year. Sanjeev Mehra was awarded the Best Speaker's Prize. The Hindi Elocutionists, Abhishek Thackur, Gaurav Chhawchharia and Vaibhav Neotia, under the able guidance of Mr. A. Thackur did an excellent job by recording a first. It gives me great pride to mention that at the English Elocution contest the house chalked up a first for the fourth consecutive year. The Elocutionists, Abhishek Thackur, Sanjeev Mehra, Anirban Sinha and Nischal Singh did a remarkable job as a team. Abhishek Thackur represented the school at the N.M.Master's Inter-School English Elocution Contest and was placed second. It was natural then, that the prestigious Solomon Cup awarded to the Best House of the year came to Westcott.

On Speech Day there were a few Westcott House boys who received Special Prizes. Abhishek Channai, Momochar Thangjam and Naveen Gadia were given first prizes and Pawan Agarwal,

Amit Bansal and Abhishek Thackur were given second prizes. The Best Artist's prize in the Junior wing was awarded to Vivek Gupta; The Best Actor's Prize to Sanjeev Mehra and the Jyoti Kundu Prize for The best Elocutionist to Abhishek Thackur. At the Trinity College of London Examination for Music, Abhishek Thackur, Bharat Golchar, Momochar Thangjam, Nischal Singh and Gaurav Chhawahharia passed with flying colours.

The year has run its course and at this juncture I would like to thank every member of the house for extending his wholehearted support, participation and cooperation, without which Westcott House would never have been able to achieve what it has. I am also grateful to Mr. P. Tamang whose contribution to the house made a tremendous difference. The year 1996 culminates with a feeling of satisfaction and we look forward to the year 1997 with optimism.

- Mr. M. S. Calvert.



Mrs. E. Howard (Head, Primary Wing) with the **PW** Monitors



The Primary Wing



Everest House with (L-R seated) Mrs.M.Sharma (House Mistress) and Mr.U.Moktan

Primary Wing Notes - 1996

Everest House

I took over as Everest housemistress in March this year from Mrs. D. Paulose. I am grateful to Mrs. Paulose for the guidance and support over the last nine long years.

We started our year by presenting the annual house concert 'A Poet's Dream', which went off smoothly, short and sweet. The play was enjoyed by everyone and we stood second.

In the Inter House Elocution contest that was held in 26th. July Everest was placed third, but in the class four and five group choral recitation we stood first. Congratulations to Ewen Alva (3A) for coming first in the individual recitation.

Quizzing was another keenly contested event in the P.W. Students of the four houses from classes four and five enthusiastically took part. Everest house came second.

The house activities which was organised thrice this year were thoroughly enjoyed by the children. The four houses met together in an informal atmosphere in different places, and the children danced and played party games along with the house teachers.

On the whole our performance was moderately successful on the games field. We did however, manage to win a couple of shields. Competitions on the games field commenced with cricket. It was a tie between Hunt and Everest for the first place. Everest house also stood third in basketball under the guidance and coaching of Mr. Manuk. The football season started in June and towards the end of the month Everest was placed fourth, we lost the shield. The P.T. competition was held on 5th July and the second in November. In the overall results, Everest came fourth.

Finally we approached the end of the year and the shortest season for Hockey lasting less than a month. Then came the Inter House Matches with Everest coming third.

The Inter House Table Tennis competition was held in October. The day was bright so we decided to have it outdoors. Congratulations, to Anurag Singh (5A) for being the runner up.

Being full of optimism and sheer drive, we decided to win the marathon shield. I am glad to say that our goal was successfully achieved. Everest retained the marathon trophy in 1996. Credit goes to Rahathul Khan (5C) who came third.

This year, Everest emerged as a mighty force outwitting the others in Athletics by winning the Standard Cup followed by the Athletics Shield. Credit goes to Rahathul Khan (5C), Sunny Ghosh (5B), and Subham Kumar (4A) for creating new records. Well done!

Academically our boys did not fare too well. Our hearty congratulations to the boys who got the class prizes, Prasenjit Biswas (3A), Ayon Chakraborty (4A), Amit Tibrarwala (4A), Sudipta Saha (5A), Tamal Chakraborty (5B) and Kushal Batabyal (5B).

In the Essay Prize competition, credit goes to Asit Mondal (5C) who stood second, and in Art Rahatul Khan (5C). Congratulations to these boys who have put in so much effort for the house.

This year a cup for Discipline was introduced in the P.W. Everest did fairly well and stood first. The cup was shared between Ht. and Ev. All in all, the year was indeed a memorable one. We may not have done as well as tradition demands of us, but the Everester's thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It shall be our earnest endeavour to give our best in the forthcoming year.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs. Paulose, Mr. Moktan and the monitors - Sudipta Saha (5A), Mohijit Mukerjee (5B), Kushal Batabyal (5B), Tamal Chakraborty (5B), Rahatul Khan (5C), Neeraj Bhattarai (5C), Asit Mandal (5C), and Rohan Dahr (5C) for their excellent cooperation and team spirit.

- Mrs. M. Sharma

Tenzing House

House Mistress: Mrs. A. Calvert

House Tutors:

Mr. A. Dennis

Mrs. S. Dwivedi

To inculcate leadership qualities in the children of the school, monitors were installed on a rotation basis. The year was begun with Amar Bajracharya and Abhishek Pande at the helm of affairs. They were succeeded in turn by Piyush Agarwal, Ritesh Ranjan, Sandeep Chatterjee, Prasenjit Chowdhury, Alnit Khetan and Tanuj Bajla. Each of them did their best and need to be commended for the effort put in.

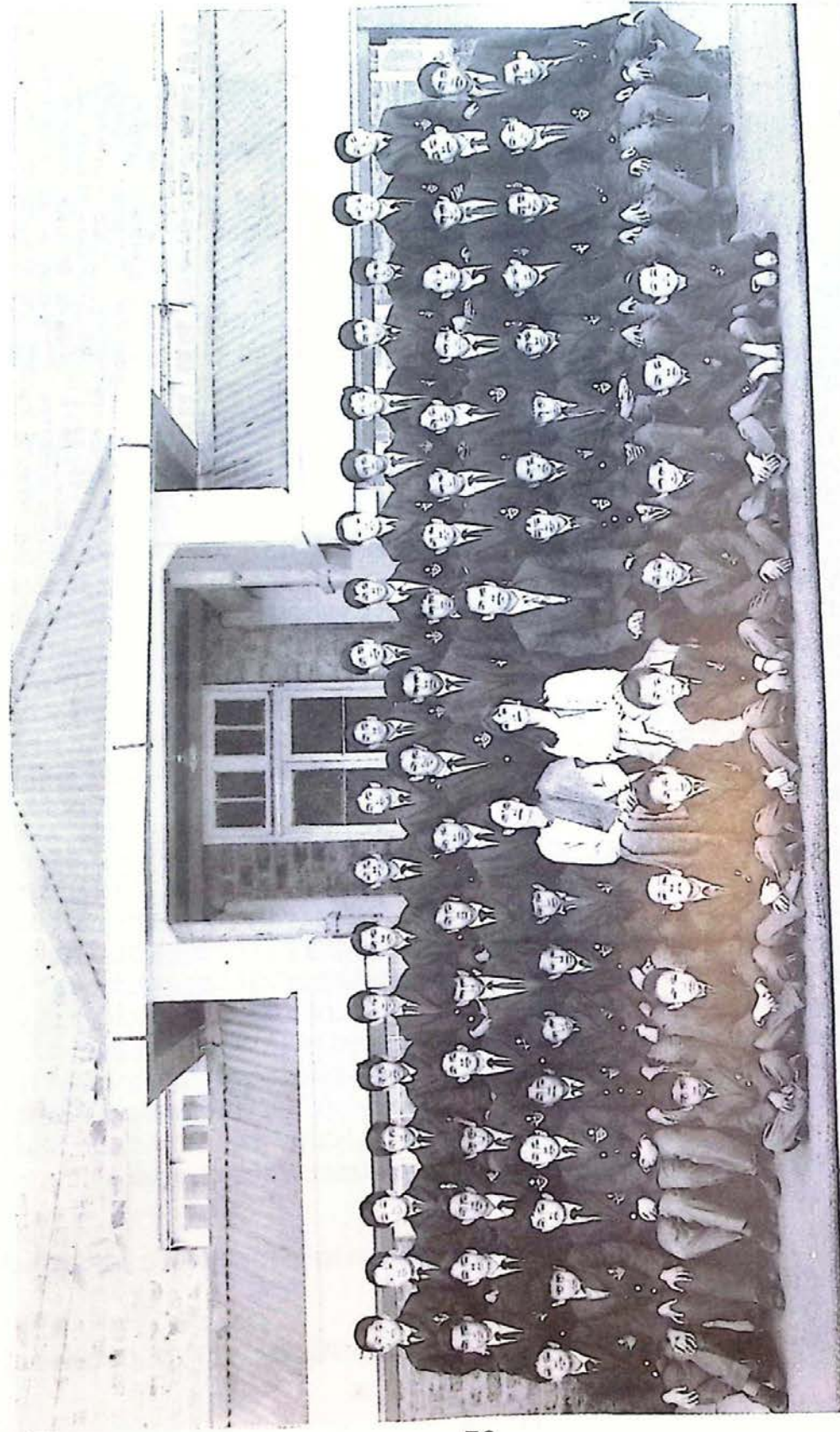
At the commencement of the year, the house activities conducted, helped in breaking the ice and acquainting the new with the old.

Games this year was our drawback and the house fared poorly. In Cricket, Table-Tennis, Hockey and Marathon the house came fourth. In Football and Basketball the house was placed third and in Athletics the house ended up second, Abhishek Pande represented the school in Cricket and so did Amar Bajracharya in Football. In Athletics, the boys who contributed greatly and who deserve credit are Navrajtiwari, Utsav Pradhan and Parrez Md. Khan. Utsav Pradhan set a new record in the 150m race and Parvez Khan in broad jump.

The P.T. Competition Cup was won by the house and Amar Bajracharya was adjudged the Best Commander. In the Drama Competition, the house came fourth. Since such plays call for house participation it was necessary to have a play which had many characters and "Robin Hood and the Butcher" fit the bill because there were about 30 characters besides those who helped behind the scenes. The boys enjoyed themselves and were happy to be involved and this made it successful. The house bagged the Elocution Cup for the third consecutive year. Of the five individual contestants Navraj Tiwari came third and Karan Rai, Aniket Pradhan, Aniruddha Pande and Amar Bajracharya all came first.

On Speech Day the following boys were awarded Special Prizes:

Navraj Tiwari for Good Conduct; Arijit Chanda,

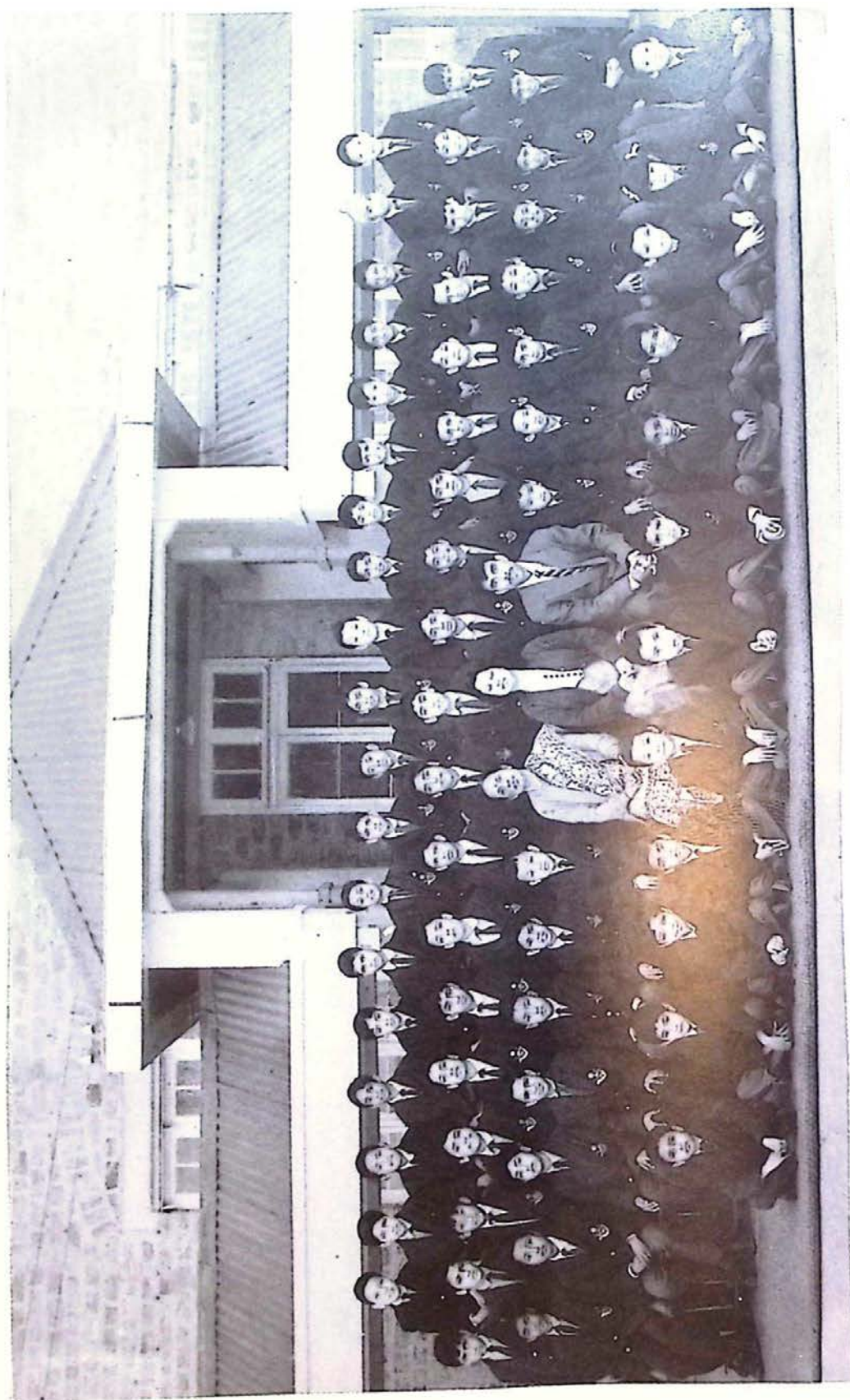


Tenzing House with (L-R seated) Mrs.S.Dwivedi, Mrs.A.Calvert (House Mistress) and Mr.A.Dennis

Kunga T. Sherpa, and Parvez Khan for Art; Ritesh Ranjan the Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal for Good Conduct and Amar Bajracharya for Art and the Best Actor's prize. Amit Khetan got the first prize in class, Ankit Saxena the second prize and Swarnadeep Bannerjee, Shreya Manandhar, Utsav Pradhan and Harshit Kumar were awarded the Progress and Application Prizes.

It is hoped that the year's failures will carry us to success in the forthcoming year and we look forward to a better and more fruitful year. I would like to express my gratitude to Mrs. S. Dwivedi and Mr. A. Dennis who willingly extended a helping hand whenever required.

- Mrs. A. Calvert



Hillary House with (l-R seated) Mrs.I.Seal, Mrs.C.Lawrence (House Mistress) and Mr.S.Manuk

Hillary House

Hillary House has had a very successful year, even though it wasn't altogether successful in being the 'top-dog' that it was the previous year. Competition was at its best and only the best could emerge victorious. With so many activities which followed in quick succession, the boys were kept on their toes (so were the teachers!), but preparation and participation provided all the boys with fun and opportunities to develop skills in various games and sports and opportunities to develop confidence.

Hillary House was able to clinch three cups this year, for dramatics, football, and table tennis. The house was also a close runner-up for quite a few of the other competitions.

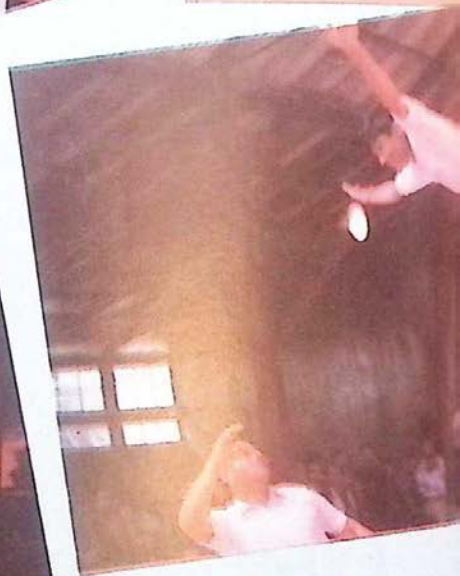
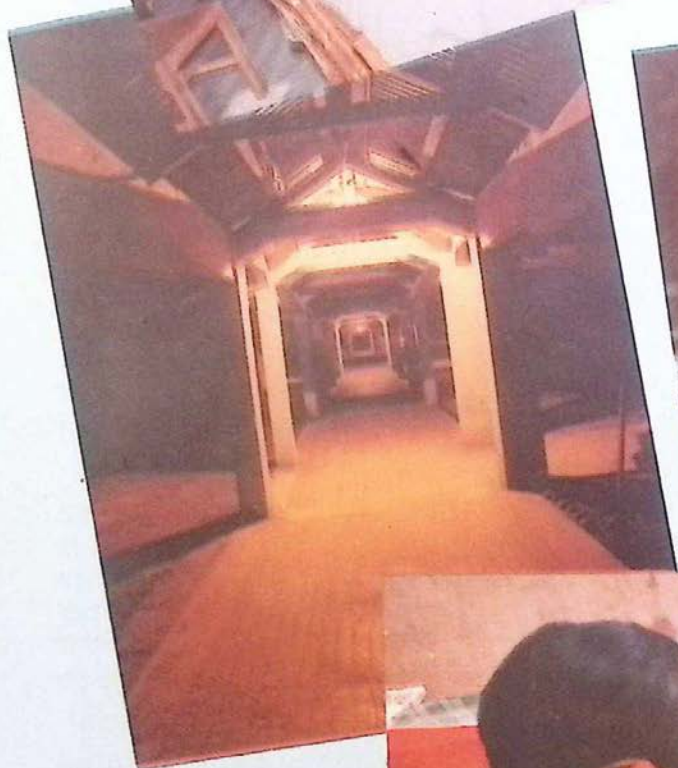
Football, a favourite game of the boys, provided all the fun and excitement. This game coincides with the monsoon and playing on soggy fields and in slush was a thorough enjoyment. There were two teams, the 1st XI and the 2nd XI which contested for the cup. It was due to the efforts of the second eleven that the cup was won.

