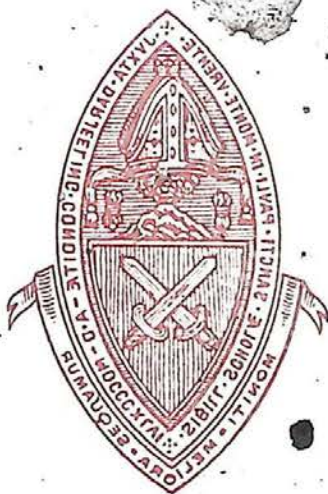
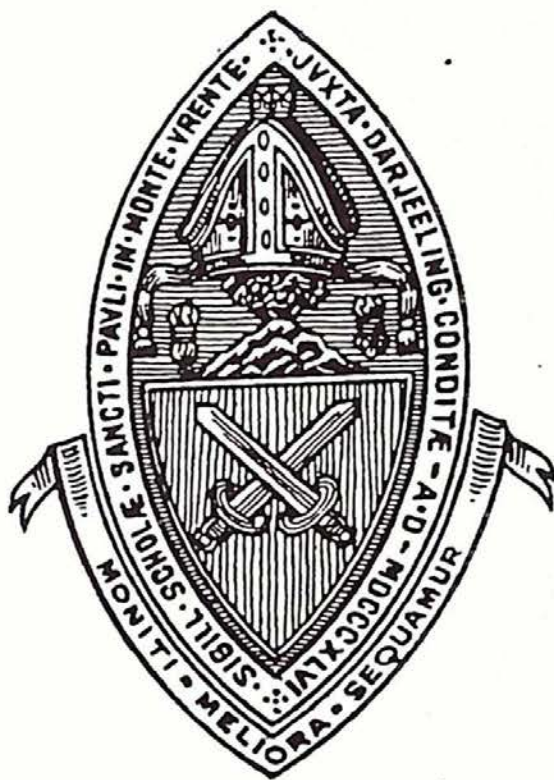


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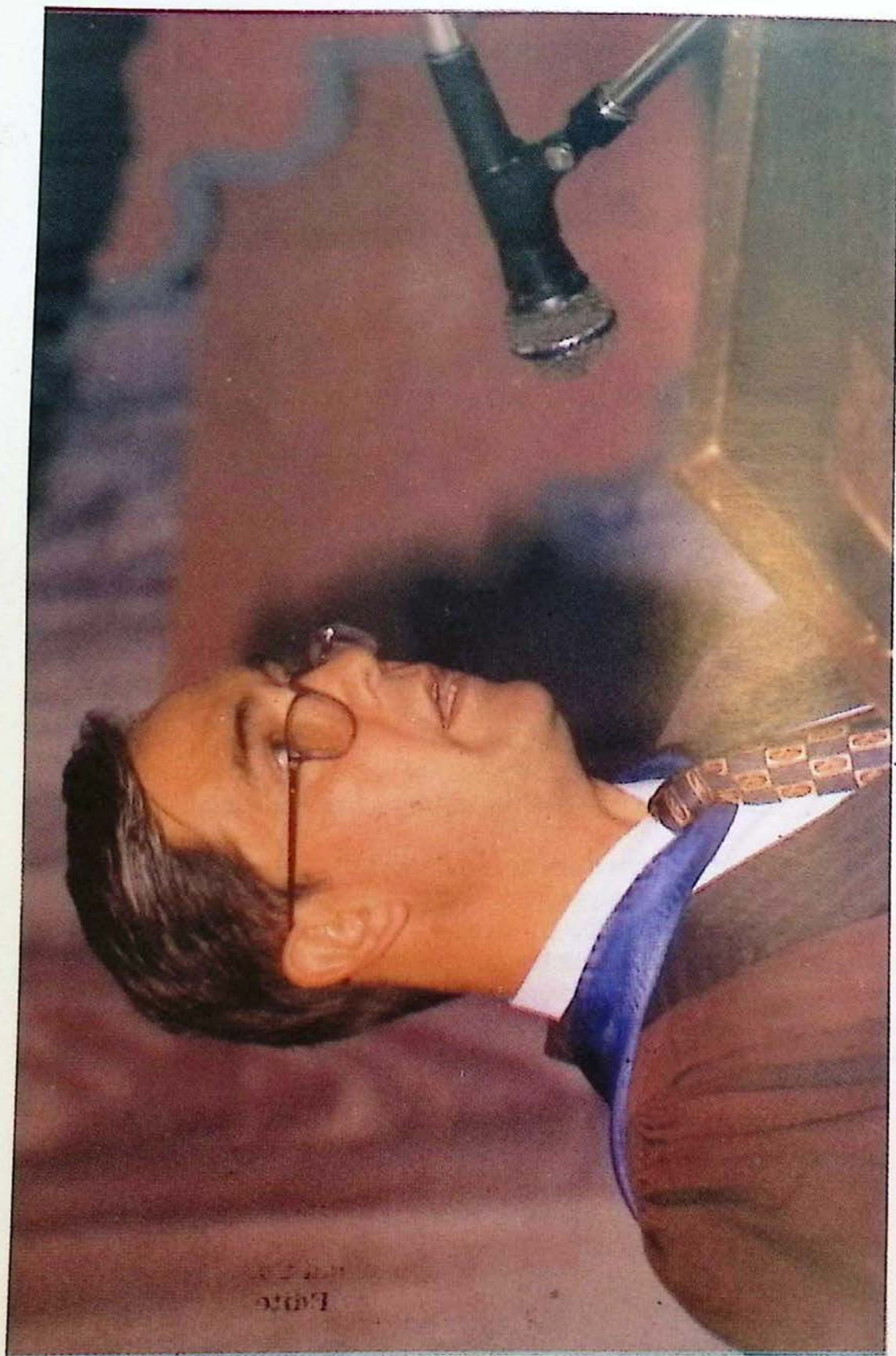
T. PAUL'S SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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THE SCHOOL PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, Who has set us here in the majestic grandeur of these mountains, make us ever mindful of the abundance of Thy blessings. We praise Thee for our School, and for the heritage into which we have entered. Take away whatever is unworthy from our midst; cherish and strengthen whatever is best. Bind us more closely together in the spirit of loyalty and service, that our School may grow in spiritual strength and may become an ever-increasing power for the extension of Thy kingdom in this land.

Amen



Rector - Mr. D. A. Howard

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

Success over the year 1997 is not to be found on a global or an all-India scale, indeed, at those levels, events were generally depressing. However, at School there were a number of achievements which were heartening and which gave the quiet satisfaction of genuine success.

After a lapse of fourteen years we once again achieved cent-per-cent passes at the Public Exams of the ICSE and ISC. We had worked at our academics over the recent past and the Staff finally came through with flying colours.

Each year it is usual for us to lose some Staff members, six being the average. Over 1997 we saw an exceptionally large number of withdrawals mid-year, through retirement, as well as the promise of promotion as Vice-Principals in other schools. Replacing staff in out-of-the-way Darjeeling is not always easy and the remaining Staff rallied brilliantly to help close the temporary gaps. I am deeply grateful and admire the versatility displayed.

In the 50th year of our Independence there was much to be grateful for and the inevitable soul-searching was both necessary and vital for future progress. At School we produced a grand display of activities on 15th August where the entire School took part to produce an impressive variety of events from folk dances to a mass P.T. display; with rock climbing and a mock N.C.C. thrown in for good measure.

Over the last few years we at St. Paul's have lived through the summer months in a constant state of tension and irritability due to a shortage of water. The school has also spent large sums of money purchasing truck-loads of water, year after year. Over 1997, for the first time, we went through the year without having to purchase water, and, with an adequate (though rationed) supply of water throughout the year. This was no mean achievement, the success of which goes to our Estate Department.

As we enter 1998, we will celebrate 175 years of the School's existence when it was first founded in Calcutta in 1823. With a history as old as that, and a tradition as rich as we now have, I hope that we can look forward to a year of joy as we celebrate our achievements in a fitting manner.

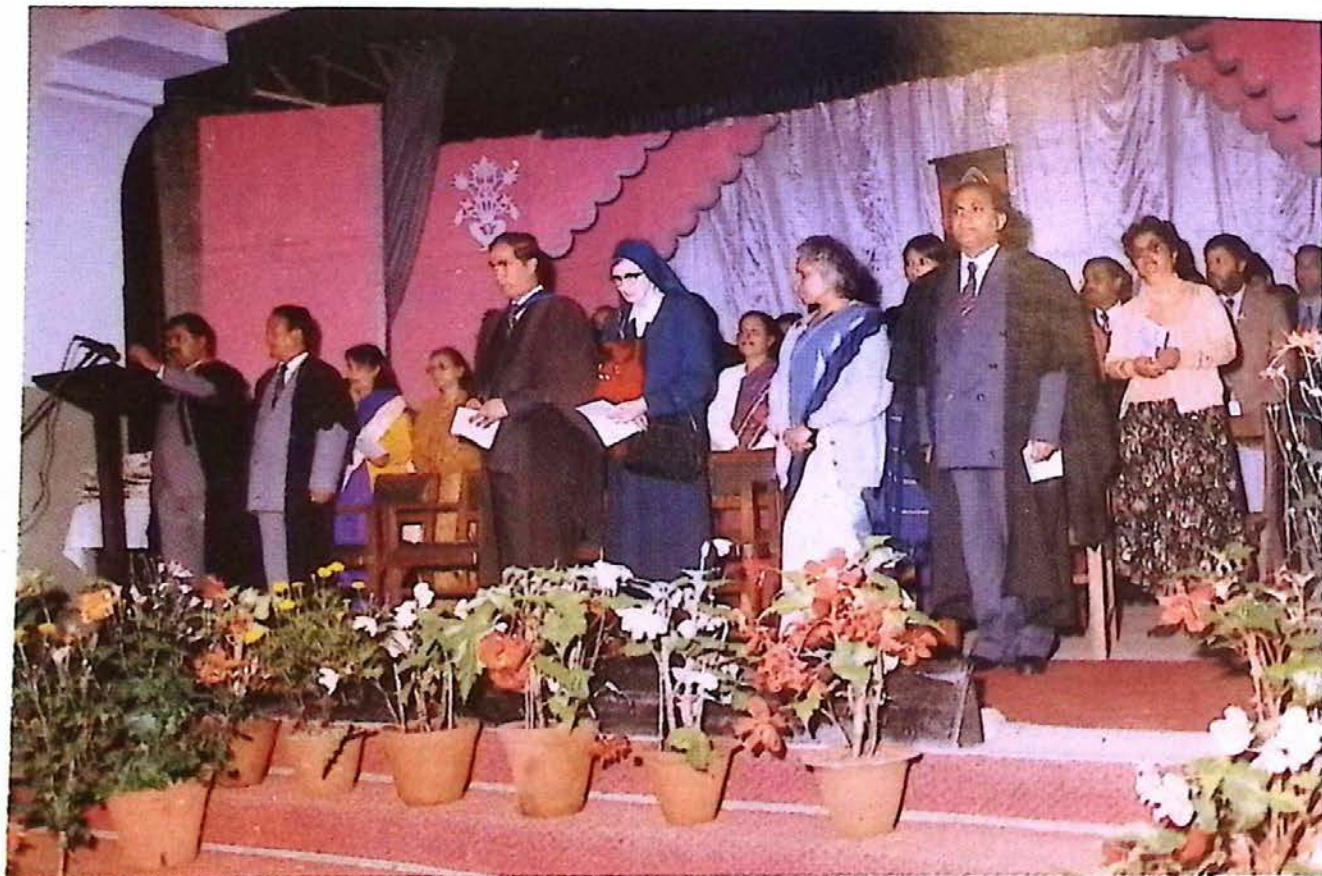
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The Staff with Rev. Mother Damien on Speech Day

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Mr. S.Bhattacharya, B.Com., Accounts Clerk
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Mr. S.R. Gurung, Caterer
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Mr. R.B. Gurung, Office Asst.
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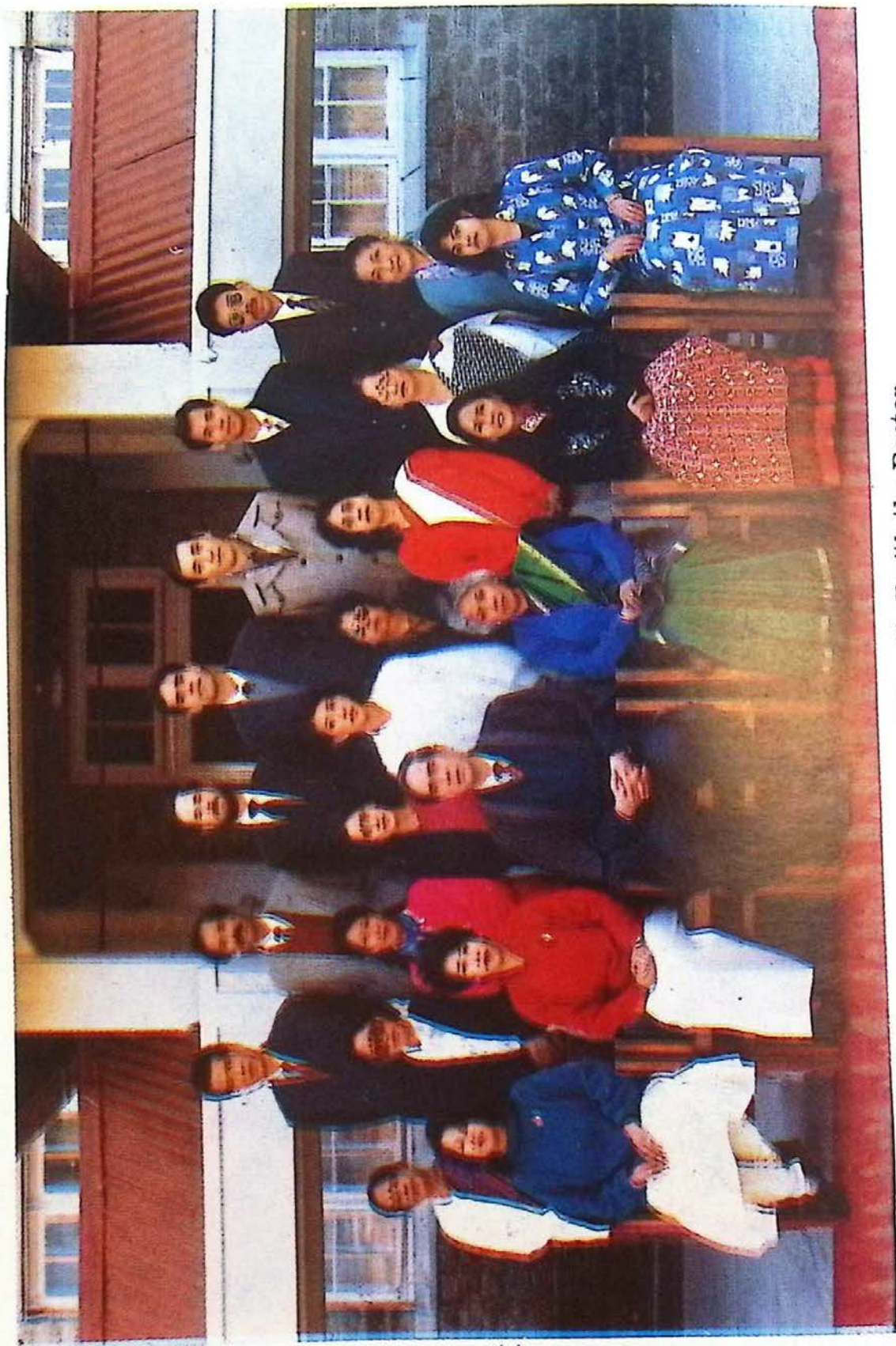
The School Band



The Junior Wing Staff with the Rector



The Senior Wing Staff with the Rector



The Primary Wing Staff with the Rector



The Administrative Staff with Rector

SCHOOL PREFECTS

School Captain & Captain of Havelock House	-	Saswata Sanyal
School Vice Captain & Captain of Lawrence House	-	Ritesh Pandey
Captain of Hastings House	-	Raj Kumar
Captain of Clive House	-	Avinash Agarwal

HOUSE PREFECTS

Clive House	-	Keshav Tandan
Havelock House	-	TIM Shaniur Nabi / Tshering Ghale
Lawrence House	-	Raza Ali
Hastings House	-	Rishikesh Jaiswal



The School Prefects

RECTOR'S SPEECH - 1997

Rev. Mother Damien, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honoured to introduce to you one of the most outstanding academic persons in Darjeeling, the Rev. Mother Damien, Principal of Loreto College, Darjeeling. She is by far the senior-most of the serving Principals, and is something of a legendary figure here in Darjeeling. As my personal tutor I can assure you that she has one of the finest academic minds, and has helped innumerable students both women and men to make a success of their lives. Thank you for being with us, we are privileged.

Each year we inevitably lose some staff members and this year we have lost more than normal. At the end of May we bid farewell to Mr. & Mrs. Michael Calvert. Mr. Calvert left to become the Headmaster of Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong. He served us with loyalty and devotion to duty and we know that he carries with him these qualities to the advantage of the Homes. This is, incidentally, the third Headmaster we at St. Paul's have given to the Homes. Early in June Mr. K. Lama, our Senior Secretary, retired having served the school for 37 years under seven different Rectors. He had a wealth of information at his fingertips and gave of his best. He has our best wishes for his happiness in his retirement. At the end of June Mrs. D. Paulose of the Primary Wing sought voluntary retirement, having served for over 20 years. A capable teacher she found it necessary to be with her children in Kerela as they stepped out into life. The next two staff members who resigned did so without much warning. Mr. Ajay Sharma, one of our senior Chemistry Teachers, left with less than a month's notice to take over as Vice Principal of Army Public School, Udhampur. We wish him success in his new post. The next to leave was Mr. Dilip Kumar, a senior Mathematics Teacher, who preferred to work at the Lawrence School, Lovedale, this being closer to his home town in Kerela.

Miss Caroline Hillier, our talented Piano teacher from the UK returned to England in mid-September when her visa expired. Besides her talents as a musician she was also our French teacher and freely gave of her time and talents. At the end of July the school community was jolted by the passing away of Mr. Kamlesh Kanti. Mr. Kanti had served us on the staff as a Hindi Master for 22 years when he retired in March, 1994. By that time he had become Acting Senior Master of the School. Our heartfelt sym-

pathy goes out to Mrs. Kanti and the children. With her changed circumstances it will no longer be possible for Mrs. Kanti to stay on at the end of this academic year, and she has sought voluntary retirement. I would like to place on record our appreciation for the services of a gentle and gracious lady who was always there when you needed her, and was ever ready to help any boy who came to her for advice and sympathy.

The loss of such a large number of staff has obviously necessitated the induction of some newer members. In March we welcomed to our staff Mr. Tony Sullivan in the Pry. Wing. He has already begun to gain the confidence of the students and has established himself as a keen cricketer. Mr. Devendra Kumar, an Old Paulite, joined our staff in April. Loyal and hardworking the fruits of his labour have already been seen as he produced and directed the School Play "TUGLAQ" by Girish Karnad which you saw last evening. Early June saw the selection and appointment of the new Senior Master, Mr. Sunirmal Chakravarthi. For Mr. Chakravarthi this was a promotion and he has thrown himself into his new responsibility with energy and flair. It has not been easy for him. Thrown into the deep-end in the middle of term he has faced various challenges with patience and goodwill. Mr. Stuart McMullen joined our staff in mid-August. He came out to us from St. Columba's College, Dublin. In this brief period he has established his credentials as a cheerful, hardworking person who is successful in the classroom. Mrs. Tseten Tshering joined our staff in a permanent capacity this October. She works in the Pry. Wing and has already begun to display an artistic temperament which is much appreciated. We also welcome on our staff body Mr. Abijit Banerjee and Mr. Santanu Das of the Computer Department. I hope they are able to fully utilise the new computer systems that have just been installed. I am told that the Computers are as reasonably upto-date as may be expected in a school. At the end of August we also welcomed two GAP students: Mr. Adam Brown and Mr. George Salmon. George is bilingual in French and English and Adam has been able to assist with Chemistry and some Mathematics. I am grateful for their services and hope that our senior students will benefit from their proximity.

In late May we were delighted to record 100% passes at both the ICSE and ISC levels, with all 97 students being successful. Such a success was last achieved 14 years ago and I take this opportunity of thanking most sincerely the entire staff body for the earnestness of their endeavour in guiding these students

to a fruitful conclusion of their school-days at St. Paul's. Today we will honour the present batch of students who have worked hard in the classrooms to achieve various levels of academic success.

On the games field the opening term is given to cricket. We did not have a special coach this year, yet the boys played commendably even though we lost the Edinburgh Shield to Mount Hermon. As usual, the annual cricket fixture against the Old Paulites was greatly enjoyed. We won the trophy for the second year running. The first term also sees the games of volleyball, basketball, tennis and gymnastics being organised. The Gymnastics team performed at the Gymkhana Club on 3rd June, 1997, where Bishop Gorai of Calcutta was our Chief Guest. The monsoon term was largely given over to football with indoor games such as Squash, Fives, Badminton, and Table-Tennis being played simultaneously. From the end of August starts the running or marathon season which leads directly into athletics. We have had rather a wet September so that getting through the standards and heats has been a bit of a problem. However, the climax of our athletics season was yesterday's school sports. We now look forward to Inter-School Athletics, hockey and tennis tournaments in the winter term.

The stage has been heavily occupied over the year. There have been four House Concerts produced by the Snr. Wing Houses, two House Concerts produced at the Jnr. Wing level and an Inter-House drama competition at the Pry. Wing level. This year just before the summer break the Pry. Wing produced their major production: the Walt Disney version of the musical, "Jungle Book". This was certainly an ambitious project and very well produced. Our congratulations to all those staff of the Pry. Wing who helped make it an outstanding success. I have already mentioned the School Play production of "TUGLAQ" and would like to add that this is the first time that we have actually produced a major play with an Indian setting. In addition to these major productions, on Independence Day, the Second Language Societies produced a 2 1/2 hour programme of One Act Plays and shorter items in all the major languages of Hindi, Bengali, Nepali and French.

By far the most outstanding event of this year was the elaborate preparations that went into the festivities associated with the 50th year of our Independence on 15th August. The NCC presented a Guard-of-Honour and March Past to Maj.Gen. A.R.Raikar, G.O.C., Eastern Command, who was our Chief Guest. Later the same NCC group put up a rock climbing demonstration

which included abseiling, vertical climbing, and mountain rescue operations. They also presented a Mock Battle, complete with smoke screens, live ammunition-the latter being safely fired off the field and the sound of various war cries being made by the boys. There was a mass P.T. display involving over 500 students of the Pryland Jnr. School. This included figure formations involving the National Flag and the logo "We Shall Overcome". The Gymnastics team also presented a series of chair exercises and some horse-work. By far the most colourful event was a series of eight folk-dances chosen from various parts of India: Nagaland, Assam, Nepal, Bengal, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Garhwal, and Bihar. An activity of this nature, involving just about everyone in the school, must activate all staff members and I am filled with admiration at the way everybody stepped forward to make this not only a glorious success but also a fitting tribute to our Golden Anniversary of Independence. Early in September we hosted the "Plus Two Fest" where students from Mount Hermon, St. Joseph's, Dr. Graham's Homes and St. Augustine's joined our boys over a 2-day meet which involved a wide variety of activities ranging from Chess, and Dumb Charades to Antakshree and Western Music competitions. Of far greater importance was the opportunity that these students had to meet their peers from the neighbouring schools and to get to know each other better in a happy atmosphere. At school level we have also conducted various competitions for quizzing, elocution and debates. This year we came second in the N.M. Master Memorial Elocution Contest.

Though we lack the services of a School Chaplain I am grateful to Bishop Andrews of Darjeeling for coming up to take Communion Services whenever he can spare the time. I am extremely proud of the achievements that have been made by the School Choir. They have now begun to sing with a high degree of finish and have produced a special anthem every month culminating in the anthem produced for the Commemoration Service that we have just attended. We have also sent up 23 boys for the Trinity College of Music Examination in both piano and singing. This is very encouraging considering that just three years ago we had nothing to offer in this field. Our School Brass Band has struggled along with a little bit of coaching over the month of June and July. I hope that we will be able to rectify this problem in the new year.

We were happy to welcome in our midst Dr. Allistair Smith of Aberdeen University who spoke to our boys on Geo-political

movements over the 20th century. This was a stimulating lecture but left one wondering where we were heading in the 21st century? We also had a team of visitors from the B.B.C Television department. I wonder if any of the film they took will actually be published – it was such a grey, monsoon day! An article written in the Daily Telegraph of London declares us to be the last school in this area that still retains a tradition coming from an earlier period. I am not sure if this is a good thing or a bad thing!

In December last year we appointed Mr. O.P. Agarwal as the Estate Manager and Mr. Anil Kr. Sinha as the Estate Superintendent. The year has not been an easy one for them since they inherited a number of problems. However, the single most crucial problem on the School Estate has always been the supply of water to the children of the school, and by and large, this has been solved to a high degree. There will, of course, always be a shortage in the dry season, though this year we have been better off than usual.

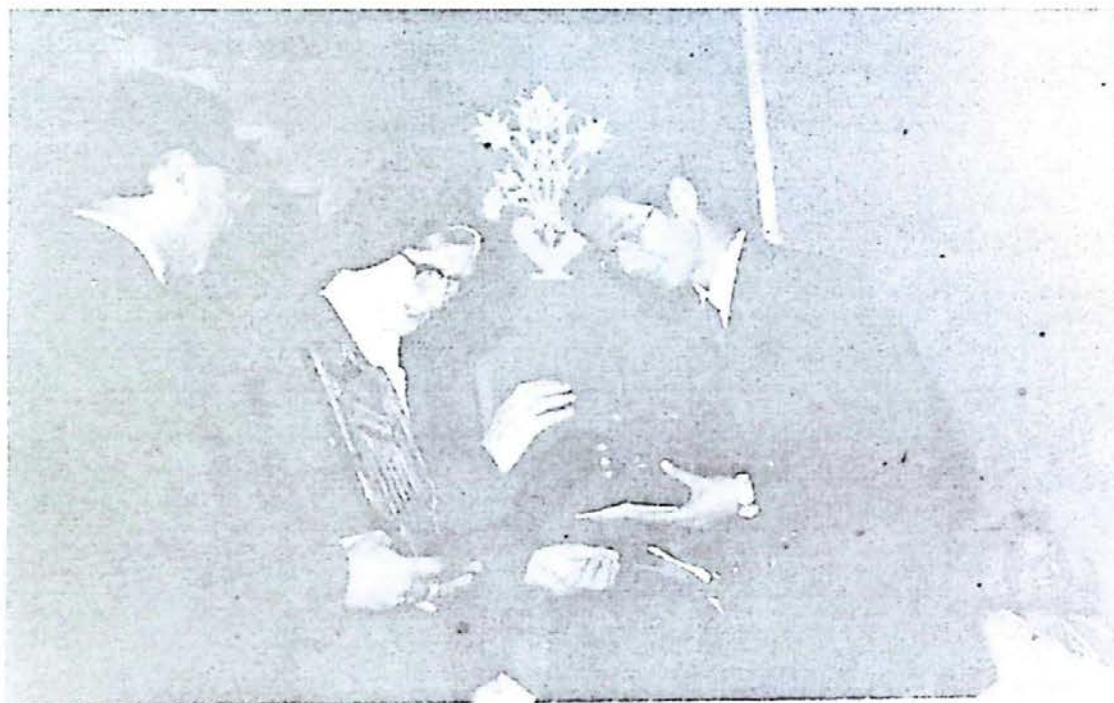
We have also ordered some new furniture for the Chapel – 8 new pews which are an exact match of the existing teakwood furniture. The single most important project on hand is the need for new Laboratories and Dormitory space, as well as staff quarters and Domestic Staff quarters by the year 2000 A.D. when we give up use of the rented premises of Edenfalls. Preliminary drawings and sketches have already been begun and we hope that sometime next year we will lay one or two foundation stones. Such expansion must of a necessity, involve the raising of large funds. I hope that our parents and well-wishers will respond to the appeals we will send out in the course of time.

I take this opportunity of thanking all members of the Admn. Staff, the Resident School Doctor, Nurses, the Matrons, Caterers and the Office Staff for their loyal and supportive services to the boys of this school. I also wish to thank the members of the Dom. Staff for their loyalty and hardwork over the past year. We have wonderful neighbours in the Army Officers of Jalapahar who, with their Commandant, have always been helpful. There are also the District Authorities of Darjeeling who have always been cooperative and without whose help we could not have managed. Our grateful thanks to all of them.

As we began term in March this year, I was not well enough to take over the reins directly and under instruction from Bishop Gorai, the Rev. Noel Sen came up to assist me with the Opening of Term. At that time we were also short of a Senior Master and

I am grateful to Mr. Thomas Mukhia, Second Master, Mr. Anthony and Mrs. Howard, Heads of Junior and Primary Wings respectively for their cooperation and help in ensuring a smooth start. I am deeply appreciative of all the help received and have been humbled by the goodwill of the Board Members, the Staff, parents and Boys.

Thank you for the warmth of your affection.



The Chief Guest giving away prizes on Speech Day

CHIEF GUEST'S ADDRESS ON SPEECH DAY

(REV. MOTHER DAMIEN O'DONOHUE I.B.V.M.).

Mr. Howard, Rector, and friends,

First I must thank Mr. Howard for the pleasure and privilege of being here today. My association with St Paul's School stretches back over a period of thirty five years, and is largely based on my friendship with several of its Rectors, beginning with Mr. Leslie Goddard, my friendship with whom lasted until his death.

St Paul's has notable achievements to its credit the Rector's report testifies to this - academic excellence, all - round development of its students, prowess on the games field, all of which merit our congratulations and appreciation. But the question I ask myself when I contemplate and endeavour to assess the contribution my own institution makes to society is this, by what criterion ultimately can we judge a school, a college, any academic institution? Some would apply the standard of examination results - not a reliable guide in my opinion, or success in the field of extra curricular activities, games and sports. All of these are important in their own way, but I think, in the last analysis, the greatness of an institution is more truly measured by the kind of young people it sends out into the world. This year we are celebrating the Golden Jubilee of India's Independence. Looking back over the span of fifty years we are grateful to God for the many blessings He has bestowed on our country. Unlike many countries which achieved independence about the same time as India, we are still a flourishing democracy. We have freedom of speech, a free press and all that goes with a true democratic state.

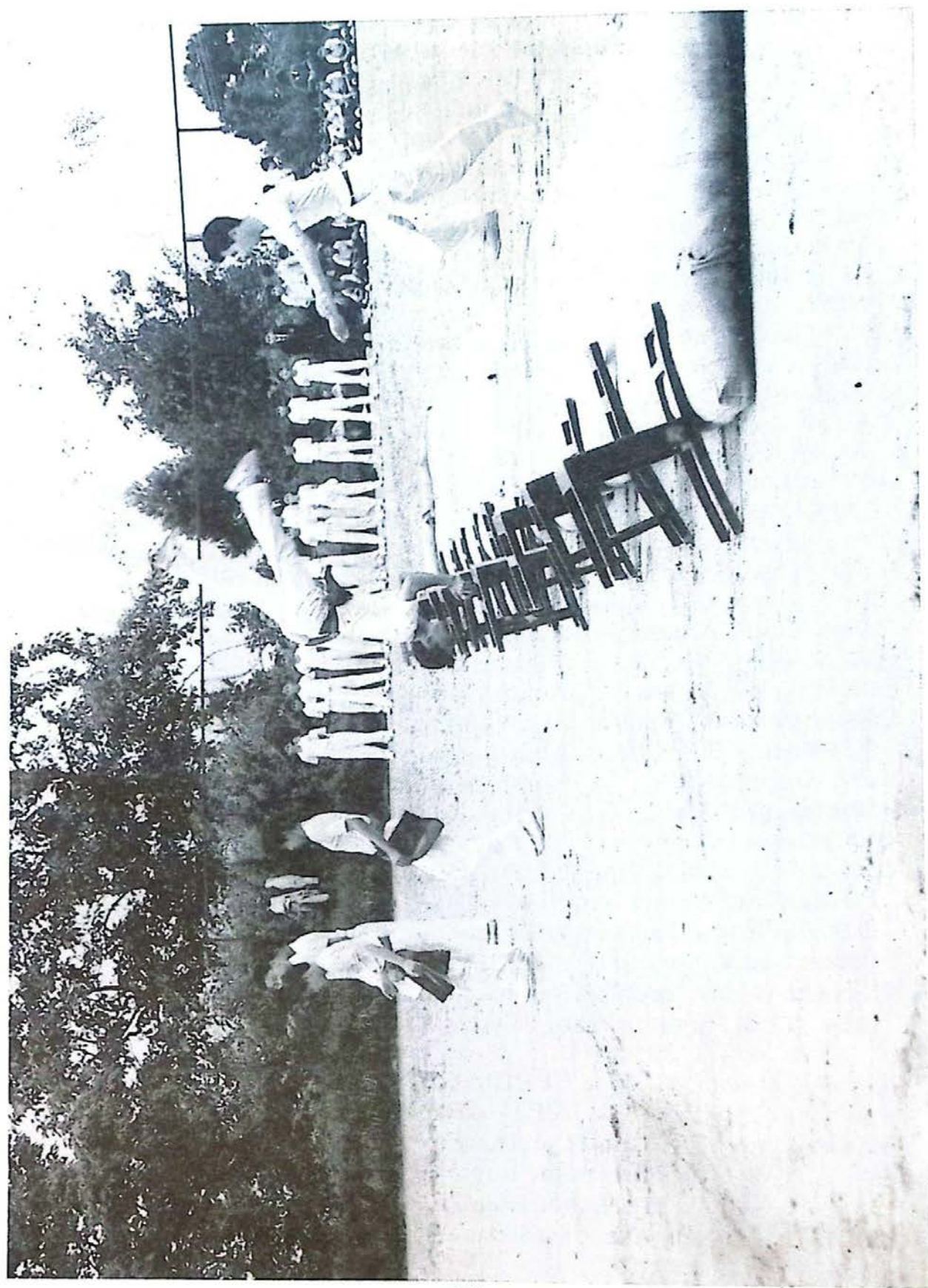
But there are features of our public life that we have reason to regret, even to deplore. The scandals that occupy such a proportion of the news coverage on the electronic media, that make headlines in the newspapers, are a reflection of something seriously wrong in our public life. Our Prime Minister, on Independence Day, made a passionate plea for the removal of venality in society, for integrity at all levels of our corporate living. But societies are made up of individuals, and if the level of honesty in society as a whole is less than what can be hoped for, then it is not surprising to find dishonesty on the scale which we see in the various instances that command such media attention today. To illustrate what I am trying to express: I will relate an incident,

apparently trivial, which happened in Darjeeling quite a number of years ago.

A film came to town, the name of which I cannot recollect, but it was a very popular film and everyone was keen to get a ticket for the only show the cinema hall was providing. Soon all the tickets were sold out, but there were not wanting persons who had decided to capitalize on the popular desire to see the picture and who began to sell tickets at black market rates. Two young men, past pupils of the school, were here in Darjeeling on a holiday and they, too, wished to see the film. They went to the cinema hall and found that all the tickets had been taken, but the black marketers rallied round and offered them two tickets at their rates. These young men were very well off and could easily have afforded the exorbitant prices being asked, but they spurned the offer as opposed to their principles. If even a sizeable number of people did the same there would be no black marketeering.

If each in his own sphere refused to pay bribes, there would be no bribery. We would have a clean public life. As long as there are numbers of people who are not honest in the humbler areas of society there will be scandals of the magnitude we are all too familiar with today. And this is where our Paulites can make a difference. If each of the young men soon to leave the portals of this great school were to bring principles of integrity, putting the common good before their own private ambition, bringing an example of devotion to the public welfare into whatever sphere they are entering, the business world, the professions, public administration, there would be a qualitative raising of standards in public life. It is what we most need in our country today. You have been given the privilege of the kind of education not available to the large majority of your countrymen: the lofty traditions of a great school, built up over a long period of time by a succession of outstanding men who have given the best years of their lives to St. Paul's. Give to your country what you yourselves have been blessed to receive. Be the leaven in the mass. Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven. That is my advice, indeed my plea to you and my prayer for you.

Thank you.



