

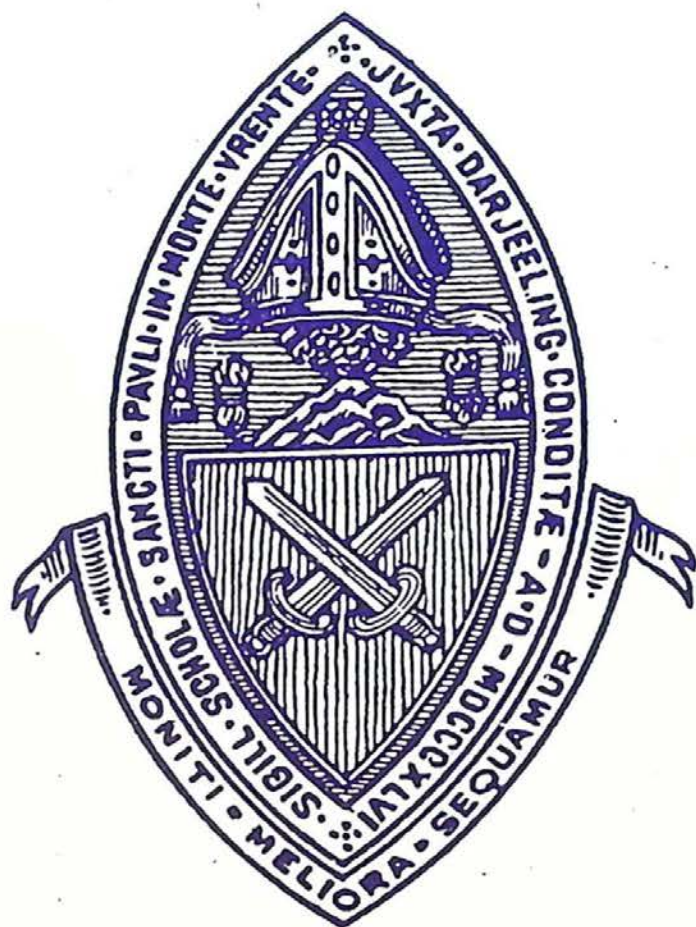
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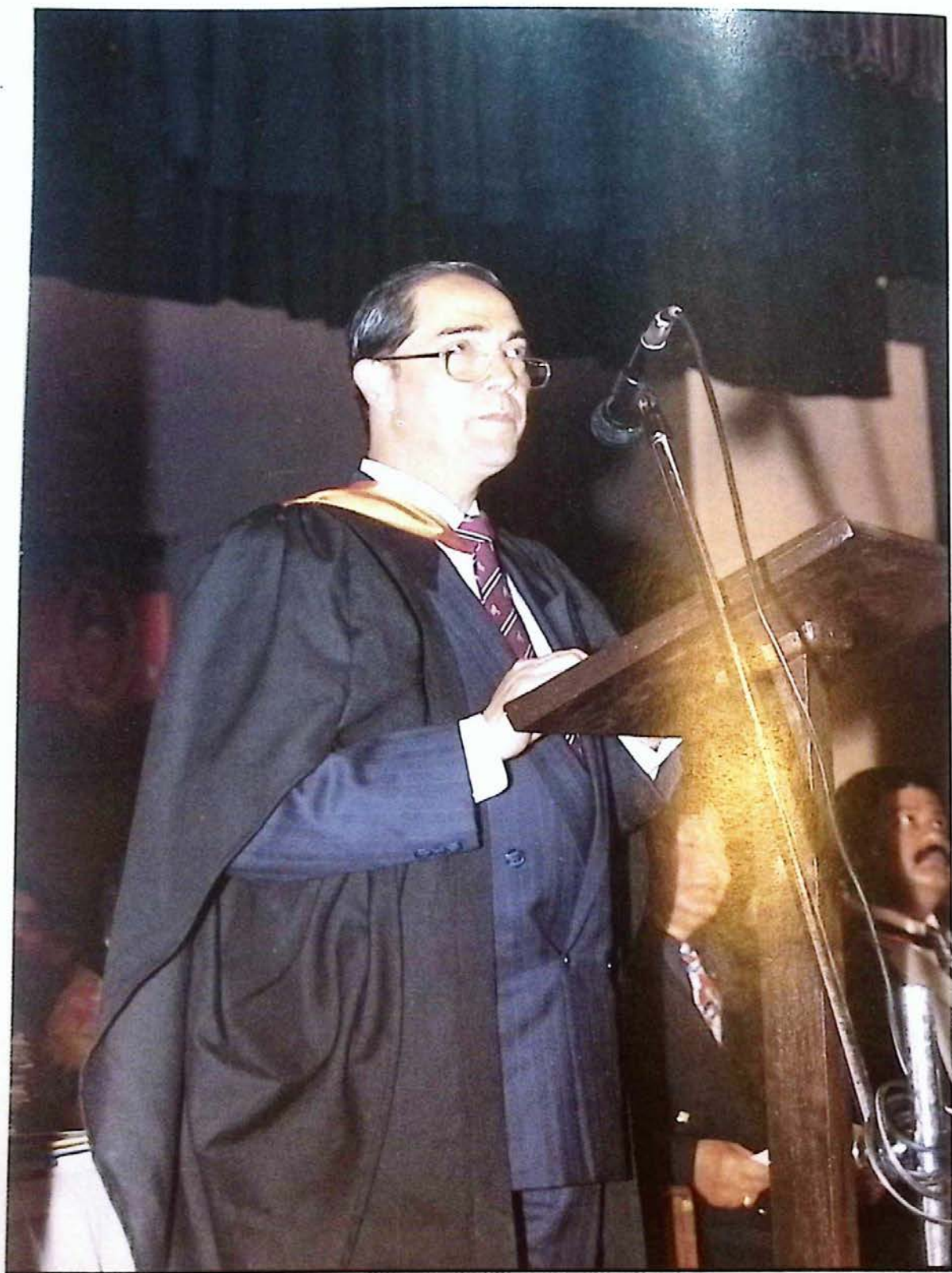
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The Past and the Present
175 years