Table-Tennis is another popular game in the P.W. After each meal in the dining-hall, there is a scramble for table reservations in the auditorium, and the rhythmic sound of the ball between bat and table goes on. Many represented the house in the contest for the cup and they all deserve to be commended, but, the most crucial match, which would decide the winner of the cup, was between Omshree Naringasinga of Hillary and Aaurag Singh of Everest. Omshree was the better of the two contestants and he emerged the winner and gave Hillary House the T.T. Cup.

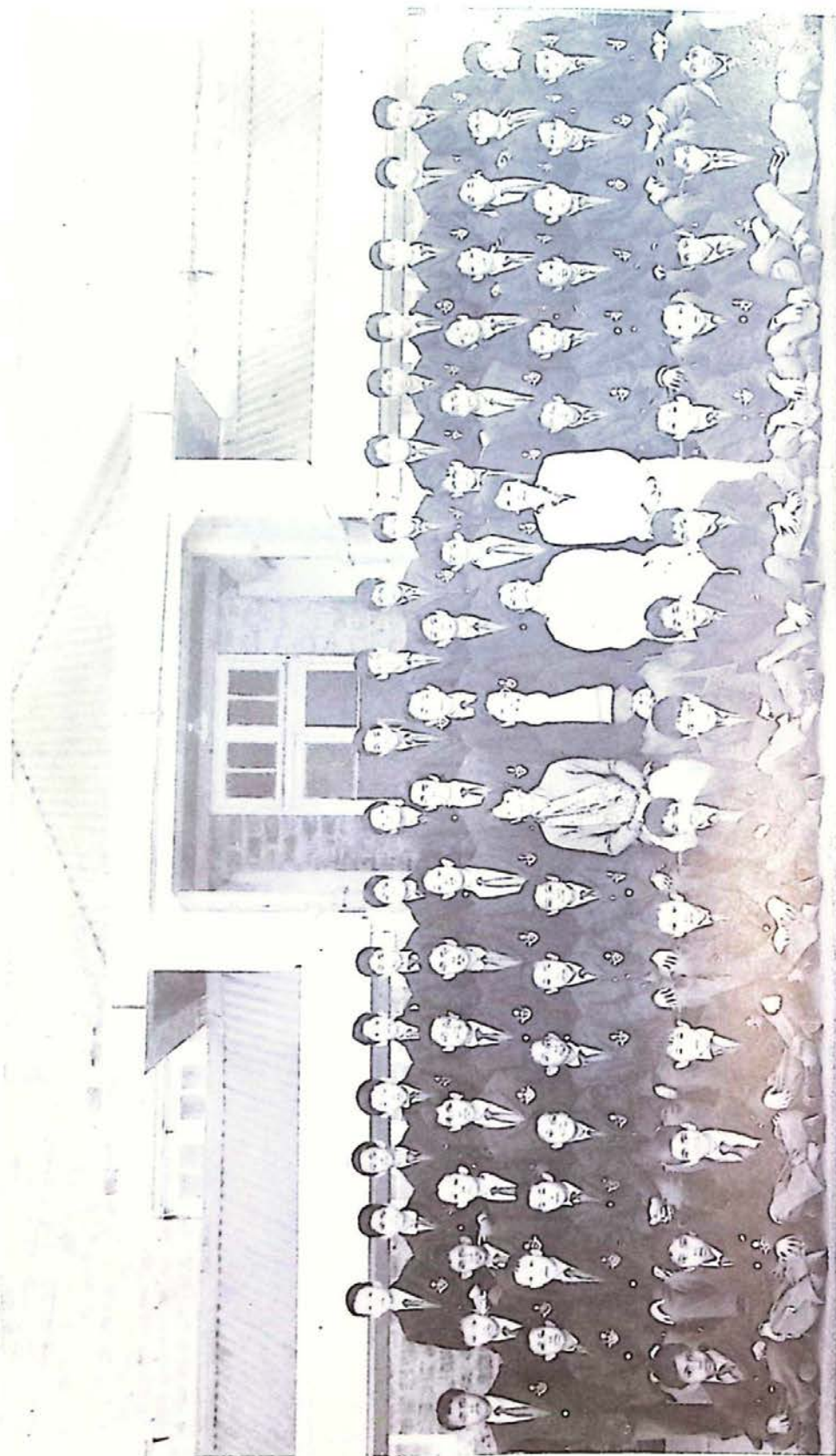
Dramatics is another important activity and the boys love to be a part of the cast. Hillary House was the unanimous winner with its one act play entitled, "The Christmas Gift". This competition was held in April. Although the title and the play seemed untimely, nevertheless, it had a very powerful message for everybody and with good acting and direction, it brought home to Hillary House the Dramatics Cup.

Whatever has been achieved this year has largely depended upon the team spirit of all the boys and the house tutors. So, in conclusion, I thank Mr. Sean Manuk and Mrs. I. Seal for all their help and cooperation. To the boys of class five who will be leaving us to enter the J. W. I wish them success in the years ahead.

- Mrs. C. Lawrence







Hunt House with (L-R seated) Mrs.S.Mukhia, Mrs.R.Rozario, Mrs.P.Calvert (House Mistress) and Ms.A.Tshering

Hunt House

House Mistress: Mrs. P. Calvert

House Tutors:
Miss R. Rozario
Miss A. Tshering
Mrs. S. Mukhia

1996 was a comparatively successful year for Hunt, rejuvenated by the entry of its newcomers of classes I, II, and IV who we welcome among us.

With the rather even break-up of talent amongst all the houses, it wasn't likely that any one house could sweep all trophies but Hunt was determined to do its best and was successful. They achieved the Best House trophy.

Their first win was the Discipline Cup for the month of March. Hardly any win to comment upon but it encouraged the children and indicated immense team spirit. They were now moving ahead and were determined to keep going.

Their first taste of victory on the games field was the Cricket Cup. Excellent batting by Somnath Chatterjee and Anil Gurung were the highlights of the game. They scored away to obtain first position in basketball and second in football.

In hockey the boys secured first position once again. Excellent team work by all players made it possible.

The P.T. competition held in July was won by Hunt. Best Commander was awarded to Rahul Dua.

In table tennis, Hunt was able to smash its way to second position.

The marathon finals were a disappointing day for the house. They secured third position after many promising practices.

Athletics was a little more challenging. Hunt was doing well at the beginning. Hunt of classes IV and V were pretty good and tried their best but the younger ones weren't too good but never the less tried their best too. Towards the close of the season Hunt found itself rock bottom and nervous to have just a handful of finalists. Would they come last? "It doesn't matter, take it all in stride," consoled the older ones. They still had hopes of winning

the shuttle relay and the Inter House. Well! They won the shuttle relay but were disqualified in the Inter House for cutting tracks. So they eventually did come last but they learnt a lot from their failure.

House Activities conducted every term were good learning experiences as well, providing scope for the children to exhibit their talents and to accept wins and losses in good spirit. The Elocution Competition was a great challenge and hard work for Hunt. They secured two firsts and four seconds and managed an overall second position which was close.

In the academics field, the house did outstandingly. The General Knowledge Quiz was won by Adarsh Sarma followed by Surya Ghosh and Aditya Sanyal who came third.

The Essay Competition was won by Debasish Kar. The Moore Divinity prize was won by Adarsh Sarma followed by Anil Gurung. Finally, the Studies Cup, popular among the grownups was awarded to Hunt on G.H.D. Their hard work had paid off.

The Discipline Cup for the year was also awarded to Hunt and shared by Everest.

With their commendable performance in the games as well as in the academics field it was inevitable that the house would win the Best House trophy.

My thanks goes out to Mrs. Howard our HPW and to the House Tutors - Miss R. Rozario, Miss A. Tshering, and Mrs. Mukhia for their help and guidance throughout the year.

- Mrs. P. Calvert

Debating Society

Master-in-Charge: Mr. T. Calvert

Secretary:
Akhilesh Kumar

The Debating season this year stretched for a period of three months: May to July. Beginning with the much hyped Class XI debate, held for the purpose of discovering fresh talent in the senior school. The proposition was "The Application of Science to Entertainment has made Man lazy." From this very point of initiation, Brajesh Raj Mishra of Hastings House showed outstanding talent by leading his side to a comfortable win.

Before the Inter-House debates ensued, the Senior Master gave the debators a talk on the essentials of a good debate. Following these guidelines we were able to produce better results and perform to the satisfaction of the house.

The first debate in this series was on "Election '96: An Exercise in Futility." Lawrence proposed while Clive opposed. Their beautifully prepared speeches led Lawrence to an unexpected victory over Clive. Delivery seemed to be a problem for a couple from the latter team. Rajeev Mehra was very rightly chosen as the best speaker.

A more down to Earth topic was chosen for the debate between Havelock and Hastings: "We never learn from our mistakes." Hastings rose trumps with B. R. Mishra proving his worth by being bracketed for the first place with Abhishek Kanoi.

In the next debate, Hastings proposed "A woman's place is in the home." While Lawrence opposed it. The motion was defeated with B. R. Mishra taking the cake again with his eloquent style and subtle matter.

The fourth debate took the season to a fever pitch with two arch rival houses, Clive and Hastings, meeting in the arena. Clive proposed "God is Dead" and a win initially seemed impossible. The underdogs, however, came up with unexpected matter and highly charged speeches leaving the other side baffled.

The following debate was held between Lawrence and Havelock over the motion "There can be no freedom without discipline."

Arguments presented by both sides were weak. However, Havelock emerged victorious with Abhishek Kanoi as the best speaker.

The Grand Final was held on the 29th of July between Clive and Hastings. The proposition before the house was "What man proposes, God disposes." Clive debated at a slight tangent and Havelock with its clear knowledge of Christian ethics "disposed" of the proposition ultimately. Abhishek Kanoi once again was awarded the best speaker.

The final tallies put Lawrence and Havelock in a joint first place for the Grindley's Bank Shield and Abhishek Kanoi won the Air Force Trophy for the best public speaker hands down for the second consecutive year.

The debating society would like to extend its heart felt thanks to all those people who gave their valuable time to encourage and judge all the debates in the course of the year.

- Mr. T. Calvert

ELOCUTION REPORT 1996

Master-in-Charge : Mr. M. S. Calvert

St. Paul's boasts of a very high standard of elocution and the contests this year proved it once again. The contests were conducted in a spirit of healthy competition and the participants displayed their excellence in this skill.

As in the previous years the Elocution competition was conducted according to the pattern used for the N.M. Master's Inter-School contest, which is based on the guidelines from the Trinity College of London.

The Junior Wing Inter-House Elocution Contest was held on 24th July, 1996. The individual positions were as follows:

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| Poetry - Class VI | - First : R. Anthony (Ca) |
| | - Second : N. Singh (We) & A. Grewal (An) |
| | - Fourth : L. Gurung (Be) |
| Prose - Class VII | - First : A. Singh (We) |
| | - Second : A.A. Khan (Ca) |
| | - Third : R. Kundu (Be) |
| | - Fourth : T. N. Joshi (An) |
| Prose - Class VIII | - First : R. Mehra (We) |
| | - Second : F. Alam (Be) |
| | - Third : S. Penjor (Ca) |
| | - Fourth : N. Haralalka (An) |
| Drama-Class VII & VIII | First - A. Thackur (We) |
| | - Second : V. Atal (Be) |
| | - Third : A. Das (Ca) |
| | - Fourth : A. Bajaj (An) |
- The final House positions were as follows:
- First : Westcott
 - Second : Cable
 - Third : Betten
 - Fourth : Anderson

It may be noted that Westcott has won the competition for the fourth consecutive year.

The Jyoti Kundu Prize for the Best elocutionist in the Junior Wing was awarded to Abhishek Thackur of Westcott House.



The N.M. Master Elocution Team (L-R standing) Mr.S.Chakravarthi, Mis.R.Rozario and Mr.M.S.Calvert

The Senior Inter-House Elocution contest was held on 17th August, 1996. The individual positions were as follows:

Drama Classes 9 & 10	First	: A. Kanoi (Jr.) (Hv)
	Second	: B. R. Mishra (Hs)
	Third	: S. Kharel (Lw)
	Fourth	: J. Gomes (Cl)
Extempore Classes 9 & 10	First	: V. Oberoi (Hv)
	Second	: V. Bansal (Lw)
	Third	: B. Gurung (Cl)
	Fourth	: A. Jalan (Hs)
Narrative Prose or Poetry Classes 11 & 12	First	: A. Kanoi (Sr) (Hv)
	Second	: A. Agarwal (Cl)
	Third	: R. Ali (Lw)
	Fourth	: A. Pradhan (Hs)
Drama & Dramatic Prose	First	: I. Macdonald (Hv)
	Second	: A. Kumar (Cl)
	Third	: N. Sinha (Hs)
	Fourth	: R. Mehra (Lw)

The final House positions were as follows:

First	:	Havelock
Second	:	Clive
Third	:	Lawrence
Fourth	:	Hastings

The Sakraney Medal for the Best Elocutionist in the Senior Wing was awarded to Ian Macdonald of Havelock House.

The 30th Inter-School Elocution Competition contested for the N.M. Master's Shield was held on home ground, on Tuesday, 10th September, 1996. Our Guest of Honour was Rev. Mother Damien, Principal, Loreto College, Darjeeling.

Our judges were Mrs. M. Hallis, Head of the Department of English, St. Joseph's College, North Point, Mr. R. Subba, Principal & Director, Himali Boarding School, Kurseong, Mr. M. Kumar, lecturer in English, R.K.B.T. College, Darjeeling.

The competition was of a reasonably high standard and the end result was that St. Paul's School won the N.M. Master's Shield for the third consecutive year.

The school was represented by :

Amar Bajracharya	- Poetry	- Second
Abhishek Thackur	- Prose	- Second
Brajesh Mishra	- Drama	- First
Aditya Kanoi	- Extempore	- First

Brajesh Mishra was adjudged the Best Speaker of the contest.

The final school positions were as follows:

First	:	St. Paul's School
Second	:	Loreto Convent
Third	:	St. Joseph's School, North Point
Fourth	:	Mount Hermon School

In conclusion, I would like to place on record my gratitude to Miss. R. Rozario and M. S. Chakravarthi for their support and cooperation in training the team. I am also indebted to the Rector, The Senior master and the Head Junior wing for their help and consideration.

- Mr. M. S. Calvert



St. Paul's School, Darjeeling

presents

'THE MISER'

by

Moliere

adapted by

Miles Malleson

**Chief Guest : Ronny Nobel
School Capt.1974**

on

15th. & 17th. October, 1996

in

The School Hall

'THE MISER'

Synopsis of the Scenes

Act One

SCENE 1 : A room in Harpagon's house. Morning.

SCENE 2 : The same. A little later.

Act Two

SCENE 1 : The same. Afternoon.

SCENE 2 : The same. Early evening.

The play takes us back in time to the events of a day in the year 1668. The house of Monsieur Harpagon in Paris, is bustling with schemes.

Monsieur has planned to have Cleante and Elise married as soon as possible. His daughter Elise is to marry Seigneur Anselm who is immensely rich and is willing to marry her without a dowry ! but Elise is secretly in love with Valere. Cleante, his son, is to be married to a rich widow but he is secretly in love with Mariane. Monsieur Harpagon at 60 years also hopes to marry again.....
....but NOT without a dowry, for he has no love for anything or anybody but his money bags.

Then there are other surprises....

CAST

(in order of their appearance)

Valere (in love with Elise) :	Rajeev Mehra
Elise (Harpagon's daughter) :	Brajesh Raj Mishra
Cleante (Harpagon's son) :	Saswata Sanyal
Harpagon (the Miser) :	Akilesh Kumar
La Fleche (Cleante's servant) :	Avinash Agarwal
Master Simon (a moneylender):	Sanjeev Mehra
Frosine (a scheming woman) :	Viraj Oberoi
Jacques (Harpagon's servant) :	Vivek Bansal
1 st Servant :	Rubel Aktar
2 nd Servant :	Samir Bandali
Mariane (in love with Cleante) :	Vivek Vishal
Justice of The Peace :	Ashish Marbaniang
Clerk to the Justice :	Keshav Tandon
Seigneur Anselm :	Sudip Sanyal

Produced and Directed by
MR. N.S. LAWRENCE

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Stage Work & Props	:	Mr. N.S. Lawrence
Helpers	:	Sami Ahmed; Ved Arya; Ram Prakash Gupta; Murtaza Johar; Obaidullah Malik; Sandeep Gupta; Vikash Kumar
Sets	:	Mr. Gokul Chettri and his team
Art Work	:	Mr. R.S. Baoni with Rakesh Sarda; Lhendup Bhutia
Lighting Effects	:	Mr. Genesis Dutta with Tilak Sotang; Ricky Risal
Make up	:	Mr. S.M. Pradhan; Mrs. R. Anthony; Mr. A. Thackur; Mr. N.S. Lawrence; Mrs. C. Lawrence; Mrs. P. Thackur
Music	:	Miss Caroline Hillier (Piano); Mr. Gautam Lepcha (Violin)

(The entire production team wishes to acknowledge the enthusiastic help, advice and encouragement given by the Rector, Mr. D.A. Howard, the Senior Master, Mr. I.T. Myers and Mr. D. Pradhan. The team also wishes to thank all the estate workers, particularly the tailors, carpenters and electricians.)