Sprightly Gymnasts performing on Independence Day

**SPEECH DAY
LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS
PRIZE LIST - 1997**

Class	First	Second	Progress & Application
1	Aamir Azam	Nitin Jain	Ratnank Basu Sharma
2	Abang Taba	Vikramjit Sen	Wasim Alam
3A	Shashank Baid	Swarnadeep Banerjee	Subhrodeep Poddar
3B	Shyam Prasad Murarka	Saket Nath	Kawaljit Randhawa
4A	Gaurav Agarwal	Gautam Agarwal	Sayan Mitra
4B	Prasenjit Biswas	Ankit Saxena	Imkong Toshi Tzudir
4C	Rohit Agarwal	Rajiv Roy	Sayeem Karim
5A	Gautam Kumar	Akhil Bansal	Subhojit Saha
5B	Adarsh Saxena	Anindya Das	Parvez Khan
5C	Aditya Khetan	Mohit Gourisaria	Jimmy Thangjam
6A	Anil Kumar Roy	Amit Khetan	-
6B	Anurag Binani	Saurav Kumar Agarwal	-
6C	Kushal Batabyal	Aditya Sanyal	Soham Bhattacharjee
7A	Mukesh Kumar	Nikhil Kumar Agarwal	Mahedi Khan
7B	Ajitesh Jaiswal	Abhishek Chanani	Siddharth Agarwal
7C	Ashwini Todi	Amanbir Grewal	-
8A	Momocha Thangjam	Sankha Chakravarty	Vaibhav Dugar
8B	Soumik Mukherjee	Navin Kumar Gadia	-
8C	Ujjwal T. Kumar	Tarak Nand Joshi	-
9A	Gaurav Munal	Ankur Gupta	Dibyadyuti Ghosh
9B	Abhishek Thackur	Arjun Gupta	Rup Prakash Biswas
9C	Neelay Chowdhury	Amit Bansal	Deo Shakti Singh
10A	Amber Huria	Harsh Deorah	Sanjay Kumar
10B	Gunjan Gadia	Deepak Kumar	Deepak Agarwal
10C	Vishal Dokania	Bhaskar Jyoti Nath	Rupesh Kumar
11Com.	Abhishek Goenka	Amit Tibarewala	-
11Hum.	Amardeep Banerjee	Sharad Goel	-
11Sc.	Prosenjit Bose	Vivek Khandari	-
12Com.	Ritesh Pandey	Sumit Periwal	-
12Hum.	Gopal Agarwal	Raadeep Khan	-
12Sc.	T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi	Partho Mukherjee	-

**SPECIAL PRIZES
PRIMARY WING**

Class	Good Conduct	Art
1	Priyankar Ray	Soden Gurung
2	Prashant Rauniar	Viloto Zhimomi
3A	Athoo Kesiezie	Arijit Chanda

3B	Rewat Bir Tuladhar	Kalden Lama
4A	Ashish Murarka	Tashi Rapgyal
4B	Saurav Rajkarnikar	Ishan Malla
4C	Anirban Ghosh	Adarsha Atal
5A	-	Animesh Tuladhar
5B	-	Brendon Benjamin
5C	-	Utsav Pradhan

Essay Prize	...	Aditya Khetan
Moore Divinity Prize	...	Zabir Rahman
Best Actor Prize	...	Zabir Rahman
Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal...	...	Rohit Gambhir
Best All Rounder Prize	...	Parvez Khan

JUNIOR WING

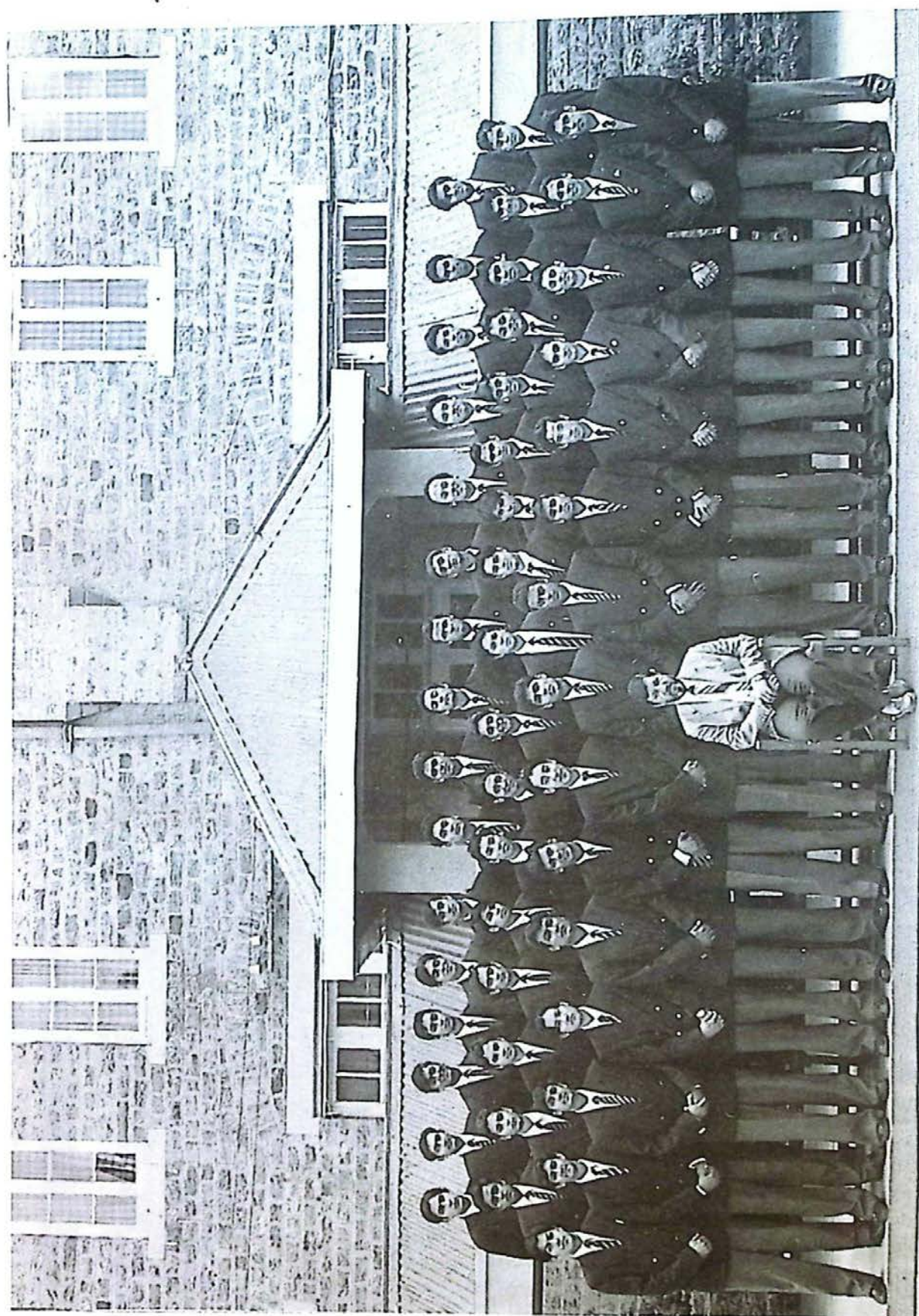
J.W. Art Prize	...	Naresh Rai
B.J. Sharma Prize for the Best Sportsman	...	Arindam Ghosh
Jack Warren Medal for the Best Cricketer in Junior Wing	...	Arindam Ghosh
Jyoti Kundu Prize for Elocution	...	Anirban Sinha
N. Shanmugam Memorial Medal for Good Conduct in Class 7	...	Amulya Shakya
Disawala Prize for the Best Actor	...	Ranadip Kundu
K.N. Sahgal Prize for Bible Reading	...	Amir Adeel Khan
Moore Divinity Prize (Junior)	...	Momocha Thangjam
Gayatri Kanti Prize for Consistent Academic Achievement in the Junior Wing	...	Momocha Thangjam
Karanjai Prize for Quizzing	...	Ashish Chettri

SENIOR WING

Kabra Proficiency Prize (ISC '97)	...	Abhishek Kanoi
A.H. Miller Prize for Science (ISC '97)	...	Murtaza Y. Johar
Rai Bahadur D.N. Singh Prize for Hum. (ISC '97)	...	Rajeev Mehra
Badridas Modi Prize for Com. (ISC '97)	...	-
Leslie Goddard Scholarship & Medal (ICSE '97)	...	Abhishek Goenka
Renuka Dang Proficiency Prize (ICSE '97)	...	Amardeep Banerjee
Kamlesh Kanti Prize for Hindi (ICSE '97)	...	Abhishek Goenka
K.L. Pradhan Prize for Economics (ICSE '97)	...	Karma Thinley Namgyal
Rudra Hindi Prize	...	Piyush Mohan Thakur
Madhukar Rana Nepali Prize	...	Pawan Kabra
Usha Rani Bengali Prize	...	T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi

Tower History Prize	...	Tshering Wangyal Ghale
Class of '89 Economics Prize	...	Sudip Sanyal ✓
Clarke Geography Prize	...	Rishikesh Jaiswal
K.N. Sahgal Accountancy Prize	...	Sumit Periwal
	...	Avinash Agarwal
K.N. Sahgal Business Studies Prize	...	Sudip Sanyal
Anil Chaudhuri Art Prize	...	Vaskar Sharma
	...	Saswata Sanyal
Moore Divinity Prize	...	Ritesh Pandey
Karun Majumdar General Knowledge Prize	...	Ritesh Pandey
Saraf Short Story Prize	...	Ankush Sachdeva
Maj. Bhatnagar Prize for 'Brain of St. Paul's'	...	Sudip Sanyal
Carter English Essay Prize	...	Ankush Sachdeva
Nanibala Dey English Literature Prize	...	Ankush Sachdeva
Gal Gregory Maths Prize	...	Pawan Kabra
Majumdar Science Prize	...	Abhishek Shroff
Kothari Physical Science Prize	...	Yeatin Giri
Robin Banerjee Life Science Prize	...	Parul Agarwal
Lv Kumar Ecological Studies Prize	...	Pawan Kabra
R.S. Prasad Prize for Computer Science	...	Keshav Tandan
	...	T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi
Adams Music Prize	...	Vishwaman Rai
Rahoul Music Prize	...	Siddharth Rajbhandari
Nilima Gupta Indian Music Prize	...	not awarded
G.V. Swaika Prize for Drama	...	Avinash Agarwal
Nilima Bose Prize for Excellence in Theatre	...	Bikash Gurung
Best Actor's Prize for 2 nd Lang. Hindi	...	Avinash Agrawal
	Nepali ...	Tshering Wangyal Ghale
	Bengali ...	Sudip Sanyal
Bible Reading Prize	...	Shwetark Singh
Sakraney Prize for Elocution	...	Avinash Agrawal
Air Force Trophy & Prize for the Best Public Speaker	...	Saswata Sanyal
N.K. Mitra Prize for Club Activities	...	Tshering Wangyal Ghale
Best Artist Prize for 1997	...	Saswata Sanyal
Best Craftsman Prize for 1997 (a) Batik	...	Sabin Tulachan
	(b) Woodwork ...	Vaskar Sharma
Kamlesh Kanti Prize for the Best		

Photographer of the year	... not awarded
Das Studio Prize for Consistent Good Work throughout the year	... not awarded
Darjeeling Photo Stores Prize for excellence in Photography	... not awarded
General Virendra Prize for NCC	... Avinash Agrawal
Jack Warren Medal for Cricket (Cl. X and below)	... Baban Das
O.P.A. Prize for the Best Sportsman	... Raj Kumar Yadav
O.P.A. Prize for Social Service	... Vishwaman Rai
G.J. Shaw Trophy & Prize for the Best All-rounder (Cl.XI)	... not awarded
K.K. Mukherjee Trophy & Medal for the Best All-rounder (Cl.XII)	... not awarded
Bishop's Prize	... Piyush Mohan Thakur
School Captain's Prize	... Saswata Sanyal
Rector's Prize	... Saswata Sanyal



The I.S.C. March 1998 Batch



The I.C.S.E. March 1998 Batch

LAWRENCE HOUSE

House Master: Mr. AD Jayal

House Captain: Ritesh Pandey

House Tutors: Mr. T. Calvert

House Prefect: Raza Ali

Mr. KRK Singh

Mr. S. Pande

Mr. R. Baoni

At the beginning of the year we welcomed amidst us a very 'musical' batch of Class IXs and a hardworking and dedicated group of XIs, a majority of them newly admitted.

We commenced the year on a victorious note by grabbing the Volleyball Cup for the second year running. In spite of having a well balanced team on paper we lost out narrowly to Clive in Cricket, Football and Hockey. Probably "dame fortune" and Lawrencians weren't on good terms this year!

We however compensated the loss of the two major shields by making a clean sweep in Badminton and the Eton Fives house matches. We also confirmed our physical superiority by winning the tug-o-war cake.

Besides excelling on the field we also fared well on the stage by bagging the Hindi Elocution Cup to everybody's surprise! My personal congratulations to Vivek Bansal who elocuted excellently and stood 1st in both the Hindi and English elocutions. He was also a member of the Master's Shield Inter-School Elocution team.

The house concert was staged on the 26th of April. It featured a One Act Play along with plenty of musical and entertaining items. The high-light of the night however was the 6th Form skit entitled "Snow White". On the whole the 'Lawrence Night' was a successful one, for which the boys rightfully deserve the credit.

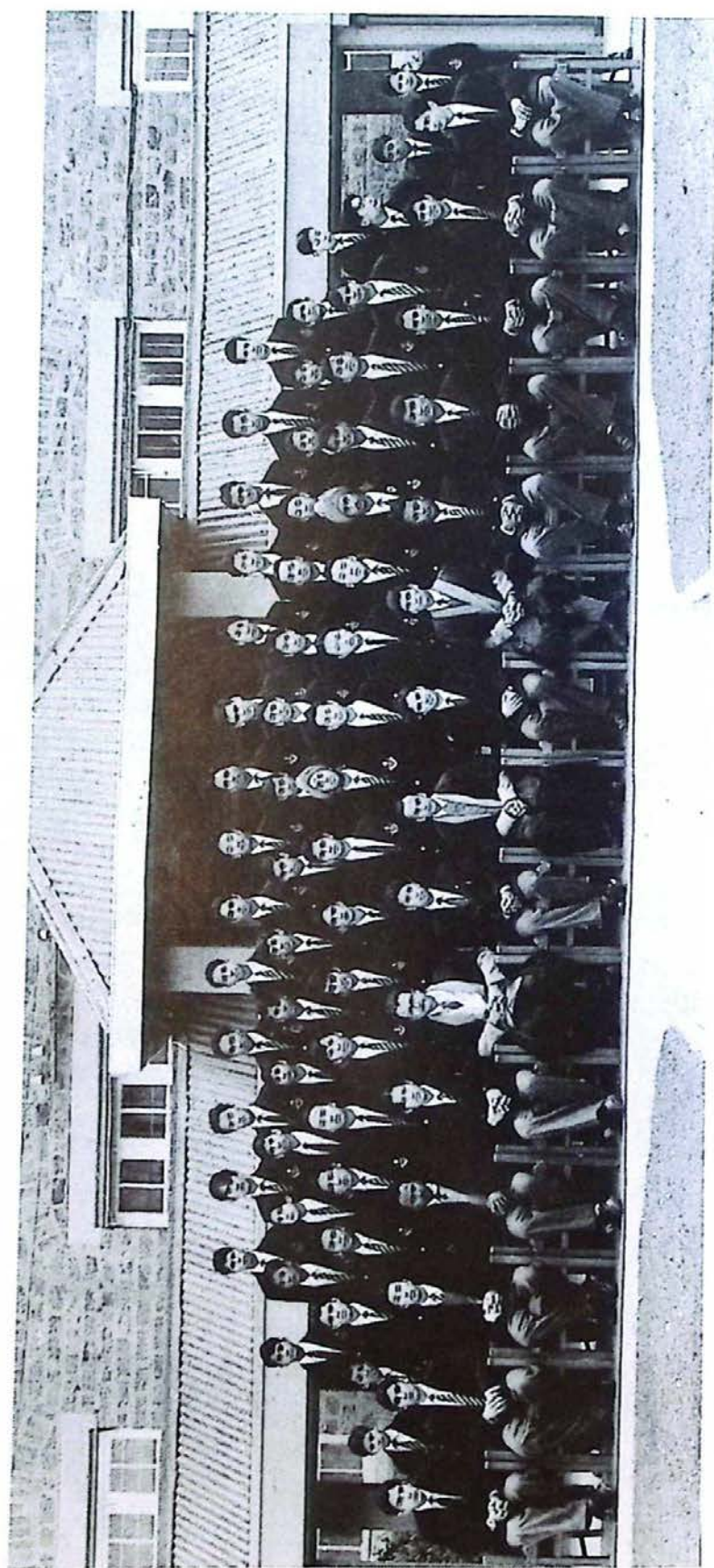
Academically our boys did quite well. Special credit goes to the following boys:

CLASS PRIZES

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| 1. Amit Bansal | - | 2 nd in IX C |
| 2. Sharad Goel | - | 2 nd in XI Hum |
| 3. Ritesh Pandey | - | 1 st in XII Com |
| 4. Sumit Periwal | - | 2 nd in XII Com |
| 5. Partho Mukherjee | - | 2 nd in XII Sc. |

SPECIAL PRIZES

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|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Ritesh Pandey | - | Moore Divinity Prize |
| 2. Ankush Sachdeva | - | Carter English Essay Prize |



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

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| 3. | Sumit Periwal | - | KN Sahgal Accountancy Prize |
| 4. | Shwetark Singh | - | Bible Reading Prize |
| 5. | Vishwaman Rai | - | OPA Medal for Social Service |
| 6. | Siddharth Rajbhandari | - | Rahoul Music Prize |
| 7. | Baban Das | - | Jack Warren Medal for Cricket
(Cl. X and below) |

House Colours were awarded to:

Partho Shah in Cricket

The following boys were given the **International Award for Young People**:

Bronze Award : Varun Agarwal, Vivek Bansal, Baban Das Rushvir Singh, Kazi Nasim Faisal, Arjun Gurung, Kesang Tashi Sherpa and Nasim Khan

Silver Award : Sharad Goel, Varun Agarwal and Vivek Bansal

Gold Award : Raza Ali

Finally, I would like to place on record my sincere thanks to my house prefect, Raza and the Lawrence Sixth for their cooperation and for supporting me through 'thick and thin'. I am also extremely obliged and indebted to my housemaster Mr. Arun Jayal for his kind advice and guidance all the year through. Thank you Sir. My best wishes to the present and up and coming Lawrence.

Ritesh Pandey

School Vice Captain & Lw. House Captain

1997 has flown past very fast. We have won a few cups, given a tough fight in a few games and outright lost out in some. The boys have participated in every game with great zeal and determination. This is the spirit of Lawrence and I commend everyone for this. I am extremely grateful to Ritesh Pandey the House Captain for having looked after the House so well, guided and motivated the boys very sensibly. He is a very modest, humble and down-to-earth boy who has done well both in the classroom and on the games field. He will, I am sure, go far in life. I am also thankful to the house tutors for their time and help whenever required. I wish the outgoing boys of classes X & XII good luck in all their future endeavours.

ARUN JAYAL
HOUSE MASTER

HAVELOCK HOUSE '97.

House Master:
Mr. U.K. Dwivedi.

House Captain:
Saswata Sanyal.
House Prefects:
T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi
Tshering W. Ghale.

The year 1997 saw the House go through a lot of thick and thin. On a frank note, the year was not very eventful as far as trophies and victories were concerned, nonetheless, it was a memorable year for each Havelockian for the spirit of participation which remained an integral part of his activities throughout. As someone said, "Play to learn, not merely to win."

The first term began with the sad loss of our grip on the Basketball cup to Hastings by a meagre three points shifting us to the second position.

Another second position came with a defeat at the hands of Lawrencians in the finals of the Volleyball.

We bagged the Squash Cup this year with considerable ease, taking into account the fact that we had the Squash Captain himself as our House Prefect. Congratulations to T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi and his triumphant team!

This year we even bagged the Table Tennis and the Art & Craft Cup.

Our luck with the second position continued in the Eton Fives, Badminton, the English and Hindi Elocutions.

Representing the house in the English Elocution this year were:

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| 1. Udeshyaraj Sharma | - | Junior Drama. |
| 2. Viraj Oberoi | - | Extempore. |
| 3. Karam Siddiq | - | Senior Prose. |
| 4. Saswata Sanyal | - | Senior Drama. |

In the Hindi Elocution we had...

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| 1. Ashish Roy | - | Junior Poetry. |
| 2. Viraj Oberoi | - | Dramatic Prose. |
| 3. Parul Agarwal | - | Senior Drama. |

The 23rd of August saw the Annual House Concert staged in the school auditorium. Our chief guest for the evening was Mr. Somnath Sanyal. He addressed the gathering after the concert, congratulating and commending each boy for his contribution in the concert. This year the play was a remake of the "Hewers of Coal", with a slight alteration to the conclusion.

The play was a 'dramatic' success. A word of thanks is extended to Mr. Gautam Bhattacharya for his experienced help with the direction.

The play was followed by innumerable musical items and to top it all a sixth form skit "The Hi-Tech Heaven of the 21st Century." Congratulations to Karam Siddiq and Gopal Agarwal for stealing the show completely!

To sum up the day on the 23rd of August '97, one could say that "the day was good, the concert was better, and the supper was the best."

The house Debating team exhibited great unity and vigour for each of the Debates that were held during the course of the year. The team was made up of :

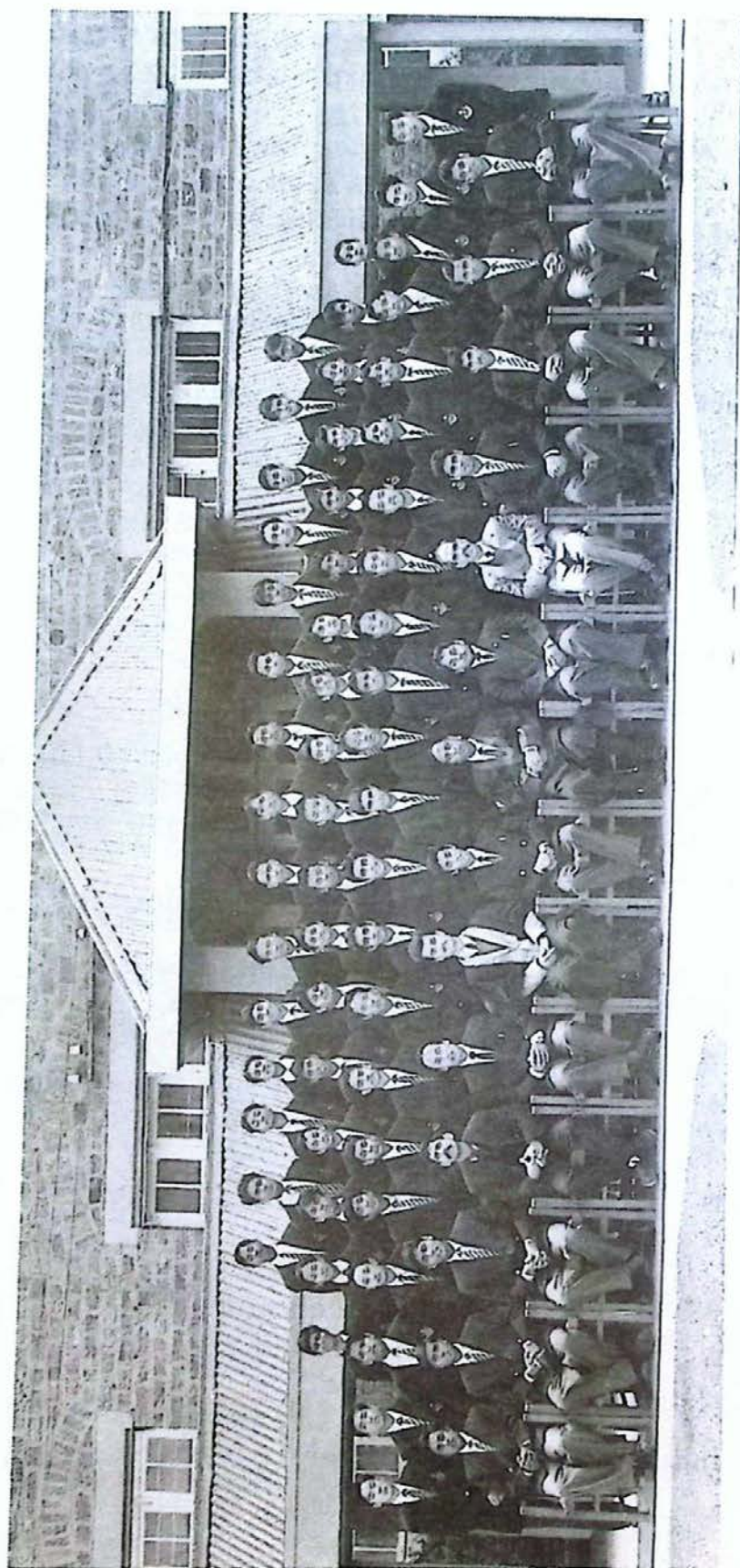
1. Udeshyaraj Sharma
2. Viraj Oberoi
3. Sanjeev Mehra
4. Tshering Wangyal Ghale
5. Karam Siddiq
6. Saswata Sanyal.

In the field of Quizzing, we had Tshering W. Ghale and Neelay Chaudhuri, one of whom (Neelay) came in a very close second in contesting for THE BRAIN OF ST. PAUL'S PRIZE. Congratulations!

The following boys won various prizes on

Speech Day:

Gaurav Munal	-	First General Proficiency Prize (IX-A)
Neelay Chaudhuri	-	First General Proficiency Prize (IX-C)
Deo Shakti Singh	-	Progress and Application (IX-C)
Amber Huria	-	First General Proficiency Prize (X-A)
Amrit Tibarewal	-	Second General Proficiency Prize (XI-Commerce)
Vivek Kandhari	-	Second General Proficiency Prize (XI-Science)
Yeatin Giri	-	Luv Kumar Ecological Prize
Karma Thinley	-	K.L. Pradhan Economics Prize
Gopal Agarwal	-	First General Proficiency Prize (XII-Humanities)
Parul Agarwal	-	Robin Banerjee Life Science Prize
Tshering W. Ghale	-	N.K. Mitra Medal, Tower History Prize,



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

- | | |
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| | Best Actor's Prize (Nepali) |
| T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi | - First General Proficiency Prize (XII-Science), R.S. Prasad Computer Prize, Usha Rani Bengali Prize. |
| Saswata Sanyal | - Airforce Trophy for Public Speaking, Anil Chaudhury Art Prize, Best Artist's Prize, School Captain's Medal, Rector's Prize. |

I sincerely thank my House Master, Mr. Umesh Dwivedi for his help and guidance throughout my stay in Havelock and as a House Captain. Thank you, sir! I'd also like to thank my House Prefects Tshering and Shaniur for their intense hard work and co-operation along with every Havelockian for his own little way of helping us reach the end of the year successfully. To Mr. A.K. Dash, Mr. G. Bhattacharya and Mr. D.P. Pradhan we express our sincere gratitude for all their help and guidance.

*"Roll on dear Havelock, lead on to victory....
Roll on dear Havelock, it's time to grab the shields..."*



A scene from the Havelock House Play.

HASTINGS HOUSE – REPORT- 1997

House Master - Mr. Ashok Thackur

House Tutors - Mr. D. Bagchi House Captain- Raj. Kr. Yadav.

- Mr. S. Das. House Prefect- Rishikesh Jaiswal

The year began at a brisk pace for us with the appointment of Raj Kumar as House Captain and Rishikesh Jaiswal as the House Prefect, and the Athletics Captain, Raedeeep Khan as the Basketball Captain and, Raj Kumar as the Secretary of Camera Club, Vaskar Sharma as the secretary of the woodwork; and Navtej Singh as the Captain of Marathon and Hockey.

We also welcomed Mr. S. Das as our House tutor. During the course of the year, Mr Ajay Sharma bade farewell to us to takeover as the vice Principal, Army Public School, Udhampur.

Cricket was not our cup of tea as we ended third, but a superb performance from our Basketball team ensured us the Basketball cup.

The Annual Gym display on the 3rd June featured Raj Kumar, Rishikesh Jaiswal, Navtej Singh, Gautam Agarwal, Ashish Pradhan, Amir Lal Shrestha, and Shankar Gurung from our House. Hastings attained 2nd position in the Inter-House Football tournament. Brajesh Raj Mishra and Gautam Agarwal participated in the Brain of St. Paul's as members of the House team.

Hastings put up for its House Concert on 26th July a one Act play – “Thread ‘O’ Scarlet” directed by Mr. Ashok Thackur. Flawless acting combined with a chilling plot and spine tingling music left everybody satisfied.

Robin Goel, Niraj Khetan, Francis Borges, Raj Kr, Rishikesh Jaiswal, Vaskar Sharma, Ashish Pradhan, Navtej Singh, Bikash Gurung, Amardeep Banerjee, Abhishek Tariyal, S. Khangkar, S. Chachan, Robin Panday, Mukesh Kumar, Saif Zaman, Shanker Gurung, Gautam Shaw, Ankur Gupta, Pawan Tiwari, Abhishek Thackur, A. Sthapit, I. Faizli, D. Ghosh, Abhishek Vishal, V. Pakhrin, Md. Hussain, Kunal Arora, K. Sabnani, Rahul Prasad, & V. Dokania deserve commendations for the success of the play.

English songs were sung by Bikash Gurung, David Cecil, S. Bandali, Abhishek Thackur, Ashish Pradhan. Mukesh Kr, S. Zaman, A. Jalan, and R. Prasad had the audience thrilled to the tune of “Sadde Naal” while Vaskar Sharma shook the Hall with Elvis numbers.

Francis Borges, Bikash Gurung, Amardeep Banerjee, Abhinav Jalan, Harsh Deorah, Dibyadyuti Ghosh, Saif Zaman and S. Chachan also acted in the school play.

Hastings walked away with the Marathon Cup for 1997. Congratulations to Raj Kumar & Navtej Singh for ranking first and second respectively in the Open division. We stood second in the Inter-House English debate. Well done to Abhishek Thackur, Abhinav Jalan, Bikash Gurung and Amardeep Banerjee for their commendable performance. Arjun Gupta, Ritesh Agarwal, and Amardeep Banerjee brought us the Bengali Elocution Cup this year.

Athletics has always been our piece of cake. This year was no exception. The result were as follows:-

Open Division

Event	First	Second	Third
1. 100mts	Raj Kr. Yadav.	R. Jaiswal	
2. 200mts	Raj Kr. Yadav	V. Sharma	Navtej Singh
3. Shot put	-	-	Raj Yadav
4. Discuss	-	Raj Yadav	V. Sharma
5. Javelin	-	-	Raj Yadav
6. High Jump	R. Jaiswal	V. Sharma	Raj Yadav
7. Broad Jump	R. Jaiswal	V. Sharma	Raj Yadav
8. 1500mts	Navtej Singh	-	Raj Yadav
9. Triple Jump	R. Jaiswal	V. Sharma	Navtej Singh
10. 110mts Hurdles	R. Jaiswal	V. Sharma	Raj Yadav
11. 800mts	Navtej Singh	Raj Yadav	-
12. 400mts	Raj Yadav	Navtej Singh	-

CLASS - I

1. High Jump	)		
2. Broad Jump	) Kunal Arora		
3. Triple Jump & 110 mts Hurdles	)		
4. 100 & 200 mts	Kunal Arora		
5. 800 mts	-	-	D. Ghosh

CLASS - II

Broad Jump	-	I. Faizli	-
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CLASS - III

Triple Jump	-	Ankur Gupta	
a) 20x100mts	Relay -	Hastings	-
b) 4x100mts	Relay -	Hastings	-
c) Victor Ludorum - Open Div	-	Raj Yadav	



Hastings House with (L - R seated) Mr. S. Das, Mr. A. Thackur (House Master) and Mr. D. Bagchi

- d) Victor Ludorum - Class I - Kunal Arora
- e) Athletics Standard Cup - Hastings
- f) Athletics Shield - Hastings
- g) Inter-House P.T. Cup - Hastings.

The following boys received colours for Athletics:-

Minor Colours:- 1) Vaskar Sharma 2) Kunal Arora

Major Colours:- 1) Raj Kr. Yadav 2) Rishikesh Jaiswal

The following boys were honoured on speech Day.

CLASS	FIRST	SECOND	P&A.
9A	-	-	Dibyaduti Ghosh
9B	Abhishek Thackur	Arjun Gupta	
10A	-	Harsh Deorah	Sanjay Kumar
10B	Gunjan Gadia	-	-
10C	Vishal Dokania	-	-
11Hum	Amardeep Banerjee	-	-
11Sc.	Prosenjit Bose	-	-
12 Hum	-	Raadeep Khan.	

Special Prizes:-

1. A. H. Miller Prize for Science – (ISC'97)- Murtaza Y. Johar
2. Renuka Dang.Proficiency Prize (ICSE'97)– Amardeep Banerjee
3. Clarke Geography Prize – Rishikesh Jaiswal.
4. Anil Chaudhuri Art Prize – Vaskar Sharma
5. Nilima Bose Prize for Excellence in Theatre - Bikash Gurung.
6. Best Craftsman Prize for 1997 (Woodwork) – Vaskar Sharma
7. O.P.A. Medal for the Best Sportsman – Raj Kr. Yadav.

Following boys of Hastings House brought glory to the institution in Inter Schools Athletics meet this year.

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Raj Kr. Yadav	100mts, 400mts, 200mts, 4x100mts relay		
Navtej Singh	200mts, 4x100mts Relay	1500mts.	
Rishikesh Jaiswal	4x100mts relay	Polevault, Broad Jump 100mts Hurdles	
Vaskar Sharma	Triple Jump, 4x100mts relay		
Kunal Arora	110mts Hurdles, Broad jump, Triple jump. High Jump.		

Gautam Shaw

100mts.

In the end I would like to express my gratitude to our House tutors Mr. D. Bagchi, Mr. Ajay Sharma, & Mr. S. Das 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 Raj Kumar Yadav and House Prefect Rishikesh Jaiswal for inspiring and guiding the House. Well done!

MR. ASHOK THACKUR
HOUSE MASTER



A scene from Hastings House Play.

CLIVE HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. N. Gomes,
House Tutors: Mr. BB Tamang
Mr. N. Vincent
Mr. D. Kumar

House Captain:
Avinash Agrawal
House Prefect:
Keshav Tandan

At the very outset I would like to welcome to our house Mr. Devendra Kumar, who will, from now on, be one of our house tutors. I would also like to extend my welcome to the boys of Class IX and XI, some old, some new.

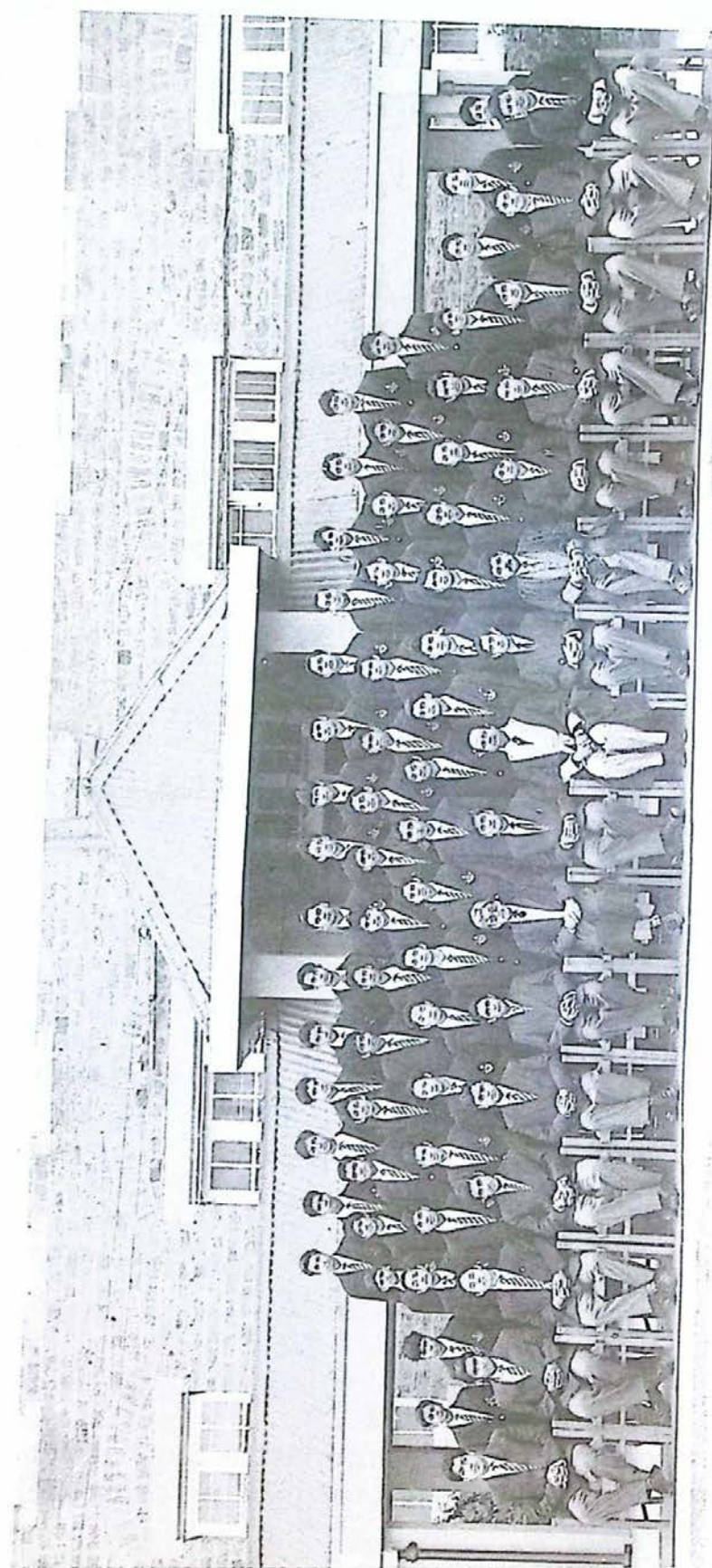
As I sit, at the end of the year, to write out this annual report, I would first like to congratulate Avinash Agarwal for being selected to lead the house with the support of Keshav Tandan. The following boys were selected to hold various other responsibilities for the year 1997.