The Rector Mr. D. A. Howard

RECTOR'S LETTER 1998

As the year 1998 draws to its close and the children have all left for the winter vacation, I can look back with quiet pride and satisfaction at the completion of the school's 175th anniversary. Founded in 1823, in Calcutta, as 'The Parental Academy' the school took a name-change to 'St. Paul's School' in 1846, when its affairs were taken over directly by the Church and the Bishops of Calcutta. It was in 1864 that the school transferred to Darjeeling at its present site in Jalapahar, where we have been ever since - 134 years in Darjeeling, which makes us the second oldest school in Darjeeling, and, with the entire history from 1823, the second oldest in Bengal (probably the third oldest in the whole of India).

As far as the boys are concerned they have had more than their fair share of activities. In June there were Mass P.T. displays accompanying the usual Gym. Display - this time over 400 boys participated. The Juniors presented the Operetta 'In Gay Havana'. In August an elaborate NCC programme was presented. In September the School Play, "The Importance of Being Earnest" was staged. There were elaborate exhibitions, not only of Art & Craft and Photography, but also Subject Exhibitions in History, Geography, the Sciences and Computers. Of particular interest was a whole room devoted to memorabilia of the school over its 175 years. The Choir rose to great heights during this year and performed at a Special Thanksgiving Service in Calcutta on 26th September. They also performed brilliantly for the Carol Services at the end of the year, where the Pry. Wing added in a special Nativity Play.

We were utterly delighted to have with us David and Sally Gibbs from Ireland, and Jeff Gardner from Dehra Dun. Their presence made the occasion fulfilling. Mr. Hari Dang sent his regrets for his inability to attend due to pressing earlier engagements. Mr. Michael Cross was very keen to come to India from Abu Dabai, but unfortunately was forbidden by his cardiologist; Michael had suffered a coronary blockage about three months earlier and was still recovering. He sent his warmest good wishes for the occasion.

The Old Paulites have been splendid in their enthusiasm for the occasion. There was a gathering of Old Paulites in London in May. A new branch of the OPA was formed in Sikkim in June. The Old Paulites

of Calcutta have held a series of 'Get-togethers' over the course of the year. A number of beautiful Souvenirs have been brought out by the OPA : Silver plated Coasters, T-shirts, Wall- clocks and Key-chains, the latter being specially designed and given as a gift from the Old Boys to all those presently in school.