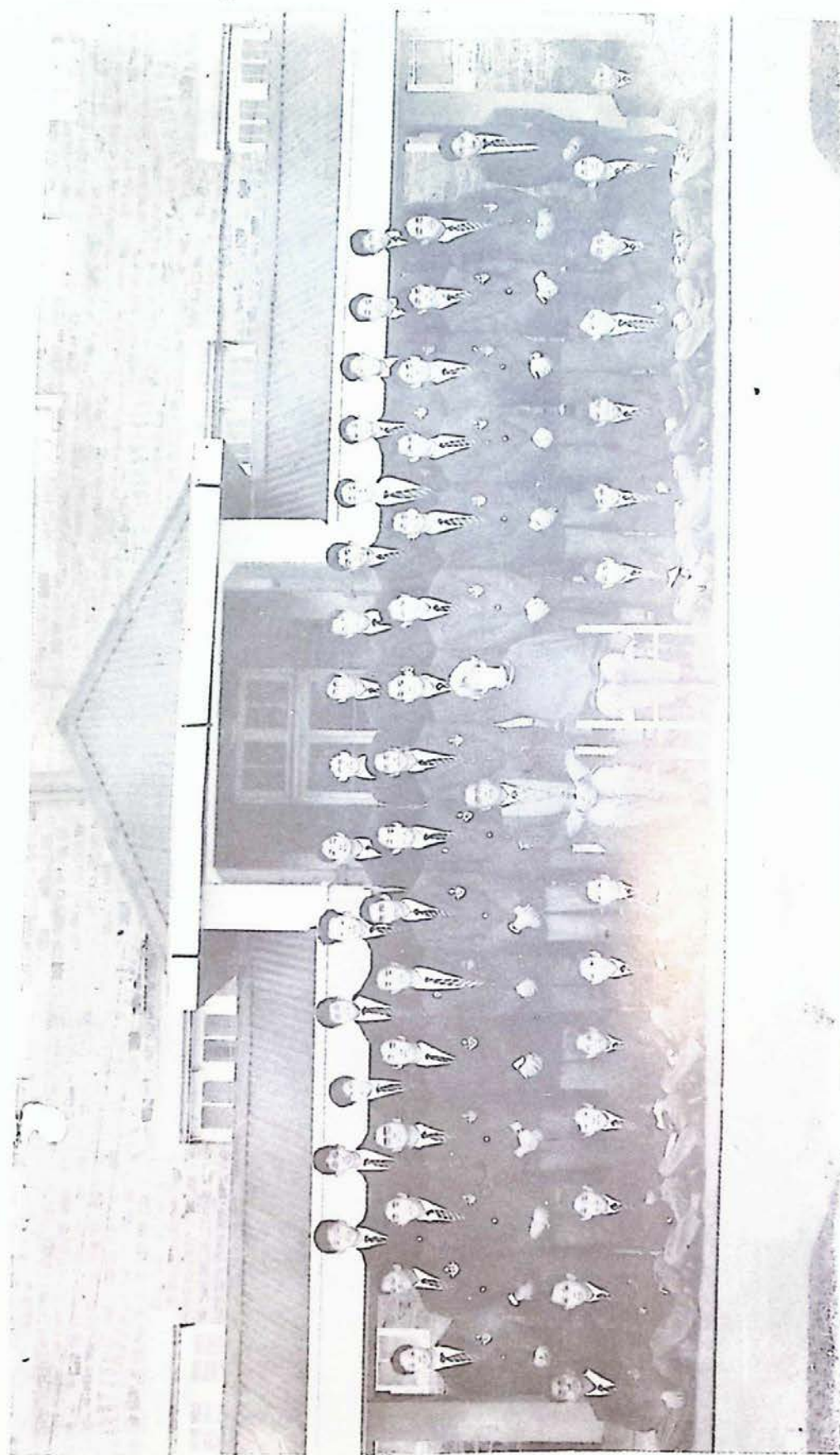
SCHOOL PLAY (THE MISER)





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The Western Music Society with (l-R seated) Mr.S. Pandey and Ms. C. Hillier

Music Notes

Master-In-Charge: Sudeep Pande

Secretary:
Abhisek Kanoi

1996 has been a rather eventful year for the Music Department with a tremendous improvement in its general standard. Even the standard expected to qualify for the "DEAS - SKILL" was revised, and it is encouraging to note that many boys have qualified for that.

Formal music lessons were given to 45 students in piano (under Mr. S. Pande and Ms. C. Hillier) voice and violin (under Mr. S. Pande) and guitar (Mr. P. Pradhan). This year, 29 students were sent up for practical examination in music (piano and singing) conducted by the Trinity College of Music, London, in the month of September. I take the pleasure and privilege to mention that this was the first time in St. Paul's and in Darjeeling that boys appeared for a singing examination. Bikash Gurung secured the highest percentage (singing) in the entire centre. The examiner this year was Mr. F. Vincent Smith, B. Mus, GRSM, LRAM, ARCM, LGSM. Congratulations to all our music examinees! 23 boys also sat for the Theory Examination in November.

The School Band, under the able guidance of Ms. Caroline Hillier and the perseverance of Abhisek Kanoi, performed creditably for the Independence Day Celebrations and the March Past at the Annual Athletics Meet. We had a lot of enthusiastic juniors joining the Band. With the help of the other experienced musicians, they were able to acquire a great deal of proficiency. Abhishek Goenka (trumpet) and Rajat Kedia (Clarinet) worked hard in training the ones who just joined.

The School Choir, under the direction of Mr. Sudeep Pande, has sung in Chapel everyday and often with "Alternative versions" of various hymns, including some heartlifting descants. They have rendered anthems at all Festal and Special Services, including one in Latin. The music chosen has been of a wide range. The choristers have all worked very hard over the year and have really improved their quality of choral singing. They were at their best form at the Commemoration Service this year where they excelled themselves with their angelic voices. Bikash Gurung conducted the choir at this service.

A Memorial Service was held on the 14th of November for

late Mrs. Moneesha Chaudhuri who was the pianoforte teacher in St. Paul's - a legendary music teacher. The chapel musicians were in their best form. The Opening Voluntary was "The Crusaders" and "Maccabeus" was the concluding one. The Choir sang the anthem "Adoremus in Aeternum." The hymns were all sung in harmony and one with descant.

The Carol Service which is the annual offering of talents of the Choir was held on the 1st and 2nd of December. The Choir sang three special carols - "In Dulci Jubilo" (5th cent. AD), "Coventry Carol" (16th cent. AD), and "I wonder as I wander" (20th cent. AD). Some of the congregational carols were sung in harmony and there were some descants too. The Sixth Form sang "The Drummer Boy" and the staff Quartette sang "O Holy Night", Aditya Kanoi and Sandeep Tuladhar read lessons on behalf of the choir.

Abhisek Kanoi and Sidhart Rajbhandari have played the Digital Horn at all the chapel services and have played voluntaries at special services. Sidhant Rajbhandari and Vishak Shrestha have played the violin and Abhishek Goenka has played the trumpet at all special services in the chapel. Congratulations and thanks to all the chapel musicians.

A number of music students have performed in the School auditorium at various functions. Bikash Gurung, Merentoshi Jamir, Sonam Ghale, Kinlay Tshering and Vishwaman Rai have sung solos at their respective House Concerts. Raza Ali and V.M. Rai gave a wonderful rendering of "Theme from Godfather" at the Lawrence House Concert. Tim Nabi played a piano solo at the Havelock House Concert, Vanlal has been the drummer at every single musical event of the year. He has been a very enthusiastic and obliging musician. Sandeep Tuladhar sang "Memory" at the Westcott House Concert and the House Choir sang three songs. The Junior Wing Choral Society sang at the Junior Wing Concert in June and at the Independence Day celebration.

They were accompanied by Naresh Rai and Arvind Gurung on the guitar and Vishal Shrestha, a budding drummer. Their performance was of a fairly high standard and the music chosen was that of folk, classical and modern - a wide range indeed! The Senior Western Music Group bagged the first prize at the Inter-School Plus - II Fest '96. Vishwaman Rai came first in vocal solo ("Jealous Guy"), B.B. Rai and Ian MacDonald came second

in the duet section ("All I want is everything") and the entire group came first in the group song section ("Let It Be"). Bhaskar Sharma was excellent in the entertainment section.

As an incentive, two expeditions were conducted. The class X musicians were taken to Rimbick for a weekend and the junior choristers were taken to Pelling and Pemayangste. These outings were thoroughly enjoyed. The Goethals and Mount Hermon school concerts were attended by the senior and junior choristers.

Abhisek Kanoi was awarded with the prestigious Adams Music Prize and the Rahoul Music Prize went to T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi.

I would like to sincerely thank the Music Secretary, Abhisek Kanoi, for excellent work over the year and his utmost cooperation and help in all the musical activities of the school.

- Sudeep Pande



The Hindi Literary Society with (L-R seated) Mrs. G. Kanti and Mr. G.R. Anthony

Hindi Parishad

Master-in-Charge: Mr. G.R. Anthony

Secretary:
Murtaza Johar

Once again the stars of good fortune and success shone on the Hindi Parishad in the year 1996. The school witnessed the first of the Hindi Parishad programmes on the 3rd of July which was the Inter-House elocution (Jrn. Wing). This year the standard of elocution was much better compared to other years.

The results were as follows:

Class VI (Poetry)	1st	-	Vaibhav Neotia (We)
	2nd	-	Ajitesh Jaiswal (Ca)
Class VII (Prose)	1st	-	Ankit Goenka (Be)
	2nd	-	Gaurav
			Chhawchharia (We)
Class VIII (Poetry)	1st (tie)	-	Abhishek Thackur (We),
			Hridya N. Prasad (Ca)
House Positions:	1st	-	Westcott
	2nd	-	Cable

In the Senior Wing, there was a tough competition. The results were as follows:

Class IX (Poetry)	1st	-	Harsh Deorah (Hs),
			Viraj Oberoi (Hv)
Class X (Prose)	1st	-	Aditya Kanoi (Hv)
	2nd	-	Gaurav Jain (Hs),
			Nitin Himsingka (Cl)
Class XI - XII (Drama)	1st	-	Akhilesh Kumar (Cl),
	2nd	-	Prashant Agarwalla (Hs),
			Raza Ali (Lw)
House Positions:	1st	-	Hastings
	2nd	-	Clive & Havelock

This year the Inter-School elocution was held in St. Joseph's (North point). Our boys did extremely well. I would like to congratulate V. Neotia, H.N. Prasad, A. Kanoi and A. Kumar for a splendid performance.

The second Language cultural concert was held on the

eve of Independence Day. The much awaited feature of the Parishad, the Hindi one-act play was performed successfully. This year Mr. Manoj Kumar wrote and directed the play, "Tauba Telephone" which was enjoyed by one and all. The cast consisted of Murtaza Johar, Ajit Singh Lamba, Kapil Mohra, Avinash Agarwal, Parul Agarwal, Piyush M. Thackur, Nitin Himatsingka, and Harsh Deorah. Their acting was excellent. I would like to thank all those who helped us to put up the play. A song was also sung by Riyadh Z. Chowdhury.

On the occasion of Independence Day, Murtaza Johar delivered a powerful speech on India's 49 years of Independence.

This year again a few boys took part in the "Hindi Diwas" programme organised by the Himachal Hindi Bhavan, Darjeeling. In the essay writing competition, Sandeep Jaiswal, Gaurav Jain, Nitin Himatsingka and Shashank Dubey took part where Shashank Dubey stood second. In the speech delivery competition Rakesh Sarda, Murtaza Johar, Piyush Thackur and Parul Agarwal took part and Murtaza Johar and Piyush Thackur stood first and second respectively out of all the other schools in Darjeeling.

The special prizes awarded this year were as follows:

Rudra Hindi Prize for Essay Writing (shared)	-	Murtaza Johar, Rakesh Sarda
Best Actor in Hindi	-	Kapil Mehra

This report would be incomplete if I did not express my gratitude to Mr. Anthony, Mrs. Kanti, Mr. Manoj Kumar for their cooperation and guidance. Thank you very much.

- Murtaza Johar

Bengali Society

Master-in-Charge: Mr. G. Bhattacharyya

Editor: Ritwick Biswas

Secretary:

Riyad Zafar Chaudhari

It would be no exaggeration to say that the activities of the Bengali society have been a complete success throughout the year.

The beginning of the term did not have much excitement in store for us but shortly afterwards, the annual Inter-School Bengali elocution was held at Mount Hermon School on the 7th of August. The boys chosen to represent the school were Naheem Razzak, Amardeep Banerjee, Shivaji Bagchi, and Arjun Gupta.

On the 7th of September, the Inter-House Bengali elocution was held. One can satisfyingly applaud the boys on a job well done as they had provided their mettle and vigour during the contest.

The results were as follows:

Class XI & XII (Drama):	1st -	Saswata Sanyal (Hv),
	2nd -	Sudip Sanyal (Cl)
Class X (Prose)	: 1st -	Amardeep Banerjee,
	2nd -	S. Ganduly & Binit Agarwal
Class IX (Poetry)	: 1st -	Soham Chakrovorty,
	2nd -	Prasun Chowdury

Havelock bagged the cup for this year.

Then came a big day. On the eve of the Independence day we performed a Bengali cultural programme. On this occasion the members of the society staged a number of items. It included a group song (Rabindra Sangeet), a Bengali modern song by Riyad Zafar Chaudhuri, a dance to a Rabindra Sangeet by Gourav Shah, and finally a play in three scenes, "Kabuliwala" by Rabindra Nath Tagore. Sudip Sanyal, T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi, and Rajib Miah acted as the Kabuliwala, father, and Mini respectively. The other boys too acted well and deserve credit. The back drops, scenery and the make-up were realistic and the play was a tremendous success under the guidance of Mr. G. Bhattacharyya. Sudip Sanyal was awarded the best actor medal.



The Bengali Literary Society with Mr. G. Bhattacharya

On the 28th of August, the Usha Rani Bengali Prize exam was held. Ritwick Biswas bagged the prize for the year.

The Bengali Society would like to apologise to all the readers of the Bengali section of "The Paulite" because of the various printing errors. In Darjeeling, there are no Bengali printing facilities, hence the proof has to come from Siliguri. Even after the correction at times the printing remains faulty. We will try our best to overcome this problem in the future.

On behalf of the Bengali Society, I would like to thank Mr. G. Bhattacharya for his consistent help and guidance during the year.

- Shaniur Nabi



A scene from the Bengali Play "Kabuliwallah."

Nepali Society

Master-in-Charge: Mr. S.M. Pradhan

Secretary:
Tilak Sotang

The year 1996 marked the 20th year of the existence of the Nepali Society. The Society has certainly come a long way since then.

The Society contributed a great deal to the activities of the school this year and prospered under the able guidance of Mr. B.B. Tamang and Mr. S.M. Pradhan. The secretary of the society, Tilak Sotang, took keen interest in its activities and set an excellent example for others.

The Annual Nepali Concert was held on the 14th of August. It consisted of a one act play, "Trikon". The concert was an immense success not only with the staff and students but also with the guests. Kundan Srestha was finally adjudged the best actor. The cast worked immensely hard and in the end their hard work paid ample dividends.

The Annual Nepali Elocution was held at Loreto Convent this year. The boys from St. Paul's as always shone in their performance under the able guidance of Mr. S.M. Pradhan and Mr. B.B. Tamang. Tshering Wangyal Ghale took part in the plus two fest and was placed second in Nepali Elocution. The Madhukar Rana Nepali Essay Writing Prize went to Obaidullah Malik.

It is most certain that the Nepali society will do even better in the years to come.

- Tilak Sotang



The Nepali Literary Society with Mr.B.P. Tamang and Mr.S.M.Pradhan

French Society

This year the French society has started to branch out in new and exciting directions: decoration of the French Room with French posters made by the children themselves, afternoon conversation groups with a French Buddhist Monk, and the presentation of their own French prose and letters in this year's 2nd language concert.

The children have become very enthusiastic and adventurous in the activities which they have undertaken this year - Good luck, French Society!

- Miss C. Hiller

Art and Craft

Master-in-Charge: Mr. R.S. Baoni

Batik:
Rajesh Changulanri

Secretary of Art:
Rakesh Sarda
Henry Pachharui
Woodwork:
B.B.Rai

Strenuous hard work and uncompromising challenge worked in wonderful coordination for the boys resulting in the turn out of the Exhibitions 1996 - A GRAND SUCCESS!!

Work, this year, began quite early in the season. The Art Deptt. had its boys beginning their work with pencil sketches (still life, nature study, portrait, etc.), gradually moving on to water colours, then to pastels and other finer works through various mediums. At this point in time, it is necessary to state that the progress of the Department would have been absolutely impossible without the constant help of Mr. R.S. Baoni, whose invaluable help and experienced guidance to many generations of Paulites down the years has kept the Art Deptt. what it always has been - THE BEST!! Beginning right from March and ending in December, Mr. Baoni strives not only for an exhibition but for preparing students of art for their respective board examination. THANK YOU, SIR!!

A special word of thanks is extended to Harka Bahadur Succa, assistant to Mr. Baoni, for his continuous help in the woodwork section and eventually in the preparation for the Exhibition. The effort of the members paid off excellently in the Exhibition. The Art Room (used as the venue for the Exhibition) was rich with a vast number of exhibits thus exposing the enormous talent in each member.

The Anil Chaudhury Art Prize Exam was won by Rakesh Sarda who was also awarded the Best Artist of the Year award. A magnificent large pastel done by Rakesh Sarda was the centre of attraction in the Art section. Apart from this, special commendations in water colours were given to Henry Pachhuaui, Jigmela Wazilingpa, Bhaskar Sharma, and Saswata Sanyal.