Piyush Mohan Thackur :	Games Secretary Secretary of the Hindi Parishad Paulite Sports Round up.
Sudip Sanyal :	Captain of Table-Tennis Secretary English Literary Society
Gaurav Sobti:	Captain of Tennis
Avinash Agarwal:	N.C.C. Paulite Student Editor
Pawan Kabra:	Paulite Student Editor of Nepali
Julius Gomes:	Paulite News letter Compiler.

1997 was a year of mixed fortunes, feelings and blessings for us all. A year worth remembering. The year began with the cricket season and before we knew it the cricket house leagues were on. At the end of it we emerged first on the table of points. Soon the Cricket house matches were on and I must say this saw a lot of ups and downs, a lot of nail biting finishes, a lot of calculations and ultimately, we were again right on top of the table. Creditable performances were put in by the entire house.

This was followed by volleyball in which we did not play as a team. Thus we had to be satisfied with the Second place. Basketball was not our game and we were made to dance all around the court.

After the June break we entered the football season. Here again the inter-house leagues put us right on top of the table and



Clive House with (L - R seated) Mr. B. B. Tamang, Mr. N. Gomes (House Master) and Mr. N. Vincent

the House matches were played tactically in order to highlight our own strengths and hide our weaknesses. This enabled us to lift the Football Shield.

The annual house concert was a big success in which Sudip, Sabin, David, Sailo and myself put up some good songs. The play itself, entitled, "A Miracle of Saint Anthony", with a large cast of thirty-six boys, was enjoyed by one and all.

The most hated of all the seasons was the Marathon season. But I must admit, despite the dislike of the boys, at the end they were placed second on the Marathon final day. Undaunted by this we moved into the Athletics season and tried our best with the little resources at our command. We had to be contented with second position.

Soon after the puja break the tennis tournaments were on and before we knew it, it was all over. The other houses were no match for us. We were victorious once again in this sport. Squash and Eton fives were not our forte and so also Table Tennis. In all these three sports we were placed second. But the Quiz Cup was ours at the end of three rounds.

The Inter-House English Debate was also a one sided affair. We won against Havelock, Lawrence and Hastings and so the Grindlays Shield was ours. Superb effort by Avinash, Sudip, Vikash, Ankit, Vishal and Julius.

The English elocution too was ours with Avinash Agarwal adjudged first, Julius Gomes adjudged first, Vishal Agarwal, third and Vikash Atal, first in their respective sections.

We made a desperate attempt for the Bengali and Hindi elocution cups but failed to bag them.

The last season was hockey. Once again in the house leagues we were placed second but in the house matches, we were placed first, thus bagging the shield:

House minor colours were awarded this year in:

Athletics	to	Joyti Prakash
Football	to	Sabin Tulachan

Other prizes awarded during Speech day:

Rup Prakash Biswas	-	Progress and application
Deepak Agarwal	-	Progress and application
Rupesh Kumar	-	Progress and application
Abhishek Goenka	-	First in Class XI Commerce
	-	Leslie Goddard Scholarship & Medal for ICSE

	- Kamalesh Kanti Prize for Hindi ICSE
Piyush Mohan Thackur	- Rudra Hindi Prize
	- Bishop's Prize
Pawan Kabra	- Madhukar Rana Nepali Prize
	- Gal Gregory Maths Prize
	- Luv Kr. Ecological Prize
Abhishek Shroff	- Majumdar Science Prize
Sudip Sanyal	- Class of '89 Economics Prize
	- KN Sahgal Business Studies Prize
	- Maj. Bhatnagar Prize for Brain of St. Paul's
	- Best Actor's Prize for
	Second Language (Bengali)
Avinash Agarwal	- K.N. Sahgal Accountancy Prize
	- G.V. Swaika Medal for Drama
	- Best Actor in Hindi
	- Sakraney Prize for Elocution
	- General Virendra Prize for NCC
Keshav Tandan	- R.S. Prasad Prize for Computer Studies
Sabin Tulachan	- Best Craftsman for 1997 in Batik

My report will be incomplete without placing on record my gratitude, for their unstinted support through the year, to Mr. B.B. Tamang, Mr. N. Vincent and Mr. D. Kumar. Thank you sirs for all your help and cooperation throughout the year.

At the GHD Supper, we were pleasantly stunned to know that we had also won the most prestigious shield "The Sikkim Shield" meant for studies. After all their exploits on the games field, my boys were not too bad in studies either!!

Well done!! Next year we are all set to bag some more shields and trophies.

- NICHOLAS GOMES
HOUSE MASTER

Post script from the House Captain-

This report will be incomplete if I don't thank our House Master, Mr. N. Gomes without whose help and guidance, Clive House would not have had much success. His words on the field- 'Do or Die' accompanied with his witty 'crack nuts' along with Keshav helped this captain of yours to do what he did. Without the both of you, I would hardly have succeeded.

Avinash Agarwal



A scene from the Clive House Play



The Clive House Debating Team



Musicians from the Lawrence House Concert



A scene from the Havelock House sixth Form Skit

JUNIOR WING NOTES 1997

The school reopened on the 8th of March and the silence in the wing throughout the winter was broken. There were many new admissions in the wing. Some boys felt home sick in the beginning but all settled down gradually in their new environment.

There were some structural changes in the Junior Wing this year. The old Nepali room was converted into a new, bright Junior Wing Masters' Common Room. The old JW MCR was painted and furnished and made the new Nepali room.

We bade farewell to Mr. I. Myers who left us at the end of last year to become the Principal of the newly opened school Himalayan Academy at Rajganj near Jalpaiguri. We wish him all the best. We welcomed Mr. A. Banerjee who has taken Mr. A. Dutta's place as the computer teacher. Mr. D. Kumar, an Old Paulite also joined us to teach History in the Jnr. Wing as Mr. O.P. Agarwal has been appointed the Estate Manager. Another Old Paulite, Mr. B. Tamang, taught history in the JW for sometime. Mrs. N. Sharma also came to help us with some Hindi classes in the absence of Mr. M. Kumar who went for his B.Ed. examination. Mr. Calvert also left us to join Dr. Graham's Home, Kalimpong as the Headmaster. Miss C. Hillier who was helping us with music and French lessons left us in the middle of September to go back to her country, England. Mr. Dilip Kumar who was teaching Mathematics in the JW left us at the end of August to join Lawrence School in Ooty. We wish them all the best in the future. We welcomed Mrs. R. Anthony as Housemistress of Westcott House in place of Mr. M. Calvert. We also welcomed Mr. G. Salmon, Mr. A. Brown and Mr. S. McMullen from the UK and Mr. P. Lama in the Jnr. Wing.

The following House Monitors were appointed in the Jnr. Wing.

Anderson House	:	Tarak N. Joshi
		Rakib S. Miah
Betten House	:	Arindam Ghosh
		Ranadip Kundu
Cable House	:	Jewel Choudhury
		Pragyan Pradhan
Westcott House	:	Anirban Sinha
		Satyabrata Sen.

The games in the Jnr. Wing were played with a true spirit

of sportsmanship and excitement. The cricket season began in full swing within a week of the opening of the school. The season witnessed the cricket leagues and net practices of the school team. Junior Wing boys fared creditably in the Inter-School cricket fixtures. JW under-eight team played against St. Joseph's, although they played well, they lost. The leagues were completed and the House matches were concluded. The cricket cup was won by Betten. Arindam Ghosh proved his talent by winning the Jack Warren Medal for the Best Cricketer in the JW. Well done Arindam! The Basketball and Volleyball Inter-House matches were also conducted. The Volleyball Cup was bagged by Anderson while the Basketball cup was taken by Betten this year. Albert Squire and Sersang Karpoché also took part in the under ten Basketball School team. With the arrival of the dark clouds, the season of football began. The football leagues were followed by the house matches. The cup was awarded to Anderson. A number of Inter-School fixtures were arranged. There was only one under eight team this year. They lost the match against St. Joseph's.

The football season was followed by Marathon. This year our Marathon season was quite short. It started on the 10th of August and the final race was conducted after some practice runs on the 1st of September. Betten emerged as the winner Anunay Gupta (An) came first in the Junior Division, Arindam Ghosh (Be) and Sabin Tuladhar (Be) came first and second respectively in the Intermediate Div. Sersang Karpoché (We) and Eric Manandhar (An) stood first and third respectively in the senior division. My congratulations to all these boys.

The Jnr. Wing boys did well in other games as well. Bardhan J. Shah, Om Shree Narasingha and Regmi Roshan represented the school at the Table Tennis Carnival at DGH, Kalimpong. The table-tennis cup was won by Anderson and the Lawn Tennis Cup was bagged by Cable.

The Athletics season in the JW was an exciting one. The Paulites used up their energy to give their Houses some valuable points. It began with standards and practices for the Inter-School Teams. The Standards Cup as well as the Athletics Cup was won by Betten this year. Arindam Ghosh (Be) was awarded the 'Best Sportsman' medal in the Junior Wing this year. The JW did commendably well. The School team comprising some JW boys won the championship Trophy. The season ended with an exciting Sports Day. The outstanding athletes from the JW were

Majid-ul-Islam, Abhijit Tarafdar, Nischal Singh, Naresh Rai and Jewel Choudhury. Well done boys!

Immediately after the Puja break, the boys were provided with hockey sticks and put into their league teams. Westcott won the Hockey Cup this year. Squash house matches were conducted and the cup was lifted by Anderson.

A number of tournaments were also conducted in the Junior Wing like Carrom, Chess, Squash and Table Tennis. These tournaments were very popular and the boys really enjoyed themselves.

The Jnr. Wing Gym team performed quite well in the Gymkhana Club in the month of June under the able guidance of Mr. J. Singh. My sincere thanks to Mr. J. Singh for his help in this field. I would also like to thank Mr. A. Alva for his punctuality during the morning P.T. in the Junior Wing. The P.T. Cup was shared by Westcott and Cable. Anirban Sinha of Westcott House was adjudged the Best P.T. Commander for 1997. My sincere thanks to the JW games Secretaries Momocha Thangjam and Gaurav Chhawchharia for their help and cooperation throughout the year. The weather has been unusual this year. We hardly had any summer. The Inter-School Hindi Elocution was postponed to 11th August from the 6th of August due to incessant rains and a cyclone, on the 5th of August. Two JW boys, Gautam Kumar and Amir Adeel Khan took part in the Elocution Programme. The school campus lost a few very old trees due to the strong winds.

The Inter-House Hindi Elocution contest was held on the 2nd of July and all the participants performed quite well. The cup was shared by Cable and Betten. I would like to thank Mrs. Kanti who organised the contest. The English Inter-House Elocution Contest was held on the 30th July. Westcott won the cup this year. My sincere thanks to Mr. NS Lawrence who organised the contest. Amar Bajracharya of Class VI represented the school in the N.M. Masters' Inter-School English Elocution Contest. I would like to congratulate Amir Adeel Khan who memorized a prose piece in two days and participated at Loreto Convent on the third day. He performed remarkably well in the contest.

The JW Inter-House Debate final round was held in the month of November and Westcott House won the cup. Anirban Sinha of Westcott House was adjudged the Best Speaker for 1997. I would like to thank Mr. SK Mishra who looked after this activity. In the Inter-House Quiz Contest, Anderson won the Cup and

Ashish Chhetri was awarded the Karanjai Medal for quizzing in the Jnr. Wing. Anirban Sinha and Gaurav Chhawchharia represented the school in the Asian Age Quiz Contest. The 'Big Babol' Quiz preliminary round was held on 3rd of September in the Jnr. Wing. Gaurav Chhawchharia of Cl. VIII and Anurag Binani of Class VI went down to Loreto Convent with Mr. Lawrence to take part in the second round of the 'Big Babol' Quiz Contest. I would like to thank Mr. B. Cecil who helped the boys in these contests.

The entertainment of the boys in the JW started with the House activities on the 22nd of March. The boys enjoyed themselves. The boys of Westcott and Betten teamed up and entertained the school to a wonderful evening on the 5th of April. Anderson and Cable presented their play on the 10th of May. These concerts were of a high standard and everyone enjoyed them thoroughly. Ranadip Kundu was awarded the Best Actor's prize in the Junior Wing. Congratulations Ranadip!

Along with the other two wings, the boys entertained the staff members on 'Teachers Day' and in return they were entertained by the staff members on Children's Day. I would like to congratulate House Masters, Mistress and the teachers for their able guidance in these concerts.

The boys saw many movies in the JW hall and the Prep Hall.

This year the Cl. VII boys went on an expedition to Lava on the 12th of April accompanied by Mr. SM Pradhan and Mr. SK Mishra. Cl. 6 boys went to Rimbik on the 19th of April escorted by Mr. P. Tamang, Mr. SD Lama and Mr. A. Banerjee. On 1st May the boys of Cl. 8 started for Sandakphu. After three days they returned safely but exhausted. They were escorted by Mr. NS Lawrence, Mr. A. Tshering, Mr. Dilip Kumar and Mr. S. Das.

We lost a very valuable former member of our staff. Mr. K. Kanti on 31st July in Siliguri. Mr. Kanti worked in St. Paul's for 23 years. He was the Housemaster, the Second Master and the acting Senior Master of the school. He was a hard working and a devoted teacher. We sincerely pray to God to give strength to Mrs. Kanti, Mamta, Amita and Alok to bear the loss.

As India celebrated her 50th Independence Day this year, we put up a variety programme to commemorate this glorious event by putting up a number of cultural dances which added to the colour and festivity of the celebration. My sincere thanks to Mrs. P. Bhattacharya, Mrs. A. Rai, Mrs. S. Dwivedi, Mrs. S. Chakrabarty, Mr. M. Kumar and Mr. P. Pradhan for the

colourful and entertaining cultural dances; Mr. J. Singh for the Gym. Display and Mr. A. Alva for the mass P.T. display.

I would like to thank Mr.N.S. Lawrence who looked after the Rectory dormitory till the last week of July when it was put under Mr. M. Dutta's control.

The JW boys worked hard to complete their hobby pieces and to prepare the tuck hall for the exhibition. The Junior Wing Exhibition was excellent and of a high standard. The popular hobbies were Fret work, Batik, Fabric Painting, Card making, Tile Painting, Tie and Dye, Macreme, Fabric and Frolika painting, photography, paper lamp shades, aeromodelling and weaving.

Three JW boys represented the school in the 'Sit and Draw Competition' which was sponsored by the DGHC. My congratulations to Tarak N. Joshi of Cl. 8 who came second and received a cash prize of Rs. 750/-, T. Kutsabpa, Cl.7 and Naresh Rai also of Class 8 who stood third and shared a cash prize of Rs.500/- each. Congregational and choir practices were carried on throughout the year under the guidance of Mr. S.G.Pande. The JW boys had their music lessons regularly. This year, 10 boys appeared for the practical examination in music conducted by Trinity College, London. All passed with good grades. Reynold Anthony, an excellent soprano and Momocha Thangjam also a chorister, sat for the Theory examinations in November. My congratulations to all these boys and sincere thanks to Mr. S.G. Pande for preparing the boys for this examination. About 25 boys are members of the school Choir and have taken a keen interest in perfecting their art of Choral singing. Diganta Choudhury and Reynold Anthony have sung solos at the Carol Service and Music Concert respectively. As an incentive, the junior choristers were taken out on an expedition by Mr. SG Pande, the Choirmaster.

The JW Carol Service was held on the 30th of November in the Chapel. There were a large number of parents and well wishers present. My thanks to Mr. S.G. Pande for the beautiful Carol Service. This year we were indeed privileged and honoured to have Mr. Michael Waldman and his team members of the 'Granada Television' from the United Kingdom. They covered our entire Junior Wing Carol Service. Mr. Michael Waldman who was also the Guest of Honour at the End-of-Term Supper addressed the boys and said how impressed he was with the Chapel Choir. Also present at the Service was Sir Peter Ustinov.

Before concluding, I take this opportunity to thank all the

house monitors Matrons, Hallmasters, Housemasters, Housemistresses and members of the staff, for their cooperation throughout the year. My sincere thanks to the Rector for his help in time of need and for his cooperation.

G.R. Anthony



JW Debating Society with Mr. S. K. Mishra



JW Cricket Team with Mr. M. Dutta



JW Football Team with Mr. S. D. Lama



JW English Elocutionists with Mr. N. S. Lawrence



JW Monitors with the Head, Junior Wing

ANDERSON HOUSE REPORT

House Master: Mr. S.M. Pradhan House Monitors: Tarak N. Joshi
House Tutors: Mr. P.M. Pradhan Rakib S. Miah
 Mr. A. Banerjee
 Mr. P. Lama

The greatest results in life are usually attained by simple means and exercise of ordinary qualities. These may, for the most part, be summed up in these two qualities: common sense and perseverance. These two qualities found in Anderson House boys 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 Tarak Joshi and Rakib Miah for inspiration and example and these two boys made an excellent team and were courteous, firm and led from the front. The year was extremely successful and the results in the competitions held during the year bore witness to it. Having done well in the cricket leagues, the House came second after the house matches were conducted. With the help and cooperation of Mr. SM Pradhan we won the Volleyball Cup, Football Cup, Squash Cup and Table Tennis Cup. We also won the Quiz Cup. The Quiz team consisted of Saurav Upadhyay, Amanbir Grewal and Ashis Chhetri. In Cricket, Basketball, Debate, Hockey and Marathon the House was fated to come second. In the Jnr. Wing P.T. Competition, in the first performance, we came fourth but in the second performance we came first but overall we landed up third. Rakib Miah was awarded the best commander of the Second performance.

We, Anderson House and Cable House boys, clubbed together and set up an excellent concert, which consisted of a play "Shivering Shocks" directed by Mr. Pradhan, two skits, one Hindi and one Bengali. We had three dances of different types and a few songs in which we were helped by Miss C. Hillier and Mr. M. Dutta. Our special thanks to Mr. SM Pradhan, our Housemaster, without whose help the evening would not have been as successful as it was.

After years of success in the field of academics we had a relatively poor performance this year but the fact should not be ignored that there were boys who worked very hard and were



Anderson House with (seated L - R) Mr. P.Lama, Mr. A. Bannerjee, Mr. S.M. Pradhan (House Master) and Mr. P. Pradhan

rewarded for their efforts.

Tarak N. Joshi	-	Second Prize
Amanbir Grewal	-	"
Nikhil Agarwal	-	"
Aditya Khetan	-	"
Siddarth Agarwal	-	Progress and Application
Soham Bhattacharjee	-	" "
Amulya Shakya	-	Naresh Shanmugam Medal for good conduct.
Ashish Chhetri	-	Best quizzer of JW

In conclusion, I would like to thank Mr. SM Pradhan and all House Tutors for their help and guidance. I would also like to thank the boys of class 8 for their cooperation to the end.

Rakib Sohan Miah

This year, from the very beginning all the boys, specially the two monitors, Rakib S. Miah and Tarak N. Joshi, really worked hard to make the year successful. As a result of sincere hard work, mutual cooperation and understanding the House was able to win the most prestigious SOLOMON CUP after a lapse of six years. I would like to congratulate all the boys and thank the House Tutors Mr. PM Pradhan, Mr. A. Banerjee & Mr. P.Lama. I would also like to say good bye and good luck to the leavers and welcome the freshers.

S.M. PRADHAN



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

CABLE HOUSE REPORT - 1997

House Mistress: Mrs. G. Kanti House Monitors: Jewel Choudhury
House Tutors: Mr.S.D Lama, Pragyan Pradhan
 Mrs. A. Rai
 Mr. M. Dutta.

It is rare that a house can continuously keep its glory which it has had in the previous years. Boys keep constantly changing and hence the department in which one excels normally alters with new talents continuously flowing in.

For the fifty nine boys of Cable House 1997 was a year of resolution to excel in academics, sports and also to enjoy various cultural and literary activities under the able guidance and personal care of our house mistress Mrs. G. Kanti. Jewel Chowdhury and Pragyan Pradhan were nominated as monitors to help and encourage the boys.

We started the year with house activities at Pellys. We had lots of fun, the interaction among the boys themselves and the teachers was enhanced by playing various games, singing, and dancing. Overall we spent an entertaining two hours. •

On the games field the House put in a complete team effort and decided to face success and failure with equanimity. In cricket although the house put in a creditable team effort our team did not fare well. Besides cricket and marathon, the boys played very well in Basketball, Volleyball, Football and hockey and racquet games. In athletics, the boys put up a tremendous show, but missed the cup by a narrow margin.

Due to devotion, keenness and sincerity of our lawn tennis team we won the lawn tennis cup.

The final P.T. competition was held on November 21st in which the Cabelites again showed their capabilities and shared the cup with Westcott house.

Our house concert was held on May 10th. We were knotted up with Anderson House. The evening brought to the forefront a lot of hidden talents and honed existing ones. The main attraction of the evening was the play entitled 'Shivering Shocks' directed by Mr. Prafulla Pradhan, and the musical items which were enjoyed and appreciated by one and all. Our special thanks to Mrs. G. Kanti, Mr. P.Pradhan and the house tutors for their help in the production of the house concert.

In the field of literary activities we once again showed our interest and talent. In the Hindi Elocution, Amir Adeel Khan (Cl. 8 div) was placed first; Ankit Kishorepuria (Cl. 6 div) and Reynold Anthony (Cl. 7div) were placed in the 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

On Speech Day the following boys were awarded the Class and Special Prizes:

Anil Kumar Roy	:	1 st Prize (6A)
Ajitesh Jaiswal	:	1 st Prize (7B)
Vaibhav Dugar	:	P & A (8A)
Amir Adeel Khan	:	Bible Reading Prize

Our condolences to our house mistress Mrs. G. Kanti whose husband Mr. Kamlesh Kanti, who served the school for 23 years, passed away on July 31st. May God bless and comfort Mrs. Kanti and her family. Given the ups and downs of the year, the success and failures the year ended with feeling of elation. Thanks to the Cabelites for their cooperation throughout the year. We would also like to thank our house tutors-Mr. SD Lama, Mrs. A. Rai and Mr. M. Dutta.

On behalf of the Cabelites our special thanks and gratitude to Mrs. G. Kanti our house mistress for taking us smoothly through the year with love, care and guidance. We bid her farewell as she is leaving the school after serving it for many years. We shall always remember her.

"MA'AM WE WILL MISS YOU"

Jewel Choudhury

BETTEN HOUSE REPORT

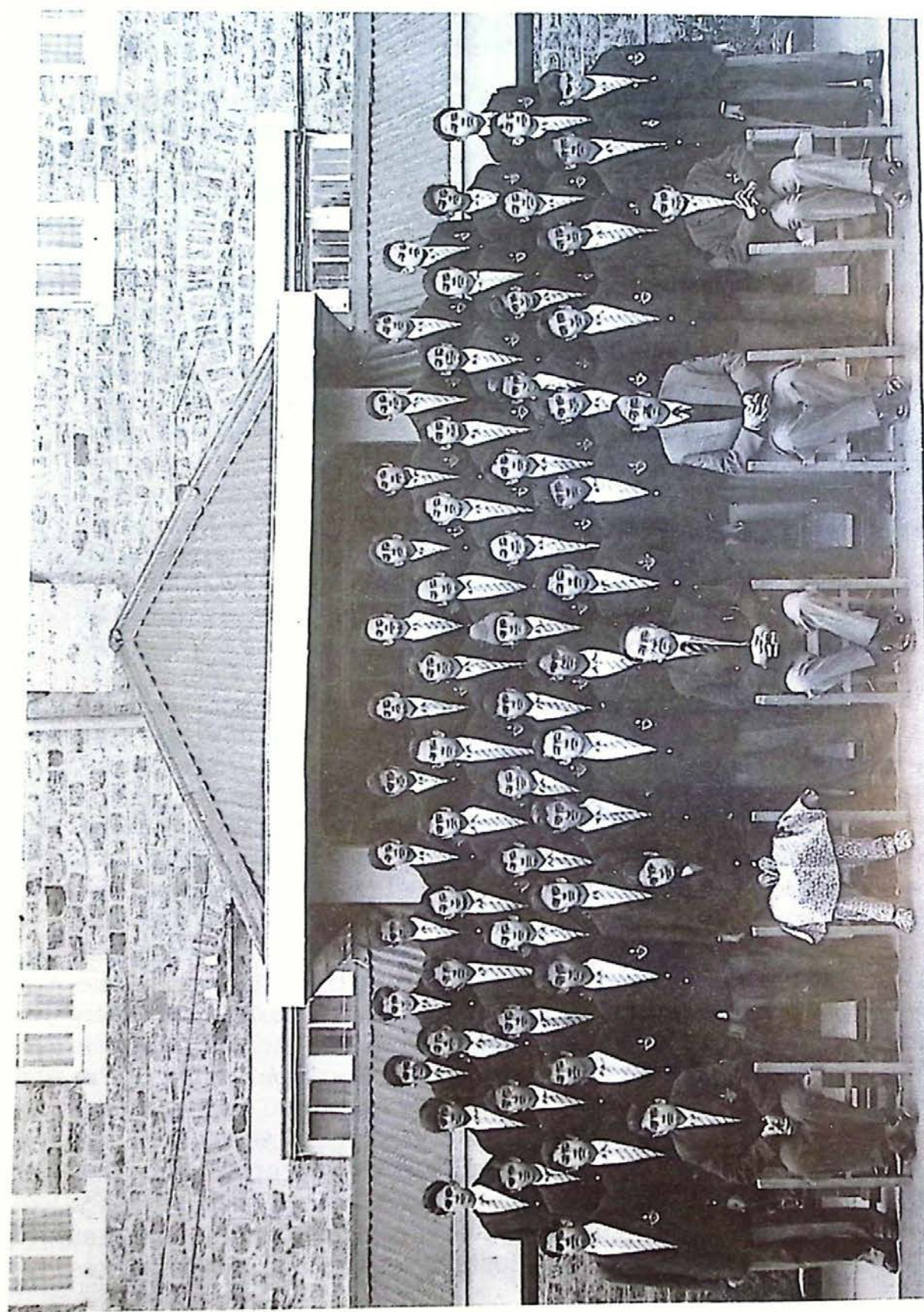
House Master: Mr. N.S. Lawrence

Monitors: Ranadip Kundu
Arindam Ghosh

Life in a boarding-school is never dull. In an entirely residential school like ours, there is a balanced curriculum comprising a number of activities to keep body and soul intact, to encourage and nourish mental and physical development.

At the end of the year, a sigh of relief is breathed by the teacher and the pupil. It is a sign of complacency, for successfully coping with the demands of the curriculum and for a job well done. Betten House met with success and failure from time to time and in variable proportions. The house teams acknowledged their failure and learnt from their mistakes. Sometimes victory was so close at hand and then sooner or later it was snatched away. Although the house failed to emerge as the 'pick of the bunch' at the end of the year, its members appeared nonchalant and contented to be the winners of six cups which were awarded for: Cricket; Basketball; Hindi Elocution; Marathon; Standards (Athletics); and on Sports Day our athletes clinched the cup for Athletics. Our 20x100m relay team won the 'cake'.

While every boy made some contribution or the other to the house, there were some who received commendation and others who received awards. In the junior wing inter-house English elocution contest, Kaustav Choudhury was a runner-up in the Class 6 Division. In the Class 7 Division, Lakeesh Gurung was a unanimous winner. In the Class 8 Division, Ranadip Kundu was a runner-up and he was also awarded the Disawala Prize on Speech Day for being the Best Actor of the year in the J.W. In the Marathon final, Anmol Basnett and Regmi Roshan came 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Junior Division. In the Inter-division of the marathon final, Arindam Ghosh breasted the tape and Sabin Tuladhar was a close runner-up. On Speech Day, Arindam Ghosh was awarded the B.J. Sharma Prize for the Best Sportsman of the year, he was also awarded the Jack Warren Medal for being the Best Cricketer in the J.W. Tobgay Dorji surprised the school and the visitors with his skill in pole-vaulting. He was an outstanding winner in this event at the Inter-house and Inter-school Athletics meets. The class-work cup was always at arm's length, but this did not dissuade our five intellects from topping their classes



Betten House with (seated L - R) Mr. P. Bhattacharya, Mr. N. S. Lawrence (House Master), and Dr. M. Kumar

throughout the year and on Speech Day, Kaushal Batabyal, Mukesh Kumar, Ashwini Todi, Soumik Mukherjee and Ujjwal T. Kumar were awarded prizes. Ashwini Todi's totals were the highest in the J.W. A special word of appreciation goes out to Ankit Goenka, Rabi Sah, Dibyendu Saha, Sanjog Tamang, Gaurav Sarda, Sirish Murarka, Vivek Risal and Vishal Shrestha who were strong pillars of the house.

At the end of a comparatively successful year, it's time to thank our house-tutors Dr. M. Kumar, Mrs. P. Bhattacharya and Mr. S. K. Mishra (who was later transferred to Westcott house). If Betten House holds on to its enthusiasm and determination, then in the new year it will continue to 'Play on'.

DEO GRATIAS.

MR. N. S. LAWRENCE.



Westcott House with (seated L - R) Mr. S. K. Mishra, Mrs. R. Anthony (House Mistress) and Mrs. U. S. Baoni

WESTCOTT HOUSE REPORT

House Mistress: Mrs. R. Anthony House Monitors: Anirban Sinha
House Tutors: Mrs. US Baoni Satyabrata Sen
 Mr. P. Tamang
 Mr. S.K. Mishra

The spirit of the Westcottians livened up only in the second semester of the academic year. Under the able guidance of the House Monitors Anirban Sinha and Satyabrata Sen, who were appointed in the beginning of the year, the House started winning a few trophies.

We were fortunate to get fairly good boys in Class VII who took part in a number of activities throughout the year. I can proudly say that Momocha Thangjam and Gaurav Chhawchharia the two games secretaries were chosen from Westcott House.

To begin the year's activities we teamed up with Betten and staged our Annual concert: 'The First Patient' on the 5th of April. A Hindi skit called 'Ek Bechara Neendh Ka Mara' followed with a few songs and dances. A beautiful musical play called "The Boy Without a Head" was also put up. We are grateful for the invaluable help of Miss Caroline Hillier, Mr. Michael Dutta and Mr. S.G. Pande.

We shared the P.T. Cup with Cable and Anirban Sinha was declared the best commander in the first round. We proudly bagged the English Elocution Contest for the fifth consecutive year. Keep it up Westcott! The Elocutionists were:

Poetry: Cl. VI -	Amar Bajracharya
Prose: Cl. VII -	Nischal Singh
Prose: Cl. VIII -	Momocha Thangjam

Drama: Cl. VIII- Anirban Sinha was adjudged the Best Elocutionist. Amar Bajracharya Cl. VI represented the school at the NM Masters Inter-School Elocution held at Loreto and was a runner up in his division.

We had to eat humble pie in games like cricket, football, basketball, squash, volleyball, Athletics and Marathon but Sersang Tenzing stood first in Marathon in the Senior Division and Avishek Rai stood second in the 'C' Division. In all the games we lost, the boys showed good sportsmanship. On Sports Day our marching contingent proved to be the best.

The last seasonal game, Hockey, was ours. It was a very keenly contested Cup and in the final match three houses rooted

against us. Amidst a lot of cheering and tension, Anirban scored the three goals to defeat Betten and help us lift the Cup.

We came into the limelight once again by winning the Debate Cup. The topics being 'Watching Movies is a Waste of Time' and 'Country life is better than City Life'. Anirban Sinha was adjudged the Best Speaker.

Gaurav Chhawchharia and Anurag Binani participated in the second round of the 'Big Babol' Quiz Contest which was held on the 4th of November. Though they did not return victorious, nevertheless it was an educational experience for them.

Some of the Westcott House boys received Special Prizes on Speech Day. They were:

Jyoti Kundu Prize for Elocution: Anirban Sinha

Gayatri Kanti Prize for consistent academic Achievement in the Jnr. Wing and the Moore Divinity Prize : Momocha Thangjam.

The few who got class prizes were:

Anurag Binani, Saurav Agarwal, Abhishek Chanani, Momocha Thangjam, Sankha Chakraborty

At the G.H.D. Supper, Westcottians being thorough gentleman, won the Behaviour Cup and being one up on the others, won the Classwork Cup.

By the end of the 1st term Mr. M.S. Calvert left and it was a challenging experience for me to take over. I must say that Satyabrata and Anirban, who were very capable and courteous monitors, keenly tackled all the activities well. They deserve a special word of thanks.

I would also like to thank Mrs. Baoni, Mr. P. Tamang and Mr. Mishra who efficiently rendered invaluable help throughout the year.

Mrs. R. ANTHONY

PRIMARY WING NOTES - 1997

The year began on 8th March with eager teachers and matrons ready to welcome the new arrivals. Luckily for the staff there were very few "weepies" to deal with and once the older boys took charge of these lonely mites, the tears soon disappeared. Within a week, the first House Activity allowed the children to mingle in a cheerful atmosphere and helped them overcome their shyness. The total strength of students was 249.

The staff body extended a warm welcome to Mr. T. Sullivan who joined at the beginning of term as class teacher of 3A and to Mrs. T. N. Tshering who replaced Mrs. A. Calvert in June. It was with great sadness that we bade farewell to Mrs. A. Calvert at the end of May. She left to join her husband at Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong. Mrs. D. Paulose also left our services at the end of June in order to return to her family in Kerala. Both ladies are to be thanked for their dedicated service to the school. We wish them all success for the future.

As a result of the above withdrawals there were various resultant changes among the House Mistress -

Everest House	-	Mrs. M. Sharma
Hunt House	-	Mrs. P. Calvert
Tenzing House	-	Miss A. Tshering
Hillary House	-	Mrs. C. Lawrence.

The House Mistresses proved to be efficient and caring and I am pleased with their efforts.

Cubbing on a Wednesday afternoon continues to hold sway during the first term and this was brought to a climax at the Cub Rally, where the boys pitted their skills and intelligence to win the various tests and relays. Three Packs tied for the First Position-Mang, Mor and Mowgli. Chocolates and eclairs were distributed as prizes.

In the Inter-School Cricket Matches our E. Team beat Mount Hermon twice but lost to St. Joseph's North Point. Mr. A. Dennis our team coach worked hard with the boys at short notice-the first match being held a fortnight after school opened.

At the Gymkhana Club the Primary Wing was represented by a 30 member Ropework Team and a 43 member PT Squad at the Gymnastics Display. This was entirely the effort of Mr. A. Alva, our P.T. Master. His work with the PW and JW boys was witnessed again at the PT Display on Independence Day.

Our Annual Concert this year was an ambitious rendering

of the Musical "Jungle Book". Both Staff and boys worked diligently for six weeks and their effort was seen in the spectacular entertainment on the final day.

There were some sterling performances by the soloists; a cheeky Mowgli played by B. Thapa made a perfect pair with the ebullient Baloo (Z Rahman). The sensible Bagheera (B. Benjamin) provided the narrative link. Other outstanding performances were from the devious Kaa (A. Tuladhar) and King Louis (K. Sherpa). Animated groups included Col. Hati (M. Shah) and his herd of Elephants; the quartet of Vultures and a troupe of chimpanzees. Overshadowing the merriment was the lurking ominous Shere Khan (S. Sen) who was finally upstaged by the demure village girl (S. Sharma) who wins the errant Mowgli. Adding vivacity to the action of the groups were the various dances by the Elephants, Monkeys and Vultures. These were choreographed by Mrs. P. Calvert. The performance lasted one and a half hours and was brilliantly directed by Mrs. R. Rozario who took particular care that the diction and stage movements were of top quality. The director of music and pianist, Mr. G. Lepcha trained a choir of over 40 boys and ensured a lightness of touch that lifted the play throughout. The costumes were ingenuously designed by Mrs. A. Tshering. Of special note were the costumes of Kaa (snake), the Vultures and the Elephants. To catch the fairytale atmosphere it was necessary to design a special set with its own background of a forest scene. This was well executed by Mr. S. Manuk with an imaginative use of plywood, paint and paper.