To celebrate the year on a more permanent basis, the foundation stone of a new building to house the Staff was laid in late May by the Chairman of the Board of Governors, the Rt. Rev. (Dr.) D. C. Gorai. Bishop Gorai retires at the end of this year, having served as Chairman for the last 16 years. Also in train is the new Laboratory-cum-dormitory Complex coming up near the Junior School. Both projects are likely to cost in the region of Rs. 2 crores and we will need to bring together our efforts to raise the money. I know that we have plenty of well-wishers and that with a bit of gentle persuasion they will rise to the occasion !

We have had a successful year and I look back with gratitude to all those past Governors, Rectors, Staff, Students and Domestic Staff who laid such a sure foundation. With God's help we look forward to an even more brilliant future.

(D. A. Howard)
Rector



Mr. Gibbs with the School Captain

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Mr. Gibbs addressing the School

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The Senior Wing Staff with the Rector



The Junior Wing Staff with the Rector





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The School Prefects with the Rector

RECTOR'S SPEECH - 1998

Mr. & Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. Gardner, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On this historic occasion as we celebrate 175 years of the existence of St. Paul's School, it is my privilege to welcome as our Chief Guest, Mr. David Gibbs, the senior most of the Rectors of this school. Mr. Gibbs served as Rector from 1964 till the end of 1972 and subsequently went on to become the Warden of St. Columbas' College, Dublin. For his services to education he was awarded the O.B.E. Though Mr. Gibbs left more than 25 years ago I know that part of him has always remained at St. Paul's and today we are honoured to have him in our midst. We are also delighted to have with us Sally Gibbs who was a talented pianist in her own right and taught many boys music. During this period, music rose to great heights at St. Paul's. I am also pleased to welcome Mr. Jefferson Gardner, my immediate predecessor. Mr. Gardner had the difficult task of steering the school between 1985 and 1991 at the height of the local agitation. How he was able to preserve his equanimity is a lesson in itself. I also bring good wishes from Mr. Michael Cross in Dubai (Abu Dhabi). He was anxious to come out to India for these celebrations. However, his physician would not recommend his movement into a high altitude - he, having recently suffered a heart attack. Mr. Hari Dang has also sent his good wishes to the entire School community. Unfortunately he is tied up in Delhi in various environmental projects which demand his presence.

Over the winter of 1997-98 we bade farewell to Mr. Arun Dash who joined the Lawrence School, Lovedale, as its Dy. Headmaster. His wife, Mrs. G. Dash, one of our Matrons, joined him a few months later. We wish both of them all success in their new venture. Mr. Stuart McMullen, one of our English teachers out from Ireland, decided that he would not return in the New year. This left a vacancy in our English Department. Mrs. Meena Sobti, our Senior Wing Matron, also decided to join her husband who had decided to return to Delhi. We wish both of them success in life. Mr. R. S. Baoni, our brilliant and talented Art master for the last 21 years will retire at the end of this year. Year after year he has mounted excellent Art & Craft exhibitions, the present one is his swan song. I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Baoni for his loyalty and devotion to the school; for his ability to draw out the artistic talents of the students in so many unusual ways.

A number of new members of staff have joined us this year Mr. Mahesh Chandra Kharga joined us to teach History; Mr. Wayne Peters is attached to the Pry. Wing; Mr. Amlan Majumdar joined to teach Geography; Mr. Punam Lama to teach Mathematics; Mr. D. K. Mishra to teach Hindi; Mr. Manas Dev joined the English Department. Mrs. B. Chakravarthy and Mrs. S. Vincent have joined us as Matrons. Mr. Subrata Das of ICS joined us to teach Computers studies: he shares the load with Mr. A. Banerjee, also of ICS. It is my pleasure to welcome all these charming men and women on to our Staff body. Each one of them has contributed to the life of the school and I know that their efforts have been deeply appreciated by the boys.

The ISC and ICSE Exams were delayed till mid-March this year due to the General Elections, otherwise the exams went off smoothly. We had a 100% success at the ICSE level for the second consecutive year with all 71 boys being successful. At the ISC level 41 boys were successful; we had one unexpected failure - a pity since this is normally an area where we have cent percent passes. I take this opportunity to congratulate the entire teaching faculty for their cooperation and contribution to the academic success of the boys.

Whilst I am pleased with the gradual improvement of the academic work of the school, I must confess that our games standards have not made much progress, even though we have played all the games in their seasons. No unusual talent has been displayed and the Colours, awarded have been few and far between this year. I think it is just a lean period; there is plenty of talent lower down which, I hope, will mature in due time. We were not successful at the Edinburgh Cricket matches this year. However, the Old Paulite Cricket Match played over the Easter Weekend was exciting. In this 175th year the OPs formed a branch in Sikkim and for the first year we played a football game against the OPA. The present boys won both the games.