The Woodwork section was no less in contributing to the show's success this year and that means hearty congratulations

to Bir Birendra Rai, the secretary!

The number of exhibits this year was more than sufficient in surfacing the hard work behind the hobby itself. B.B. Rai was awarded the Best Craftsman award in this section and high commendations were extended to Bhaskar Sharma, Kalden Dorji, Kulup Prasai, Rajesh Changulani, Vikash Kumar, Koshal Karwa, and Rakesh Sarda.

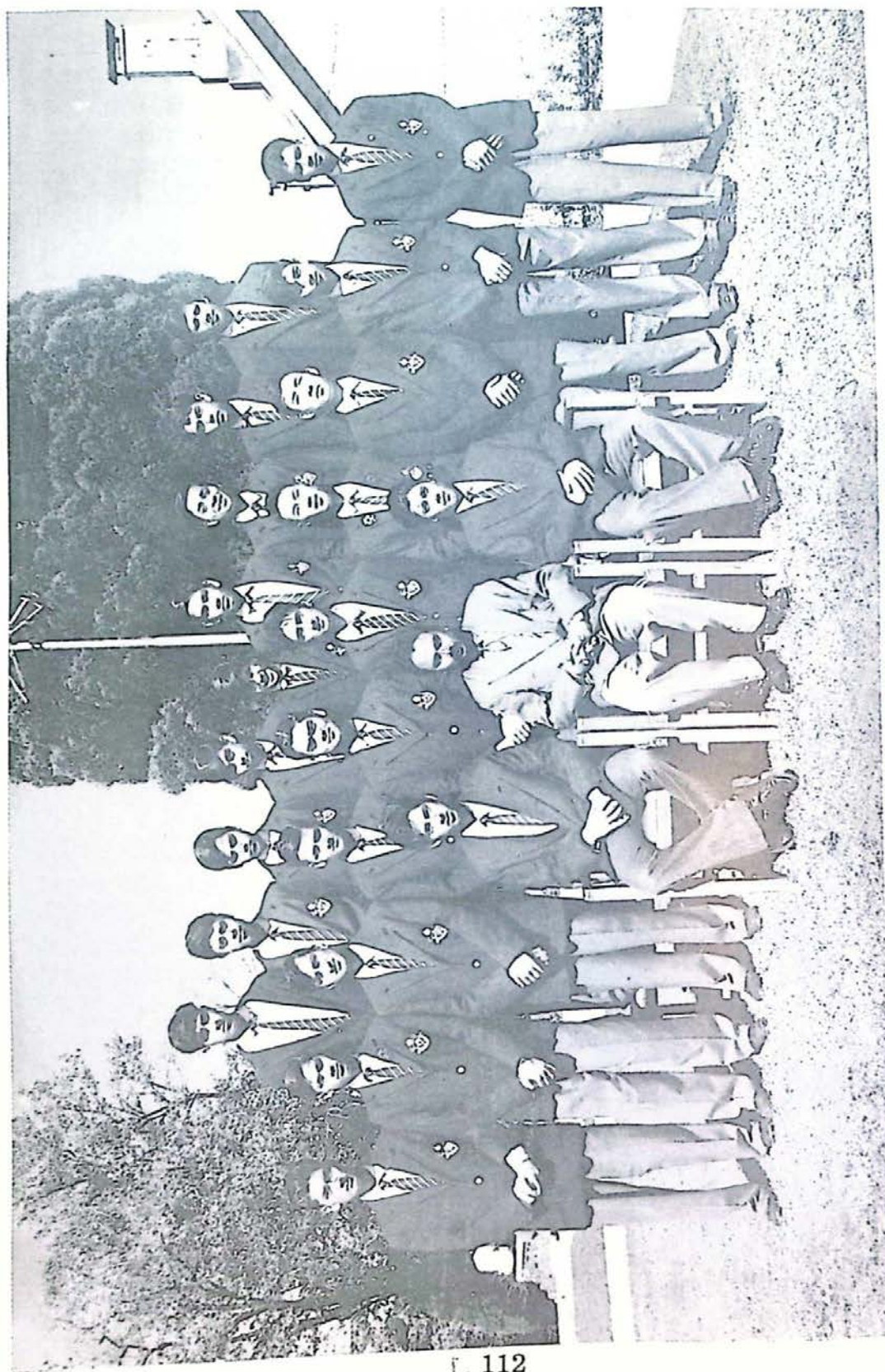
The serenity and beauty of the batik section was acknowledged with high praise and justified commendations.....

"Each piece looked more prettier than the other" said a certain comment in the Exhibition Register.

Two beautiful sarees done by Rajesh Changulani and Anurag Dalmia along with exclusively designed ties (being done after a long time) grabbed suitable attention. Rajesh Changulani was awarded the Best Craftsmen in the section.

On concluding, it is only just that all those who helped for the Exhibition be thanked. Thank you one and all. May the Art and Craft Club improve even further.

Rakesh Sarda



The Camera Club with Mr.K.R.K.Singh

Photography Report (Camera Club)

Master-in-charge: Mr. K.R.K. Singh

Secretary: S. Chhetri

1996 can be regarded undoubtedly, as another year of hardwork achievements, a good exhibition of talent and skill. The club began on a high note this year as the members were taken to Sandakphu on their first assignment. Being as beautiful as it is, Sandakphu did give the members a huge scope for photography. Apart from this there were several other sessions when the photography boys were allowed to visit in and around Darjeeling and school, thus enhancing the standard of the exhibition to great proportions. Sisir Chetri was awarded Excellency in Photography. Ashish Pradhan was awarded the Kamlesh Kanti Medal. Even Raj Kumar was awarded the Das Studio Prize for consistent hard work in the Camera Club.

Approaching to the end of the year, the club dismisses the members who walk away with their own little contribution.

K.R.K. Singh

Machine Workshop

Master-In-Charge: Mr. U. K. Dwivedi

Secretary :
Ajit Singh Lamba

"Machine workshop" as a hobby has always been a great interest for the boys of the Senior School and this year the number of boys in the hobby exceeded the 100 mark. A lot of boys from Std. IX joined this hobby and surprisingly a lot of elevens too. Everybody worked with enthusiasm and a lot of hard work.

With the able guidance of the Master-in-Charge, Mr. U.K. Dwivedi, this hobby went along displaying a hundred plus pieces. Never before had there been an exhibition in two rooms but this year it turned out that exact way. A variety of lamp-stands, candle-stands, ashtrays and display bowls were exhibited by the boys. The exhibition was appreciated by one and all. The N.K. Mitra prize for club activities was awarded to the secretary of this hobby, Ajit S. Lamba.

As this year of 1996 comes to an end, I would like to thank all the members of this hobby, especially Tshering Ghale of class XI who helped to put up this exhibition successfully and last but not the least Mr.U.K. Dwivedi, the Master-in-Charge for guiding us throughout the year.

Ajit Singh Lamba

Science Forum

Master-in-Charge: Mr. U.K. Dwivedi

Secretary:
Murtaza Johar

The year started on a good note with the ICSE & ISC showing a general improvement in the science standards in school.

The Science Prize Examinations, conducted throughout the year, tested the knowledge and ability of the budding scientists preparing them to face the competitive examinations after leaving school with courage. This year the number of boys taking part in these examinations increased and the competition became tough. The Karan Majumdar Science Prize was won by Ram P. Gupta. The Kothari Physical Science Prize was won by Sami Ahmed. The Robin Banerjee Life Science Prize was won by Obaidullah Malik. A number of students were specially commended in these examinations.

Miss Kinda from California came to our school to give us a lecture on "Religion and Science". This was thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.

The forum did have much to interest and motivate its members and I sincerely hope that the interest in this hobby continues to increase in the years to come.

My report would be incomplete if I did not thank Mr. U.K. Dwivedi for his continued help and guidance. I would also like to thank all the teachers of the Science Department for helping us in all possible cases.

- Murtaza Johar

Industrial Chemistry Club

Master-in-Charge: Mr. A. Sharma

Secretary
Faraz Siddique

The year 1996 marked the entry of many new members in the club and the strength was more than 50, which is largest so far recorded in the club since its inception in 1992. The boys took keen interest in the hobby. Though it started only after the Independence Day. This year the boys of classes 9 and 11 prepared a number of new products ranging from washing soap, room freshener, body talc to after shave lotion though the beginners started with much simpler products like boot-polish (black and brown), liquid soap, vaseline pomade and cold-cream. For exhibition, all these products were displayed along with a few educative charts and some three dimensional factory models. All these exhibits were very much appreciated by the visitors.

I hope that in the future, the boys will show the same interest as they have done all these years to improve upon the previous years doing better and better. My report will be incomplete if I do not thank Mr. A. Sharma, the Master-in-Charge of the club, without whose sincere efforts and guidance we could not have been able to make the hobby fruitful, and the yearly exhibition a grand success.

Faraz Siddique

Audio Visual Club

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Genesis Dutta

Student Secretary :
Tilak Sotang

The Audio Visual Club had a very successful year for 1996. Mr. Genesis Dutta took over the reigns of the Master-in-Charge from Mr. Ajay Sharma early this year. Mr. Sharma had a successful 3 year stint as the MIC and this year passed the post over to a younger staff.

The team consisted of Tilak Sotang and Jigmela Wazilingpa.

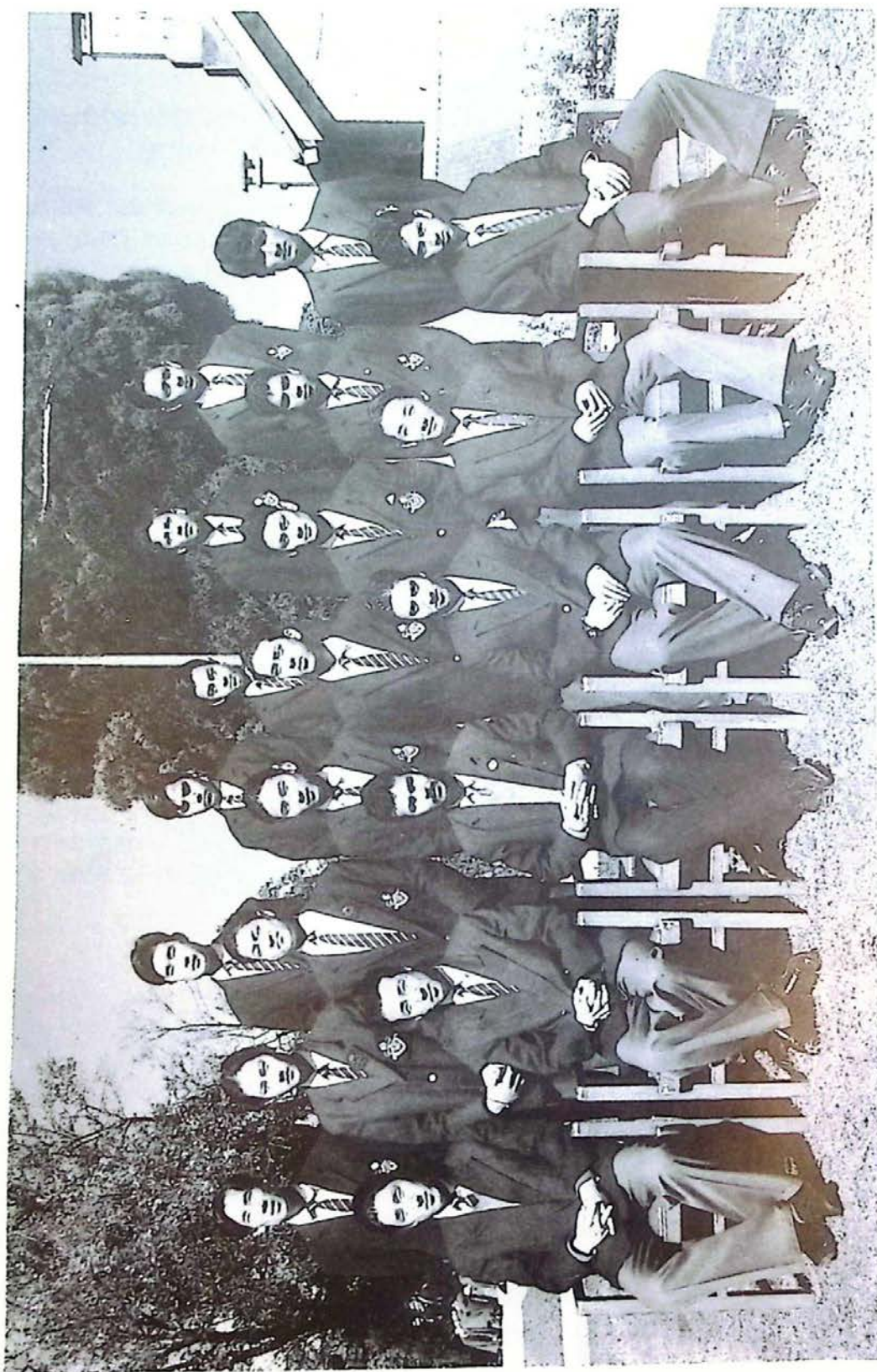
It was through the dedicated hard work of these boys under the supervision of Mr. Genesis Dutta that the Society flourished.

A number of activities were conducted in the Prep hall this year. These were:-

- (1) The Anderson & Betten House concert.
 - (2) The Cable and Westcott House concert
 - (3) The Clive, Lawrence, Havelock and Hastings House Concerts.
 - (4) The School and Junior Wing Plays
 - (5) The Music Concert by the Primary Wing
 - (6) The various Debates and Elocutions
- The club was also actively involved in:
- (1) The Speech Day
 - (2) The Sports Day
 - (3) The Independence Day
 - (4) The Gym display
 - (5) The Children's Day
 - (6) The Teacher's Day

A number of movies were also shown throughout the year. These were :

- (1) March - Jesus of Nazareth, Toy Story, Robo Cop, ET, Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade.
- (2) April - King Kong Live, Richie Rich, Master
- (3) May -



The Audio Visual Club with Mr. G. Dutta.

- (4) June - The Babe, Brave Heart, Golden Eye, Remote, True Lies, Big
- (5) July - Duston Checks In, Naked Guns 2 1/2, Apollo-13, Walk in the Clouds
- (6) August - Jumanji, Fareb, K-9
- (7) September - Free Willy, Turner & Hooch, Quick & The Dead
- (8) November - PointBreak, Khamoshi, Independence Day, Eraser

Apart from this, we had a major breakdown in the Hot-line Euranger in the middle of the year. This did initially cause a lot of problems to the club and we were dormant for the major part of a month. However, this defect was soon repaired and activities were once again resumed as normal.

In conclusion, I would like to wish the Club many years of happy existence and the incoming Secretary luck in ensuring the club another successful year.

- Jigmela Wazilingpa



The Computer Society with Mr.J.Choudhury and Mr.A.Dutta

Computer Society

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Joydeep Chaudhury

Secretary:
Prashant Tater

The year commenced at a comparatively slow pace with the club having no teacher to teach the students nor to guide the club. The sudden departure of our previous M.I.C., Mr. Kaushik Dutta, had left a deep void for everyone or anyone involved with the club. Mr. Kaushik Dutta's experience and guidance played an important role behind every member's success in the subject and it is this subtle presence that we felt most after his departure.

For about two months, the boys were left with no permanent teacher when at last Mr. Joydeep Chaudhury came in to fill the void. But as the saying goes, "Rome wasn't built in a day", it may take him sometime to adapt and we of the computer club wish him all the best and welcome him into the Paulite family.

The activities this year were smooth and there were many bright occasions to reflect back to with pride.

Earlier in the year, Abhisek Shroff and Rubel Akhtar represented the school in an inter-school computer programming contest in town returning with the 1st and 2nd positions respectively in the contest as a whole.

The R.S. Computer Studies Prize Exam was also held and bagged by Keshav Tandon while commendations were awarded to Prashant Tater, A. Shroff, and S. Sanyal.

Vigorous preparations for the Exhibition began straight after the Exams as time was a crucial factor. The members worked very hard and the result was a wonderful Exhibition 1996.

As we approach the end of another academic year it would be churlish of me not to thank every member of the club. I, on behalf of every member of the computer club wish to express my gratitude to Mr. J. Chaudhury and Mr. Ashish Dutta for their constant help and tutoring throughout the year. Lastly, I hope that the computer club will reach to new levels and horizons during the year that is to follow.

- Prashant Tater



The Edinburgh Cricket Team with Mr.A.DennisMr.A.Alva and Mr.M.Dutta

Cricket

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Michael Dutta

Captain:
R. Changulani

This year the cricket season began amidst great aspiration, determination, and enthusiasm among the boys. The strain of the rigorous practice of the boys underwent during the previous year under the vigilant supervision of the cricket coach, Mr. S.K. Banerjee seems to have left a strong impact upon them. Their subdued hopes of making it up in the list of the school's First Eleven Team were once again rejuvenated. Every enthusiastic cricketer knew that only dedication, hard work, and excellence would lead them to their goal, and quite a few of them followed that.

The festival match between the staff and the students ended with the staff turning victorious after piling up a huge score of 263 runs as against 183 runs scored by the boys. However, the boys turned out to be too good for the Old Paulite Association team where a target set by them at 209 runs was easily crossed by the boys by losing only three wickets. This year the OPA released a trophy for the "Man of the Match" which was lifted by Ricky Rasal, a student of class ten. The year also saw the introduction of a new fixture for the plus Two matches. Two plus Two matches were played against North Point School and our boys won them with ease. Worth mentioning here is the name of a new boy, Sudeep Sanyal, who joined us in class eleven this year. He brought with him fascinating techniques and batting skills, much to the envy of the aspirant boys practising in the nets. Our team did not fair well against the DGH, where they faced defeat.

This year, three rounds of leagues B and C, and two rounds of leagues were successfully completed amidst the sporadic spells of downpours. The House Matches were played with enthusiasm and endeavours. The shield was bagged by Clive.