By far the most ambitious of all plays performed by the Pry. Wing, judging from the enthusiastic response of the audience, it was a great success. I would also like to thank Mr. S. Pande who trained the group action songs presented by classes I and II as entr'acte music.

On 13th August a Sit and Draw competition was held by the Deptt. of Cultural Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal. Ten of our boys participated along with various other schools, in Darjeeling. When the results were announced, both 1st and 2nd prizes were won by SPS - Parvez Khan (VB) and Imkong Tzudir (4B).

The Drama Competition, the Elocution Contest, the Second Language Concert and the Music Concert were all held as per schedule. Many boys participated and showed a keen sense of competition. More than half the Pry. Wing joined the Art Competition. Many budding artists were commended for their

colourful pictures while Chenithung Ezong, (VB) was placed first.

Later in the year, the Essay prize was won by A. Khetan (VC) and the Moore Divinity Prize by Z. Rahman (VA).

There were only two Inter-School fixtures in footfall for the E. Team. The boys played hard but lost to St. Joseph's, North Point. With this disappointment the boys worked even harder to prove themselves. Mr. T. Sullivan, their coach re-arranged the team to give them more confidence when they faced Mr. Hermon. Here they played with better skill to win by two goals to one.

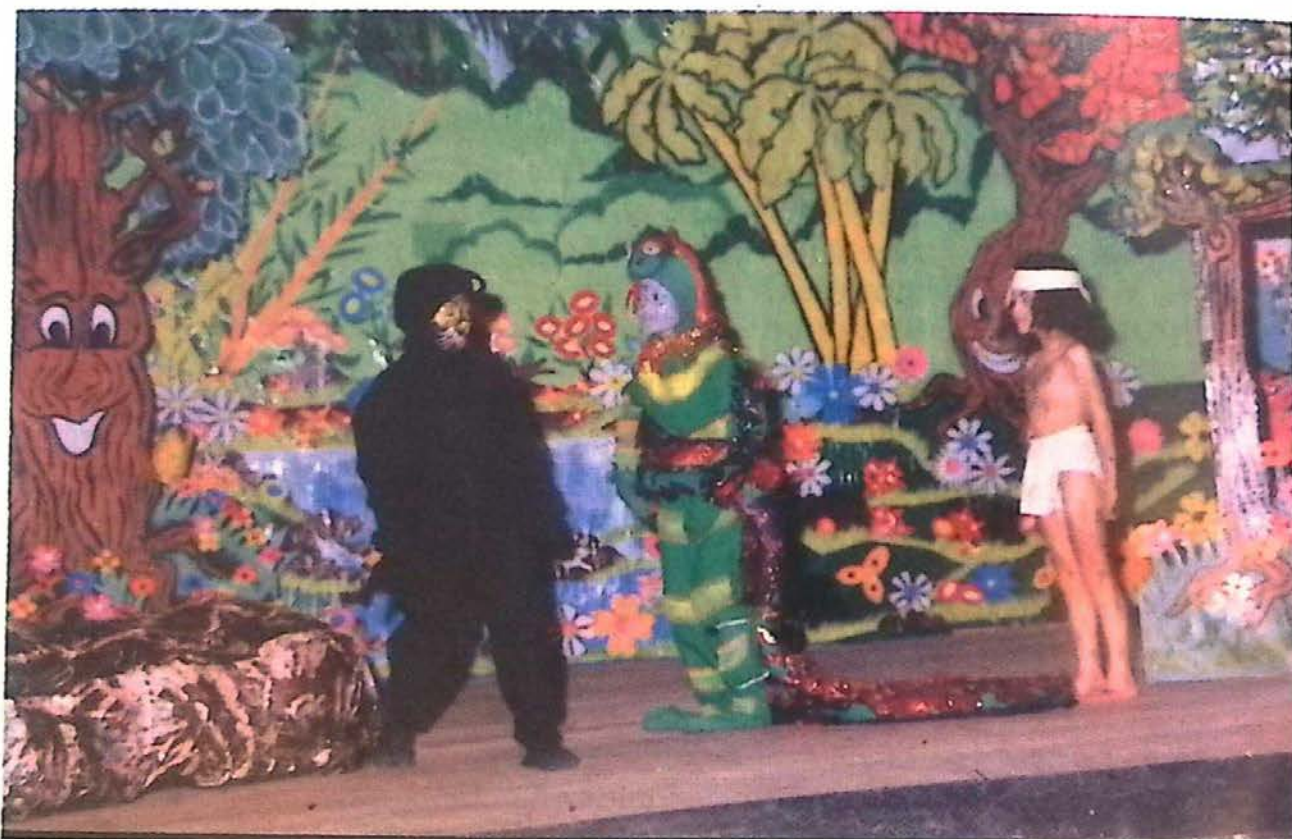
The General Knowledge Quizzing rounds ended on 23rd September with Mr. B. Cecil as the Quiz Master. The four houses entered their best pair of candidates for the final round. Adarsh Saxena quickly proved his ability by securing the most points and was adjudged the best quizzier.

The display boards along the classroom corridors were constantly updated with informative charts and pictures. These later formed the basis for the classroom display at the Speech Day Exhibition. Other exhibits included colourful handwork, art and items made during the Hobby lessons.

The year ended with a simple though moving Carol Service. The Primary Wing choir, with their melodious voices, sang the carols to perfection ushering in the season of Goodwill.

We have had a successful year and I am grateful for the cooperation received from all members of the Staff and the Children.

Ms. E.R. HOWARD
Head, Primary Wing

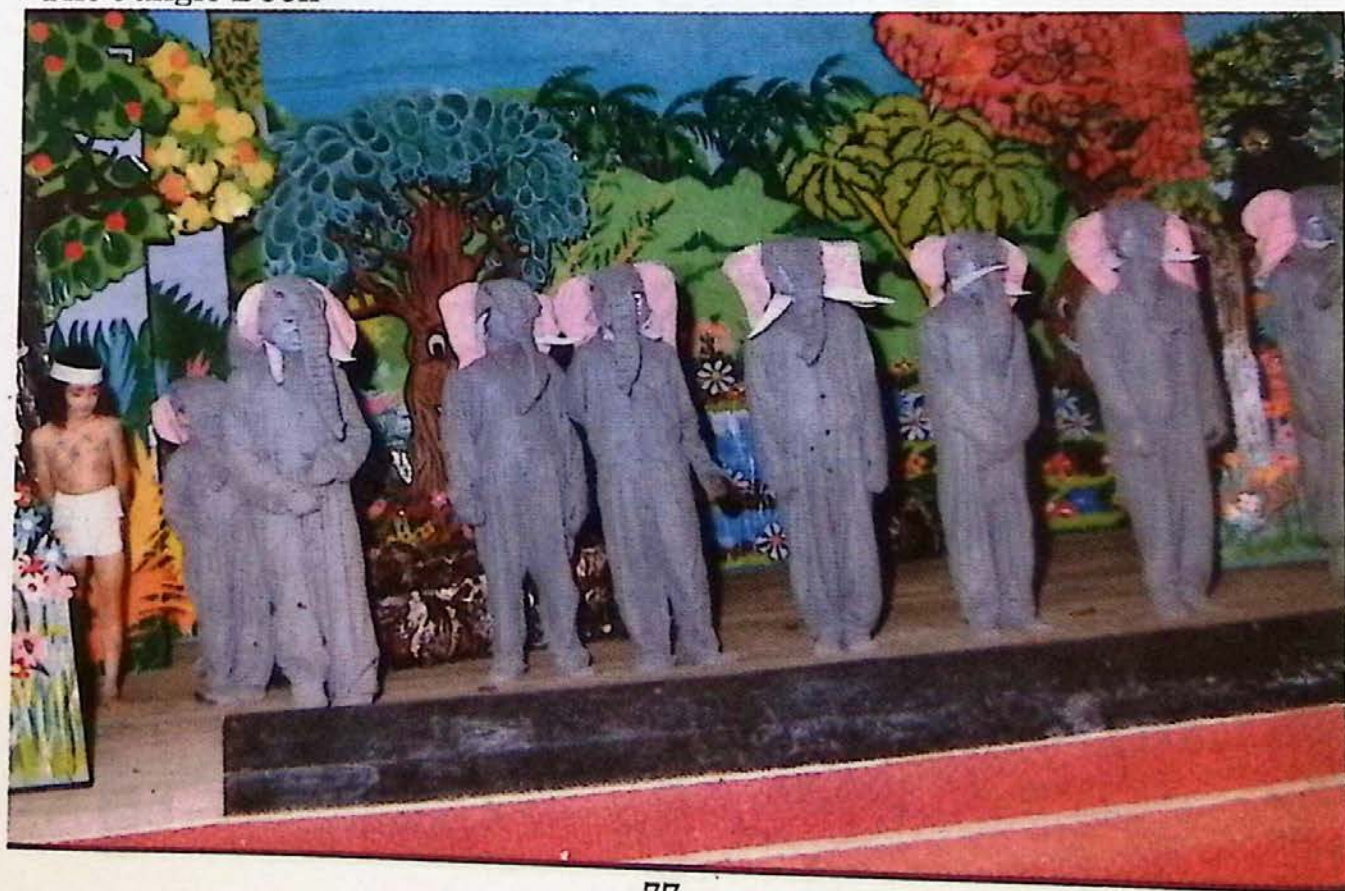


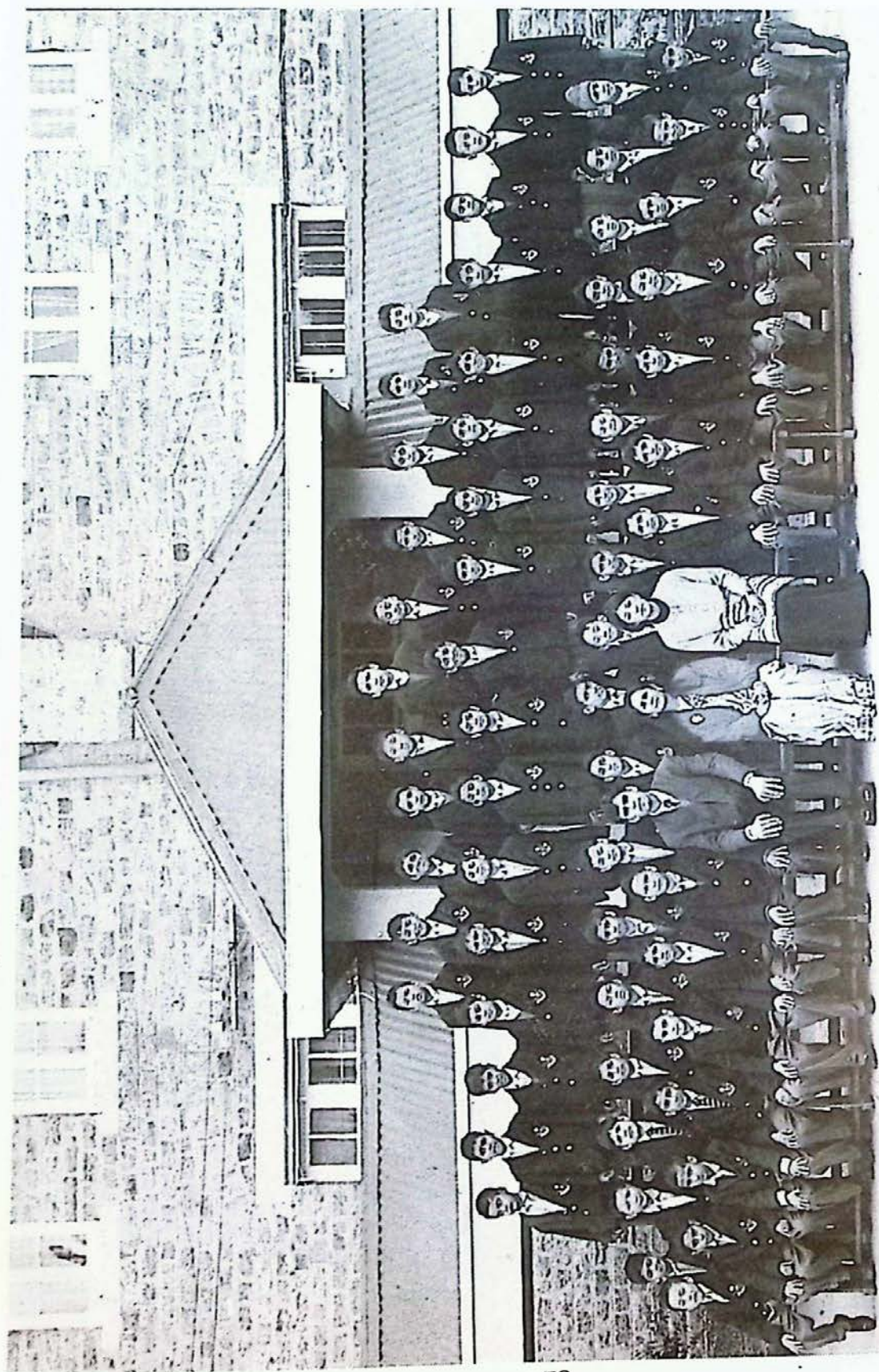
Primary Wing Concert:





"The Jungle Book"





Everest House with (seated L - R) Mr. T. Sullivan, Ms. M. Sharma (House Mistress) and Ms. T. N. Tshering

EVEREST HOUSE

House Mistress : Mrs. M. Sharma

House Tutors:

Mr. T. Sullivan

Mrs. T.N. Tshering

Everest house has the tradition of participating with keen interest and enthusiasm in all areas of physical and intellectual programmes and academic progress. Another year passed for Everest as smoothly and as successfully as one could expect.

Before we were fully conscious, the responsibility of the house concert was on us. But we managed to tackle the hurdle with ease and staged a one act play "The Pie and the Tart". For this, credit goes to the enthusiastic work done by the four boys, Birat Thapa (4B) Animesh Tuladhar (5A) Ewen Alva (4A) and Amit Tibarewala (5A). The house stood second.

The Inter House Elocution competition held on 31st. July evoked an excellent response and was keenly contested. This year too, the competition included choral speaking in addition to individual recitation. Everest house stood third.

Quizzing was thrown open to the boys of classes 4 & 5. The boys displayed their usual spirit and for the finals, Everest was placed third.

The P.T. competition at the end of each term took place on the P.W. quad and the school gymnasium. The overall position placed Everest second.

On the games field, the house proved itself as successful as the other houses. In football we did well and won the cup. Cricket was left incomplete for the end of the year and at last after a tough struggle we managed to come third. In basketball the house was placed third. We put in our best performance in hockey but was placed second. Congratulations to Tashi Rapgyal for being the champion of the table tennis singles competition. Everest came second overall.

Most of August was devoted to running practice and all the boys repeatedly practised the run from Jalapahar down to school so as to build their stamina. The finals of the marathon were held on 1st. September, Everest stood second.

The Athletics season followed immediately after this. With the house standards providing sufficient practice Everest edged to the top of the table and retained the position to receive the coveted Athletics cup on sports day. We did not win any of the

other cups for the various games. Nevertheless we showed spirit and courage whenever we went out on the field.

On the academics front we did not fare too badly. Special mention must be made of the three boys for securing the top position in the respective classes, Aamir Azam (1) Shyam Murarka (3B) and Prashenjit Biswas (4B), Progress and application prizes were given to Wasim Alam (2) and Kawaljeet Randhawa (3B); Good conduct to Prashant Rauniar (2) and Athoo Kesiezie (3A); Art to Tashi Rapgyal (4A) and Animesh Tuladhar (5A). Once again congratulations and well done. In the end I would like to thank each and every boy of the house, including the monitors and house tutors, for their help and cooperation throughout the year.

TENZING HOUSE REPORT

The children's arrival on 8th March was a day of "tears and noses" but children being resilient as they are, the old and the new boys were soon very much at home in the wing. By the time we had the first house activity on the 15th they were all in their elements.

Tenzing House did have a very successful year. They were a powerful house to contend with especially in games. They were able to sweep away seven cups in all – cricket, hockey, basketball, marathon, athletics standard, table tennis and Art. The boys who made up the respective teams are to be highly commended and congratulated, without whose remarkable performance the house wouldn't have been such a success.

Parvez Khan, Utsav Pradhan, Sunny Singh and Shree Hang Nembang made us proud on Sports Day by clinching the 4 x 100m relay cup. It was their race from the moment the clapper went off. Parvez Khan broke the high jump record in the A div. and this qualified him to represent the school in the Inter-School Athletics, where he was placed first in the high jump.

In Football, P.T., Discipline, G.K., Drama and Elocution the house was placed second. For the Inter-House Drama competition the house staged, "The Happy Prince" and both Rohit Gambhir and Aniruddha Pande did justice to their roles as the Swallow and the Prince respectively.

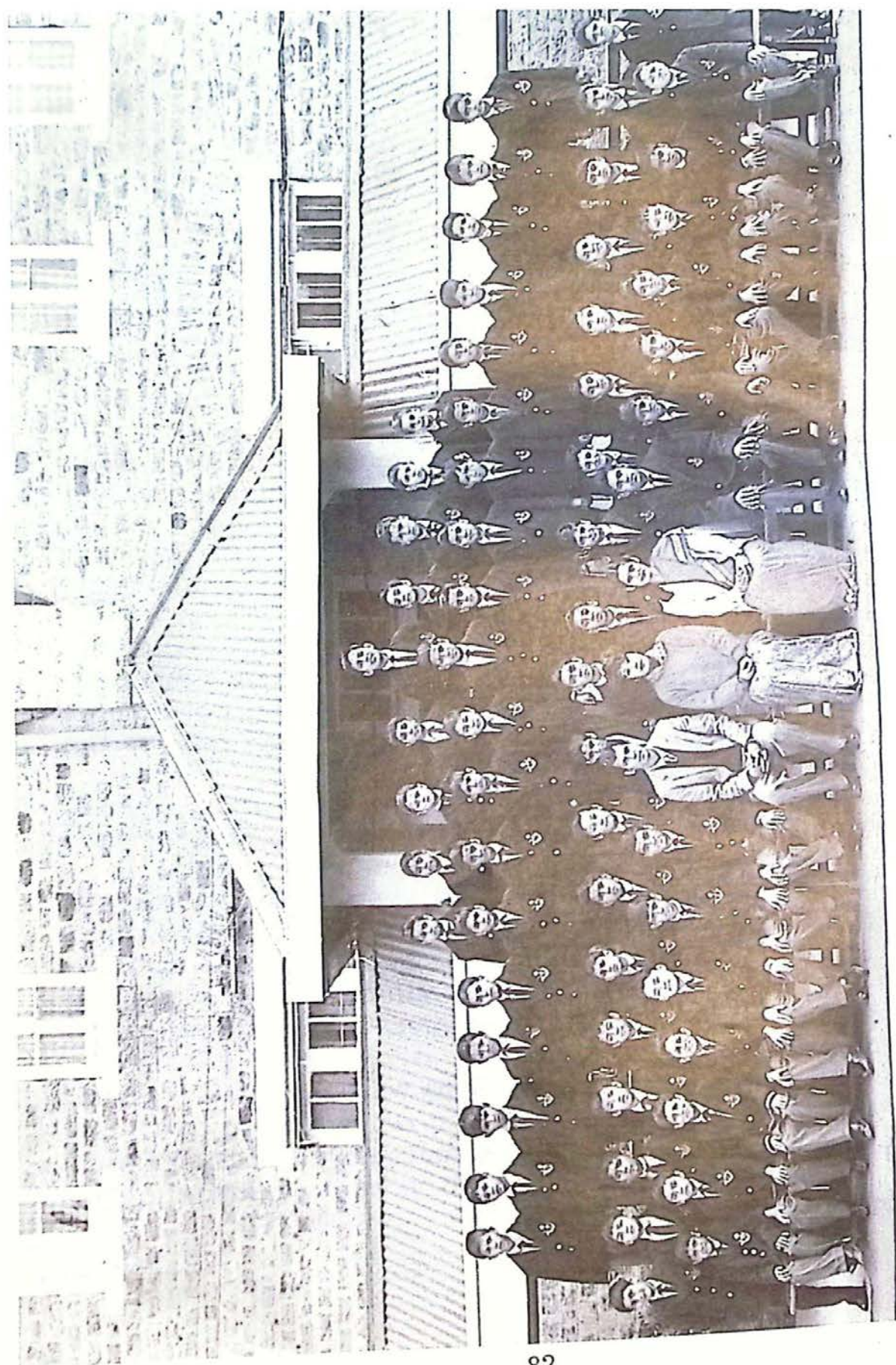
In elocution the five individual contestants did fairly well. Vijay Mitruka came fourth Aniruddha Pande was third, Rohit Agarwal came second and Aniket Pradhan and Karan Rai stood first.

Aniruddha Pande was judged the best in the Art Competition. Later on in a sit and draw competition held in the Gymkhana Club on 13th August, out of the ten participants from the wing three were from Tenzing house-Utsav Pradhan, Parvez Khan and Hanskit Kumar. Parvez Khan stood first in this and our hearty congratulations to the young artist.

Utsav Pradhan and Subir Saha were the doubles champion in Table Tennis Parvez Khan lost the singles title to Tashi Rapgyal of Everest house after a close and keenly contested match.

On Speech Day, the following boys were awarded the class and special prizes for the year 1997:-

Soden Gurung (I) Art



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

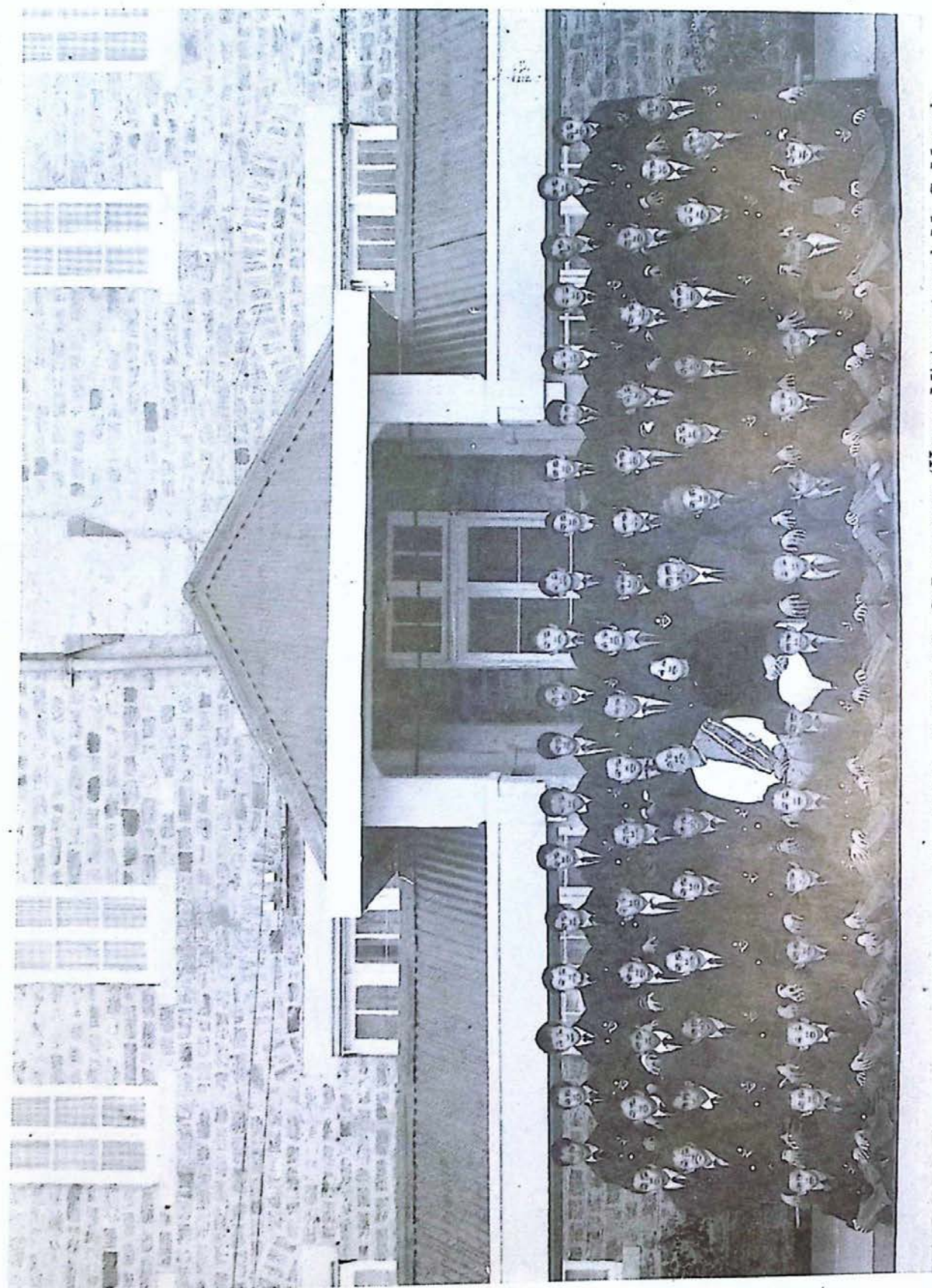
Swarnadeep Banerjee (3A)	- Second
Arijit Chanda (3A)	- Art
Rewat Bir Tuladhar (3A)	- Good Conduct
Ankit Saxena (4B)	- Second
Rohit Agarwal (4C)	- First
Rajib Roy (4C)	- Second
Subhojit Saha (5A)	- Progress and Application
Parvez Khan (5B)	- " "
Utsav Pradhan (5C)	- Art

The Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal for Good Conduct was awarded to Rohit Gambhir and Parvez Khan was awarded the Best All Rounder Prize.

We lost the Best House Cup to Hunt House by a mere point but as far as the boys and myself are concerned, we had done our very best and in our heart of hearts "we were the best".

I would now like to extend my sincere gratitude and thanks to both Mr. A. Dennis and Mrs. S. Dwivedi for their unfailing help, support and cooperation at all times. I am deeply grateful to each and every child of Tenzing House right from Class I to V for their team spirit, zeal and enthusiasm. 'Well done, my lads.'

Miss A. TSHERING



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

HILLARY HOUSE REPORT

HOUSE TUTORS: MRS. I. Seal
Mr. S. Manuk

House Mistress:
Mrs. C. Lawrence

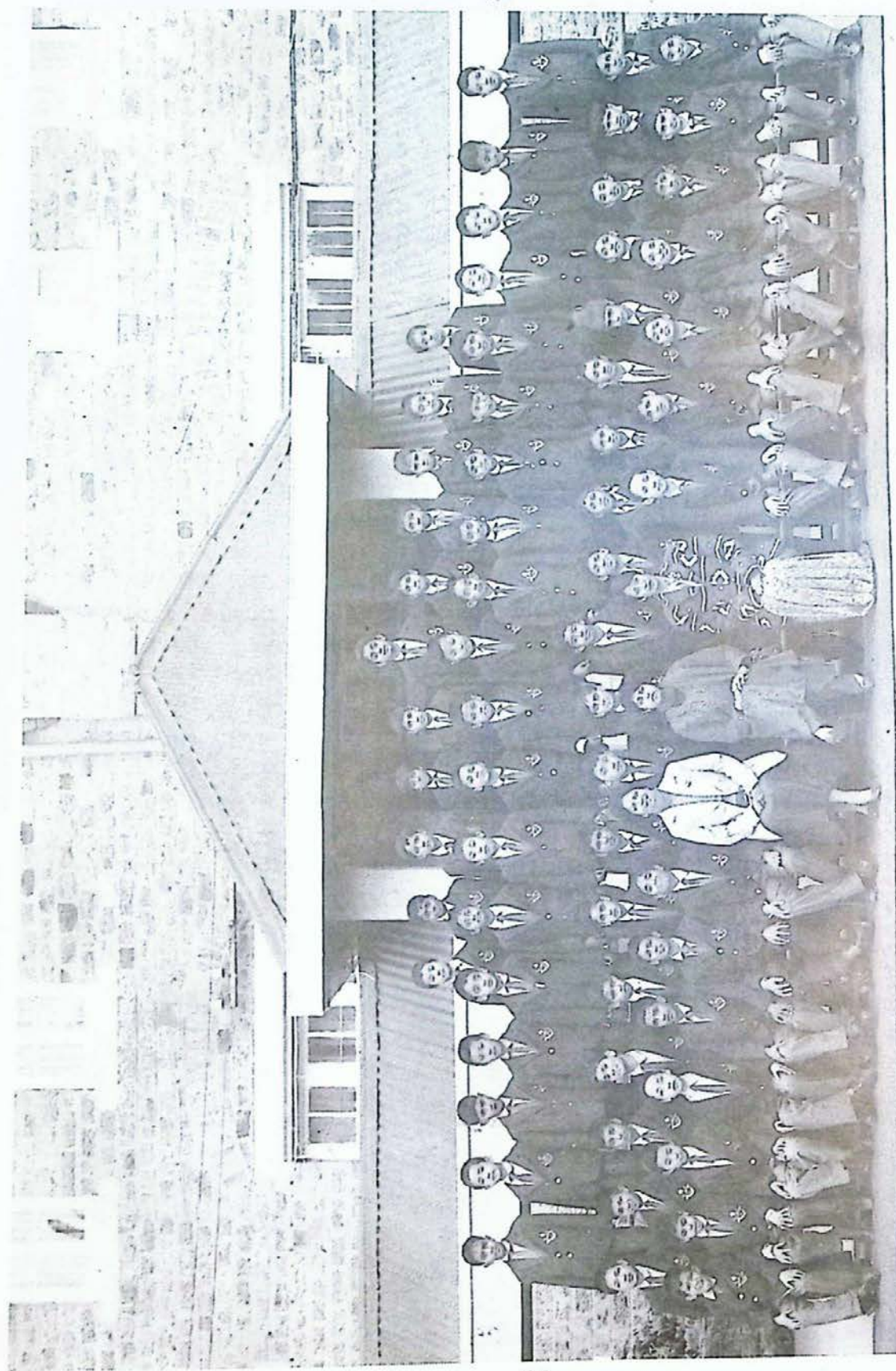
In a school like ours, opportunities for mental and physical development are in abundance. These opportunities also carry with them the competitive spirit which exists on the game's field as well as in the classroom. What keeps this competitive spirit so vibrant is the award which accompanies each activity-there's always a cup waiting to be presented to the winning house.

What is then expected at the end of the year when a report like this is to be written and recorded, is the compilation of the achievements and failures of the house. Hillary House did its best to perform well in all the competitions, however, its failures weighed heavily upon it. As a tail-ranker in most of the competitions, the final tally of the points obviously revealed disastrous results.

I would like to commend Pawan Singh Jolly for his excellent performance in Athletics. I would also like to commend Harsh Nathani who was declared 'the best commander' in the two P.T. competitions and was instrumental in helping Hillary House to win the only cup in the whole year. There were other boys too who performed creditably against all odds sometimes and deserve commendation. Thank you boys! Let us look to the future with optimism and hope that in the following year better results will be achieved.

On behalf of the boys of Hillary house, I take this opportunity to thank the house-tutors Mrs. I. Seal and Mr. S. Manuk for their help and co-operation which was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. C. Lawrence.



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

HUNT HOUSE REPORT

Housemistress: Mrs. P. Calvert

House Tutors: Miss R. Rozario
Ms. S. Mukhia

1997 was once again a successful year for Hunt. The boys worked hard in every field, particularly in the field of academics. Their hard work paid off when they won the Best House Trophy once again.

The house had its first meeting sometime in March where the old members welcomed and acquainted themselves with the new. Activities were conducted which enabled the children to reveal their talents and created team spirit among them.

Their first success was in the Inter-House Drama Competition. The play, "Pandora's Box of Troubles," which gave about eighteen boys an opportunity to participate, was placed first.

Hunt possessed some outstanding boys and this was evident when special prizes were awarded to Chenithung Ezung who secured first position in the Art Competition; Aditya Khetan was adjudged the best essayist and Zahir Rahman the winner of the Moore Divinity Prize Exam. He was also awarded the Best Actor Award for this year.

The prestigious Elocution Cup was also won by Hunt. Murtaza Shah of Class V and Ishan Malla of class IV secured first positions and Somesh Murarka of class III, Mayank Nakipuria of class II and Nitin Jain of class I were awarded seconds. However, the entire house was pleased as they bagged all three group recitals and emerged victorious once again.

The Moore Divinity Cup and the General Knowledge Cup were also awarded to Hunt.

Hunt was rather disappointed with their performance on the games field. Although there were quite a few good athletes in the house, they found themselves rock bottom in almost every sport.

Basketball was the only event in which they secured second position. In Table-Tennis, Football, Hockey and Cricket they secured fourth position.

The house members are proud of Akhilesh Yadav, Abit Manandar, Ratul Dey and Nehal Mazhar who represented their school in football and cricket.

However, all the members of the house need to

be commended as they had worked hard for the Studies Cup and managed to secure four firsts and one second. They achieved the prestigious Studies Cup as well.

Our monitors for the year deserve special mention.

They were: Zahir Rahman, Nehal Mazhar, Adarsh Sexena, Sanjay Saha, Murtaza Shah, Abit Manandhar, Eric Pazo, Chenithung Ezung, Harsh Khillani and Aditya Khetan. They helped maintain discipline and harmony throughout the year and were rewarded for their patience and diligence when they received the Discipline Cup.

Our thanks goes to Miss R. Rozario and Mrs. S. Mukhia for their help and co-operation throughout the year.



HOUSE DRAMA Competition



DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT

M.I.C.: Mr. T. Calvert

Secretary: Saswata Sanyal

"Speaking is an art an art which speaks for itself". The year, 1997, was an eventful year for the public speakers and debate-lovers in the Paulite family. Work started as early as mid June carrying on continuously till about five days prior to the 2nd Terminal Examination. There was intense competition right through all these debates in the Senior Wing making each meet an exciting event.

Owing to the luck of the draw, all the houses debated various interesting topics in each of the meets. Of course, the credit for this goes to Mr. Tyronne Calvert, our Master-in-charge.

The standard of debating this year was highly commendable, certainly making it very difficult for the judges and keeping each one in the audience on the edge of their seats till the results were disclosed.

1997 saw Clive bagging the Debating Shield with Hastings, Havelock and Lawrence in second, third and fourth place respectively. The AIR FORCE TROPHY for The Best Speaker was awarded to Saswata Sanyal.

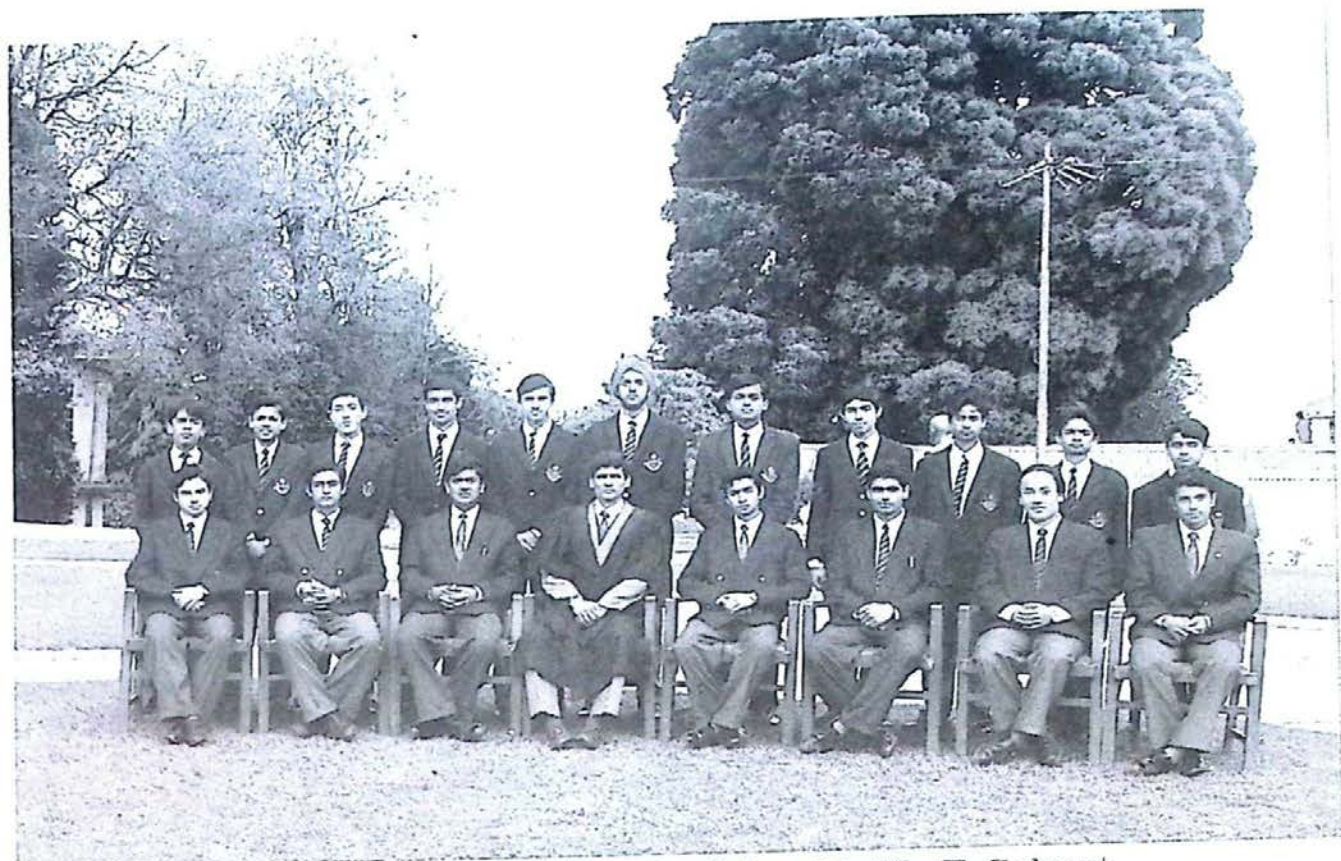
An Inter-Collegiate Exhibition Debate was organised by the Rotary Club of Darjeeling at Loreto College. The Topic of the Debate was:

"Fifty years after Independence, we are not really free". Saswata Sanyal spoke for the motion while Sudeep Sanyal spoke against the motion. Both our speakers were eloquent and were highly commended.