Throughout the season, the practice in the nets was the focus of every one's attention. There were the boys trying their best to do things of appreciative excellence. The feeling of competition among themselves made the whole event even more interesting. The practice at the nets was supervised both by the coach and the MIC. An endeavour was made to improve the bowling standard of the boys. The old bowlers were often found

reluctant to accept any advice that was put forward to improve their bowling, and they carried on relying fully on their muscle power. Two absolutely raw boys were picked up from the junior wing and were given rigorous bowling training. Within a little more than a month both came up with deliveries that came as a surprise to most of the batsmen. Simultaneously the fielding also improved a lot. In most of the matches it was indeed a great pleasure to see the bowlers organising their field placing according to their delivery. And finally, it was towards the end of the season the final Team of boys to play in Edinburgh Match was announced. That team consisted of: A. Alva, A. Denis, R. Changulani (Captain), S. Sanyal, R. Risal, F.A. Mandal, P. Saha, K. Saha, J. Prakash, S. Sharma, and M. Singhanian.

This year we had an outright victory over Mount Hermon and North Point School in the Edinburgh Shield matches. Against North Point, our boys played a mature game and scored 253 runs in 40 overs by losing only 4 wickets. While our bowlers kept them down at 122 runs in 23 overs. Against Mount Hermon we lost the toss and were asked to bat first. It wasn't a bad beginning at all. The boys scored 240 runs in 40 overs. Once again the bowlers attack proved fatal for their batsman who could finally manage to total only 173 all out in 36.2 overs.

It was nice to see the boys, their team work and their achievements. The prestigious Shield is back again. It was quite apparent from these matches the boys played that the match temperament is yet to develop in them. Often at the time of crisis during the course of the match they became nervous. And to boost up their spirit during the course of an important match being played at Mount Hermon almost all the teachers including the Rector were physically present at the field. That was enough for the boys. They did their job. However, credits are also due to the two staff members who performed well with the bat. They are Mr. A. Dennis and Mr. A. Alva.

Jack Warren Trophies were awarded for the first time this year, to the best cricketer in the 9's and 10's and the other to the under 8's. The former was awarded to Ricky Risal and the latter to Jyoti Prakash for his excellent bowling in the Edinburgh Matches where he took seven wickets. House Colours were awarded to Sudeep Sanyal.

- Michael Dutta

Cricket Analysis for 1996

Batting

Name	Matches	Runs	Highest	Av./Match
A. Dennis	3	181	115	60.33
A. Alva	3	115	68*	38.33
R. Changulani	5	32	13	6.40
S. Sanyal	5	254	92*	50.80
P. Saha	5	35	21	7.00
M. Singhania	3	70	36	23.33
R. Risal	4	43	21	10.75
FAA Mondal	4	47	17	11.75
K. Saha	3	57	28	19.00
Amit Gupta	1	8	8	8.00
D. Agarwal	1	4	4	4.00
Kaushik Saha	1	4	4*	4.00

*not out

Bowling

Bowler	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wkts	Av/Ov.	Runs/wkt.
R. Changulani	35	2	166	11	4.74	15.09
S. Sanyal	26	1	100	8	3.84	12.50
P. Saha	17	-	112	5	6.59	22.40
A. Gupta	17	-	107	4	6.29	26.75
S. Sharma	8.3	1	41	3	4.82	13.67
D. Agarwal	11	1	66	1	6.00	66.00
Jyoti Prakash	14	1	50	7	3.57	7.14
K. Saha	16	1	107	3	6.69	35.67



The Badminton Team with Mr.D.Kumar

BADMINTON

Master-in-charge : Mr.D. Kumar

Captain : T.Sotang

Interest in Badminton remains sporadic in St. Paul's. When nothing more important occurs during the monsson season, then boys may be found in the Badminton Court.

The badminton season in St. Paul's has always been a force to reckon and over the years we have consistently produced players of the very highest calibre.

The season commenced immediately after the June holidays with a lot of enthusiasm. With the increase in the number of players, the time schedule had to be rebifucated in such a way so that all could be accomodated.

As the Inter-School Tournament approached, our boys from Class X and below were tested and eight were chosen to represent the school. Of the players who did not win laurels Vincent Agarwal, Kaushik Shah and Hassan need to be commended. The former played with great confidence while the latters showed keen interest and developed their game. They were successful till the semi-finals.

This year the much coveted Badminton Cup was won by Lawrence House who proved themselves superior with their bank of players comprising of Partho Shah, Raza Ali and Kunal Khilani.

As, the Plus-two boys have little exposure of indoor games like Badminton, the various schools of Darjeeling having Plus two came to a conclusion by arranging Badminton fixtures as much as possible.

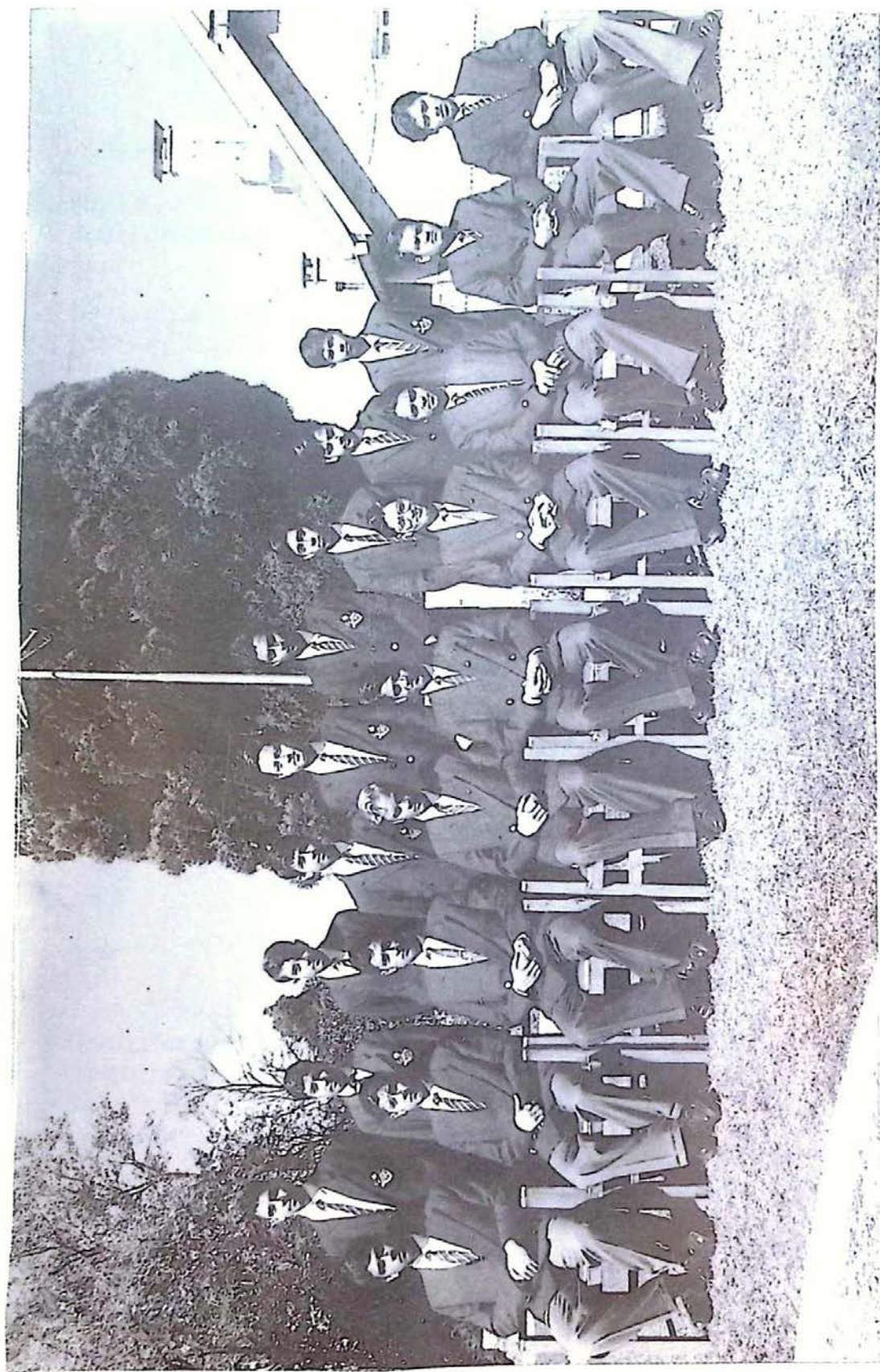
Unfortunately, no colours were awarded this year.

It would be inadequate to conclude this report if I don't express my sincerest thanks to Mr.D. Kumar, MIC, for his endless support and constructive advice on the technicalities of the game.

I owe a debt of gratitude to Mr.D. Pradhan and Mr.B.B.Tamang who helped to coach and encourage the boys and for being a ceaseless source of inspiration.

Till then Adiew!

- Partho Shah



Members of the Eton Fives

Eton Fives

Master-in-charge:
Mr.A.K.Dash

Captain:
Abhishek Kanoi

The words "Eton Fives" brought new meaning into the lives of Paulites this year and the old, half-abandoned courts came to life bubbling with activity. With the arrival of the long awaited and much needed gloves, this game found numerous enthusiasts, all eager to try their hand at it.

Practices began in mid-April and the last of the games ended by October. The game was somewhat hampered during the monsoon season as the boys found it difficult to keep their balance on the wet courts. Other than this, Fives was played quite regularly, with quite a few Junior Wing boys also coming in to learn how to play. The tournament cups this year went to Sandip Gupta and Vishal Kumar (Runner-Ups), Nishant Sinha and Abhishek Kanoi (Winners).

The others who showed immense promise were:
K. Karwa, A. Marbaniang, F. Siddiqui, H. Khorakiwala, Tim Nabi, A. Gupta, N. Razzak, B. Agarwal, A. Shabadi, S. Agarwal, B. Das, and S. Pradhan.

Sachin Pradhan and Baban Das also went on to win the Junior House matches by representing Lawrence House. In the Senior House matches, Havelock emerged victorious, their team comprising of V. Kumar and A. Kanoi.

The Eton Fives cup for the year 1996 was shared between Havelock and Lawrence.

The idea of having seedings for the game never materialized, but we do look forward to an Eton Five set in the future, and for the installation of new lights at the court for enhanced visibility during cloudy days.

The games main enthusiasts have always been the school boy and the school master, and we would like to thank Mr. A.K. Dash for his cooperation and interest in Fives. With the passage of time, let us hope that we do see many more teachers and numerous other boys make their way to the old courts - to a game that has a charm of its own.

- Abhishek Kanoi



The Table Tennis Team with Mr. M. Vincent

Table Tennis

Master-in-Charge: Mr. N.V. Vincent

Captain:

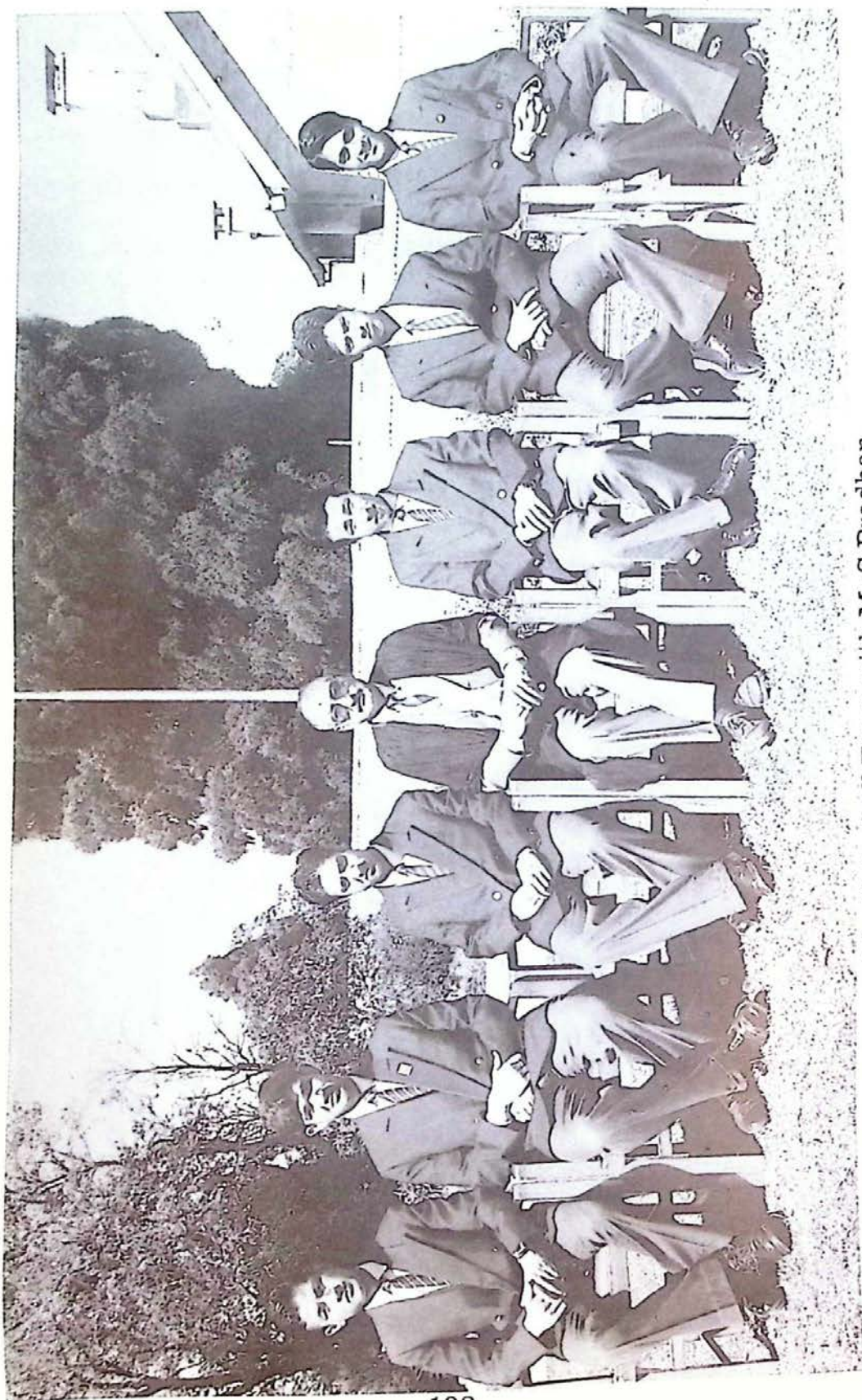
Faraz Ahmed Siddiqui

This year preparations for the Inter-School tournament began from the beginning of the year and the boys were always seen practising for it. Our school stood fourth in the Inter-School tournament with Sonam Penjor reaching the finals in his division. Deepak Agarwal also played well but lost in the semifinals.

The senior wing house matches were played in July. Havelock House took the table tennis followed by Lawrence, Clive, and Hastings. In the Junior Wing house matches, Cable came first. Westcott, Anderson, and Betten houses stood second third and fourth respectively. Riyadh Zafar won the senior singles school tournament beating Obaidulla Mailik in the final. In the doubles, Riyadh Zafar and Faraz Siddiqui beat Sisir Chettri and Kulup Prasai in the finals.

In the end, I would like to thank Mr. Vincent for his constant support and encouragement.

Faraz Ahmed Siddiqui



The Volleyball Team with Mr.S.Pradhan

Volleyball

Master-in-Charge: Mr. S.M. Pradhan

Captain:
Pravesh Singh

As in previous years, as soon as the boys returned from home the volleyball enthusiasts could be seen practising in the evening.

Fixtures were held with St. Joseph's and Mt. Hermon. Though we did not participate in the Inter School tournament, the volleyball standard was much better than the previous years. The plus 2 level volleyball must be highly commended for their outstanding performance.

The Inter-House matches were contested in good spirit and this year in S.W. Lawrence and in J. W. Westcott emerged as winners. We are grateful to Mr. S.M. Pradhan for conducting the matches to the best of his ability.

Following tradition, a match was held between teachers and students and ultimately the students emerged victorious.

House colours were awarded to Pravish Singh, Tilak, Sotang, B.B. Rai, and Ved Arya. I wish "Good Luck" to all the future players.

- Pravish Singh



The Athletics Team with Mr.A. Alva and Mr.J.Singh

Athletics

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Jagjit Singh

Captain:
N. Sinha

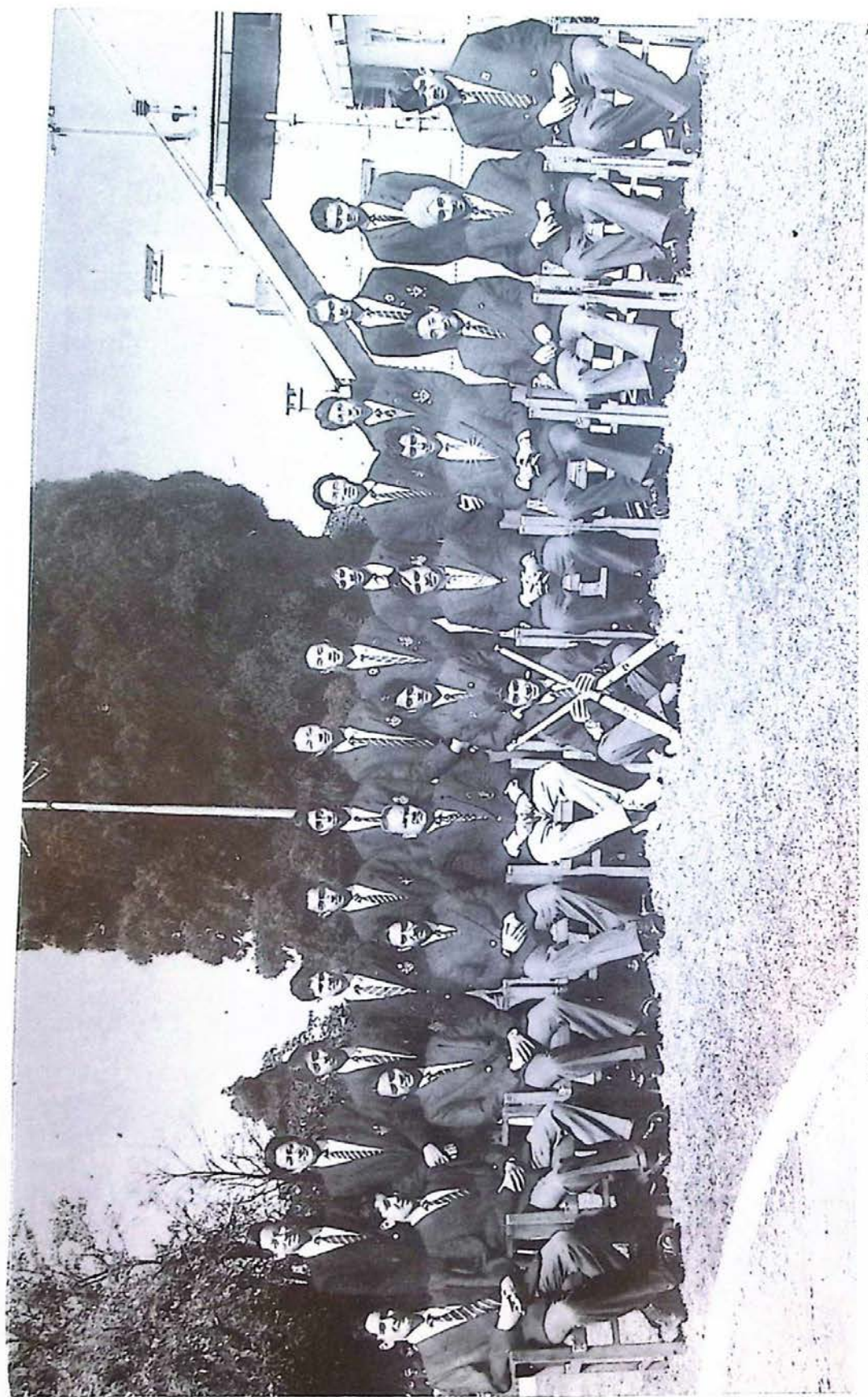
The year 1996 athletics season can be viewed in retrospect as one of accomplishment and achievement. With so many inspiring examples in the forefront of our minds. We were stirred to great ambitions this year, and the amount of training which went into this year's athletics was almost unprecedented.

This year the inter-school Athletics was before the Sports Day and boys got up early to train for what proved to be an excellent display. The team was supervised by our athletics instructor, Mr. J. Singh, and we had very good timings this year which were up to the record standard. Few records were broken in the field events. The Opens, A and B division, were held at N.P. sponsored by V.V.A. while the C, D, and E divisions were held at Dowhill School.

The meet was at N.P. for the Open division in which we stood first snatching nearly all the events. This year we put up a participant for pole vault, Rishikesh Jaiswal, after an interval of 8 or 9 years. We managed to secure 3rd place in it. Some of the outstanding athletes were Nishant Sinha, Anurag Dalmia, Ved Arya, Bhaskar Sharma, Rishikesh Jaiswal, Raj Kumar, Partho Sha, and Navtej Singh. In the under 10 division, Jyoti Prakash performed well. Again this year, we won the Opens and B division championship trophies. At the meet held at Dowhill School, our school kept the first position all the way. We also won the championship trophy combined in the boys section. The entire event at Dowhill was covered by the All India Radio.

After this, was the Sports Day and our chief guest was Neil O'Brien. It was a sunny day and the entire meet ran smoothly to the end. Few records were broken at this meet. Finally, at the end of the season minor colours were awarded to Ved Arya and Rishikesh Jaiswal. In conclusion, I would like to wish the budding athletes all the best for the athletics team in the forth coming years.

- Rishikesh Jaiswal



The Hockey Team with Mr. J. Singh and Mr. S. K. Mishra

Hockey

Master-in-Charge: Mr. S.K. Mishra

Captain:
A. Dalmia

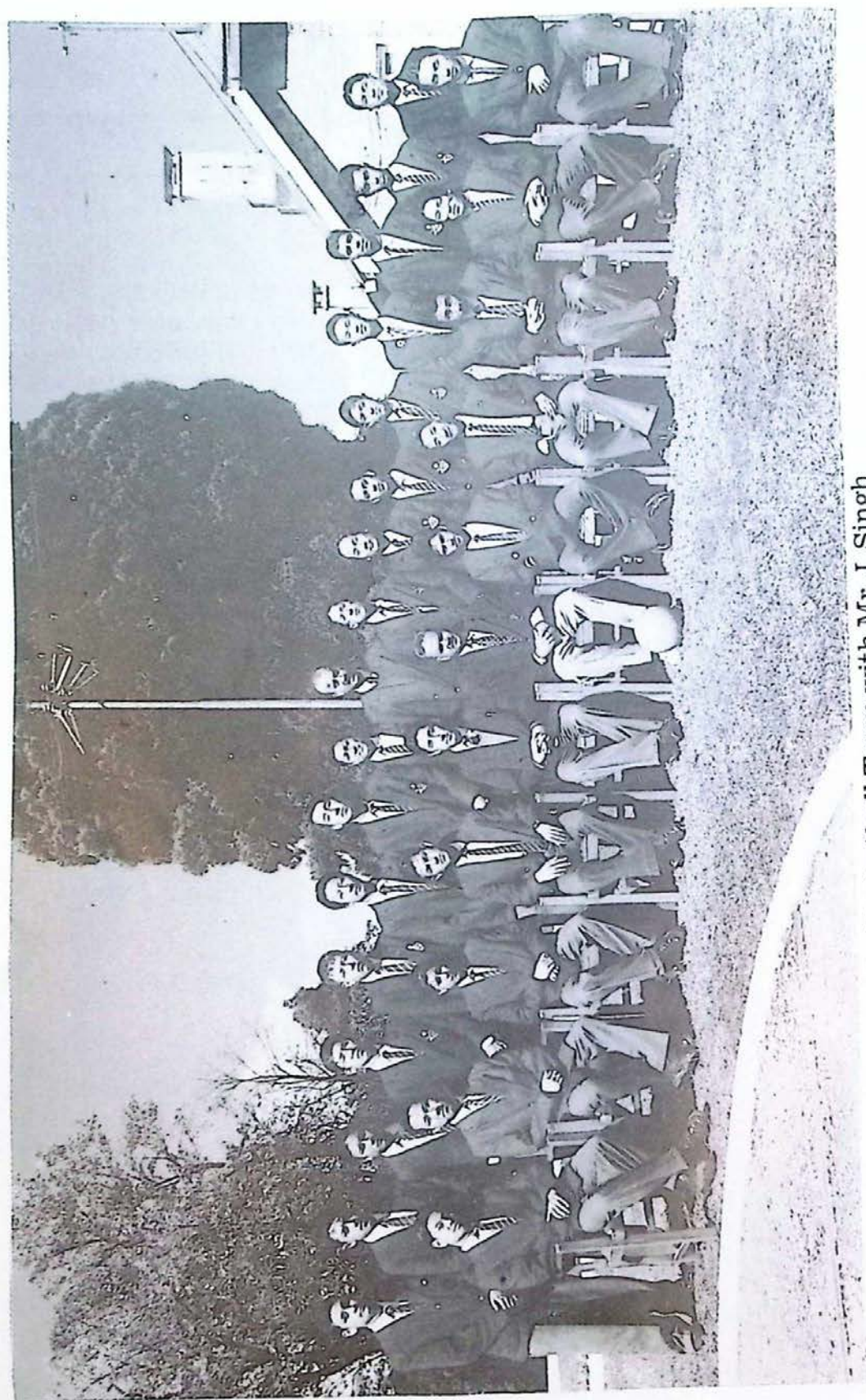
The hockey season as scheduled commenced after the Puja Break. Initially there was no school team, but in the later half of the season we fielded a team of 13 to play a series of fixtures with the Estate Team. The boys put up a hard fight and even managed to win a few but ultimately the superior Estate side prevailed over us and emerged victorious in the series.

The league system was continued as a preparation for the Inter-House matches. In the Inter-House matches along with the 1st XI and 2nd XI, the 3rd XI was also included. All the matches in the 3rd XI were keenly contested.

Unfortunately, this year we could not have any inter-school fixtures or participate in the inter-club "seven-side" league organised by the D.G.H.C. which otherwise would have been a good exposure for our budding youngsters.

Finally I would like to express my gratitude to all the teachers who have patiently conducted the league and inter-house matches and a special word of thanks to Mr. J. Singh and Mr. S.K. Mishra. I hope '97 will be a promising year for the Paulites in the field of hockey.

- Ritesh J. B. Pandey



The Basketball Team with Mr. J. Singh

Basketball

Masters-in-Charge: Mr. O.P. Agarwal,
Mr. J. Singh

Captain:
Jigme Wazilingpa

As the Academic year of 1996 began, the basketball enthusiasts of St. Paul's started their regular practices without showing any signs of laziness in going all the way to our court in Dawkins. The under X team played several fixtures against North Point and Mt. Hermon School but went down to them. Losses also followed in the Annual ICSE Basketball Carnival, due to the superiority of our opponents.

This year to everyone's surprise, our plus 2 team was an exceptional one. This team played two matches with North Point out of which we drew in one and won the other. We participated in the D.G.H.C. Basketball tournament held at Mt. Hermon School and the results were as follows: draw vs. Yaks, draw vs. Crusaders, won vs. Blades.

It was, however, the Blades who walked away with victory over D.G.H. (Dr. Graham's Home) in the finals. Our school team was placed third among the Darjeeling teams. Our performance in this tournament has now instilled in the hearts of many Paulites that basketball at St. Paul's is now not only a word but a season, an enjoyable sport, and a force, a living force.

The house matches were played at the end of the season in which Lawrence House emerged victorious over Havelock House in the finals. Jigme Wazilingpa and Sisir Chhetri need to be commended for their performance throughout the season and rightly deserved their colours.

Special "Thank You" to Mr. O.P. Agarwal, Mr. A. Alva, Mr. M.S. Calvert and Mr. J. Singh for their guidance, cooperation and for supervising the matches throughout the season.

- J. Wazilingpa

Football

Master-in-Charge: Mr. S. D. Lama

Captain:
Pravish Singh

After a well deserved June break and with the onset of the monsoon commenced the football season. Although the downpours were exceptionally heavy this year it did not dampen the spirits of our budding footballers.

The season commenced with a friendly fixture between the boys (VI formers) and the staff. The end results being 5-2 in favour of the boys.

The house matches generated a lot of excitement among the spectators and footballers which produced nail-biting finishes in which we were fortunate to see some brilliant scoring and acrobatic attempts at the goal. Eventually the shield went to Lawrence, finally ending Clive's domination and preventing it to take away the shield for the 3rd. consecutive year.

We had outside fixtures, two with St. Joseph's and suffered defeats. We however, avenged our defeat by thrashing the Planter's Club in a series of 3 fixtures. Fixtures with the St. Paul's Estate was a good exposure and gave experience to our boys.

The season came to an end with the Rain Cake tournament. This was played on an inter-class basis and the VIth formers walked away with the winners cake beating the class XI's.

I would like to thank Mr. S. D. Lama, Mr. J. Singh and the teachers for conducting the matches in the best of their ability.

House colours were awarded to Pravish Singh (Captain), Sisir Chetri, B.B. Rai, and Ritesh Pandey for their excellent performance.

- Pravish Singh

Squash

Master-in-charge: Mr. A.K. Dash

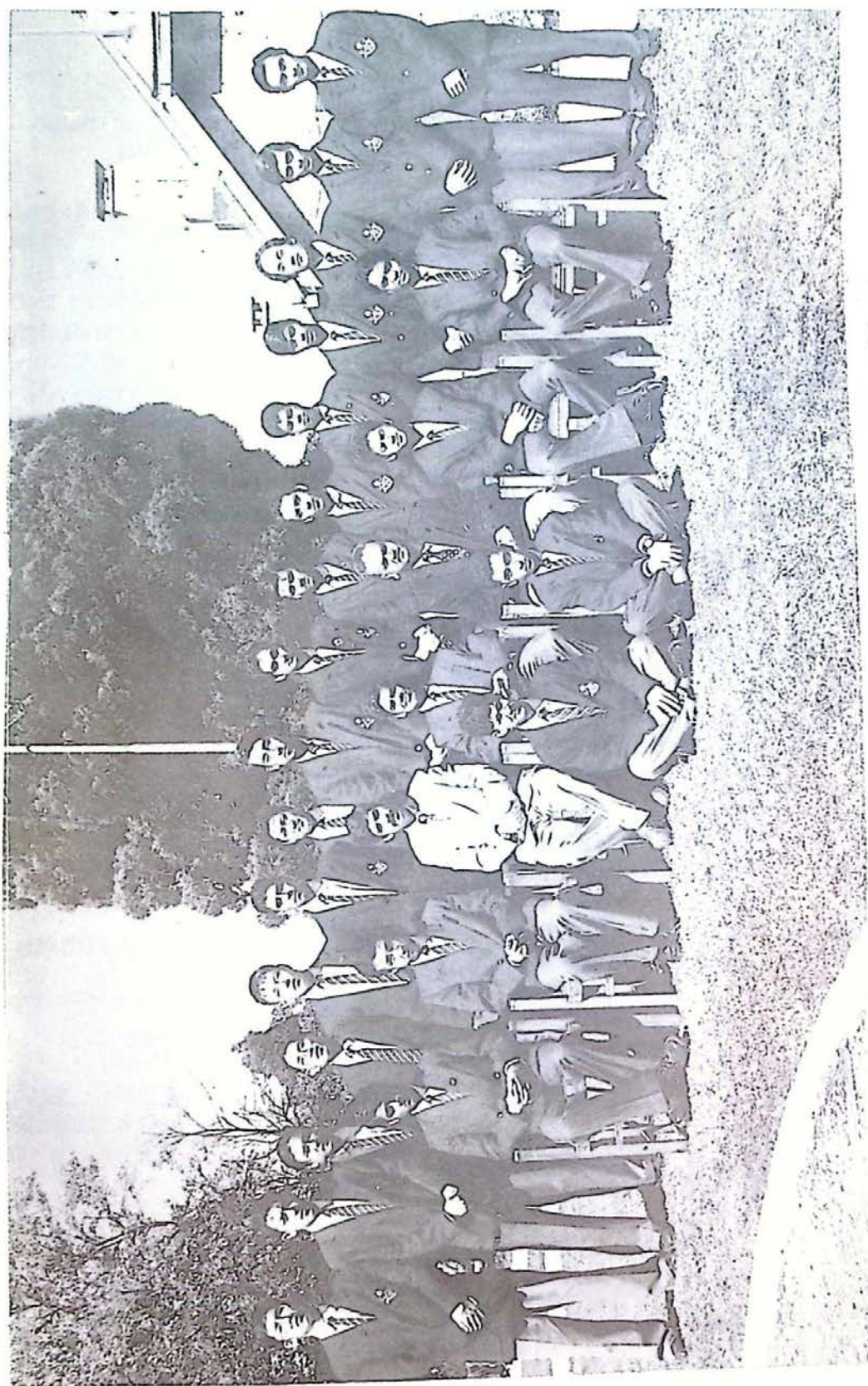
Captain:
F.A. Siddiqui

This year once again squash was played with great enthusiasm. Even though the squash season started late, the boys took a keen interest in the game. There is no doubt that the standard of the game has improved tremendously. This year the senior matches were played in August. Lawrence House once again was victorious followed closely by Havelock, Hastings, and Clive. In the Junior Wing, the squash cup was shared by Anderson and Westcott. Betten House came third and Cable fourth. Faraz Siddiqui won the senior as well as the open squash tournaments. In the senior tournament, Ian MacDonald played excellent squash but unfortunately lost in the semifinals. The final seedings for the year were as follows:

- 1) Faraz Ahmad Siddiqui
- 2) T.I.M. Nubi
- 3) Dudip Sanyal
- 4) Keshaw Tandon
- 5) Ian MacDonald
- 6) Koshal Karisa
- 7) Ritesh Pandey
- 8) Haider Zafar
- 9) Gautan Agarwal
- 10) Robin Goyal

I would like to thank Mr. A.K. Dash for his untiring efforts in promoting this game in school.

- F.A. Siddiqui



The Marathon Team with Mr. Mr. J. Bhattacharya and Mr. J. Singh

Marathon

Master-in-Charge: Mr. J. Singh

Captain:

RamPrakash Gupta

Mr. G. Bhattacharya

The marathon season this year started off with a bang on the 19th of August. In spite of the occasional downpour of rain and mist which is quite frequent at that time of year, all the races were run promptly and successfully. We had a maximum number of participants this year and even the occasional "restriction chit" holders were left with no other option but to complete the race and the tape at the end of the line.

After two weeks of consistent practice, the finals were held on the 6th of September. On the final day, it was raining and foggy throughout. Fortunately the rain ceased a bit and races were run off in a slight drizzle and foggy weather.