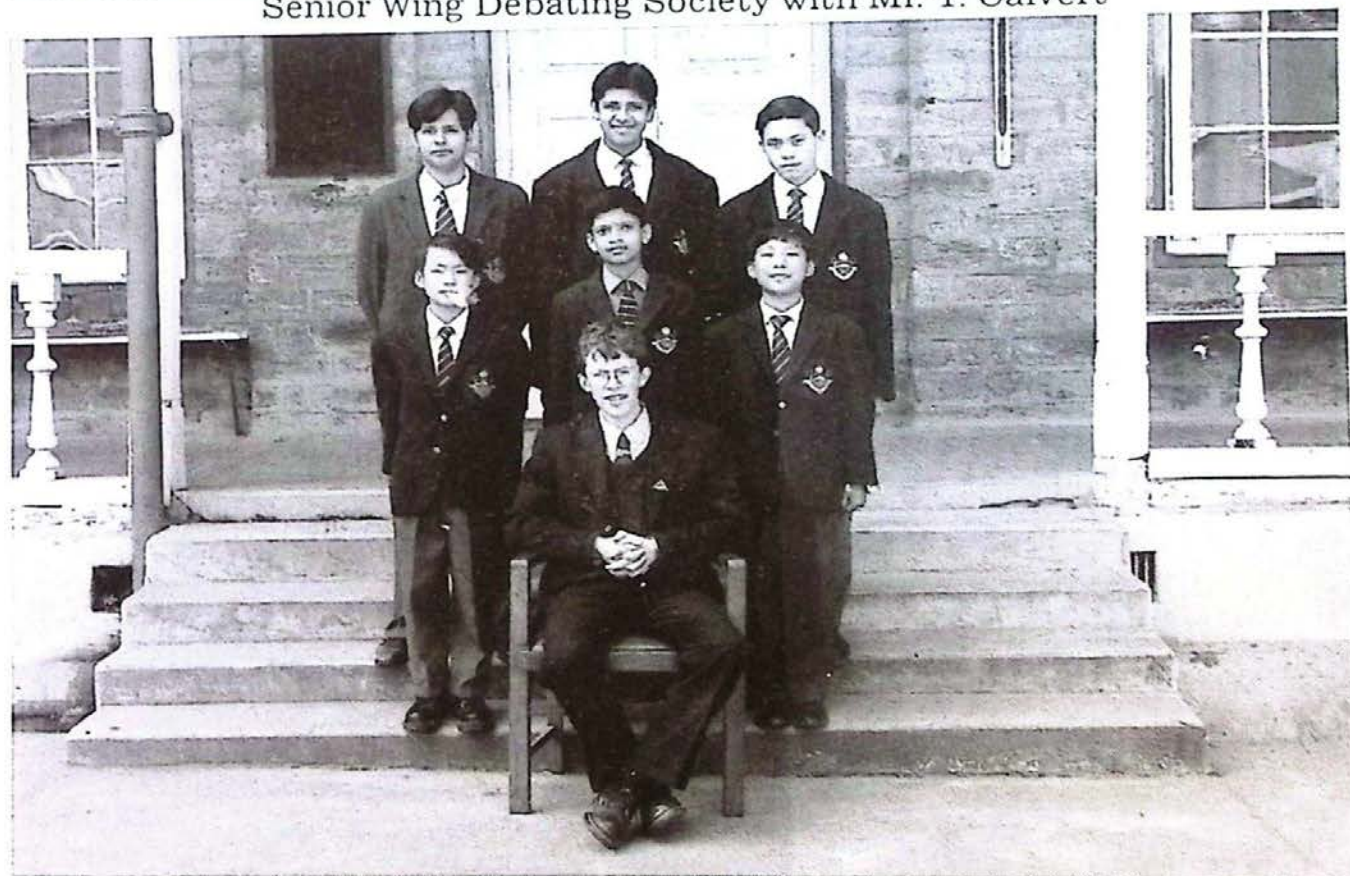
To conclude, a word of thanks is extended to the Rector, the Senior Master, the judges and Mr. T. Calvert for their help and guidance throughout the year. May each year's standard be the stepping stone for greater standards in the ensuing year.

MONITI MELIORA SEQUAMUR

SASWATA SANYAL



Senior Wing Debating Society with Mr. T. Calvert



The St. Paul's School French Society with Mr. G. Salmon

St. Paul's School



1997

presents

"Tughlaq"

BY

GIRISH KARNAD



Chief Guest : Mr. Siddharth IAS
Chief Principal Secretary DGHC

A Few Words on the Play

Although the basis of the play TUGHLAQ is historical, TUGHLAQ is more than mere history, it is much more than just a political commentary. It has an intriguing quality which emanates from the schizophrenia of Mohd-bin-Tughlaq – the protagonist. The other characters are mere personifications of his own complex personality.

The whole play moves around the tragedy of opposites: the ideal and the real; divine aspirations and dexterous intrigues. These ambiguities and intrigues, are in reality, a mere projection of the inner conflicts within Tughlaq's psyche. Thus, although Tughlaq appears idealistic, in reality he perpetrates the opposite. The irony here is deeply tragic.

Tughlaq was undoubtedly the most idealistic of monarchs and, perhaps, also the most intelligent. .and yet he is one of the greatest of failures. From the moment he confidently strides on to the stage he begins his own disintegration. By the end of the play he is completely devastated.

The Play and its Setting

At Delhi	:	A.D. 1327
Scene 1	:	A courtyard in Delhi
Scene 2	:	The Palace at Delhi
Scene 3	:	A courtyard in front of a Mosque
Scene 4	:	The Palace at Delhi
Scene 5	:	A Room in the Palace
Scene 6	:	The Palace at Delhi
Scene 7	:	A Camp on the Delhi-Daulatabad Road
At Daulatabad:		A.D. 1332. Five Years Later
Scene 8	:	The Fort at Daulatabad
Scene 9	:	A Hide-out in the hills
Scene 10	:	The Palace at Daulatabad
Scene 11	:	The Fort at Daulatabad
Scene 12	:	The Palace at Daulatabad
Scene 13	:	The Palace at Daulatabad

There will be an interval of ten minutes between Scenes 7 and 8

The Cast

Mohammad-Bin-Tughlaq	:	Avinash Agrawal
Zia-ud-din-Barni	:	Saswata Sanyal
Aazam	:	Francis Borges

Aziz	:	Bikash Gurung
Step-mother	:	Keshav Tandan
Vizier Najib	:	Sudip Sanyal
Sheikh Imam-ud-din	:	Piyush Mohan Thakur
Shihab-ud-din	:	T.I.M.Shaniur Nabi
Sardar Ratan Singh	:	Shwetark Singh
Ghiyas-ud-din	:	Vivek Bansal
Sheikh Shams-ud-din	:	Julius Gomes
Announcer	:	Sanjeev Mehra
Amir I	:	Vishal Agarwal
Amir II	:	Sumit Periwal
Amir III	:	Mohammed Hanif
Sayyid	:	Amardeep Banerjee
Old Man	:	Amber Huria
Young Man	:	Abhinav Jalan
Third Man	:	Vikash Atal
Hindu	:	Rahul Khetawat
Door Keeper	:	Ankit Das
Guards	:	Harsh Deorah,
	:	Arghya Mitra,
	:	Dibyaduti Ghosh,
	:	Saif Zaman,
	:	Sachin Gupta
Servant	:	Sushant Chachan
Hindu Woman	:	Riju Brahmin
Man	:	Rushvir Singh
Karim	:	Nsim Faisal
Muazzin	:	Zubair Ariff

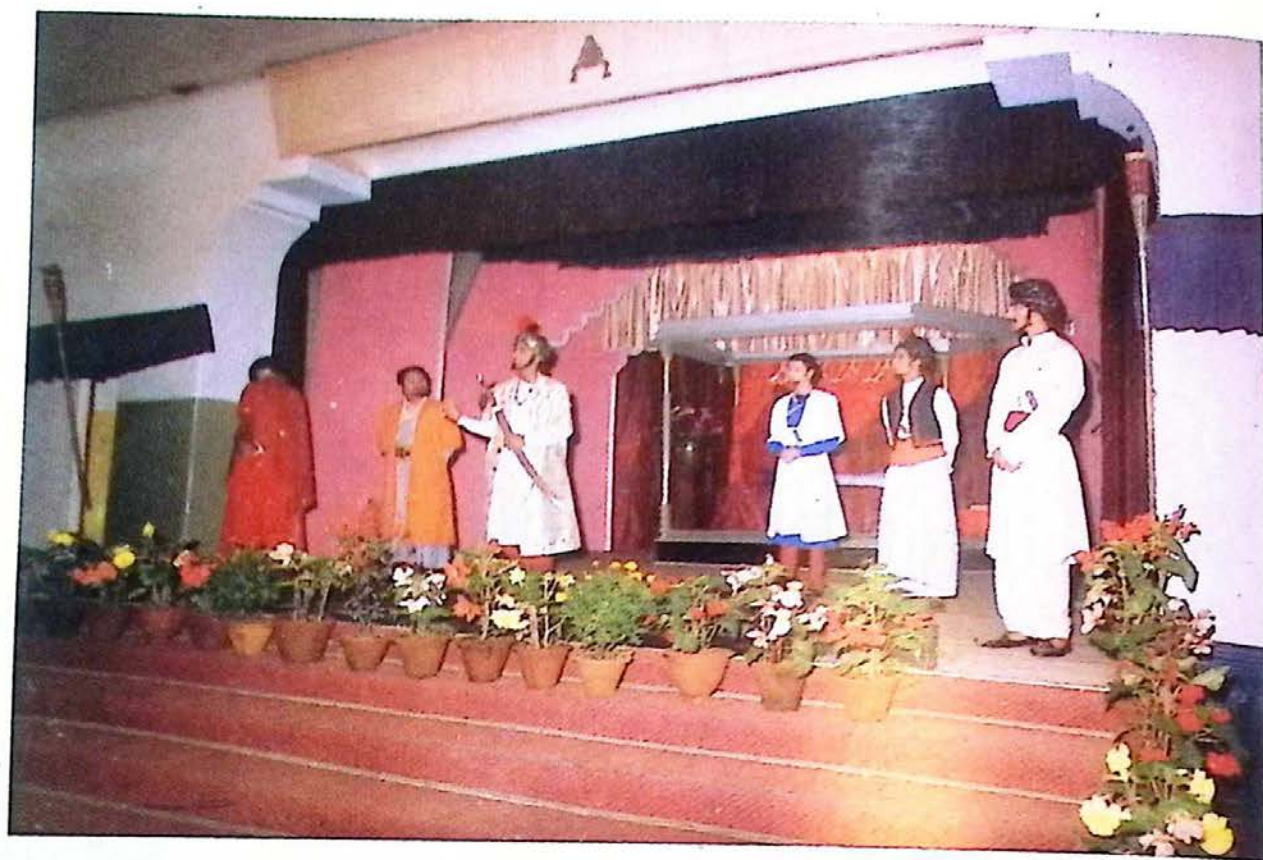
Produced and Directed by Mr. Devendra Kumar

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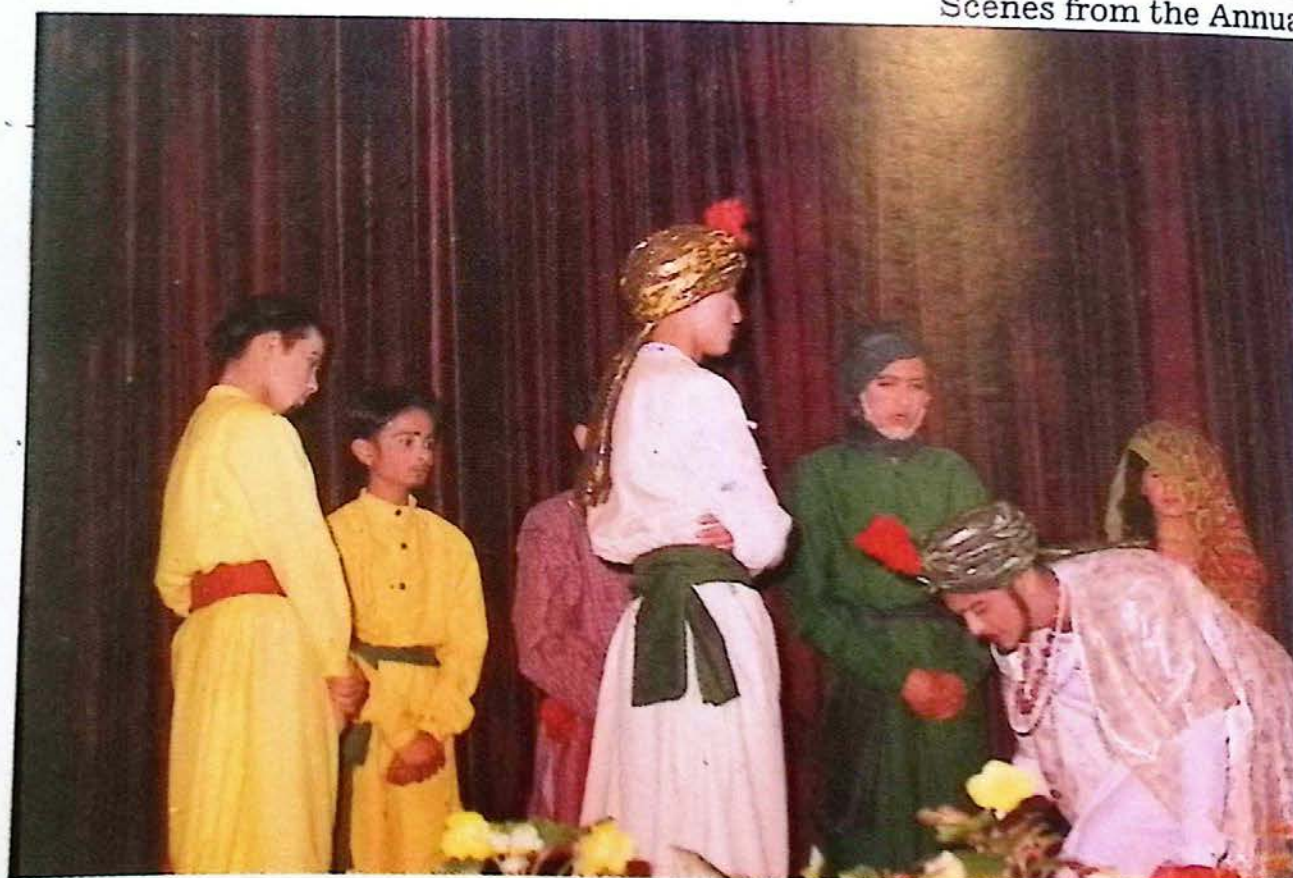
Costumes	:	Mr. N.S. Lawrence with Rup Biswas, Siddharth Sahani, Harsh Wadhwani, Ashish Roy
Sets	:	The Estate Department
Art	:	Mr. R.S. Baoni with Prantick Roy
Stage Properties	:	Mr. D. Pradhan with Sublesh Kumar and Ankur Gupta

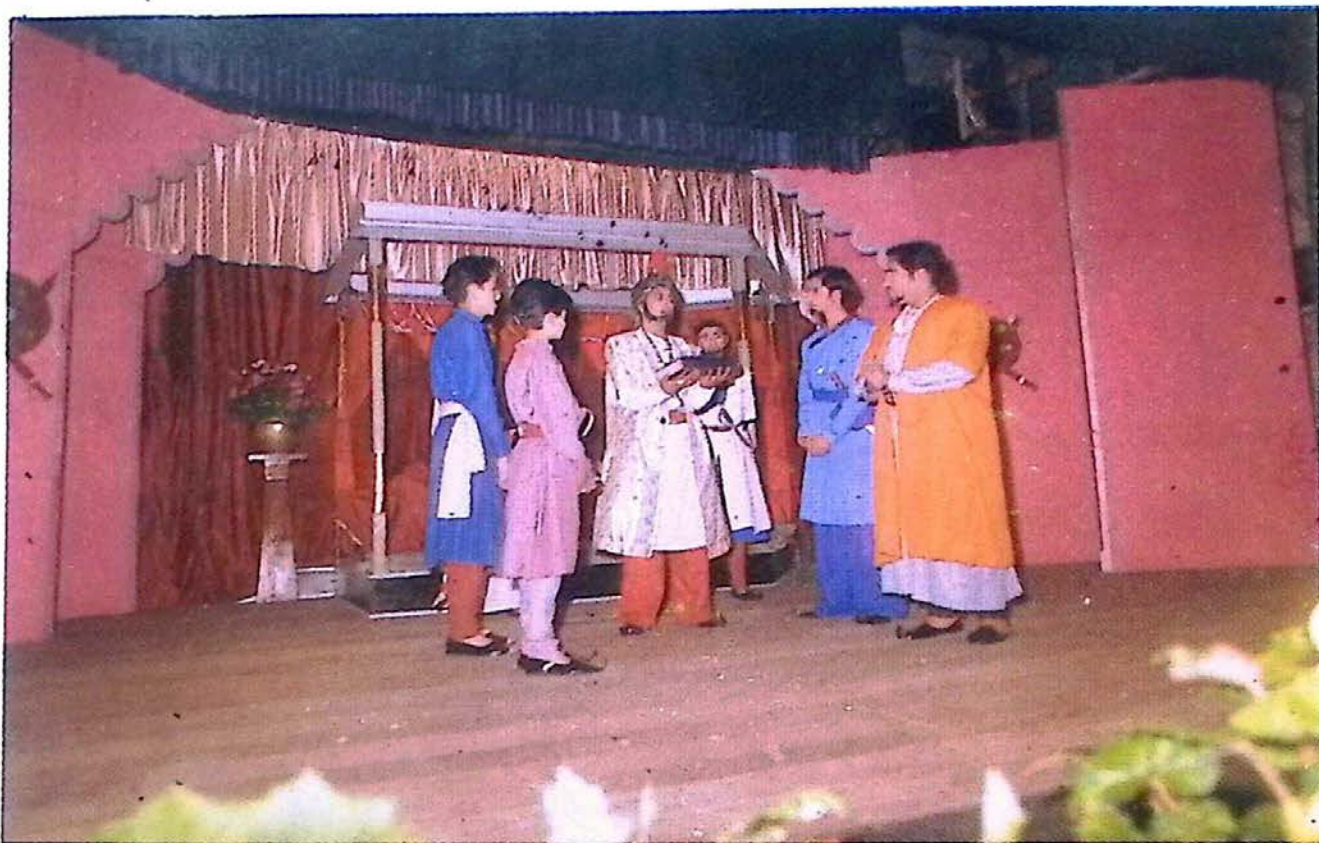
Lighting	:	Mr. G. Dutta with A. Tibarewala and A. Shroff
Make up	:	Mrs. G. Kanti, Mr. S.M. Pradhan, Mrs. P. Bagchi and Mrs. G. Dash
Music	:	Mr. D. Kumar, Mr. M. Dutta with Y. Giri
Prompters	:	Nasim Khan and Amit Periwai
Stage Crew	:	Dr. Manoj Kumar with Abhishek Chowdhury, Sarfaraz Alam, Arjun Gupta, Jyoti Prakash, Hridaya Narayan Prasad

The entire production team wishes to acknowledge the enthusiastic help of all the estate workers, tailors, electricians and carpenters and all others who have helped to make this production a success.



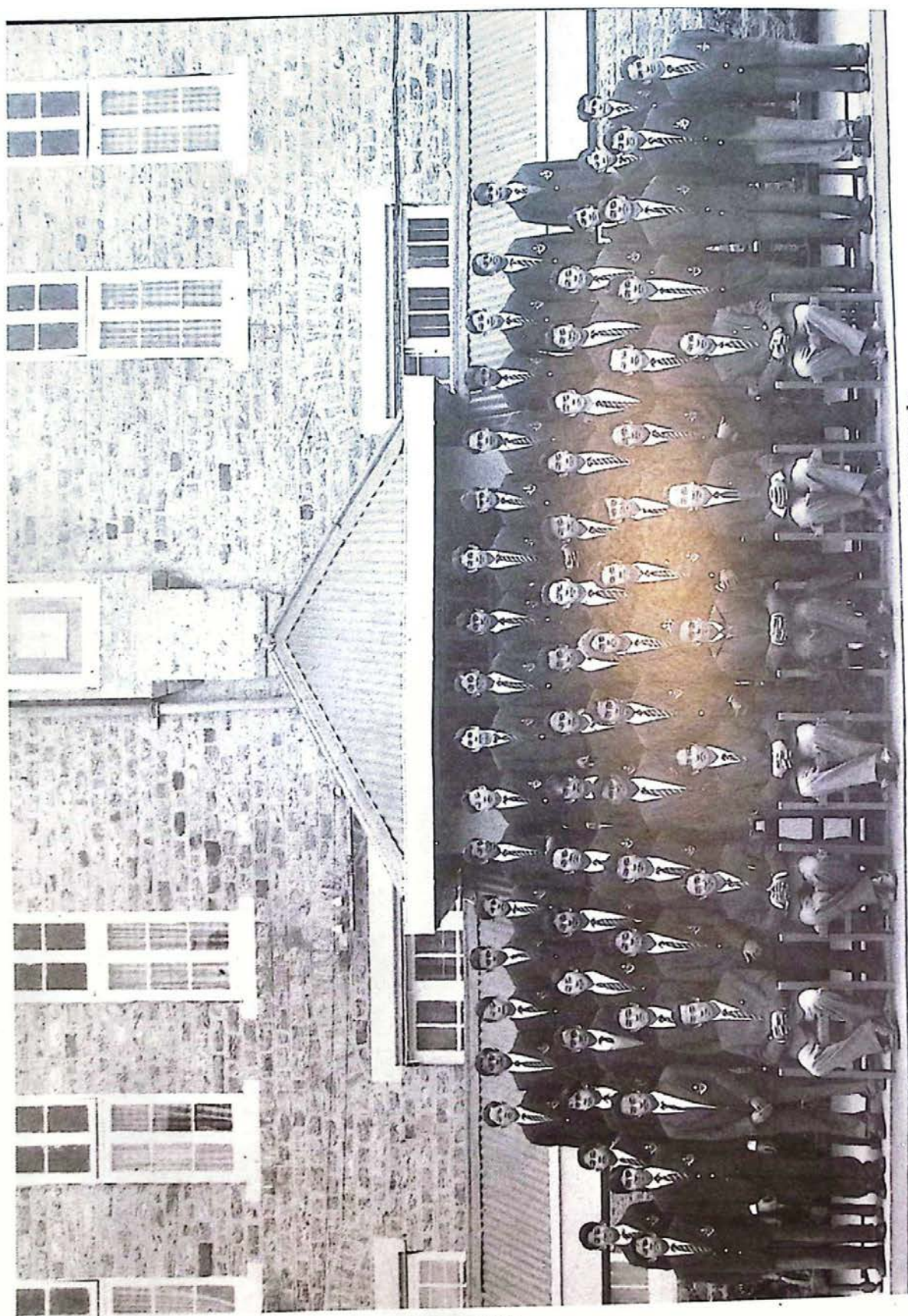
Scenes from the Annual





School Play : "TUGHLAQ"





The Western Music Society with Mr. S. G. Pande

THE PLUS TWO FEST, 1997

Over the years while senior school students in Class IX and X had ample opportunity to meet youngsters from other hill schools at various inter-school meets, the Class XI and XII students in the Plus Two section have had very limited opportunities. To make up for this short-coming, and, more importantly, to give these young adults a chance to meet, mix and get to know their contemporaries in other schools, we at St. Paul's, pioneered the Plus Two Festival concept in 1996.

After a rather tentative start the concept was warmly welcomed. The 1996 Fest was a resounding success and so we decided to go ahead and host the second edition of the Plus Two Fest over two days on 6th and 7th September 1997.

The response was encouraging from other schools and with the help of several masters, various interesting and mind boggling events and competitions were included in the second edition.

The various games and events held in 1997 were: Creative Writing (Mr. S.K. Mishra), Chess (Mr. N. Vincent), Art (Mr. R.S. Baoni), Quiz (yours truly), Dumb Charades (The Rector), What's the Good Word (Mr. Devendra Kumar), Jest a Minute (Mr. N. Gomes), Mock Parliamentary Debate (Mr. T. Calvert), Western Music Competition (Mr. S. Pande), Nepali and Bengali Elocutions (Mr. S.M. Pradhan and Mr. G. Bhattacharya), Turncoat (Mr. N.S. Lawrence), Antakshari (Mr. M. Kumar and Mr. M. Dutta) and Ad Spoofs (Mr. A. Thackur).

On the 5th of September the Dr. Graham's Homes arrived with a formidable team. The very presence of some girls on the campus accelerated Paulite preparation for the various events. Suddenly competition meant serious business: no body wanted to look silly in front of the gracious young ladies. So even as tentative smiles went back and forth across the tables at supper, there were also signs of last minute honing of subtle skills and readying for the battles ahead.

The 6th of September dawned bright and cheerful and soon after breakfast the Class IXs and Xs were sent off for a day's trek to Darjeeling's newest tourist attraction-the Rock Garden. No sooner had they left then the other teams, with their accompanying bands of enthusiastic supporters started filling up the Quad area. There were teams from Mount Hermon, St. Joseph's and St. Augustine's (Kalimpong), along with Dr. Grahams Homes and us.

After a brief welcome speech by the Rector, the competitions got underway in true earnest. The quieter competitions like Creative Writing, Chess and Art were conducted simultaneously. At the same time the Quiz competition took off in the Prep Hall. Jessica Dahal of DGH, and Saswata Sanyal of St. Paul's took the honours in Creative Writing and Art respectively. In Chess the two representatives from St. Augustine made mincemeat of the rest of the competition by reaching the Finals. The Quiz saw a closer battle of wits over five engrossing rounds, at the end of which Bradley Mawer of DGH took the individual honours and St. Paul's the team title.

The Bengali and Nepali Elocution contests followed. The emphasis was on patriotic poems and extracts, much in keeping with India's Golden Jubilee of her Independence. However, in both the contests there was very little by way of competition for the Paulite participants. Both Tshering Wangyel Ghale in the Nepali Section and Amardeep Banerjee in the Bengali competition were streets ahead of the rest.

The Dumb Charades, conducted by the Rector provided closer and more intense competition. Even as teams tried desperately to unscramble the names of books, films and songs through mime, the audience was regaled with 'desperate' acting and feverish motions. Often the audience was so taken up by the closeness of the contest that they either vented their frustrations with loud groans when their favourites failed to guess the right answers or cheered on wildly when their team got it right. The competition was tight and in the end St. Paul's represented by Raza Ali, Shwetark Singh and Bikash Gurung won.

If the Dumb Charades had proved to be close, the J.A.M. (Just a Minute) session, which was held after lunch, proved to be even more closely fought. The participants were lively and Mr. N. Gomes, who conducted the event with panache, had a difficult time upholding and rejecting objections, claims and counter-claims. The participants raised the roof with their hilarious and witty comments and even more rambunctious interjections. At the end of a side-splitting one hour, Karam Siddiq and Ankush Sachdeva of St. Paul's narrowly pipped DGH to win the event.

The "Turncoats" took to the stage next. In this event a participant had to choose a topic from a hat; he had two minutes to prepare and then had to speak for two minutes in favour of the

topic and spend the next two minutes criticizing his own self by speaking against the motion. Mr. Lawrence conducted this innovative event which drew lots of laughter and was fun-filled all the way till the end. St. Joseph's was head and shoulders above the rest.

The first day came to a close with Ad Spoofs that had us all rolling in laughter. Each team was given ten minutes within which time they had to put up at least four advertisements. The team from St. Paul's, trained by Mr. Thackur and led by Partho Sha performed creditably to lead the pack.

As the teams dispersed for the day there was much camaraderie between participants of various schools. The Quad, which was the venue for tea, was spilling over with boys and girls from various schools-all of them inter-mingling freely and laughing as they recalled the day's incidents and wondered what was in store on the morrow.

The 7th of September started with a lot of fire and brimstone as the teams discussed and vociferously debated the "Women's Reservation Bill" in a Mock Parliamentary Session. The Homes represented the views of the CPI (M), St. Joseph's represented the BJP, Mr. Hermon the Janata Dal and St. Paul's spoke as representatives of the BSP. The Congress were to have been represented by St. Augustine's but the latter chose not to be a party to the debate. St. Paul's was represented by Raza Ali and Julius Gomes in this event conducted by Mr. T. Calvert with the help of Mrs. R. Anthony. The participants exercised their vocal chords in full measure, and after sharp exchanges, the judges, who were all from outside, thought that the speakers from St. Paul's and St. Joseph's were most impressive and declared them the best teams on view.

Following the noisy debate was the more sedate and calm 'What's the Good Word' conducted by Mr. Devendra Kumar with help from Mr. S.K. Mishra. The going was a little slow but the competition picked up as the event moved towards the final round at the end of which, St. Joseph's were declared winners.

To revive the spirits of the audience, Hindi film music buffs took to the stage next and under the watchful eyes (and attentive ears) of Mr. Manoj Kumar, Mr. Michael Dutta (on the guitar) and Mr. Gautam Lepcha (on the piano) in a game of Antakshari. The competition was keen, the music adequate, the singing tuneful (with a few exceptions) and the audience participation full

throated. The contest was so close that a tie breaker had to be resorted to after which Dr. Graham's Homes pipped us to the winners' post.

All the participative singing must have increased everyone's appetite which was fully whetted at lunch which followed, in the dining hall.

After lunch, the last of the events-the Western Music Competition-took place. The standard of singing and accompaniment was of the highest order and it was extremely difficult for the judges, all of whom were from outside, to pick on the winners. Mr. S. Pande who had trained our boys, and who coordinated the event, deserves our warm commendations for a job well done! The contest was so close that even the partisan Paulite supporters were unwilling to stick out their necks and predict the winner. The school was represented by Vishwaman Rai in the vocal solo section; Shakti Rai and Bikash Gurung in the vocal duet section. All of them came first in their respective sections and to top it all we also came first in the group singing section.

And so another Fest came to an end. The competition had been good, the contests had been full of fun and two lively days of joyous fellowship came to a close with many a lump in the throats of the participants. The Fest had, in every sense of the term, been a success. New and lasting friendships had been made, there had been keen contests in good spirit and everyone had had a wonderful time. The teachers who worked behind scenes to train the boys, plan and put up programmes had the satisfaction of seeing the youngsters enjoying themselves, and to all the teachers who gladly gave of themselves, their time, and their talents one would like to say a BIG "Thank You"! And so to the next edition to the Plus Two Fest which, for the first time, moves away from St. Paul's and which, in 1998, will be hosted by Mount Hermon.

Mr. S. Chakravarthi

MUSIC NOTES

Master-in-Charge: Sudeep George Pande, Esq.
Secretary : Vishwaman Rai

1997 has been a rather eventful year for the Music Department with a remarkable improvement in its general standard. At the beginning of the year it came as a surprise to many when Vishwaman Rai was appointed as the Music Secretary. Over the year, Vishwa not only earned the confidence and respect of the boys, but he also ably led the Plus II Music Club, trained boys at various levels (Junior and Senior House Concerts, Music Concert, Plus II Fest, Choir, etc) and was, undoubtedly, one of the most popular boys in the hearts of the 'juniors'. He was awarded the prestigious Adam's Music Prize for the year 1997. Ms. Caroline Hillier, our Pianoforte teacher, left us to go back to England in the month of September. Apart from teaching piano, Ms. Hillier has also conducted Music lessons in the Junior Wing and has played the piano at all Junior Chapel services. She has also been a keyboard accompanist for the School Choir. Her contribution to the Music Department has been notable and indispensable.

Formal music lessons were given to 37 students in piano (Mr. S. Pande and Ms. C. Hillier) voice and violin (under Mr. S. Pande) and guitar (under Mr. P. Pradhan). This year, 28 students were sent up for practical examination in music (piano and voice) conducted by The Trinity College of Music, London, in the month of September. The examiner for this year was Ms. Michelle Lee, ARCM. Eleven candidates were sent up for the Theory examination in November.

This year we were privileged to have Mr. K. Lama from the 11 Gurkha Regiment, Music Platoon, to improve our brass and woodwind section. He gave individual lessons and trained the School Band. And the difference in the standard was noticed by all. I take the pleasure to thank the members of the band and especially Siddharth M. Rajbandhari and Abhishek Goenka who helped in training individual boys with their respective brass and wind instruments and also helping them with the theory lessons. Siddharth also conducted the Band at the School and Inter-School Athletics meet. He was also awarded the Rahoul Music Prize. Mr. S. Pande conducted the band at the NCC Parade on the 15th of August.

The highlight of the Music Department this year has been the Chapel Choir. Under the direction of Mr. Sudeep Pande, Choir Master, it has rendered an Anthem every month and at all Special and Festal services. Some of the notable ones that were sung were: 'God be in my head' (Davies), 'Ave Verum' (W. Mozart), 'Sing Hallelujah' (Stassen), 'Mine eyes thy beauty pine' (Howells) etc. The boy sopranos have done wonders with their innumerable heart-lifting descants. Most hymns were sung in harmony by select Choristers. Bikash Gurung, an excellent baritone, conducted the anthem at the Commemoration Service. Another speciality of the choir has been the repertoire of Benedictional Amens – the Three-fold, Dresden and the Seven-fold! At the Memorial Service for Mother Teresa, Schubert's 'Ave Maria' was sung by Mr. S. Pande. The choral singing in the Chapel culminated at the Junior and Senior Carol Services. The Processional was the Great Antiphons 'Veni Veni Emmanuel'. The Choir also sang, 'Personent Hodie', 'The Crown of Roses' (Tschaikovsky), 'Stille Nacht' (F. Gruber) and 'Ding Dong! Merrily on high'. Tsering W. Ghale, Havelock house prefect, and Momocha Thangjam read the first lesson, on behalf of the choir, at the Senior and Junior Services respectively. Siddharth M. Rajbhandari has played the Digital Horn at all Chapel services. Abhishek Goenka has played the Trumpet and Siddharth M. Rajbhandari, the violin, at all special services. Together, they have often played voluntaries- mostly classical. Congratulations to all the Chapel musicians.

The Annual Music Concert was held on the 27th of August. Mark Winn, FTCL, LTCL, PGTCL, PG Dip. St. Petersburg Conservatoire, from the U.K. was the Guest of Honour. It was a beautiful blend of classical, Negro spiritual, rock, pop, etc. The concert began with three choral pieces by the choir. Ms. Hiller gave her last performance, a combination of jazz and classical. A number of piano students also performed. Mr. S. Pande sang 'Free Me' and 'Before the Dawn' and Mr. G. Lepcha played a couple of violin pieces. A 'Male Voice Quintette' comprising Bikash Gurung, Vishwaman Rai, Merentoshi Jamir, Mr. S. Pande and The Rector sang 'Blowing in the Wind'. A host of vocal items (solo, duets) were rendered by Vishwaman Rai, Ashish Pradhan, Shakti Rai, Merentoshi Jamir, Bikash Gurung, Reevu Wangdi and Vaskar Sharma (popularly known as SPS Elvis!) and they all performed creditably. Reynold Anthony, an excellent boy soprano, sang 'Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Memory'. Siddharth Rajbandhari and Abhishek Goenka played a 'Brass Fanfare' on the Digital Horn

and Trumpet respectively. The concert came to a climax with the choral version of 'The Bohemian Rhapsody'. It was sung by the members of the Plus II Music Club and the Junior Choir. Ms. C. Hillier was the piano accompanist and it was conducted by Mr. S. Pande. The Master of Ceremony at this concert was the most eloquent, Saswata Sanyal.