The following boys were credited after their hard effort:

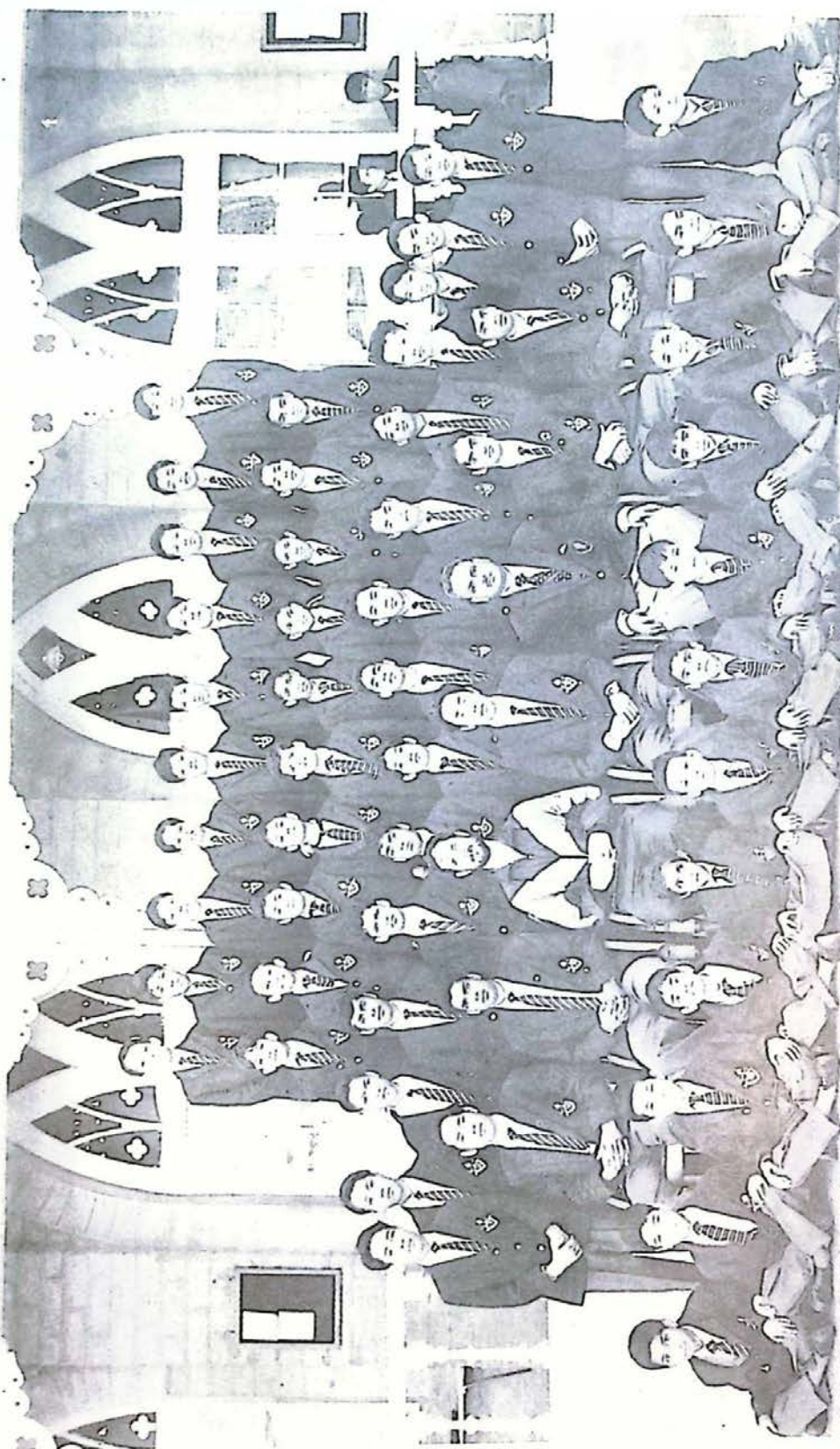
	1st.	2nd.	3rd.
Open Division	: R. Kumar	S. Chettri	K. Tandon
Senior Division	: S. Tenzing	F.S.A. Mondal	D. Prasai
Intermediate			
Division	: J. Prakash	G. Ghosh	S. Tuladhar
Junior Division	: N. Singh	S. Singh	S. Kumar
Primary Division	: U. Sharma	P.S. Jolly	R. Khan

The marathon cup was won by Hastings House in the Senior Wing, Westcott House in the Junior Wing and Everest House in the Primary Wing.

The report would be incomplete if I failed to thank all the teachers and the masters who helped in some way or the other and carried things out smoothly.

I wish to take this opportunity to commend the boys who actually ran this race with the sense and spirit of sportsmanship. I do hope that the standard of the sport will improve in the years to come and that the boys will take more interest in 1997.

- Ram Prakash Gupta



The Gym Team with Mr.A. Alva and Mr.J.Singh

Gym

This has been my 7th Gym year and I am happy to say that it is still going on as I expected. Like I have said, I have not been able to do much on the parallel bars but other exercises of various apparatus are going on well.

The P.T. Exercise has taken new dimension and I am happy to say that the boys have co-operated well in total display. However, this year I could not do mass P.T. due to lack of time. But the Rector has told me that I must have the same ambition for 1998, our 175th anniversary. Well, certainly I have something fantastic in my mind but without the help of some selected teachers it will be very difficult. This year, I would like to thank Mr. Alva for helping so sincerely with the gym team and helping to get out some of the young ones from the P.W. We had a squad of 50 participants and this was excluding the drill boys of another 50. A small giant indoor rock was constructed by me 2 years ago and much climbing and monkey tricks can be performed by the young ones of P.W. which I feel is quite exciting and breathtaking at such a tender age. This exercise on the giant rock builds confidence in the young ones which will enable them to perform the higher degree of difficulty exercises with confidence and safety. Next year, I shall be losing 8 boys as they will be panned out from class XII and under the coaching of Rajeev Pradhan. They should be always remembered since I taught them in Class VI when I joined. They are Rishikesh Jaiswal, Rajeev Pradhan, Raj Kumar, Sabin Tullached. and Navehi Singh. These boys have certainly learned to do risky exercises but with safety. I hope they will remain confident in life. My best wishes to them. This year the gym display at the Gymkhana Club was witnessed by Mr. Vikas Pakhrin, sporting councillor of D.G.H.C., who was very kind to attend in spite of his heavy schedule.

I hope and wish for the best for the years to come.

Mr. J. Singh
Master-in-charge



The Tennis Team with Mr.D. Bagchi

Tennis

Master-in-Charge: Mr. D. Bagchi

Captain:
Sisir Chhetri

With due regret, it must be admitted that the tennis standard in St. Paul's has fallen perceptibly in spite of having a few outstanding players.

Matches began early this year, the first being between the MIC and captain but it had to be discontinued due to early rains.

In the open division, G. Sobti had to take a back seat with S. Chhetri standing first. In the doubles matches, Sudeep Sanyal and K. Tandon beat the next best pair F. Siddiqui and R. Pradhan marginally. The under X singles was won by D. Agarwal.

In the overall house tallies, Clive beat Havelock to lift the Inter-House championship trophy.

A lot more tennis needs to be played at St. Paul's so that the present standard may be elevated. I thank Mr. D. Bagchi for his valuable time, energy and enthusiasm put in to promote the sport and hope that the sport becomes more popular under him.

Sisir Chhetri

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD ANNUAL REPORT, 1996

If there is one thing in school that never ceases to surprise the undersigned, it is the tremendous enthusiasm with which students at St. Paul's approach the activities of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award all through the year. Come hail, shine, rain or snow nothing seems to dampen their spirit and this gives enough inspiration to the various teachers working as instructors and assessors to carry out their responsibilities from year to year with the same eagerness and keenness that marks the participation of the boys. 1996 was no different in this regard from the preceding years.

This year, corrective steps were taken to simplify the standards (without losing on quality) that are required for the various sports activities which had a slightly negative impact in 1995. The standards were rationalised and published early in the school term and this enabled the boys to make their choices in good time and pursue their activities in earnest from the beginning of the year. The end result was that though there were only two gold awardees this year, there were quite a number who would be interested in tackling the Gold standards for the coming year. This was certainly an encouraging sign.

In the course of the year we heard that the name of the Award scheme had been changed to International Award for Young Persons (India) though the activities and rules guiding the programme remained the same. Hence from the coming year, this report will bear a new title-but one hopes one will continue to report the continued progress and success the scheme is making in St. Paul's. In this regard one was happy to interact with Mr. Sandip Seal, Field officer from the Award East Zone office in Calcutta. Later in the year, it was a pleasure to meet Miss R. Banerjee from the same office who clarified a few details about the new arrangement. We are hoping that we, in St. Paul's, will be allowed to carry on as an Independent Award Authority since the programme has to be adjusted to the school's various working programmes. We await further clarifications on this ground.

To go back to the year in review, one is glad to report of a successful year for the awardees. All the activities were keenly tackled. The year began with 87 bronze candidates, 35 Silver participants and 6 hopefuls for the Gold. At the end of the year 24

boys got their Bronzes, 12 achieved the Silver standards and two achieved the coveted Gold Awards.

This year saw the revival of the Residential Project in the course of the academic year. In the recent past, boys had been undertaking this aspect of the programme during their winter holidays. Once again the boys who were eligible for the Gold Award spent a meaningful and rewarding five days at the Mary Scot Home and School for the Blind in Kalimpong. It was a novel experience for the boys and this was one activity that will remain etched in their memories for a long, long time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rector for allowing us to send the boys to the Blind school once again and also to Major R.K. Sahu of the Salvation Army in Kalimpong who so generously hosted our boys at the Blind School and offered them an opportunity that opened their eyes to a wholly different and new world.

I would like to record my gratitude to all those other people who helped in running the Award programme here in St. Paul's School. I owe a special word of thanks to the Rector for his constant encouragement and guidance, to the Senior Master, Mr. I. Myers for his ready willingness to help whenever we sought his aid, and to all those teachers who smilingly, and without a single complaint, worked as instructors and assessors. I am also grateful to Dr. P. K. Sharma, to Mr. Gokul Chettri, the Estate Superintendent, and to the caterers Mr.A.K. Chakravarthi and Mr. S.R. Gurung - all of whom were so supportive in their efforts to see the programme through for another year.

Finally, I wish to place on record my sincerest thanks to my student secretary, Bir Birendra Rai who was quietly efficient and rendered invaluable service all through the year. It was regrettable that he missed his Gold Award this year after having broken his hand just a few days before the Gold Expedition was scheduled to march out of school. Hard luck, Bir, but here's wishing you the very best in all that you do in the future. And thanks once again !

What is in store for 1997? I am sure it is going to be another fun filled, adventurous, exciting and rewarding year for all the Award activists and one can hardly wait for the new term to begin.

- Mr. Sunirmal Chakravarthi

Nishant Sinha and Anurag Dalmia were awarded Gold Awards for the year 1996.

NCC REPORT

Master-In-Charge : 3/0 D. Pradhan

Sergeant-major:
Nishant Sinha

Swami Vivikananda once said, "What we want are some young men who will renounce everything and sacrifice their lives for their country's sake. We should first form their lives and THEN expect some real work."

That is what St. Paul's has been following for the NCC Cadets from time unknown.

1996 was an eventful year for the NCC under Mr. D. Pradhan. This year the Troop 302 managed to recruit all the students of Class VIII as the junior-most cadets so that they get ample training by the time they pass out from the school.

Training started early this year and regular drills were held on every Wednesday and Saturday under the watchful supervision of Sgt.-Maj.. Nishant Sinha, Sgt. Ajit S. Lamba and Sgt. Rajesh Changulani. In the month of April, forty-nine cadets of class IX along with Cpl. Navtej Singh, Cpl.. Ashok Lakhotia, Cpl. Raj Kumar and Officer commanding, D. Pradhan attended the Annual Training Camp at Dow Hill in Kurseong. These cadets underwent rigorous training for twelve days. At the camp, 'A' certificate examination was also held for senior cadets and Cpl. Navtej Singh and Cpl. Raj Kumar were successful in securing the certificates.

Like the previous years, there was a planting session but this year it was done jointly with WWF. Troop 302 is grateful to Mr. Umesh Dwivedi for organising this planting ceremony jointly with WWF. To grace the occasion Advocate Baraily, a well known environmentalist, was invited as the Chief Guest. He made a wonderful and inspiring speech to the audience for preservation of green plants in the surroundings. He was accompanied by many other prominent persons, belonging to the same class, from the town. There were also people from All India Radio and for videography. Troop 302 is also very much indebted to the Rector St. Paul's for making it a big success without whom it would not have been possible.

The other main event was, no doubt, the INDEPENDENCE

DAY. This year Brigadier Choudhury from 123 Mtn. Brigade graced the occasion as the chief guest. Escorting the chief guest were four pilots of which two were from NCC Troop 302. Cpl. Avinash Agarwal and Cpl. Mandeep Garg, and the other two from Sikh Regiment. Apart from this, the smartly dressed cadets march past was certainly a feast to one's eyes.

This year ended successfully with many things to look back to and lots of things to look forward to.

JAI HIND

- Cpl. Saswata Sanyal, Troop No. 302
St. Paul's School, Darjeeling.



Chief Guest Brig.P.S.Choudhury,SM,Commanding Officer,
123Mtn.Bgde. Jalapahar ready to take the salute.



The Chapel Wardens with Mr. M. Dutta

The Chapel Report

MIC: Mr. Michael Dutta

Head Chapel Warden :
Anurag Dalmia

"It holds a special place in every Paulite's heart it is the focal point in the life of every Paulite.... it begins and ends all the activities in school for every academic year it is the St. Paul's School Chapel".

Activities in the Chapel began early, as usual, to hold daily services for the exam giving Paulites. Thus, March was a comparatively busy month. The opening of term service was held along with regular Matins and one Evensong throughout the month.

On the 31st. of March, the new class XI returned and from a once-again unified Paulite family of JW & SW, emerged a new set of Chapel Wardens.

April saw the Good Friday and Easter Services being held in the chapel. The Rector took both these services. April, too had its share of Matins and an Evensong.

The months of May, June and July remained, in comparison to the other months, 'Silent'. There, however, were regular Sunday Matins and Evensongs along with a few Holy Communions in the period.

On the 15th of August 1996 was the Independence Day service in the chapel. The sermon was delivered in Hindi by Mr. K. Kanti.

The Dedication of the chapel service was held on the 29th of September 1996.

Gandhi Jayanti soon followed on the 2nd of October 1996 and there was a special service for this purpose. A sermon in Hindi was given by Mr. G. Anthony.

Following this, approached the season of the Pujas and preparations for the commemoration service started straight after the 2nd terminal exams. It is during this period that the chapel

receives its'annual "thorough cleaning". This year, the Chapel Wardens did a splendid job and the Paulites had a beautiful, sparkling-clean chapel for the commemoration service on the 18th October 1996. Rev. Noel Sen flew in from Calcutta during this period and he and the Rector conducted the service on that day. It was a good thing to begin the holidays with.

The boys returned from the break and November's Special Services began with the 'All Soul's Day service on the 3rd. of November 1996.

Remembrance Sunday, this year, was on the 10th of November and a service highlighted the occasion on this day.

November saw the sudden demise of a friend of long acquaintance with the school, Ms. Moncesha Chaudhuri. A special memorial service was held in the evening on Children's Day - the 14th of November 1996. There was a special service too for Children's Day.

The conclusion of the chapel's activities in a year is with the Carol Services of the three wings.

The Primary Wing Carol Service was held in the evening of the 17th of November 1996. It was certainly shorter as compared to last year but all the more enjoyable.

The Junior Wing had their Carol Service last, on the 2nd of December, 1996.

The Senior Wing Carol Service was on the 1st December 1996. A sixth form carol and a staff carol added to the charm of the whole service.

On concluding, it is only just to look back on the year to acknowledge and thank various people.

I'd like to thank the Rector, and the Senior Master for conducting the Congregation Practices throughout the year, the Estate Department and the Senior Master's office for providing us with anything we felt short of and Mr. Michael Dutta for his continuous help throughout. I'd also like to thank all Chapel Wardens for their help and cooperation.,

I wish them all the best for the future.

- Anurag Dalmia

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, DARJEELING

CHAPEL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH. 1997

RECEIPTS	RS.	P.	RS.	P.
To Opening Balance	34,958.17			
" School Chapel Collection	29,527.50			
" Interest earned during the year	1,852.00		66,337.67	
PAYMENTS				
By State Bank of India, Darjeeling (Kalimpong Landslide)	1,000.00			
" The Salvation Army, School for the Deaf	1,500.00			
" Mary Scott Home for the Blind, Kalimpong	1,500.00			
"Matri Sancha Janakalyan Ashram, Darjeeling	1,500.00			
"Darjeeling Diocesan Child Care Project	1,500.00			
"Calcutta Diocesan Fund 'B' A/c No.2	1,500.00			
"India Sunday School, Connoor	1,500.00			
"Bishop of Calcutta, Discretionary Fund	1,500.00			
"CNI, Calcutta Diocesan Central Fund	1,500.00			
"Society for the Protection of Children in India	1,500.00			
"Calcutta Deaf and Dumb School	1,500.00			
"Calcutta Blind School	1,500.00			
"The Treasurer, Leprosy Society, Purulia	1,500.00			
"Missionaries of Charity, Mother Tereasa Orphanage	1,500.00			
"Gorkha Dukha Nivarak Sammelan, Darjeeling.	1,500.00			
"Bharat Sevashram Sangha	1,500.00			
"The Leprosy Mission, Calcutta Urban Leprosy Control Programme.	1,500.00			
"St. Andrew's Church, Darjeeling.	2,500.00			
"The Principal, Bishop's College, Calcutta	1,500.00			
"Bengal Tuberculosis Association	60.00			
"The Bible Society of India	30.00			
"Wool Craft (Basti Children's Winter Comfort)	12,600.00		41,690.00	
Balance as on 31st March, 1997 ...	...	...	Rs. 24,647.67	

Old Paulites and Visitors

Tourism sustains Darjeeling and St. Paul's School is always a part of every tourist's itinerary. Chowrasta, the place where all tourists converge and congregate, is fringed with benches and offers comparative quietude. With the stables close by and St. Paul's School on their minds, negotiations with the ostlers are obvious. After much haggling sometimes, an obese visitor is seen riding on an emaciated beast on his way to the Pony Stand outside the P.W. Gate, (the Pony Stand now, more often than not, occupied by the 'Iron-Horses'). Then there are those tourists who are physically fit, venturesome and more enthusiastic to walk up the long and winding road to the "Eton of the East".