A number of music students have performed creditably at their respective House Concerts. An instrumental called 'Jamaican Flower' was played at the Lawrence House Concert and select choirboys sang Boyzone's 'Words'. Vishwa, Reevu and Riju sang solos and trios. Bikash, Vaskar and Ashish sang solos at the Hastings House Concert. Abhishek Goenka, T.I.M. Nabi and Amrit Tibrewala gave piano recitals at their respective House Concerts. Merentoshi, Pazo and Shakti sang at the Havelock House Concerts. I would specially like to commend Tshering Ghale who has been the most efficient and obliging drummer at every single concert that was held in the school this year. Tshering has been one of the most disciplined members of the School Choir. He sang solos at the Havelock House Concert. Well done to one and all!

The Senior Western-Music group bagged the first position at the Inter-School Plus II Fest 97. Vishwaman Rai stood first in the vocal solo ('Desperado'-Eagles), Bikash Gurung and Shakti Rai stood first in the vocal duet ('Mrs. Robinson' - Simon and Garfunkel) and the entire group stood first in the group section ('Jacob dreamt he had a ladder' - Negro Spiritual). Vaskar Sharma was excellent as Elvis, in the entertainment section.

As an incentive two expeditions were conducted. The Class IX, X and XII choristers were taken to Shrikhola for a weekend and the Class XI musicians went to Tonglu and Gairibas for three days. Himali School Concert (Oliver) was attended by select Class XI boys.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Music Secretary for excellent work over the year, and the Rector and Senior Master for their utmost co-operation, motivation and help in all the musical activities of the school.

SUDEEP PANDE



HINDI PARISHAD – 1997

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

Secretary:

Piyush Mohan Thakur

Rabindranath once said, "Man's cry is to reach his fullest expression". The Hindi Parishad at St. Paul's aims at fulfilling the expression by creating talents. This year proved to be a tremendously successful as far the activities of the Hindi Parishad were concerned. Under the able guidance and motivation of Mr. G.R. Anthony the Hindi Parishad is becoming increasingly popular in the school.

We were all sad to hear the passing away of the former Hindi Parishad in charge, Mr. Kamlesh Kanti. His contribution to the Parishad was invaluable. Mrs. Kanti has decided to leave towards the end of the year. All our sympathies and best wishes are with her.

This year the first of the activities of the Hindi Parishad was the Junior Wing Inter-House Elocution. The results were as follows:

Class VI (Poetry)	-	1 st – Gautam Kumar
		2 nd – Ankit Kishorepuria
Class VII (Prose)	-	1 st – Amanbir Grewal
	-	2 nd – Ashwini Tody
Class VIII (Poetry)	-	1 st – Amir Adeel Khan
	-	2 nd – Gaurav Chhawchharia
House Position	:	1 st Betten and Cable
	:	3 rd Anderson

In the Senior Wing, the Inter-House Hindi Elocution Cup was bagged by Lawrence House. The results were as follows:

Class IX (Poetry)	-	1 st – Abhishek Thackur
	-	2 nd – Ashish Roy
Class X (Prose)	-	1 st – Vivek Bansal
	-	2 nd – Harsh Deorah
	-	Vishal Agarwal
Class XI & XII (Drama)-	1 st	– Parul Agarwal
	2 nd	– Rushbir Singh
HOUSE POSITIONS :	1 st	– Lawrence
	2 nd	– Hastings
		Havelock

This year the Inter-School Hindi Elocution was hosted by our school. The other participating schools were North Point,

Mount Hermon and Loreto Convent. Our school was represented by Gautam Kumar, Amir Adeel Khan, Vivek Bansal and Parul Agarwal. Their performances were impeccable.

This year the Hindi Parishad staged a play called 'DEEP DAAN' on the occasion of the fiftieth year of Independence. The Rajasthani atmosphere in this play was authentic, the direction of Mr. Anthony was praise worthy, and the acting remarkable. All this added up to a memorable performance that was widely praised.

Parul Agarwal portrayed the villainous 'Banveer' with a touch of professionalism. Harsh Deorah as a girl, Vishal Agarwal and Abhishek Gupta as innocent boys, performed very well. Piyush Mohan Thakur acted as the palace attendant. The most impressive performance that evening came from Avinash Agarwal as 'Panna', the wetnurse of Kunwar Uday Singh. He was awarded the best actor's prize for his performance. Our thanks to every one who helped us in the production of this play.

On the occasion of the fiftieth year of Indian independence Piyush Mohan Thakur delivered a powerful and meaningful speech to a gathering which was richly applauded.

This year the Rudra Hindi Prize was keenly contested and finally Piyush Mohan Thakur emerged successful. Avinash Agarwal was specially commended on his performance.

This year on the occasion of Hindi Diwas programme organised by the Himachal Hindi Bhawan, Piyush Mohan Thakur represented St. Paul's School in the speech delivery competition.

This report would remain incomplete if I did not express my deep sense of gratitude towards Mr. G.R. Anthony, Dr. Manoj Kumar, Mrs. Kanti and last but not the least my friend Parul Agarwal, for their help throughout the year.

Piyush Mohan Thakur

BENGALI SOCIETY REPORT 1997

Secretary- Partho Mukherjee

M.I.C. – Mr. G. Bhattacharya

Pacing through life, one usually tends to drift away from one's rich and sumptuous heritage, but nevertheless, the Bengali Society '97 has retained all this within its revolving sphere. We had a very successful and interesting year under the able guidance of Mr. Gautam Bhattacharya.

It started off with the Inter-School Bengali Elocution where boys of class X and below participated. It was held at Mount Hermon School and the boys spoke with utter confidence. On 15th August our boys performed a dance called "Chandilika". It is a dance drama and it was well directed and choreographed by Mrs. P. Bhattacharya, our junior wing Bengali teacher.

That evening we staged our society's play named "Binoy-Badal-Dinesh". It was written, produced and directed by Mr. G. Bhattacharya. The protagonists in the play were T.I.M. Nabi as Binoy, Partho Mukherjee as Badal and Sudip Sanyal as Dinesh. Sudip Sanyal's brilliant performance enabled him to win the best actor's award, in the Bengali section. On the whole our play was thoroughly enjoyed by the school and we give all credit to Mr. G. Bhattacharya. Other actors were Partho Sha, Bineet Agarwal, Julius Gomes, Amardeep Banerjee and Jamshed Hussian.

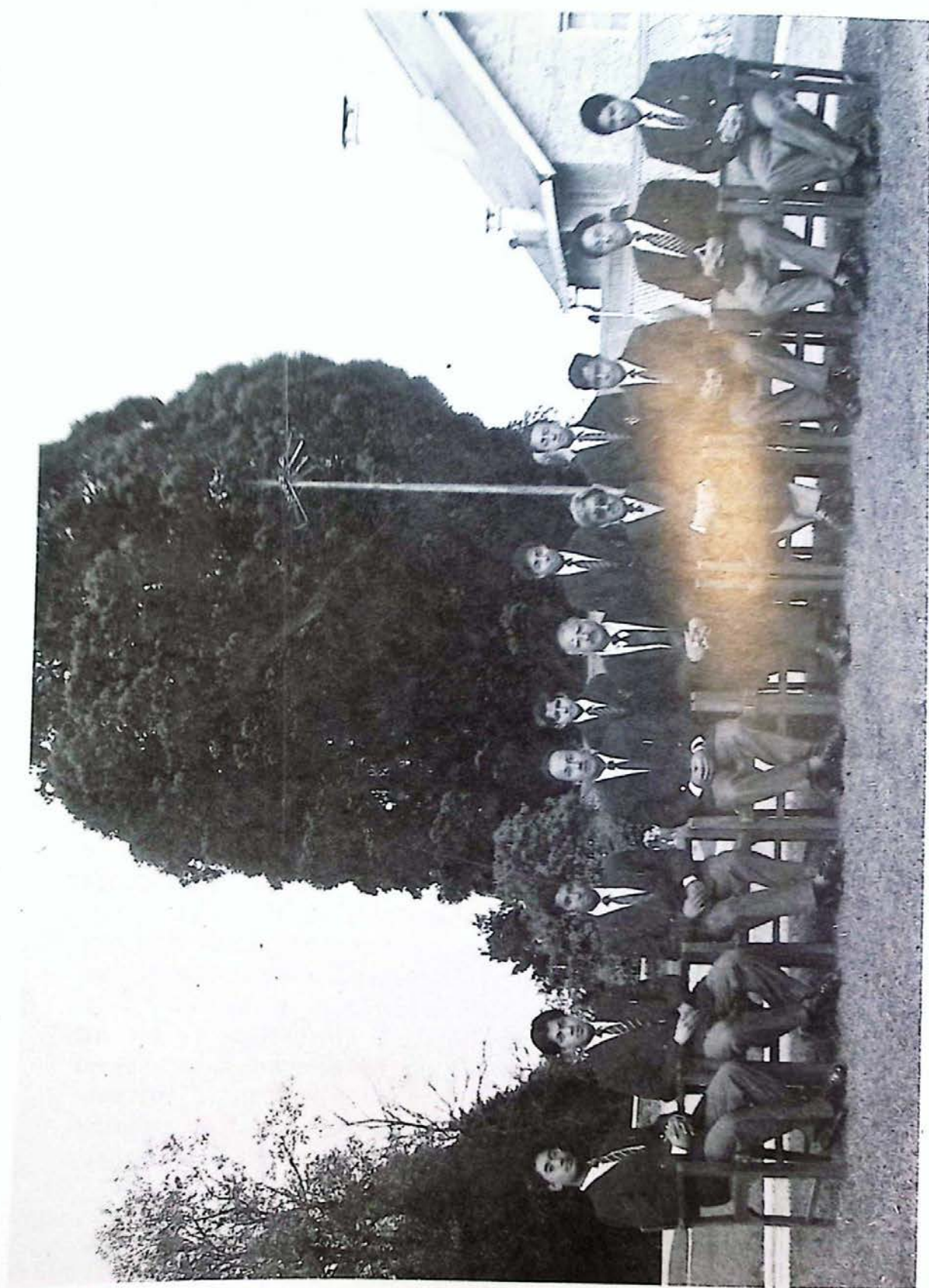
In the "PLUS-2" Fest, Amardeep Banerjee represented our school in the Bengali Elocution. He stood first and we congratulate him on his success.

T.I.M. Nabi won the Usha Rani Bengali Prize.

The Inter-House Bengali elocution was held on 29th of October. The class IX boys recited poems, the Class X boys prose and the plus two students presented drama pieces. The quality was very high. The cup was bagged by Hastings.

I would like to thank all those persons who helped in any way during the course of the year. I would also like to thank Tim Nabi and Saswata Sanyal without whose help this would have been impossible. Last but not the least, I would like to thank Mr. G. Bhattacharya without whose help this year would have been an unsuccessful year. Lets hope that the goddess of fortune showers all the luck and favour in respect to the forthcoming generations so that they can remarkably excel in all their undertakings of the Bengali Society.

Partho Mukherjee



The Nepali Society with (seated L - R) Mr. S.M. Pradhan and Mr. B.B. Tamang

NEPALI SOCIETY

Master-in-Charge: Mr. SM Pradhan

Secretary:

Tshering Wangel Ghale

This year has been a busy year for St. Paul's in many spheres of academic and sports activities. To be modest the Nepali Society too wasn't exactly lying idle all the time. In fact, we did more than the usual stuff which was limited to the Nepali play and the usual prize exams.

The District level Essay competition was held on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Indian Independence, where Pawan Kabra of Cl. XII stood third. This fact is highly commendable for a student from an English school who had to compete against students from the local Nepali schools. Well done!!

On Independence Day, some Junior Wing boys performed a Nepali Folk Dance and part of the Nepali Society put up their play "Dharam Karmam" which was a hilarious comedy. The actors were excellent and deserve full credit for a job well done.

The special prizes awarded this year were as follows:

Madhukar Rana Nepali Prize :

Pawan Kabra

2nd. Language (Nepali) Best Actor Prize: Tshering Wangel Ghale

The Annual Inter-School Nepali Elocution was held on 11th August at Mount Hermon School. Roshan Regmi (VI), Amulya Shakya (VII) and Brajesh Raj Mishra (X) represented our school and needless to say, were exceptional in executing their pieces to perfection. Tshering Wangel Ghale represented our school at the Plus 2 Fest Nepali Elocution Contest and stood first.

In conclusion, I would like to place on record my gratitude to the two Nepali Teachers, Mr. BB Tamang and Mr. S M. Pradhan for their support and guidance throughout the year. I am also indebted to the student Editor of the Paulite Pawan Kabra and the other members of the Society for their help and cooperation.

- Tshering Wangel Ghale.



At the Exhibitions



At the finishing point of the Domestic Staff Race

ART AND CRAFT REPORT

M.I.C.: Mr. R. S. Baoni

Secy of Art: Saswata Sanyal

Secy of Woodwork: A.Vaskar Sharma

Secy of Batik: Sabin Tulachan

"Poetry is like a painting, and painting is silent poetry that speaks".

Lost in the midst of time, enveloped in creative ideas our artists worked day in and day out to help maintain that standard of the art department which it has always been-the best!

In perfect accordance with yester years, work in the art section began with normal pencil sketches which is considered as a 'tune up' of the boys for the year, after a good break of three months. This was closely followed by a thorough indulgence in water colours, pastel work, still life study and a host of others. Immense regularity found its way successfully through to the end of the year with students streaming to the art room at 'the drop of a hat'.

The credit for this goes to none other than Mr. Baoni. With his kind and highly experienced hand, he always welcomed and guided all the enthusiasts. The hard work of the boys spoke well of the school as visitors streamed in to the Art & Craft Exhibition 1997.

Every year, the work in the Batik Section awaits the arrival of material and this year was no exception. However, it did come and the boys put their heart and soul into their work to bring out the best. Innumerable Batik pieces, in rich and colourful designs, adorned the exhibition this year.

The most physical and strenuous section in the Art & Craft Department has to be the woodwork section and work, this year, began early. With boys chiselling away on blocks of wood throughout the season, the small woodwork room did not see one empty day.

Prizes awarded this year were as follows:

Best Craftsman (Woodwork)	:	Vaskar Sharma
Best Craftsman (Batik)	:	Sabin Tulachan
Best Artist of the year	:	Saswata Sanyal
Anil Chaudhuri Art Prize	:	Saswata Sanyal
		Vaskar Sharma

The year would not be complete if a special word of thanks

was not extended to Mr. RS Baoni, our MIC, Mrs. Baoni for her help in the Batik section and our Harka 'Daju' for his all round help with his immense experience. Thank you again!

Closing down for this year, I would like to appeal to all the budding artists of the Paulite family to keep up the high standard of the Department for the honour of our school and for the honour of Paulites: MONITI MELIORA SEQUAMUR .



At the Camera Club Exhibition.

CAMERA CLUB

The Camera Club activities began with the return of the boys in March '97. The great success of the previous year's annual photography competition-cum-exhibition had attracted many boys to join the club this year and from very beginning they started working with great zeal and interest. It was an encouraging beginning for the camera club. A group of twenty seven boys went out for photography to Gangtok, Siliguri, Mirik and several other places.

The photographic coverage of school activities like House plays, Independence Day, the School Play, Sports Day and other activities was carried out successfully.

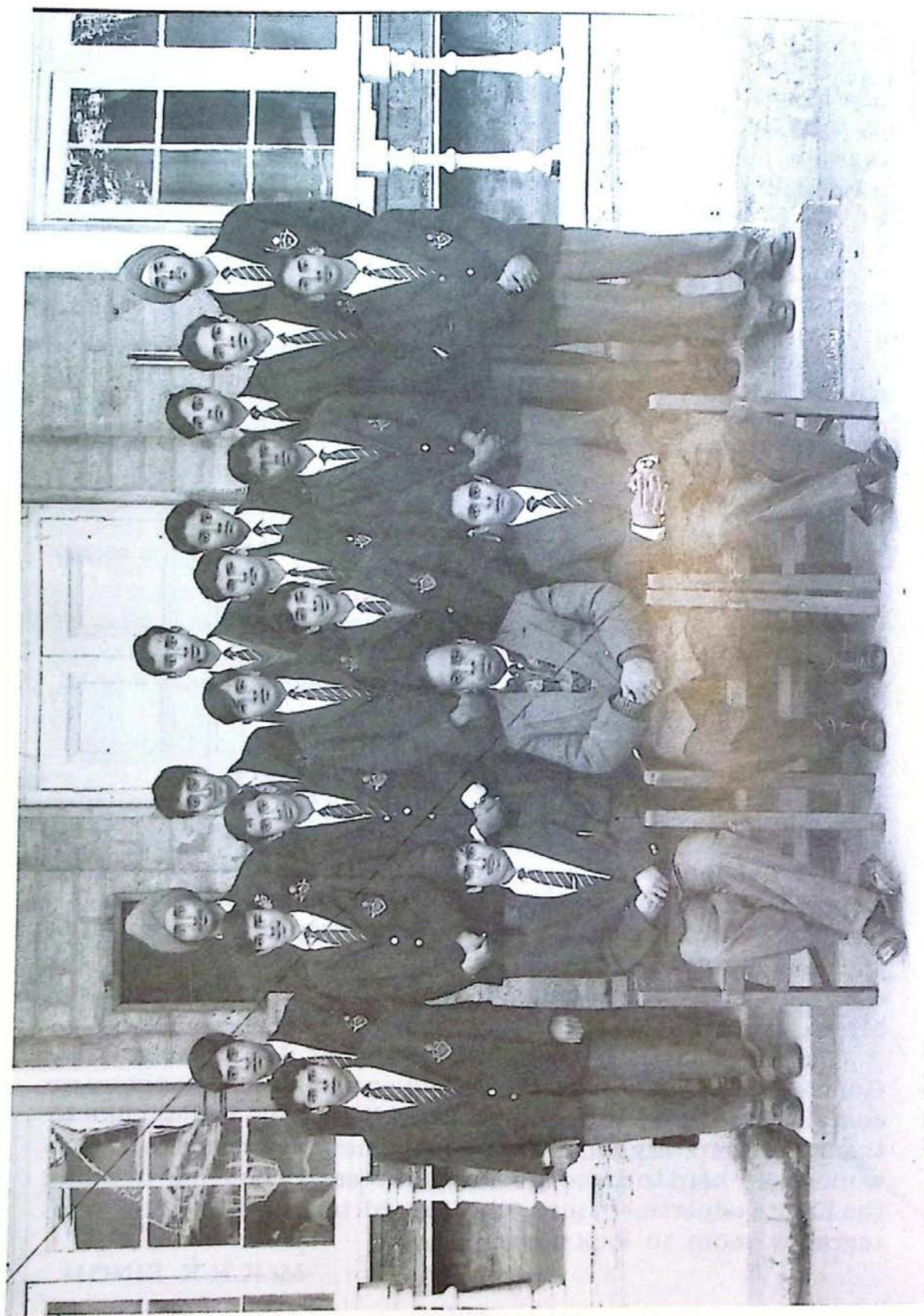
This year, in addition to doing normal(daylight) photography, indoor photography in artificially controlled light and Night photography; exposing, developing printing and enlarging of black and white photographs were also re-introduced after a long gap. The annual photography competition-cum-exhibition, with about 120 photograph entries distributed over twelve sections was put in the Camera Club room from 1st Oct'97 to 3rd Oct'97. It was inaugurated by our Rector Mr. D.A. Howard who also took great interest in judging photographs for the competition.

Some comments in the visitors-book may be of interest to readers.

- 1.Mr. D.A. Howard-Rector-St. Paul's School-Darjeeling. "Well done to all students and Master-in-charge. Another year with a good standard".
- 2.Mr. S. Chakravarthi - Senior Master-St. Paul's School-Darjeeling. "An excellent show as usual! You boys make us proud"!
- 3.Mr. Rajiv Lochan old Paulite - "I am proud to be a Paulite after looking at this exhibition".
- 4.Mr. G. Salmon - France - "Nearly all these photos could be sold for postcards and could make the photographers rich. Great stuff".
- 5.Mr. S.N. Sanyal, Calcutta - "all the photographs are exceptional and comparable to any professional job. Keep it up".
- 6.Mr. Santosh Kumar Mitruka - Siliguri -" Excellent photographs. My good wishes to all the photographers".

The club wishes to thank the Rector, Mr. A. Thackur, Mr. N. Gomes, Mr. Manoj Kumar, Mr. D. Kumar and Mr.G.R.Anthony on consenting to judge the competition. Personally I would like to thank my secretary Raj Kumar and all members of the club who worked very hard to make the show a success. I would like to thank the Estate department also who helped us in getting the photography room to look presentable.

Mr.K.R.K. SINGH



The Science Forum with Mr. U. K. Dwivedi

SCIENCE FORUM REPORT 1997

Yet another year of Atoms and Molecules. This year the limelight was stolen by Ram Prakash Gupta who topped the Science Stream in the ISC Exams. As compared to previous years, this year, the ISC Science results were much better.

This year the forum was at its most active with a very large number of students as members. This year the forum under-took many projects.

In the month of June, our Master-in-Charge, Mr. UK Dwivedi, received a letter from Smt. Maneka Gandhi, who had asked him to invite us to join her organization- "PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS". The response from the boys was very positive.

This year some of the forum boys went on an expedition to Lepcha Jagat.

A video recording was shown to the members on the Public Hearing which was held in Darjeeling in April.

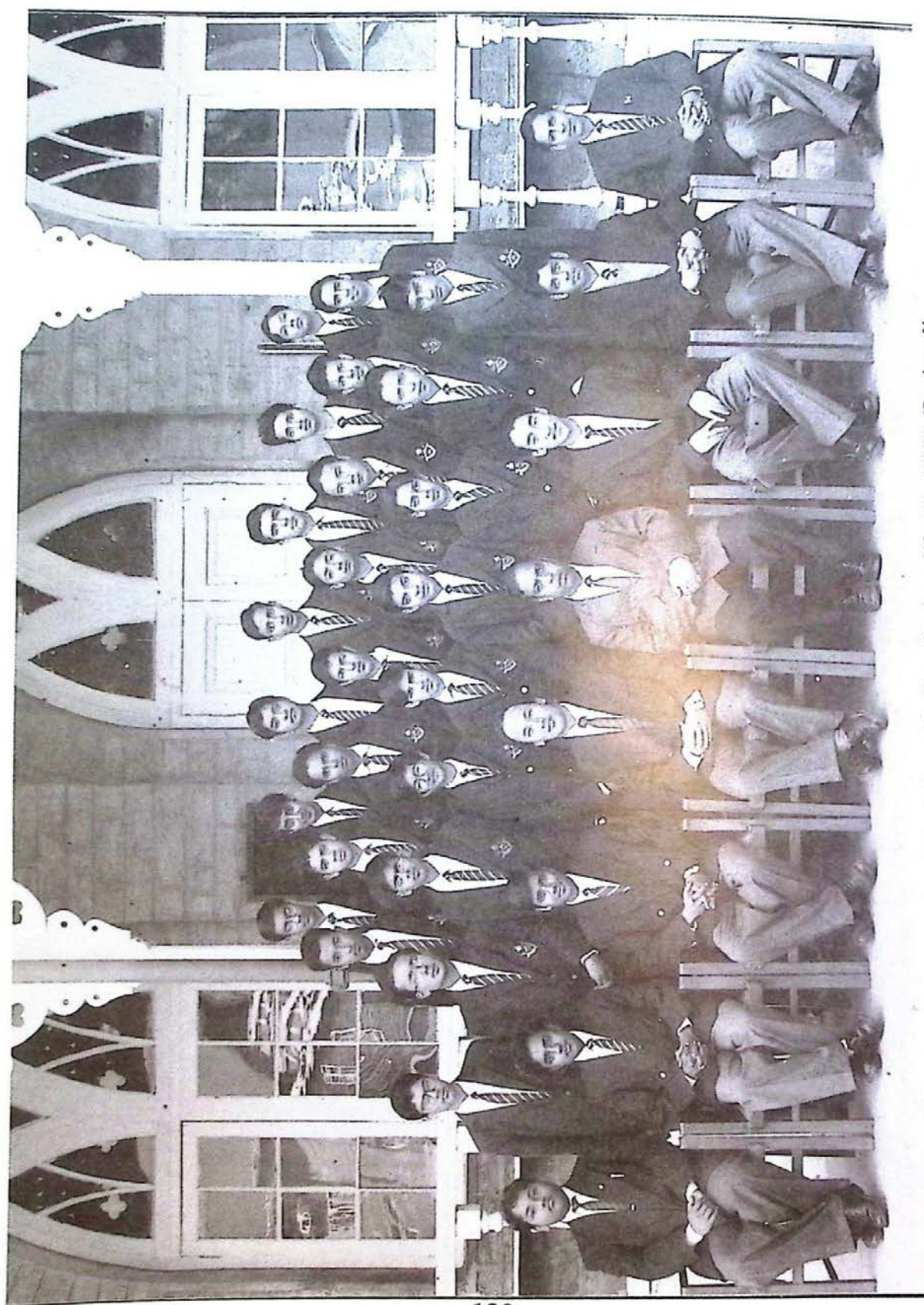
As usual this year also there were various science prize exams held. The Majumdar Science Prize was won by Abhishek Shroff, of Cl. XI. The results of the Kothari Physical Science Prize Exam pleasantly shocked everyone when Yeatin Giri, a Cl. X student grabbed the medal beating all his seniors. The Luv Kumar Ecological Prize was won by Pawan Kabra and finally, Parul Agarwal was announced as the winner of the Robin Banerjee Life Science Prize Exam. My congratulations to all of them!

On 12th November Mr. N.C. Bahuguna an environmentalist and Director of PNH Zoo, Darjeeling, addressed the forum members on "Captivity of Animals in Zoos for Various Reasons".

I would be failing in my duties if I did not thank my Master-in-Charge without whose guidance, the year wouldn't have been a successful one.

I wish good luck to the future Secretary and hope that the Forum grows from strength to strength as the years pass by.
MONITI MELIORA SEQUAMUR

PARUL AGARWAL



The Machine Workshop Enthusiasts with Mr. U.K. Dwivedi

MACHINE WORKSHOP CLUB - 1997

Master-in-Charge:
Mr. UK Dwivedi

Secretary: Tshering Wangel Ghale

The Machine workshop hobby is often regarded as the most demanding hobby in St. Paul's School in terms of skills. The year 1997 was a glorious year for the Machine Workshop Club. The hobby provides not only vocational education to the boys, but also gives them experience in operating a Lathe machine. Members of this hobby included students from classes IX, X, XI and XII. They worked throughout the year with great enthusiasm and hard work. During the course of the year, our progress was hampered by the failure of the machine and its delayed servicing. But soon, all was fine and the work gathered momentum. As a result of the effort made by the boys, we were ready in the nick of time and were able to display our efforts at the Annual Exhibition, which was held in the adjoining classroom owing to lack of space in the workshop. This year, we managed to make various products such as ashtrays, plates, candle-stands and lamp stands which were put on show from the 1st to 4th October.

Tshering Wangel Ghale, the Secretary, was awarded the N.K. Mitra Prize for Club Activities for his hard and consistent work. The members of the Machine Workshop Club convey their heartiest congratulation to him.

On the whole, the Club members are most grateful to Mr. U.K. Dwivedi, Master-in-Charge for the support, guidance and encouragement rendered by him. Thank you, sir.

Tshering Wangel Ghale

THE AUDIO-VISUAL CLUB

Master In charge : Mr. G. Dutta

Secretary: Vishwaman Rai

For many years this Club has been entertaining the students of our School and 1997 was no different. As in the past we were in the forefront either screening a movie on weekends and special occasions like Bengali New Year's Day or Independence Day or by helping in putting up various house concerts and variety programmes.

The overhead Hotline projector has proved to be a boon to the school. Not only are we not dependent on erratic supply of films from distributors in the big cities, but we now have the advantage of screening the latest arrivals in the video cassette market. To add to this the quality of our screening and sound system have also improved by leaps and bounds. As a consequence of such improvements we were able to show some of Hollywood's biggest hits of the year like "Twister", "Independence Day", "Air Force One", "Anaconda", "Dante's Peak" etc. as also some of Bollywood's greatest attractions of the year like "Border" and "Gupt". Incidentally this year we also screened films on the NCC and some educational films on Science.

However, it would be wrong to assume that screening movies is the major part of this club's activities. It is only one part of our multifarious activities. We work silently but efficiently so that often many people take our contribution for granted. Boys in this club are kept busy throughout the year and as in the past 1997 saw us play a crucial role in six house concerts, quiz contests, sportsday and Speech Day, Independence Day and at the Gym Display, not to speak of at the Primary Wing Annual concert which was "Jungle Book" and the major school production which, this year was, Girish Karnad's "Tughlaq".

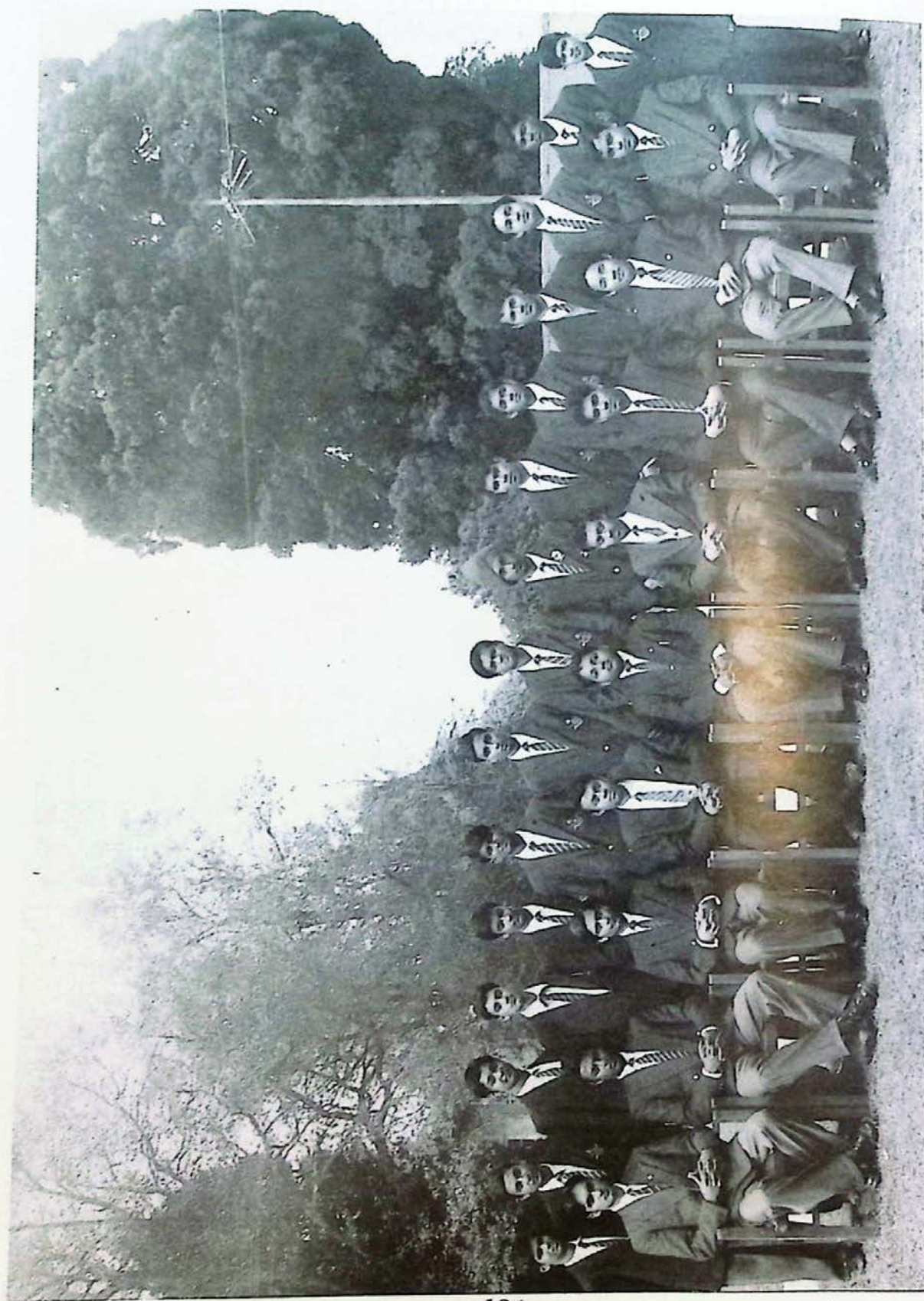
This year several new additions were made to our control room making it more streamlined and efficient. A whole new panel of switches and control systems were introduced and this was, indeed, a great boon not only to members of the Club but also to the school in general.

On looking back at the year just ended one must say it was a tough year, but the members of the club worked selflessly among whom special mention must be made of Arjun Gurung, Yeatin Giri, Mukhiya Gurung, Bibhor Agarwal, Amrit Tibarewala, Vaskar Sharma and Vishwaman Rai. Certainly they enjoyed their

work and their contributions were acknowledged when Vishwaman Rai was awarded the Old Paulite Association's Medal for Social Service. Vishwa proved to be a capable Secretary and under him the club thrived in 1997. Here's looking forward to a greater and more successful year next year!



The Audio-Visual Club with Mr. G. Dutta



The Computer Club with (seated L - R) Mr. A. Banerjee and Mr. S. Das

COMPUTER CLUB REPORT '97

M.I.C.: Mr. S. Das & Mr. A. Banerjee Secretary: T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi

The 'Computer Club' had a very successful 1997. We witnessed the arrival of our two new computer teachers, Mr. Shantanu Das, for the senior wing, and Mr. A. Banerjee, for the junior wing, and we welcomed them into the Paulite family. They took over the reigns from our previous Master-in-charge Mr. Joydeep Chaudhury at the start of this year thus filling in the void left by him. The duo's experience and guidance played an important role behind every member's success in this subject.

The activities this year were smooth and there were many bright occasions to reflect back on with pride. We began the year using the same old 286 processors but the year soon saw the advent of a new printer and eight new Pentium processors, each with its own hard disk and one with multimedia too, in replacement for the old computers. This was a great relief for the boys as they had always been longing for a more upto-date computer system. These new machines made working more fun and brought about more enthusiasm among the boys.

The machine configurations were as follows: CPU: Pentium-100, 16MB RAM, SVGA Monitor, 1.2 GB Hard Disk with one floppy drive and a Mouse. The Multimedia had the above along with a 12X Creative CDROM drive with Sound Blaster-16 configurations.

Following the arrival of the computers was the R.S. PRASAD COMPUTER STUDIES PRIZE EXAMINATION which was bagged by T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi and Keshav Tandon together. Vigorous preparations started for the Exhibition as time was a crucial factor. With the arrival of the new machines we also witnessed the arrival of a lot of new members for the 'Computer Club'. More than a hundred boys gave in their names for the club but only a few were chosen as we could not accommodate such a huge number. These lucky few worked hard and the fruits of their work were seen in the "ANNUAL COMPUTER CLUB EXHIBITION '97".

As we now approach the end of another year it would be selfish of me not to thank the members of the Computer Club. And on behalf of every member I would like to extend my gratitude to Mr. Shantanu Das and Mr. A. Banerjee for their constant help and guidance throughout the year. As they say "Rome wasn't built in a day", it may take sometime but I am confident that this club will, in due course touch new horizons.

Thank you one and all.

T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi.



The Edinburgh Cricket Team with (seated L - R) Mr. A. Dennis, Mr. M. Dutta, Mr. A. Alva and Mr. T. Sullivan

CRICKET

Master-in-charge: Mr. Michael Dutta

Captain: Partho Sha

The opening of the term heralds the commencement of yet another Cricket season and with so many enthusiasts of the great game among the staff and boys, one can hardly doubt that this is probably the most popular season in the sporting calendar of St. Paul's School. This game has always had a special corner in every Paulite's heart. A gentleman's game for gentlemen, I suppose. It is played in St. Paul's with characteristic endeavour, grit and spirit the immediate consequence of which is quality, a standard above the rest - better than the rest.

The season began with the appointment of Mr. M. Dutta as our Master-in-charge. The absence of our former coach from Calcutta, Mr. A.K. Banerjee, seemed rather ominous to the team. Nevertheless, we did our best in the circumstances. Partho Sha was handed the responsibility of captaincy.

Once again, as in so many past years, we had a glorious cricket season; that disconcerting element, the unpredictable weather also looked upon us with a benevolent eye, and the cricket season was not marred by those harrowing March winds which can prove to be the ruin of a good day's cricket.

The inaugural match for this year was, as usual, the "Staff Vs Students" match. The result was unexpected; the staff emerged victorious. Then the much awaited match against the Old Paulites was a bag of mixed emotions and mixed reactions. In a nutshell it was an impeccable example of "Learning from Experience" for us. The match was a disaster for the school team.

The individual report of few players of this year's school team are as follows:-

- 1) Sudeep Sanyal: Sudeep, the holder of minor colours in this game had played in the school team last year for the first time. Though he was the back bone of the team, we had expected much more from him this year. His batting was technically immaculate and batting with a great sense of responsibility scored 206 runs and captured 6 wicket during the cricket season.
- 2) Kunal Khilani: Kunal was a key member of the team. He batted very cautiously and steadied the innings on several occasions. He loved to drive anything overpitched through the covers. He is a batsman who is never satisfied with his performance. He was an excellent fielder and it was next to impossible to get the

ball past him. He scored 137 runs. A fierce competitor indeed.

3) Jyoti Prakash: Jyoti was swinging in search of form at the beginning of the season. He was selected for his penetrating bowling and proved to be the most successful bowler of the team by capturing 10 wkts. A promising player.

4) Baban Das: Baban has a rare combination of pace and swing. His hidden bowling abilities were given a chance to bloom. He has the sting of a scorpion but lacks the uncanny brains of a shrewd cricketer. He savored 7 wkts. A fighter to the end.

5) Dibyaduti Ghosh: He was included in the team as a batsman and as a bowler. With his defensive style of batting he scored 112 runs and savoured 9 wkts. He made his debut this year and was quite successful with the bat as well as the ball. A gifted player.

6) Deepak Agarwal: In spite of the fact that Deepak was not cent percent physically fit, he went on to bowl marvelously this season. He is a player of very fine calibre and claimed 8 wkts. A ray of hope!

7) Kaushik Sha: His elegant strokes, effortless pulls, shrewd bowling and alert fielding show signs of a good player. He was awarded the O.P.A. Trophy for the Best Cricketer of the year 1997, but he should forsake his pride and take the game seriously. Unfortunately, he was unable to play this year in the Edinburgh Matches due to fitness problems.

SPECIAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR 1997

1) O.P.A. Trophy for Best Cricketer of 1997 - Kaushik Sha

2) Jack Warren Medal for best performance in Cricket - B. Das

3) Minor Colours for the year 1997 in Cricket - Partho Sha

MATCHES PLAYED THIS SEASON

St. Paul's played its first match against Mount Hermon, the first eleven played on our ground where as the second eleven played on their ground. Both our teams emerged victorious.

The most awaited match against the Dr. Graham's Homes was played on the 1st of May. The 2nd XI team played on home ground where as the 1st XI played away. In the case of the former, the visitors were given a crushing defeat where as in the case of the latter, we lost in a very close match. The scores of both the elevens were as follows:-

<u>2nd XI: DGH</u>	-	85 all out
J. Prakash	-	3/12
B. Das	-	3/14
D. Agarwal	-	2/15

S.P.S.	-	88/1
D. Ghosh	-	33
<u>1st XI: DGH</u>	-	168 all out
R. Pandey	-	3/18
A. Agarwal	-	2/14
SPS	-	145 all out
S. Sanyal	-	26
P.M. Thackur	-	26

The Edinburgh Match followed this. The last of the Inter-School Matches was played against Mount Hermon. The 2nd XI played on the St. Paul's ground where as the 1st XI played away. In both matches we were the ultimate winners, the scores were:

<u>2nd XI: SPS</u> - 168 all out	<u>1st XI: MHS</u> - 157/9
A. Ghosh - 64	D. Ghosh - 3/33
MHS - 104 all out	P. Sha - 2/25
S. Sen - 3/21	SPS - 158/9
A. Ghosh - 2/8	K. Khilani - 40

PERFORMANCE CHART OF CRICKETERS - 1997

The following players played in at least 3 calendared matches in either 1st XI, 2nd XI or the Edinburgh Tournament:

Batting:

S.No	Name	Balls Played	Runs	Rate
1	Partho Shah	78	81	1.04
2	Kunal Khilani	137	92	.67
3	Sudeep Sanyal	99	84	.84
4	Baban Das	29	26	.90
5	Dibyadyati Ghosh	109	112	1.03
6	Jyoti Prakash	29	19	.66
7	Deepak Agarwal	11	8	.73
8	Ashish Gupta	94	58	.62

Bowling:

S.No.	Name	Overs	Runs Given	Wkts.
1	Partho Shah (Cap.)	11	44	2
2	Jyoti Prakash	26.1	111	10
3	Baban Das	28.3	120	7
4	Dibyadyati Ghosh	31	128	9
5	Sudeep Sanyal	13	84	3
6	Deepak Agarwal	27	126	8

THE EDINBURGH HIGHLIGHTS

The first Edinburgh match this year was played on 7th of May. In this match we played the spirited Hermonites but it was a day of despair. Although our team performed very well we lost. Our team comprised of four teachers. viz., Mr. M. Dutta (MIC), Mr. A. Alva, Mr. A. Dennis and Mr. T. Sullivan. The Hermonites were already one point ahead and this victory enabled them to win the Edinburgh Shield. Once the Hermonites had got the shield, the match between St. Paul's and North Point was of no consequence and thus wasn't played. The MH -SPS scores were as follows:

SPS	-	204 all out
PSha	-	54
Mr. A. Dennis	-	45
MHS	-	205/7

Before concluding I would like to thank the team members who performed to their utmost. All the Best for the coming years.

Partho Sha
(Captain 97)

BADMINTON REPORT 1997

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Dilip Kumar

Captain: Partho Sha

The word 'Badminton' brought new meaning into the lives of Paulites this year and the old courts came to life budding with activity. The season began amidst great anticipation, determination and enthusiasm among all the boys of the school. The strain of vigorous practices of the boys was undertaken by Mr. D.Kumar, Mr. BB Tamang and myself. The season for this sport began immediately after the June break. In spite of the number of activities demanding much attention from the boys, they braved the early morning cold and found time in the afternoons to practice.

Though the Under X players participated in the inter-School Badminton fixtures and Carnival we were not successful; but the names of Sarwar Hassan and Baban Das have to be mentioned for the tough fight they put up.

This year the Badminton Cup, at the Inter-House level, was once again lifted by the Lawrencians. The team comprised Partho Sha, Kunal Khilani and Raza Ali.

As, in the previous year the various schools of Darjeeling having the Plus two section, arranged for as many Badminton fixtures as possible, amongst themselves. Therefore, we had a couple of fixtures against North Point. We won one while we lost the other. Due to certain unavoidable circumstances, the singles matches could not take place but two doubles matches were played on our court. The teams were : 1) Kunal Khilani and Partho Sha. 2) Raza Ali and P.M. Thackur. The former were successful. Although the latter lost, they did not do so tamely.

Before concluding, I must say I would like to see many more teachers and boys make their way to the courts, to a game which has its own charm. I would also like to express my sincerest thanks to Mr. D. Kumar, MIC, who helped to coach and encourage the boys and to Mr. BB Tamang and his son for their cooperation and interest in the game, and last but not the least for the ceaseless inspiration we get from them.

I hope and wish for the best for this great game in the years to come.

MONITI MELIORA SEQUAMUR

Partho Sha
Sixth Form '97



The Eton Fives Team with Mr. A. K. Dash

ETON FIVES REPORT – 1997

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

Captain: Partho Mukherjee

Interest in Eton Fives remains sporadic. Unlike other years, when boys used to be found in the courts during the Monsoons only, this year the boys started practicing from the very beginning of the year. Later the keenly contested final match between Partho Mukherjee Gautam Agarwal and TIM Nabi, Ashish Gupta showed that the standard is still high.

The year started with the seeding tournaments. This year the junior and senior sections were played together. The results:

Winner : Partho Mukherjee, Gautam Agarwal

Runners up : TIM Nabi, Ashish Gupta

But I should acknowledge the fact that Ashish Gupta and T.I.M. Nabi played a brilliant game in the finals.

The house matches were played quite late this year as the boys wanted more practice sessions. The results:

<u>Under 10</u>		<u>Plus 2 (Opens)</u>	
Lawrence	1 st	Havelock	1 st
Clive	2 nd	Lawrence	2 nd
Havelock	3 rd	Clive	3 rd
Hastings	4 th	Hastings	4 th
<u>Overall</u>			
Lawrence	1 st		
Havelock	2 nd		
Clive	3 rd		
Hastings	4 th		

Some of the promising players were Nasim Khan, Bineet Agarwal, Haider Khorakiwala, Baban Das and Sachin Pradhan.

I would like to thank Mr. Devendra Kumar for playing with the boys and giving necessary tips to them. I would also like to thank TIM Nabi, Ashish Gupta and Nasim Khan in helping me to conduct the house matches and tournaments. Last but not the least I would like to thank Mr. Dash for his cooperation and help without which it would have been an unsuccessful year.

Partho Mukherjee
(Captain)



The T. T. Team with Mr. J. singh



Jumping further : School Sports

TABLE TENNIS

M.I.C. : Mr. J. Singh

Captain : Sudip Sanyal

Table Tennis has to be one of the most popular sports anywhere in the world, and it is not any way different in St. Paul's. Lots of boys play this popular sport but it is sad that only a few can be selected to represent the school.

The Table Tennis team started practising in real earnest after the June break. As the more skilful and talented got sifted from the rest, the following boys were selected to represent the school:-

A Singles	:	Limongo Ezung
B Singles	:	Uddeshya Raj Sharma
C Singles	:	Surojit Gogoi
D Singles	:	Omsfree Narasingha

Junior Doubles: Kunal Choudhury and Vikash Atal

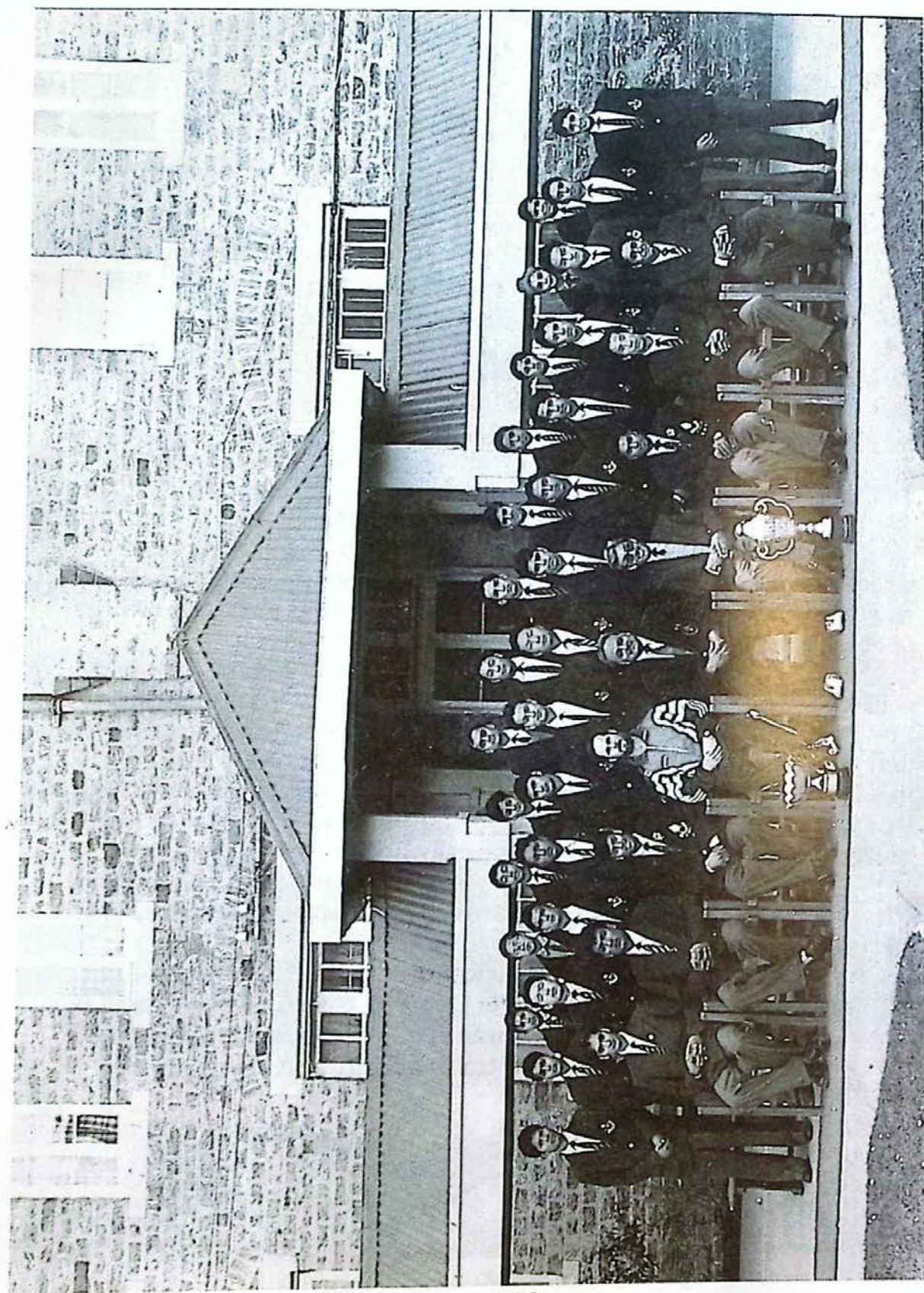
Senior Doubles: Deepak Agarwal and Dibyadyuti Ghosh.

There were various fixtures against St. Joseph's School in which our boys fared reasonably well even though we did not always end up on the winners' podium. However, these matches were useful for honing our skills and measuring our standards.

After some more intensive coaching and practice sessions we left for the Inter-School T.T. Carnival which was hosted by Dr. Graham's Homes, Kalimpong. The exposure was an eye-opener and our paddlers did reasonably well to finish a creditable fourth in a field of ten schools. Much of the credit for this must surely go to Kunal Choudhuri and Uddeshya Raj Sharma who put in some impressive performances. They were awarded House colours.

The House matches were played with much gusto and at the end of the season Havelock proved their superiority over the others to win the T.T. Cup.

At this point one must acknowledge and appreciate the wonderful effort put in by the T.T. Captain, Sudip Sanyal and by Raza Ali who supervised all the practice sessions, gave invaluable tips to the boys and encouraged them all through the year.



The Inter-School Athletics Team with (seated L - R) Mr. A. Alva, Mr. J. Singh and Mr. B. B. Tamang

ATHLETICS REPORT

MIC: Mr. BB Tamang
Mr. J. Singh

Captain: Rishikesh Jaiswal

This year can certainly be called one of the "Golden Years" in school Athletics. Retrospectively, this year was an extremely fruitful one for Athletics and was worth the immense practice that the boys were given.

The sports day was a bright, sunny day. Mr. AK Maliwal, IPS, Suptd. of Police, Darjeeling did us the honour of being our Chief Guest. The Mascot for this year was Ralph Smart. This year the Athletics was of a very high standard and a total of seven records were broken. The whole event ran off very smoothly and all the masters who worked in front and behind the scenes need very special credit.

After the Puja break the practice sessions began once again. The meet was only ten days away and the boys were given intensive practice by the MIC and the Captain. This year the meet was zonal, therefore, there was not much competition. It was a two day affair and our school held both the Jnr. Division i.e. CD and E on the first day and the senior division i.e. Opens, A & B on the 2nd day. The boys in the junior division did well and Majudul Islam needs special commendation on his excellent performance. In the senior division we did very well. In the Open Division we swept each and every event, winning the Open Division championship trophy. In the A division we did well and also won the A division championship trophy. Some of the outstanding Athletes were Rishikesh Jaiswal, Raj Kumar Yadav, Navtej Singh, Vaskar Sharma, Partho Sha, Kunal Arora and Jyoti Prakash. In the Open Division Raj Kumar Yadav broke the 100 mts record with a timing of 11.54 sec.

Inter-School results as applicable to St. Paul's were as follows:

Open Div.	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Time/Dis
100m	Raj Kumar	-	-	11.54 Sec NR
200m	Raj Kumar			24.61 sec
400m	Raj Kumar			55.88 sec
800m	Navtej Singh			2.17 min
1500m	-	Navtej Singh		
110m		Rishikesh Jaiswal		
Broad Jump			Rishikesh Jaiswal	

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Time/Dis
High Jump	Rishikesh Jaiswal -		-	1.71mts
Triple Jump	Vaskar Sharma -		-	
Pole Vault	-	Rishikesh Jaiswal-		
Shot put	-		Partho Sha	
Discus	Partho Sha -		-	24.27mts
Javelin	Karma Thinley			40.6 mts
4x200	St. Paul's School			1.44.37min
<u>A Div.</u>				
100m	Jyoti Prakash -		-	11.56sec
200m	Jyoti Prakash -		-	24.25 sec
400m	Jyoti Prakash -		-	55.89 sec
800m	Varun Agarwal -		-	2.24 min
110m	Kunal Arora -		-	18.98sec
Broad Jump	Kunal Arora -		-	5.19mts
High Jump	-		Kunal Arora	
Triple Jump	Kunal Arora -		-	11.50mts
Pole Vault	Topgay Dorjee -		-	2.11mts
Discuss	-	Eric Manandhar -		
Javelin	-		Tenzing Kutsapa	
4x100	St. Paul's School -		-	49.8sec
<u>B. Div</u>				
Broad Jump	-		Sabin Tuladhar	
High Jump	-	Robin Panday -		
Triple Jump	-	Robin Panday -		
100m	-		Gautam Shaw	
<u>C. Division</u>				
100m	Mazidul Islam -			12.8sec
300m	Mazidul Islam -			27.6sec
800m	Nischal Singh -			2.36.91min
Broad Jump	-	Mazidul Islam		4.91mts
High Jump	Satyabrata Sen			1.40mts
4x100	St. Paul's School			55.12sec
<u>D. Div</u>				
100m	Avijit Tuladhar			13.40sec
200m	-	Vishal Agarwal -		
400m	-	Santosh Singh -		
Broad Jump			Santosh Singh	
High Jump	Md. Parvez Khan -		-	4.3ft
4x100	St. Paul's School			57.6sec

	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Time/Dis.
<u>E. Div</u>				
100m	-	PS Jolly	-	
200m	-	PS Jolly		
400m	-	-	PS Jolly	
High Jump	-	PS Jolly	-	
4x100	St. Paul's School			1.03min

The long but exciting season thus came to an end. The boys had worked hard, in fact, very hard, throughout the season and were duly rewarded. One hopes the coming years would be as fruitful as this one for the budding Athletes and produce more stars. Success and joy are wished for the budding Athletes. This year school colours were awarded after an interval of 3 years and it has been a great achievement for those Athletes.

House Colours : 1. Vaskar Sharma
2. Kunal Arora
3. Jyoti Prakash

School Colours : 1. Rishikesh Jaiswal
2. Raj Kr. Yadav

MONITI MELIORA SEQUAMUR

Rishikesh Jaiswal



The School Hockey Team with (standing L - R) Mr. A. Alva and Mr. J. Singh

HOCKEY

M.I.C. Mr. Jagjit Singh

Captain - Navtej Singh.

Hockey is the only major game played in the duration between the pujas and the winter break. Thus, as in the years gone by, the boys turned up for hockey games in large numbers-if not to exhibit their skills, then only to keep themselves warm in the November chill.

Even as the inter-House leagues were played, a six-a-side tournament was underway simultaneously. An exciting feature of this tournament was that several teachers also joined the fray. Eight teams fought every point in the Round Robin Leagues and the contest was not only close, but intense. "The Mavericks" led by Ritesh Pandey dazzled their way through the first few matches to lead the pack, and with every succeeding match they confirmed their position on the top. At the end of the tournament, they were justifiable winners of a delicious cake. Other than Pandey, the team comprised Rajiv Pradhan, Mr. Adam Brown, Prashant Anchalia, Robin Goel and Ankur Gupta.

A major event during this Hockey season was the revival of an inter-school fixture. Over the years the short post-Puja season had virtually killed hockey in other schools. In an effort to revive this glorious sport in the schools, we offered to play St. Joseph's School on our field. They came with a bunch of talented lads, most of whom belonged to the junior classes, and put up a spirited show. Nonetheless our team proved to be sporting winners.

The House matches were played with great vigour and enthusiasm. Some of the matches were extremely close and provided very interesting finishes. In the end Clive 'stole' the cup from Lawrence's grasp, even though the latter were virtual pre-season favourites.

And so as Clive House celebrated their victory and Lawrence regretted what might have been, an active sports calendar came to a close. I would like, at this point, to record my thanks to Navtej and Ritesh for not only helping me to co-ordinate all the hockey matches; but also for showing to the School what a wonderfully skilful game hockey is. Well done, boys!



The Basketball Team with Mr. J. Singh

BASKETBALL

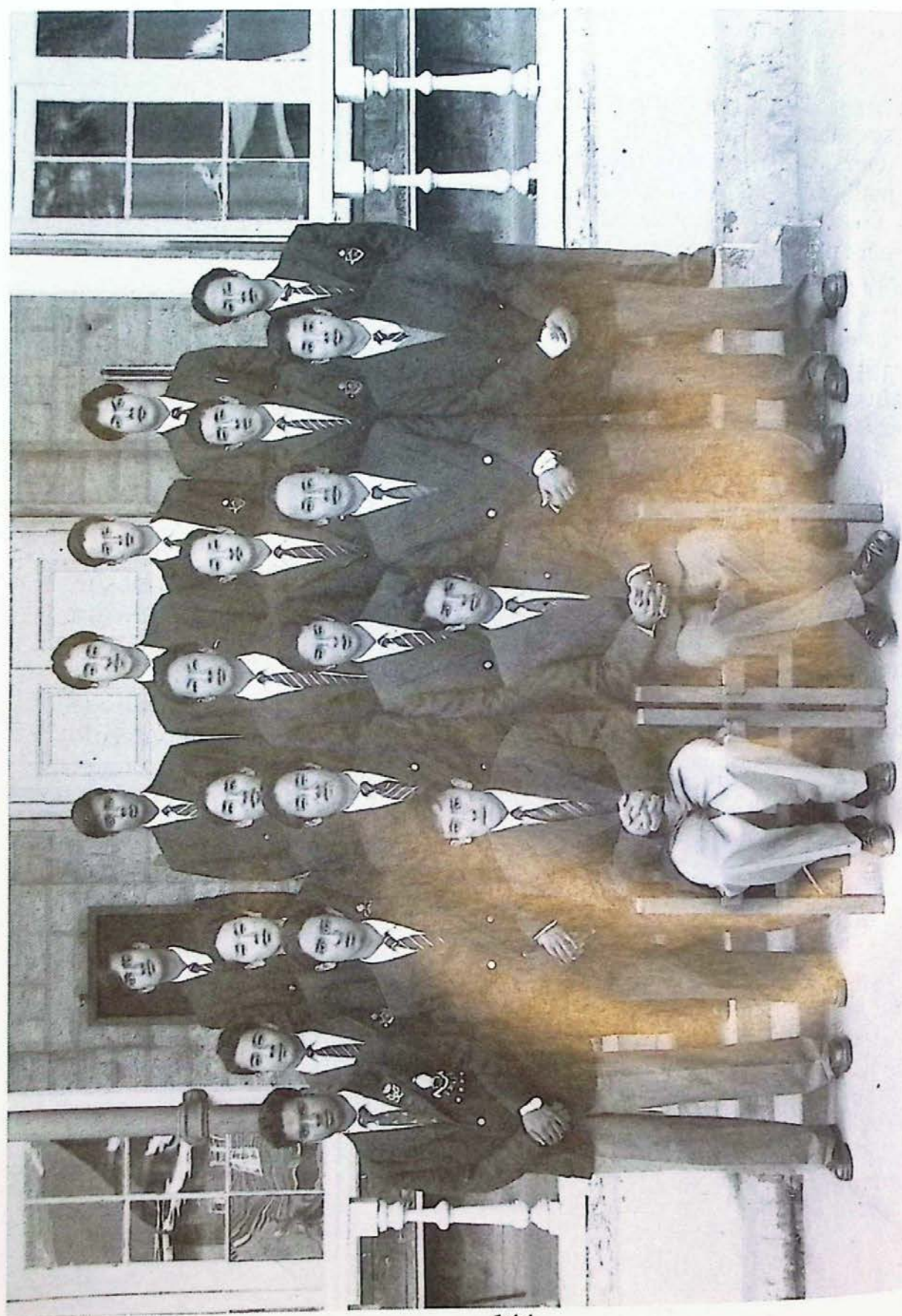
The year gone by saw a remarkable improvement in the standard of Basketball at St Paul's. Thanks to the improved standards, we were able to play more matches this year than is normally allocated to us.

This year there were three Under-X matches, two of these were played against St. Joseph's and one against Mt. Hermon. Admittedly these schools have always prevailed over us in the recent past and they continued to hold sway over us this year also. That we lost was not very disheartening, but what was positively a gain was our improved abilities and closer match-end scores. Md. Hussain and Kunal Arora put in some sterling performances which enabled the others to put in good effort, too.

The Under X Basketball Carnival was hosted by Mt. Hermon where our best efforts were not good enough to see us through the preliminary rounds.

Our 'Opens Team' put in some creditable performance against other teams. There were some very promising talents in the form of Md. Hussain, Kunal Arora, Roden Sherpa, Tshering Ghale and Raedee Khan. Here's hoping that future teams will build on the foundations of 1997.

Finally, a word of sincere gratefulness to Mr. J. Singh whose constant encouragement and words of advice played no mean role in the year's successes.



The Football Team with Mr. S. D. Lama

FOOTBALL REPORT

Maintaining tradition, the football season began with a match between the boys and the staff. It was a keenly contested match but again, not breaking with tradition, the boys emerged victorious.

This year two school fixtures were held against Mt. Hermon and St. Joseph's school in which we fared well. Along with these fixtures the school team also played with D.G.H and the Planters. We lost with D.G.H. after putting up a tough with a score of 2 - 3 but were easy victors against the Planters.

The restricted team (Class X and under) lost against St. Joseph's (0-2) in the Zonal Semi-finals of the Fr. Coffey Memorial Cup.

The House matches were a fitting climax to the football season. In the Junior wing, Anderson House were victorious while in the senior school Clive emerged winners of the football shield. This year House colours were awarded to Karma Thinley and Sabin Tulachan.

MR. S. D. LAMA

SQUASH REPORT '97

Master-in-charge: Mr. A.K. Dash Captain: T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi

The year began with a lot of enthusiasm within the boys. The court was occupied from the very beginning. A number of tournaments were held during the year. Two seeding tournaments were held in Senior Wing and one in Junior Wing. The results of the Senior Wing seedings, however, remained unchanged. The winner was T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi and runner-up was Sudip Sanyal. In the Junior Wing the winner was Dibendu Shah and runner-up Pragyan Pradhan.

The house matches were held in September and October. The Senior wing Inter-House Squash Cup was easily swept by Havelock followed by Clive, Lawrence and Hastings respectively. In the Junior Wing Anderson won the house matches followed by Cable, Betten and Westcott.

The Opens Tournament was held in November. This year we had around 16 participants including one from the Junior Wing, Pragyan Pradhan. I must congratulate him for his courage with which he faced his tough opponents from the Senior wing. The final ranking for the year was as follows:

1. T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi
2. Keshav Tandan
3. Sudip Sanyal
4. Haider Khorakiwala
5. Haider Zafar
6. Robin Goel
7. Siddharth Rajbhandari
8. Sumit Periwal.

In the +2 tournament, which was also held in November, the winner was T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi and the runner-up was Sudip Sanyal.

There is a lot of potential among the boys from classes 8 and 9. I hope they carry on with the game.

This year we played with some visitors-Mr. B. Khanna and Mr. Saurav Khemani from the Gymkhana Club Darjeeling. It was a nice experience playing with them. T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi and Ritesh Pandey played against them and we were victorious. I hope in future our boys will get an opportunity to participate in the annual squash tournament hosted by Gymkhana Club Darjeeling. We received an invitation to participate in the Indian Public School's annual squash tournament at Delhi, but unfortunately it

was not possible as the schedule coincided with our school play in which all the possible three participants were involved.

We had some problems during the monsoon because of the leakage in the front half of the court; it was repaired within a fortnight and the year ended successfully. Omar Haider Ali qualified for bronze and T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi qualified for gold level for their DEAS awards respectively.

I would like to congratulate Saket Khaitan, an Old Paulite for his victory in the Opens Squash Tournament held at Calcutta. Finally I would like to thank Mr. A.K. Dash for his constant help and support without which it would have been impossible for me to end the year with success.

T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi.



The Squash Team with Mr. A. K. Dash

MARATHON

The Marathon season is a peculiar season - it is regarded as the most-hated season and yet, it is considered a real 'fun' season which allows the boys to go out of school bounds without an exeat legally and even more importantly allows them to run and 'freak out' in the rain! Crammed between cricket and football, broken in its continuity by the NCC Parade drills the Marathon Season is definitely a strenuous season in some ways, but if one saw the boys on the Final Race day one would hardly think that the boys didn't enjoy it.

The second half of August was devoted entirely to practice sessions on the 8km course. Altogether around ten practice runs were conducted under the watchful eyes of Mr. J. Singh, Mr. A. Alva, Mr. G. Bhattacharya and a host of other Masters and Mistresses.

The Finals were run off on the 1st of September under uncertain weather conditions. No sooner had some runners complained of the bright sun, the weather changed dramatically and everything was swept under a blanket of fog which lifted as soon as the first race began. A gentle drizzle brought down the temperatures to the right levels by the time the older boys' turn came to run.

The races were run in earnest and the following were the top three in the various divisions:-

Primary Wing:-	1st : Pawandeep Singh Jolly (Hl)
	2nd : Abhishek Rai (We)
	3rd : Shahil Karki (Ev)
A Div:	1st : Anunay Gupta (An)
	2nd : Anmol Basnet (Be)
	3rd : Roshan Regmi (Be)
Intermediate Div:	1st : Arindam Ghosh (Be)
	2nd : Sabin Tuladhar (Be)
	3rd : Sandeep Tuladhar (Lw)
Senior Div:	1st : Sersang Tenzing (We)
	2nd : F.S. Mondal (Lw)
	3rd : Eric Manandhar (An)

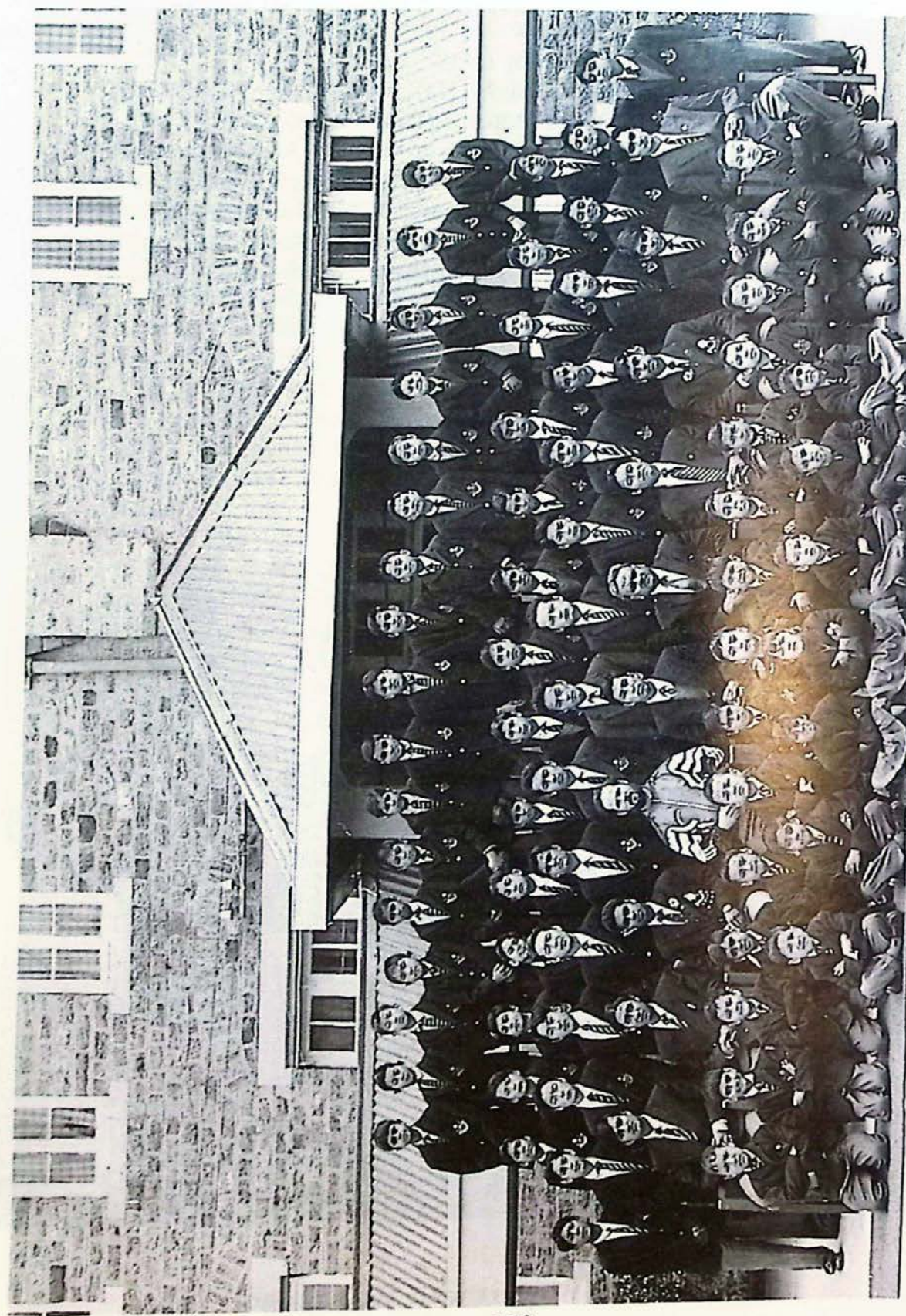
Open Div:

- 1st : Raj Kumar (Hs)
- 2nd : Navtej Singh (Hs)
- 3rd : Keshav Tandan (Cl).

The competition in the Senior and Open Divisions was close - indeed, much too close for comfort; but in the end, the best man on that day went on to win. It was a good effort all around - the boys, masters, mistresses and also the groundsmen. To all of them is owed a profound thank you!



The Marathon Winners with Mr. J. Singh



The Gym Team with (seated L - R) Mr. A. Alva and Mr. J. Singh

GYM REPORT 1997

Master-in-charge: Mr. J. Singh

Captain: Rajeev Pradhan

The practices started early this year under the able guidance of Mr. J. Singh and the Gym. Captain, Rajeev Pradhan. There were many new entries from the Pry. Wing this year and it was difficult training the boys of the three Wings together.

The exercises on the parallel bars turned out to be better than in the recent past. The mat work was impressive because of the combination of the juniors and primary wing boys. There were new entries in the chair exercises namely Sabin Tulachan, Ashis Pradhan, Gautam Agarwal and Sabin Tuladhar. The exercises were carried out with great skill. The vaulting exercises were appreciated by one and all-specially the dive through the fire. This year the log team also had a few new exercises. The log team comprised sixth formers who are not in the Gym team. The members of the log team were T.Ghale, Shewetark Singh, Amir Lal Shresta, Haider Khorakiwalla, Keshav Tandan, Sachin Gupta, Sudeep Sanyal and Mandeep Garg. Here in St. Paul's we do not cut trees so we have been using the log used by the boys of a past generation.

The first show of the gym display was held at the Gymkhana Club before the June break. We usually have one display a year; but since 1997 was the 50th Year of our Independence our boys performed on the 15th August in front of a large gathering of parents, well-wishers, guests and boys, and earned rich accolades.

Since next year is the 175th Anniversary of our school, I hope the standard of the gymnasts continues to rise. I would like to wish the budding gymnasts all the best in the forth coming years.

Rajeev Pradhan

VOLLEYBALL REPORT 1997

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

Captain:
Sabin Tulachan, Cl. XII.

The beginning of the 1997 academic year saw the advent of the volleyball season accompanied by the basketball and cricket seasons. This year, as before, the boys were ever enthusiastic in participating and leading their house teams and school to victory.

The chilly mornings and dull cold afternoons were no barriers to the enthusiasm of our boys. Getting up early in the mornings at 5 a.m and practicing at the Volleyball court was a daily routine. Totally ignoring the cold and the other discomforts was a fact that cannot, by any means, be ignored.