The School had a mixed bag of visitors - Occidental, Oriental, Teutonic or National - they were all welcomed.

"The Paulite" lays on its list below of the Old Paulites, visitors and distinguished guests who were a part of the pulsation of the school's activities.

The year began with the visit of the Old Paulite Cricket Team which comprised:-

1. Soumitra Sen	-	batch of 1984
2. Arijit Dasgupta	-	" " 1990.
3. Utpal Banerjee	-	Vice Captain 1983
4. A. Majumdar	-	OP'84 Lawrence House Captain
5. A. Shah	-	OP'84
6. A. Roy	-	OP'76
7. Dipendra Banerjee	-	OP'76
8. A. Sen	-	OP'76
9. Sanjeev Banerjee	-	OP'77
10. Abhijit Dey	-	OP'77

1. Mr. Gupta, a banker by profession, an ardent fan of William Shakespeare, presented some of the works of "The Bard" in song, recitation and discourse.

2. Mr. Saraogi, OP '91
3. Jagdish Sharma, OP '89
4. Mrigank Dubey, OP '94
5. Mrs. Monisha Choudhury
6. Mr. Som Dutt
7. Mr. Adrian P. Thomas, Secretary of Cultural Affairs and the Director of the British Council (East Zone)
8. Mr. Rasaily, On World Environment Day
9. Mr. Rai
10. Mr. Malliwal, Superintendent of Police inspected the N.C.C. troops.
11. Yusuf Jamal Siddique, OP '96
12. Mr. Thomas, addressed the boys on "Aids" and "Drugs".
13. Miss. P. Russell
14. Dr. D.K. Sarkar, member of the Board of Governors.
15. Brig. Choudhury of the 123 Mountain Brigade:
16. Mr. John West, North Point)as Judges
17. Mrs. M. Hallis, SJC)at the Inter-
18. Mr. Uday Mani Pradhan- Former President,)School Elocution
Rotary Club, Darjeeling) contest.
19. Mahesh Lakhmani, OP '78
20. Anjan Dutt. an OP and a noted Bengali actor and singer toured the school to select a location for his film.
21. Mr. Alistair Smith, a professor of the University of Aberdeen, Scotland - enlightened the boys on opportunities for studying abroad.
22. Brig. G.E. Dennison, OBE and Mrs. Flora Dennison - the brother of Mr.PN. Jones who studied in St. Paul's between 1945-1946.
23. Rev. Noel S. Sen, (former chaplain of the School), conducted the commemoration service on Speech Day.
24. Mr.R.A. Noble, School Captain 1974, Chief Guest at the final performance of the school play on 17th.Ocotber, 1996.
25. Mr. & Mrs. Hunt - Mrs. Hunt is the daughter of Mr.Goddard, former Rector of St. Paul's from 1934-1964.

Detailed references may be perused in the five issues of "The Paulite" that were published during the year.

Mr. N.S. Lawrence

FIRST PAULITE ON MOUNT EVEREST

"In My Father's Footsteps".

My father, Tenzing Norgay Sherpa, discouraged his children from becoming mountaineers because it was dangerous. He knew, since he and Edmund Hillary were the first men to reach the top of Mt. Everest in 1953.

My father told us he had become a mountaineer so we wouldn't have to. He encouraged us instead to pursue other careers. So I did not become a professional mountaineer. I studied in St. Pauls School, Darjeeling and used to conduct and perform Rock climbing Demonstrations for the school during special events. Later, when I was studying in the United States, I had a job teaching rock climbing and ice climbing.

Despite my father's caution about mountaineering, and for reason I myself do not fully understand, I had dreamed about climbing Mt. Everest ever since I was six years old, but it remained a dream because it is very expensive to climb Everest. An expedition member must come up with a minimum of U.S. \$35,000 to climb Everest on a private expedition, and if you go on a commercial expedition one must come up with U.S. \$65,000, excluding personal expenses such as travel and hotel accommodations. I couldn't go as a "Sherpa", portering loads for an expedition, because I'd be dishonouring my father.

In 1995, the American Sagarmatha Expedition invited me to join their team. It was not a commercially guided group but a group of professional climbers. Each member was responsible for his own finances. I joined them but couldn't go beyond the Base Camp (17,500 feet) because I just couldn't come up with the money. But I enjoyed the experience.

My luck changed a year later. David Breashers, the leader of Mt. Everest IMAX Expedition 1996, was making a documentary about the Everest region, and he offered me a central role in it. I was also the deputy leader of this six-person (two women, four men) expedition. On May 8th, we planned to film our actual ascent to the summit of Mt. Everest. All six members Araceli Segarra, Sumiyo Tsuzuki, Ed Viesturs, Robert Schauer, David and I would

try to reach the top. Finally, after years of dreaming, training and planning, I hoped to achieve my goal.

Once we were in the mountains, things quickly began to go wrong. On the day we were preparing to ascend Camp IV (also known as South Col 26,500 feet) from Camp III (24,000 feet), we noticed that there was a whole of crowd of climbers, about 35 people, ahead of us, also on their way to Camp IV. There were two commercial expeditions led by American Scott Fisher and New Zealander Rob Hall, a South African group and a Taiwanese team and everyone decided to go up that same day. David said we couldn't join this crowd because our plan was to film when only two or three climbers were on the ridge as they made their way to the top. He didn't want to shoot with that crowd crawling to the top. The weather, too was turning ugly. Thus, instead of going to Camp IV, we actually descended to Camp II (21,500 feet).

The next morning, there was more bad news. At ten o'clock, a Taiwanese climber at Camp III slipped and fell 60 feet into a crevasse. When the team leader, who was already climbing towards Camp IV, was informed about this, he told his Sherpas to rescue the climber and take him down to the lower camp to recuperate. The leader then continued his climb towards Camp Four. Some of our Sherpas who happened to be coming down the mountain helped rescue the injured climber, but he died later that evening. This incident was a portentous prologue to the great series of tragedies that were to follow.

The following day, May 10th, still at Camp II, around one o'clock, we observed through our binoculars the crowd of climbers making their way towards the summit and we became uneasy because they were very slow. We calculated that a route that would take us three hours to negotiate would take them six. So we anticipated problems, meaning that they wouldn't get to the summit or that there wouldn't be enough oxygen left for them to make a safe descent. Without oxygen, a climber becomes disoriented, dehydrated, hypothermic and can die very quickly. Around three in the afternoon, we heard over the radio that everyone was finally on the top. But this was not good news. The rule of the thumb on Everest is that you do not attempt to summit after one thirty in the afternoon. You must descend. On this day, why the guides and expedition leaders pushed past that deadline, none of us knew.

Like a deadly avalanche, bad news began to roll in. Sherpas on Camp IV at the South Col radioed to say only one or two climbers had returned from the summit and that many were missing. We became very concerned when we were informed that expedition leader Rob Hall was still on the South Summit, which is 28,700 feet, with one of his clients, Doug Hanson. To make matters worse, higher on the mountain where the climbers were floundering a fierce blizzard had developed. Winds howling at 80-100 miles per hour that quickly reduced visibility to a few yards, where the climber will see nothing but wind-churned snow. A whiteout!

At our Camp, it was chaotic and frustrating. I was translating messages being radioed by Sherpas about missing mountaineers, but because it was already dark and the weather terrible, we were helpless. There was nothing we could do for the rest of the night except wait-and hope and pray that somehow the missing mountaineers would either find their way back to their tents or survive the night outside, a chilling prospect.

Naturally, sleep was out of question. Even under normal conditions, you don't sleep very well when you are in the high mountains. At three or four in the morning, we started getting calls again. Many climber were still missing-or dead. The blizzard had died down, so four of our members, Ed, Robert, Araceli and David headed up to Camp III to establish emergency relief. David had also sent a message saying that anyone at Camp Four was free to take our oxygen bottles, food and other supplies we had stored in our tent for our own climb. Sumiyo and I stayed behind at Camp II to organize our own rescue work. Again, I was busy doing translations and interpretations as simultaneous calls came in from Sherpas and foreigners. I sent our Sherpas to gather medical supplies and other necessities from other expeditions, and as survivors such as Sandy Pittman were brought down to our camp, we gave them soup and tea, massaged them and gave medicines. Frankly, I don't recall the next two days because we were so busy with the rescue work. We were no longer climbers but emergency medical personnel.

Near Camp I at 19,500 feet on the top of Khumbu Ice-fall, members of our expedition flattened out a helipad, pouring Kool-Aid into the shape of a cross to indicate to the rescue helicopter pilot his landing position. At Base Camp, ten different expeditions merged into one huge rescue station. In those 48 hours, we helped many survive their ordeal, but not all.

After the helicopter flew out with the casualties, we assembled at Base Camp to relax and make preparations for our own attempt on the summit. Even though our supplies had been used up, we gathered what we required from other expeditions since of the ten expedition teams, two-thirds decided not to continue. But we remained optimistic and five days later, we once again headed for Everest.

On the South Col, at Camp Four, our final rest before the climb to the top, after five hours of sleep, I woke up at eleven at night. I had some tsampa (roasted barley dough) and dried meat, washed down with Ramen soup. Next, I gathered my equipment and put them in my pack-oxygen bottles first and I had to make sure that the regulators were working, tea in a flask, M&Ms and candy bars, extra goggles, gloves, socks and batteries for the lamp. This fifteen-pound pack was the only thing I would carry. I adjusted my oxygen mask and harness, clipped on my crampons, put on the hat and switched on the headlamp. Then the ice axe and stepped out into clear, cold dark night.

As if to make up for its part in the recent tragedy, the weather appeared ideal. The wind, which can be the curse of climbing, was gentle, like a refreshing breeze, it was calm and quiet all around. This mild weather I felt was a good omen.

Ed, David and a few Sherpas had left an hour before and had broken the trail. Sumiyo was the only one who would not go to the top. Her health had deteriorated and she remained at the camp.

The first half hour was gradual climb on rocky, icy, crevasse-splintered terrain, but this gentle sloping ended abruptly at a steep, straight ascent. The easy part was over. And for the next eight to ten hours, I was going to have to use every resource I had, every trick I had learned as a climber, this was my final test of all my years of learning. It was going to be climb, crawl, clutch at the fixed ropes, trudge a few steps, pant for breath and rest for a few seconds and then start all over again using hands, feet, ropes, axe-everything at my disposal to go up and not crawl back down.

As I climbed, especially when it was still dark, every step I took with care, everything I did, I did it deliberately. Among these massive mountains, I was nothing. A splinter that could be blown away by a whiff of a breeze. And I said my prayers, especially when I suddenly came upon the dead body of Scott Fisher below the

South-East Ridge (27,500 feet). It was perhaps three in the morning. It was still dark and my headlamp first picked out some ropes and clothes. I thought I had stumbled upon the remains of a previous camp. Then I noticed a pair of boots with the feet in them. Immediately I knew it was Scott's dead body, even though I did not look at it directly. A few steps past his body, there was another dead body, but it had been there for much longer, perhaps for two to three years already. For the first time, I became very scared. It was the only moment during my climb that I was caught by surprise and became unexpectedly frightened. In the Sherpa culture, it's very bad luck to come upon or touch a dead body. That is why I did not "look" at the bodies. I hurried past them, if you can "hurry" in such a situation, murmuring the "Om Mani Padme Hum" prayer many, many times.

David and Ed were waiting on the South-East Ridge for the Sherpas who were carrying the camera equipment. Resting on the Ridge, we witnessed a gorgeous sunrise and spent the next two hours filming, resting and fortifying ourselves with water, tea and chocolate bars. My next extended rest was going to the South Summit, a steep, three hour ascent over deep snow.

Throughout the climb. I felt strong and confident. It was the strongest I had ever felt in my life. I thought of my father, of course. He had been on this mountain 43 years ago. I felt his spirit and his support. That is why I knew in my heart, "This is it! I will be on top too!" Once the sun was out, during most of the climb, I had my oxygen mask off my face because it was uncomfortable. The hole in the mask that you breathe freezes up and every few minutes you have to stop and break it up. So as I breathed through the mask, my goggles outside the mask would fog or ice up, and I'd have to stop to wipe them. I decided that the best thing was to climb with oxygen mask and my goggles on and off. Because I felt so strong and confident, I also was using much less oxygen, around 1.5 litres per minute instead of the normal 3 litres.

I knew I was doing well, yet at the same time, I felt anxious. I just wanted to be on top. But I told myself to be careful. You look to one side, you see Tibet, and on the other side, you see Nepal, and each a scary, sheer drop of 8,000 feet. I got a little unsettled looking down, looking around. So I just looked up, waiting to see the summit, but it's not there! You climb, cross a ridge, climb some more-and there is another ridge. When I arrived at the south Summit, I was just 300 feet from the top, but I still couldn't see it.

I then negotiated the treacherous traverse to get to the Hillary Step, a very precarious spot because you are totally exposed to the elements. I took care of that one too, and I began to think, well, yes, I've now seen and climbed these landmarks I'd heard so much about. But where was the top? There were two more ridges I had to get over. Just when I thought I'd never get to the top, I saw Ed coming down, and he said, "Hey, it's right there". We hugged and congratulated each other. With renewed strength and spirit, I continued.

I realized I was on the summit when I saw the prayer flags, left there by Sherpas before. I saw David and gave him a hug. I thanked him because he had made it possible for me to fulfil my childhood dream. Then I cried, I was so happy.

I thought about my parents and prayed. I scattered some rice grains in the air and did puja. I left a prayer flag, a khada (a white, ceremonial scarf), pictures of my parents and His Holiness the Dalai Lama. I also left a small toy of my daughter's, just as my father had done.

I looked around. The summit sloped gently. You could fit 20 people comfortably.

The view was stunning. I felt I could see everything everywhere stretched out far, far away and far down below. Little puffs of clouds and gleaming Himalayan peaks, all beneath my gaze. I had my oxygen mask off but I had no trouble breathing. I only wore the thin polypropylene gloves. Even on top of Mt. Everest, there was little wind. We stayed almost two hours photographing and filming, savouring our success.

I called Base Camp and asked to be connected to my wife in Kathmandu. I told her, "Hey I'm on top of the world!" She too was excited, but told me to be careful coming down. Well, there I was, flooded with a great sense of personal accomplishments yet I also felt truly humble and grateful. I said "Thu Chi Chay" (thank you) to the goddess Chomolungma (Mt. Everest) and asked her to safely get me down. More people get hurt or killed going down. For me and the Sherpas, climbing a mountain is a pilgrimage because the mountains are sacred to us. A foreigner sees a mountain and he wants to climb it because it is the highest or the more difficult. He wants to conquer it, subdue it. But for us, there is too much sacredness, too much culture attached to these

mountains to merely look upon them as something to simply climb and conquer, as if mountains can be subdued by us mere humans. That was why I felt humbled, and that was why I cried. Goddess Chomolungma had granted my lifelong wish. I was very happy. My family was even happier. I had promised my wife and my family that after I climbed Mt. Everest, I would never climb another mountain again.

Mountains are sacred places, these are places where the gods live where humans are not built to survive in, so when we go climb a mountain we always treat the mountain with a lot of respect hoping that the mountain gods will be in favour of our climb.

- Written by Jamling Tenzing Norgay.



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STAFF NEWS

WELCOMED:

This year the new members who joined the staff are:-

Mr. J. chowdhury, joined us to teach computers in the Senior School. He has done his post-graduation in chemistry and a Diploma in computer science.

Mr. U.Moktan, joined us as a temporary teacher, first absorbed in the Junior Wing and then to teach in the Primary Wing.

Mr.O.P. Agarwal, M.A., has taken over as the new Estate Manager towards the end of Trinity term. He is an old Paulite (1977) and had initially joined us as a history teacher. An experienced hand in civil construction works, he has worked for NTPC, CPWD, Railways, State Irrigation Department etc. in the role of a private contractor. We wish him success in his new job.

Mr. A.K.Sinha has a Diploma in Civil Engineering and joins us as the new Estate Superintendent. He has previously worked with private building and engineering firms in Bihar and Darjeeling. We wish him a long stay in campus.

Ms. Caroline Hillier ,B.A.(Hons.) Music, joined this school as a piano-forte and Music teacher. Ms.Hillier has done her performance course in Piano accompaniment and Harpsichord from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, London. She has been able to quickly establish an encouraging rapport with the music enthusiasts of the school. In addition to this she has also taken up the responsibility to teach French to the international students in school. She comes to us from London and has effectively adapted herself to the new surroundings. We wish her a long stay at St. Paul's.

FAREWELL:

Mr. K. Dutta, Computer teacher left school early in the year to start his own business in the field. We wish him success in his new venture.

Mr. A.Sen, French teacher had to suddenly leave for Delhi after his mother expired.

Mr. J. Chowdhury, Computer teacher, left for home to try for greener pastures.

Mr. U. Moktan left after completing his temporary assignment as a teacher in school. We wish him success in his future plans and endeavours.

Mr.P.K.Roychowdhury, Estate Manager, decided to leave this year so that he could devote more time to his family business and estates. He will always be remembered as a helpful and courteous person. We wish him good health and success in his new job.

Mr.G.S.Chettri, retired, after serving the school for more than thirty effective and fulfilling years. As the Estate Superintendent he was the main architect in carrying out the construction work of the Benson's building and also in the erection and setting of the school stage for all the major school play productions, a job which was accomplished magnificently. He certainly leaves behind a void. We wish him good health and a happy and peaceful retired life.

Mr.I.T.Myers, Senior Master, left at the end of the year to take over the headship of Himalayan Academy, a new school at Rajgunj, Jalpaiguri. His departure came, a little unexpected. He was a fine teacher and an able Senior Master. His departure is certainly going to be felt for a long time. However, he goes from here with all our blessings and best wishes as he joins his new place of work.