It was sad that the "plus two" had only one inter-school fixture in the whole season, against North Point. We did very well in that match but lost marginally by two sets to three. We also played several matches with the Estate team and won all of them.

Our under ten team under the captaincy of Mukhiya Gurung also performed commendably. The house matches also moved on smoothly and Lawrence clinched the title.

Sabin Tulachan
Cl. XII
Volleyball Captain

TENNIS REPORT

Master-in-charge
Mr. D. Bagchi

Captain
Gaurav Sobti

Tennis is a very popular game among the youth of today. In spite of drawbacks like bad courts, torn nets and no screens, tennis continues to be immensely popular. Even big disturbances, like the Darjeeling winds, which are capable of blowing a ball off course, were unable to discourage the players continuing to play in a couple of tennis courts once reputed to be the highest in the world.

Tennis this year was off to an early start in April when everyone had come back. For the first month the boys practised amongst themselves to get back into form.

The Inter-House matches were played in May. Clive lifted the Singles as well as the Doubles Cup. Because of monsoons, no play was possible between July and September. In October, boys ran up to play whether early in the morning or during the late afternoon.

Results of the October tournaments in Singles and Doubles were:-

Singles

Doubles

Winner :

Gaurav Sobti

Gaurav Sobti & Rajeev Pradhan

Runners Up:

Rajeev Pradhan

Sudip Sanyal & Keshav Tandan

In the end, I would like to thank Mr. D. Bagchi for his words of encouragement and his invaluable guidance throughout the year.

Gaurav Sobti

INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (INDIA)-1997 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS D.E.A.S.)

As always, this year too, the various activities under the DEAS began with great excitement and enthusiasm among the boys. Right from the beginning of the the year spirit of 'we'll do it this time' was looming large among the hopeful aspirants. Towards the beginning of the First Term the Master-in-charge, Mr. Sunirmal Chakravarthi, left for Sweden on an Exchange Programme, for two months. The undersigned took over charge during his absence. A busy and interesting schedule for two months ended very fast. One fine morning Mr. Chakravarthi was back in school. Within a week of his arrival he had been appointed as Senior Master in the school, with more responsibility. The little opportunity of involvement in various activities during these two months drew much of my fascination and, in a way, revived the need for such involvement with the students, which a school like St. Paul's demands. DEAS proved to be one such avenue to attain this goal. Now giving it up was the last thing I wanted to do. My sincere thanks are due to Mr. Chakravarthi who found me capable of running the programme and made me the master-in-charge. Indeed, a big challenge lay ahead!!

From this year the name of the Award Scheme has been changed from DEAS to International Award for Young People, India. Our school falls under the jurisdiction of the East Zone Award Authority with its office in Calcutta. We are thankful to the Chairperson Ms. Neena Singh for granting us the status of Independent Award Authority to decide our awards and for permitting us to run the scheme on our own.

The Programme encompasses various activities for different levels of the Award Scheme. Qualifying criteria and standards for physical recreation, skills, service, and expedition were published and the boys briefed in the beginning of the year. Boys then chose the activities they were interested in. Preparatory classes were taken where lectures were delivered to enlighten the boys about the aims, objectives, norms, camping rules, methods, precautions and maintenance of the Log-book as required by the programme. The performance of the boys was closely monitored and assessed by the instructors of different activities. On the whole it is the outcome of team work which enables the Programme to be carried on successfully year after year.

The year began with 98 boys aspiring for Bronze, 21 Silver

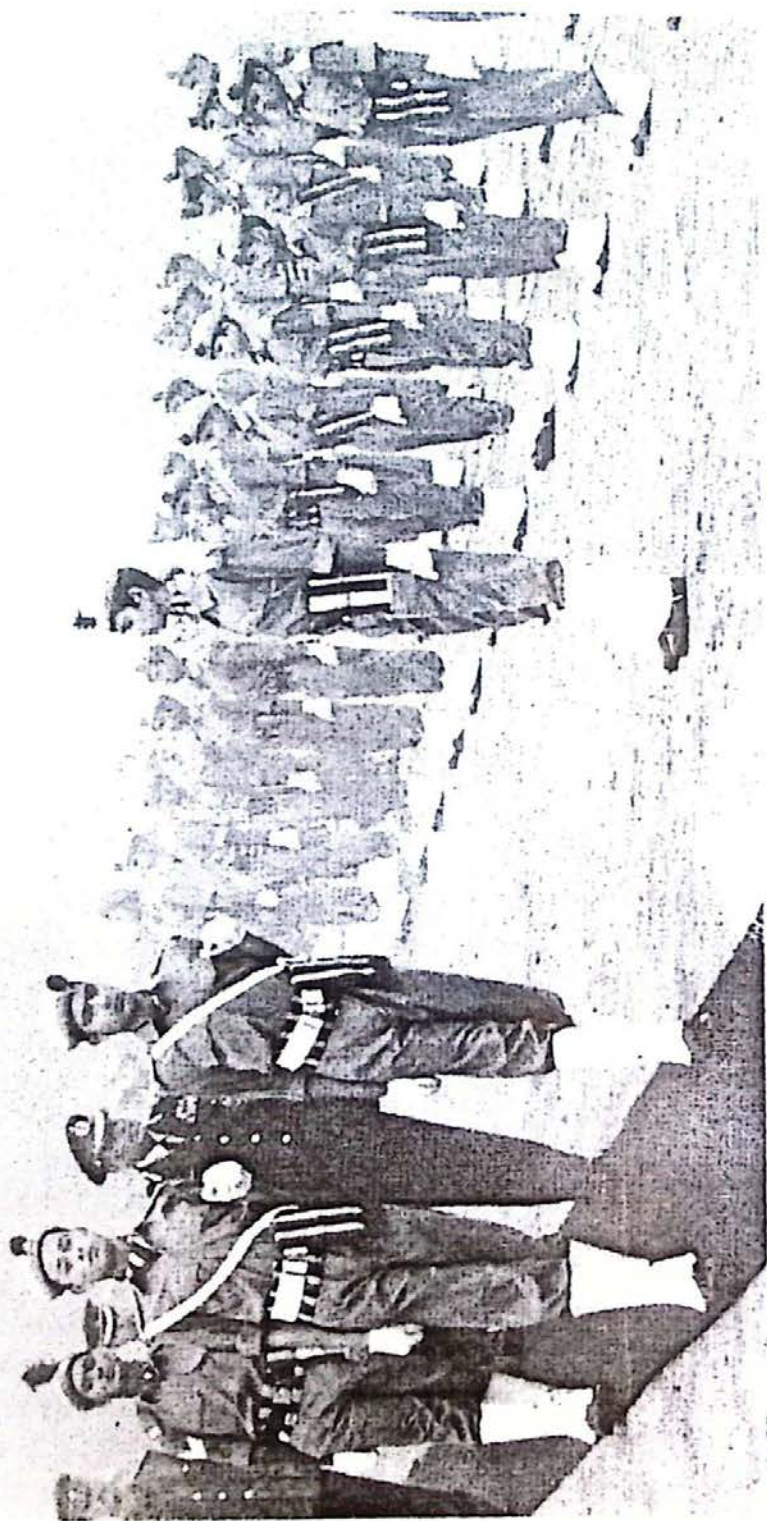
participants and 7 hopefuls for gold. The participation at the Bronze level was high. Generally the class 9 boys participate at this level and of course, the qualifying standards are a bit easy for the little better ones. At the end of the year 31 boys got their Bronze, 7 attained the silver standard and 2 achieved Gold. The remaining 5 Gold aspirants still hold a chance. Their service was inadequate for the Gold standard. They have been asked to render their services to any Government Organisation or to NGO's for a period not less than six weeks in the course of their holidays.

I would like to place on record my sincere gratitude to all those who helped in running the Awards Programme successfully: The Rector and Senior Master were always encouraging and to them I owe a special thanks as also to all the masters who worked as instructors and assessors. Without their cooperation the programme would never have gone forward at all. I am also grateful to Dr. P. K. Sharma and Sister N.L.Bhutia for providing the boys with the First-aid Kits during expeditions, Mr.O.P. Agarwal (EM) and to Mr. A. K. Chakrabarti and Mr. S. Gurung the caterers, who were also considerate and overlooked last minute expedition lists. I owe a very special word of thanks to Mr. S. Chakravarthi for guiding me at every step in running this Programme. Finally, I acknowledge the sincerity and dedication with which the Student Secretary for 1997, TIM Shainur Nabi, rendered his service all throughout the year. Well done, TIM, and here's wishing you the very best in the future!

1997 has been a challenging year which has been thoroughly enjoyed by IAYP activists, I am sure 1998 will see us go that much more higher, faster and further!

MR. MICHAEL DUTTA

TIM Shainur Nabi and Raza Ali were awarded Gold Awards for the year 1997.



The N.C.C. Guard of Honour presented to Maj. Gen. A. R. Raikar, V.S.M., G.O.C. 27th Mountain Div.

N.C.C. REPORT, 1997

With the "50 years of India's Independence Celebration" coming up, this year was anything but ordinary for all the cadets of St. Paul's

Unlike the past years the total number of cadets exceeded 200 this year, with fresh intakes from classes 8 & 9.

Under the supervision of senior cadets Sgt. Maj. Avinash Agarwal, Sgt. T.I.M. Nabi, Sgt. Parul Agarwal, Sgt. Ashok Lakhota, Sgt. Mandeep Garg & Sgt. Saswata Sanyal the cadets improved on their skill. A selection of the most perfect cadets in drill and equipment was carried out for the 200 cadets who would have the honour to parade on the final day.

We were unable to have a tree plantation ceremony this year owing to unavoidable reasons but this was compensated when a batch of 58 cadets of class 9 under the supervision of Cpl. Binit Agrawal, Cpl. Julius Gomes, Cpl. Prantic Roy, Cpl. Rushvir Singh & Cpl. Jamshed Hussain attended the 'COMBINED ANNUAL TRAINING CAMP (CATC)' organized by our 5 Bengal N.C.C. Battalion, at Hashimara. In the camp the cadets had a hard time for 10 days but overall it was enjoyed by all the cadets. Some of the senior cadets sat for the 'A' certificate examination, in which all the 5 corporals were successful. In the camp Maj. Rai commended our behavior and said that - "one day I am sure people will look up to them". Besides drill, boys also got to tackle the 'obstacle course'. They also visited the air base and witnessed a squadron of MIG 27's demonstrate. Out of the 63 boys 5 of the finest cadets were chosen to go for the pre-RD parade held in Calcutta, but unfortunately they were unable to go owing to a clash of dates with school exams.

In the course of the year the senior cadets were also taken to the Jalapahar Shooting Range where Commanding Officer Lt. Col. L.D. Updhyay and his staff lectured on the use of service rifles. The boys of Class 9 & 10 got to fire the .22 ammunition and the cadets of class 11 & 12 got to fire several rounds of 7.62 ammunition.

Finally, the day we had been so anxiously waiting for arrived. As India celebrated her Golden Jubilee Of Independence, St. Paul's put up a variety programme to commemorate this glorious event. The corporals and sergeants worked hard decorating the field with the help of the grounds men.

The chapel service was followed by the various activities

on the top field. We were fortunate to have Maj. Gen. A.R. Raikar, V.S.M., G.O.C. 27th Mountain Division, as our chief guest. The chief guest was presented a guard of honor by the N.C.C. parade commander Sgt. Maj. Avinash Agarwal. We also witnessed the renewal of the promise by the Primary Wing Cub Pack.

Following this was the parade led by the rifle squad. The rifle squad was headed by Sgt. T.I.M. Nabi. Following the rifle squad were 3 other squads headed by Sgt. Saswata Sanyal, Sgt. Ashok Lakhotia, Sgt. Parul Agarwal respectively. Apart from the normal uniform, this year boys were given anklets & gloves to make them look smarter and appealing to the eyes of the spectators.

The band under the supervision of A. Goenka & S.M. Rajbhandari produced some stirring martial tunes and contributed to the success of the parade. In the beginning of this year because of the lack of a band master the boys did not take interest in the band; but with the help of Mr. D. Pradhan the band was trained by Mr. K. Lama, band master 11 Gorkha Regiment who gave us voluntary service, therefore the band got a new life. Although they got only 1 month to practice, they managed to learn the techniques and the enthusiasm of the boys added to the learning.

The parade on the Top Field was followed by an inspiring speech in Hindi delivered by Hindi Parishad secretary P.M. Thakur. This was followed by another stirring speech in English delivered by the school captain Saswata Sanyal. These speeches elaborated on the prevailing situation in India and reminded us of our freedom fighters, their aspirations and their sacrifices.

The School Captain's speech was followed by the chief guest's inspiring speech in which he bade us to love this land as its future inheritors. He was impressed by the turnout and the smartness of the boys. His speech boosted the morale of the boys and contributed immensely to the success of the programme. He was then presented with a souvenir by Nabin Dani 'the smallest boy of class 1' on behalf of St. Paul's.

After a short break commenced the various cultural programmes. The cultural programmes had a common theme: India's unity in diversity, through a series of folk songs and cultural dances.

The Nepali dance under the supervision of Mrs. A. Rai was very successful. The two boys who need to be commended are Pragyan Pradhan and Gaurav Shah. All the other team members

also worked hard to get their steps correct.

Next followed the Bihu dance from Assam accompanied by one of those traditional lilting Assamese tunes. This item was coordinated and managed by Mrs. S. Chakraborty, Mr. T. Calvert and Partho Shah. The hand and shoulder movements were an instant hit with the onlookers. Momocha Thangjam of class 8 performed commendably.

Then came the Bihari dance. Its success was again the product of teamwork. After a lot of hard practice this item proved to be one of the most popular ones in the programme, performed with elaborate movements in time to a catchy tune. The effort put in by Mr. D. Kumar and Mr. M. Kumar was rewarded with warm applause.

A much looked forward to item the Garhwali Dance lived up to everyone's expectations. Famous for its quick rhythm, and graceful body movements, this dance captivated everyone. This item was presented by Mrs. S. Dwivedi.

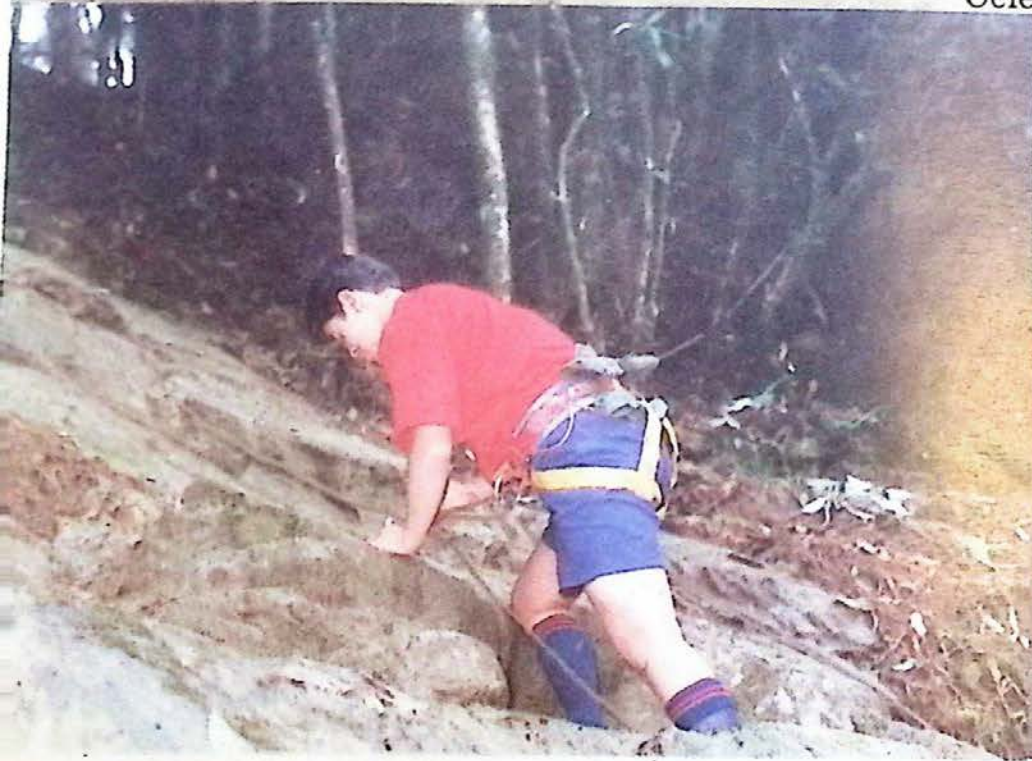
The following item the Bengali dance, was an extract from a famous dance drama CHANDALIKA, by the great poet Rabindranath Tagore. Dancing to the mellifluous Rabindra Sangeet rhythm, the boys put in a most charming and commendable effort, acting out the parts in the form of traditional dance movements. This item was expertly directed by Mrs. P. Bhattacharya, herself a product of Shantiniketan. A brilliant performance was put up by Arindam Ghosh and Momocha Thangjam.

The main attraction of the Dandia dance was a flurry of colourful traditional costumes, graceful round-about movements, clicking dandias and swaying leg movements performed to a traditional folk song. Originating from Gujrat, the state of Mahatma Gandhi's birth, this item was quite 'patriotic' since the predominant colours used were Saffron, White and Green. It was skillfully managed and coordinated by Mrs. P. Bhattacharya. A commendable performance was exhibited by Naman Mawandia.

A traditional cultural dance performed to the beat of modern techno music, the Bhangra was the brightest gem in the crown of the program. Performed with great alacrity, the shoulder and hand movements had the spectators also keeping time. One could easily make out that the dance may be enjoyable, but not at all easy to perform, since a high degree of coordination and balance along with a perfect sense of rhythm was required. The choreographer for this favorite item was Mr. J. Singh. Another



Celebrations marking India's 50th





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attraction of this item were the colourful Punjabi costumes.

However, *the* show of the entire program was the North Eastern dance. Performed for the first time in this area on a major occasion, it was in a manner of speaking the talk of the day. The tasseled spears called FEI, chempui blades and the famous colourful costumes were the main attractions. The very simplicity of the musical accompaniment, a cow skin drum and cymbals added to the essence of the traditional folk dance. It also included a war cry in Mizo by Vanlalruata Pachuau and Merentoshi R. Jamir. Mr. P. Pradhan co-ordinated this programme.

The message that came through the cultural dances was that though they represented different cultures, they were performed by a mixed bag of students showing the need for universal brotherhood in India.

Another attraction of the program was a patriotic poem composed and recited by Mr. R.S. Baoni.

After the parade was a mass P.T. display involving the boys of classes 3 to 7. They marched into a formation to form the message 'WE SHALL OVERCOME' and also the Indian national flag.

The gymnastics team then displayed their abilities using chairs, the high horse and vaulting through a ring on fire. Under the guidance of Mr. J. Singh the boys performed with great courage.

A thrilling rock climbing demonstration then followed in the programme. Mr. B.B. Tamang helped in training the boys of class 11 with the help of an H.M.I. instructor, Mr. Passang. Among the boys, Bikash Gurung and Ishan Sen need to be given a special commendation for their performance.

Following this was a mock battle drill performed by some of the senior N.C.C. cadets. They got into a battle formation and provided the spectators with the thrill of a mock battle drill under the supervision of staff from the N.C.C. and army personnel from Sikh L.I. regiment. The smoke candles, original gunshots provided by the jawans added realistic effects. We are very much indebted to Jalaphar Brigade and 107 Territorial Army for lending their support and making this programme a success.

This report would be incomplete without thanking Mr. A. Alva for the mass P.T. display and all the other teachers who have helped in putting up the cultural programs. Lt. Col L.D. Updhyay needs to be given a big thank you for his consistent help throughout the year.

Last but not the least, I would like to thank Mr. D. Pradhan,

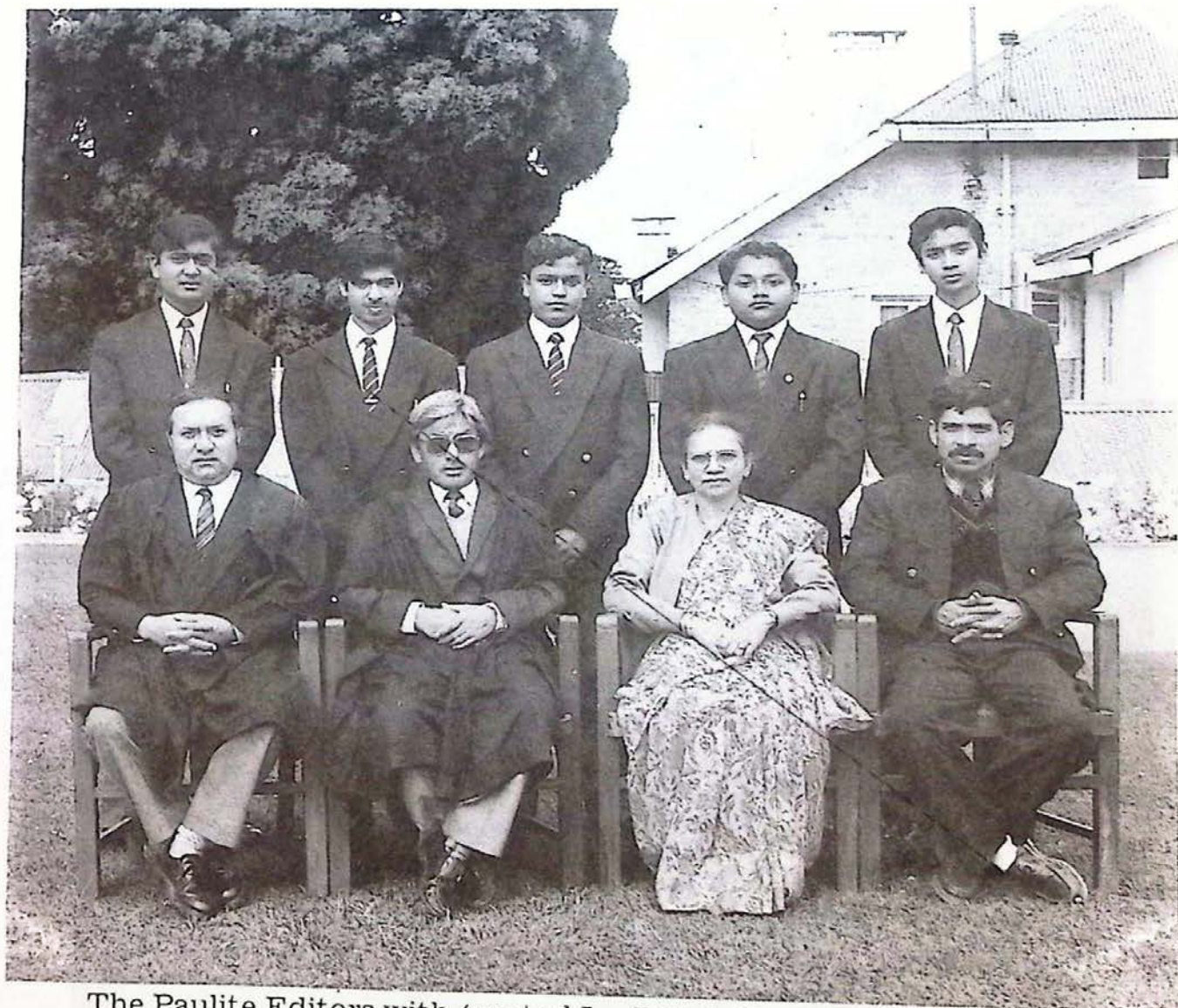
for his dedication and consistent hard work. Without him the "50 Years Of Independence Celebration" would not have been so glamorous.

The Gen. Birendra medal for N.C.C., this year, was awarded to Sgt. Maj. Avinash Agarwal.

Credit is due to all the cadets of the school for helping to make this year a memorable one as far as N.C.C. is concerned.

JAI HIND!

Binit Agarwal



The Paulite Editors with (seated L - R) Mr. N. S. Lawrence (Chief Editor), Mr. B. B. Tamang, Ms. G. Kanti and Mr. G. Bhattacharya



The Chapel Wardens with Mr. M. Dutta

CHAPEL NOTES - 1997

Set amidst the majestic grandeur of the Himalayas, with its steeple towering above, the most prominent and noticable feature on the entire campus is the St. Paul's School Chapel. Built in 1934, the school chapel not only fills up what would otherwise be a useless barren spot in the campus, but also acts as a pivot around which the entire activities of the school revolves. It is here the school meets as a community and it is here that the spiritual and moral life of the student is developed. It symbolises a site of tranquility, discipline, faith, honour and holds a significant place in the heart of every Paulite.

It was indeed a great pleasure to have Reverend Noel Sen amidst us towards the beginning of the year. A rather eventful year started with the commencement of the ICSE and ISC examinations from 3rd. of March, followed by morning prayers every morning of the exam and a special service, for those leaving the school, on 8th. March. The opening of Term service was held on the 9th. March, followed by a special service in the Prep Hall for the Investiture ceremony on the 17th. March when the Prefects were appointed for the year 1997.

For the rest of the year morning services were held separately for Junior and Senior Wings from Monday to Thursday. Friday morning is given for congregational practise where the boys learn the hymns for the following Sunday and week-day services. The Primary Wing holds its weekly service in the chapel on Saturday morning. Apart from these several special services were held to commemorate various occasions.

The first major festival of the year was Easter. Nothing could match the splendour of the chapel on this day. The white magnolias filled the atmosphere with their aroma and added beauty to the chapel. Other important services like Independence Day, Children's Day, Teacher's Day, Commemoration Service etc. were held in the chapel with equal enthusiasm and commitment.

Reverend Canon Hugh Farlie, the head of an English Parish Church, England, visited us in late April. He held a Holy Communion Service and addressed the boys during Matins. He commended our chapel and described it as a counterpart of other public schools in England. This year six Holy Communion Services were held during different times of the year.

It was rather shocking for the school to hear the loss of

Mr. Kamlesh Kanti, who after a long ailment left for his heavenly abode in July. A memorial service was held in the chapel. Our sincere condolences go out to the bereaved family. We want them to know that we all feel the loss of a good man who has done so much for our school. A memorial service was also held to condole the passing away of the legend, Mother Teresa. The ashes of Mrs. Moneesha Choudhury were sprinkled around the chapel on All Soul's Day.

The chapel music this year has been of a considerably high standard. The choir has rendered an anthem practically every month. Their repertoire includes Latin, Medieval, Georgian and Anglican Church music. At the Carol Service they sang five special carols. The Plus 2 Choral Society also sang a negro-spiritual at one Matins Service. Siddharth Rajbhandari has played the Digital Horn at every service. We hope to get the Hammond Organ repaired over the winter months. The choir will miss Miss Caroline Hillier, a brilliant and experienced accompanist. She left school to return to England in September.

The Third Term, beginning after the Puja vacation, was entirely devoted to the practising of Christmas Carols by each Wing separately. The Primary Wing Carol Service was held on the 16th. of November. The Junior and Senior Wing Carol Services were attended by Sir Peter Ustinov and his team from England. They recorded the entire Carol Service. They left fully contented.

A lot of repair has been done in the chapel. Eight new pews exactly matching the existing ones have been made, to accomodate the boys comfortably. New lights have been installed to make the chapel a brighter and better place. A fresh coat of paint added to its glow. All this was thanks to the Estate Manager.

All throughout the year the chapel was kept clean and tidy by the Junior and Senior Wing Chapel Wardens. They spend some time on Saturday afternoons preparing the chapel for the Sunday service.

Thanks are due to the Malis who helped us throughout the year in decorating the chapel. Without their help the splendour would not have been possible.

Finally, all these activities would not have been possible without the support and guidance of the Rector and the Senior Master. We are grateful to them.

MR. MICHAEL DUTTA
Master-in-charge.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, DARJEELING

CHAPEL ACCOUNT RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1997

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	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
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
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, Conoor	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 Teresa's 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 31 st March, 1997		<u>Rs. 24,647.67</u>

OLD PAULITES and VISITORS

Darjeeling, popularly known as the 'Queen of the Hills' by its denizens, is a boon to tourists. Breaking away from the air-pollution, noise-pollution and the heat and dust of the cities gives tourists the opportunity to experience and enjoy not only the salubrious climate of this hill station but also the opportunity to visit its places of interest and St. Paul's School.

Situated high on a hill called Jalapahar and next door to the cantonment, the school is concealed by clumps of tall, luxuriant trees and thick bushes but easily accessible nevertheless. Only one part of the school is conspicuous from the town below—the yellow coloured chapel tower with its red-oxide roof and a cross on its pinnacle which is as monumental as the rich history of this establishment. Visits made by the Old Paulites, parents, dignitaries and friends helped not only to perpetuate its heritage but also to enhance its greatness in its 174th year.

The list of Old Paulites and visitors is as follows:

1. 26th March, Mr. Siddharth – Principal Secretary D.G.H.C.
2. 27th March, Mr. S. K. Jalan, OP'73, Lawrence House Captain.
3. 27th March, Mr. D. Bansal, OP'91
4. 6th April, Reverend Timothy, a priest from the U.K.
5. 6th April, Mr. Pachuau, Rural Development Minister of Mizoram.
6. 10th April, Mr. Shanur Akbar, OP 1979-81, from Sri Lanka.
7. 13th April, Mr. Soumitra Sen, Mr. Utpal Banerjee, Mr. U.C. Roy
Mr. S. Roy, Mr. Joyjit Sen, Mr. S. Mazumdar, Mr. R. Mazumdar
all Old Paulites
8. 26th April, Reverend Farley, head of an English Parish Church.
9. 27th April, Mr. Debashish Saha, OP'92
10. 28th April, Mrs. Bina Roy.
11. 3rd May, Mr. Abhijoy Gandhi, OP
12. 5th May, Mrs. Julian West, a journalist from England.
13. 6th May, the visit of the High Court Judge of Calcutta and the District Judge of Darjeeling.
14. Brigadier R.K. Singh, Deputy Director-General of N.C.C. for the East Zone.
15. 27th May, Mr. D. Baoni.
16. 1st June, Dr. (Reverend) D.C. Gorai, Chairman of the Board of Governors; his wife and the Rev. P.S.P. Raju, Mr. S.K. Mukherjee (Retd. I.A.S.) Members of the Board of Governors.
17. June, Mr. I. Mukherjee, OP'89.

18. 20th June, Dr. Kalyan Chakraborty-Joint Secretary, Human Resource Development.
19. 26th June, Mr. Sujoy Choudhury, OP'91.
20. 28th June, Mr. Harchal Kumar, OP'88.
21. 8th July, Maj. S. Chhetri, OP'85; Mr. Avtar Singh Jassal, OP'50.
22. 11th July, Mr. Simon, music teacher, Dr. Graham's Homes.
23. 2nd August, Mr. Dipesh Thapa, OP'95.
24. 8th August, Rt. Rev. G.A. Andrews, Bishop of E. Himalayas.
25. August, a team from a private TV Channel, working for the BBC London, took video clips of our school as part of a project on Christian Public Schools in India.
26. 27th August, Mr. Mark Winn, a highly trained musician from London.
27. 31st August, a host of parents and visitors for the Entrance Tests.
28. 9th September, Miss Michelle Lee, ARCM, examiner from Trinity College, London.
29. 12th September, Dr. Allistair Smith of England, who lectured on 'Geopolitics'.
30. 23rd October, Mr. Thomas Cunningham, OP'45 (Lawrence).
31. 31st October, Mrs. Anita Ghosh from Dr. Graham's Homes.
32. November, Mr. & Mrs. Pelly, (Mr Pelly, the son of a former Rector - Rev. F. Pelly.).
33. 5th November, Mr. Eugene Thomson OP'66 (Hastings).
34. 5th November, Mr. & Mrs. Hunt, (Mrs. Hunt, the daughter of a former Rector - Mr. L.J. Goddard).
35. 24th October, Mr. D. Smith; Mr. A.K. Maliwal, IPS, Superintendent of Police, Darjeeling; Mr. Nawang Gombu, (the first to climb Mt. Everest twice).
36. 12th November, Mr. N.C. Bahuguna, Director of P.N.H. Zoo, Darjeeling.
37. 30th November, Sir Peter Ustinov, (renowned actor) and Mr. Michael Waldman, (a TV series producer) with a television crew, attended the JW Carol Service.

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

Mr. N.S. LAWRENCE



WITH US NO MORE -

Mr. K. K. Kanti

Mr. Kamlesh Kanti retired, Acting Senior Master of St. Paul's School, was the Chairman of Himalayan Academy Rajganj. He was a very good and well known teacher.

He started his career from Vikas Vidyalaya, Ranchi, where he served for seven years. Later he went to Sainik School, Balachadi where he was one of the founder-teachers. He served there as a Housemaster for the nine years that he worked there.

In 1971 he came to Darjeeling and had a long and eventful association of 23 years with St. Paul's School. Here he was later appointed as House Master in 1981, the Second Master in 1985 and Acting Senior Master in 1990. In 1992 he was appointed as Senior House Master - a post he held till his retirement in 1993.

It was due to his untiring efforts that the Hindi Department grew. The students under his guidance took active part in debates, elocution and staged a number of One Act Plays.

The Camera Club was started by him. Here the students learnt not only to take photographs, but also to develop them. A number of exhibitions were held not only in school but also in Bombay and Calcutta.

After retiring from St. Paul's he helped to establish the Himalayan Academy in Rajganj of which he was the founder Chairman.

He was an inspiring teacher who was loved and respected by staff and students alike.

R.I.P.

STAFF NEWS

There was much that happened on the staff front in the course of 1997. There were several new faces and families, and many familiar ones left us in the course of the year.

At the very beginning of the year we welcomed in our midst **Mr. Tony Sullivan** and **Mrs. T.N. Tshering** who joined us in the Primary Wing. Mrs. Tshering joined in a temporary capacity but was made a more firm offer in the course of the year. We were delighted to welcome **Mr. Devendra Kumar** (OP'77) who decided to return to school to teach. He joined us to teach English and History. **Mr. Stuart McMullen** of Dublin, Eire, flew in to join us in August to strengthen the Department of English, as did two GAP students, **Mr. Adam Brown** and **Mr. George Salmon**. Mr. Brown helped with English and Chemistry and Mr. Salmon taught French to international students all through the school. We have decided to join to the GAP programme for some time and we hope that our senior students will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to mix with young men from a wholly different background which could enrich them. **Mr. Punam Lama** from Kalimpong joined us in a temporary capacity to help out with Mathematics after we were suddenly short of one teacher mid way through the term. **Mr. S. Das** and **Mr. A. Banerjee** of ICS joined us in the beginning of the year to teach computers.

At the beginning of the year **Mr. S. Chakravarthi** went to Sweden leading an exchange team sponsored by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. On the way back from Stockholm, he took the opportunity to travel through England and Scotland and France. He returned to us as the First term was drawing to a close. When the second term began he joined the school as the new Senior Master filling in the vacancy that had been created by **Mr. Ian Myers'** decision to accept a new challenge of starting a new school in the foothills. In the course of the First Term, **Mr. T. Mukhia**, Second Master, had filled in for the Senior Master also.

Even as we were welcoming the new Senior Master, we bid farewell to **Mr. M.S. Calvert** and **Mrs. A. Calvert** who decided to make a move on. Mr. Calvert joined **Dr. Graham's Homes**, Kalimpong as Headmaster. Around the same time **Mr. K. Lama**, Senior Secretary to the Rector, retired after a glorious innings of several years of service to St. Paul's. Soon after, **Mrs. D. Paulose**

left us to return to Kerala to help her children settle down in life. She left after serving for more than two decades. At the end of July **Mr. A. Sharma**, who was teaching Chemistry left us to join the Army Public School, Udhampur as Vice-Principal, and close on his heels **Mr. D. Kumar** from the Mathematics Department chose to leave us to join Lawrence School, Ooty. Then at the end of August **Ms. Caroline Hillier** who had joined us in the Music Department last year resigned to return to England. We understand she had a most enjoyable and educative experience traveling from Amritsar to Trivandrum before finally flying out to England.

This year also witnessed the passing away of **Mr. K. Kanti** former acting-Senior Master who had retired from service in 1993. His death was sadly grieved by the entire Paulite family. Also this year, **Mr. A.K. Ghosh**, former Office Assistant and father of **Mr. D. Ghosh** presently Office Assistant in the Bursar's Office passed away. May their souls rest in heavenly peace.

At the end of the year **Mrs. G. Kanti** also decided to put her papers in and move closer to her family in Delhi. After years of giving tender, loving care to students under her care it was as difficult for her to leave, as it was for us to allow her to go.

Finally, after the school term came to an end **Mr. A.K. Dash**, Senior Subject Master in Geography and former editor of the Chronicle decided to call it a day at St. Paul's. He has moved on to Lawrence School, Lovedale, as Deputy Headmaster.

To all those who have moved on from St. Paul's, we in the Paulite family wish them Good Luck and God Speed and thank them for the services rendered to the school.

MR. S. CHAKRAVARTHI