In early June just before we broke for the short summer break we held an elaborate P. T. and Gym. display here on the Top Field. In addition to the usual gymnastics, chair exercises, mat work and vaulting, there was a mass display, involving 78 Pry. Wing boys of the local Khukri dance. Each of the Snr. Wing Houses produced a separate display of coordinated exercises involving the use of clubs, hoops and staves. The Jnr. Wing boys presented a series of flash-card displays. The NCC provided a display of fire fighting and rescues operations. In all, over 400 boys participated and every department of the school was activated.

This year our running season has been badly disrupted. An excessively heavy monsoon season not only created floods in the plains but also saw the frequent breakdown of road communications between Siliguri and Darjeeling. At one point of time, just when the running season had started, all traffic to and from Darjeeling was diverted through the Army road at Jalapahar, thus making it unsafe for the boys to practice. It is for this reason that we have had to postpone the running season to after the Puja break. I am deeply grateful to the Commandant, 123 Mtn. Brigade and the Officers at Jalapahar, for giving us permission to use the Jalapahar road.

We were honoured to have in our midst Brig. RL Singh as our Chief Guest on 15th August. It was a rainy wet day but the NCC cadets went through a Guard-of-Honour and March Past in the drizzle; the whole affair looked quite splendid even though it was wet - it speaks volumes for the efficiency of the staff and pupils that, in spite of all odds they can continue to perform at peak levels.

The stage has been well occupied with the various House Concerts both at the Jnr. and Snr. level. Just before the summer break the Jnr. School produced the operetta "In Gay Havana". As always, such musical productions demand great team work and the Jnr. Wing Staff are to be commended on an excellent production. The main School Play this year has been "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde. This sophisticated comedy of London society at the turn of the last century demands a high calibre of diction and smooth finish for its success. Though the cast was small there was high degree of painstaking detail needed for sets, costumes and lighting. I congratulate all those who worked at this to allow the finished product which was acted last Tuesday. The Second Language Concert was held on the eve of Independence Day and saw fine productions by each of the departments - Hindi, Bengali and Nepali. Our standard of drama seems to be getting better and better.

In the sphere of music the school's choir has now reached a good standard, enough to allow us to perform at public displays in our own Chapel and at the forthcoming Thanksgiving Service in Calcutta. This year we sent up 13 boys for Trinity College of Music Examinations in Piano and Singing. All of them were successful. We welcome on to our staff Havildar K. Lama, retired Band Master from 11 Gorkha Regiment. Mr. Lama has just been with us for a little over six weeks and has already made an enormous difference to the School Band which was sadly

neglected. We look forward to great strides being made in this area. This year we have added to our collection of musical instruments with an expensive synthesiser and six Brass and Woodwind instruments.

The boys have fared reasonably well at various Inter-School competitions. At an Inter-State Quizzing Contest our team came first; at the "Hindi Day" Celebrations one of our students won the first prize at Essay Writing. We came third at the Inter-School Master Memorial Elocution Contest and the Plus Two section, who took part in the 'Fest' organised at Mount Hermon School, did remarkably well.

Over the last fortnight the boys have been hard at work mounting the various exhibitions which have been on display in the Senior, Junior and Primary Wings. The cultivation of leisure-time occupations is an important aspect of school life and each boy is encouraged to pursue some activity which best suits his temperament. You would have noticed the range: art, woodwork, lathe work, photography, computers, handwork in various forms. For the more intellectual types there are displays on History, Geography, Nepali, Mathematics and Science.

This year we have embarked upon three ambitious building projects. The first of them is a set of Domestic Staff quarters built on the slope facing Aloorari. Designed to accommodate ten families, the first phase of four pre-fabricated, eco-friendly buildings is complete. On 3rd June, Bishop Gorai, Chairman of the Board of Governors laid the foundation stone of the new Staff Quarters complex which is coming up below Dawkins. Work on this project will hopefully start after the Puja holidays. The most elaborate of the projects is the new Dormitory-cum-Science Laboratories complex which will come up near the Junior School. The drawings for this project are well under way and nearing completion.

On an occasion such as this, as we celebrate 175 years of Service to the Community it seems necessary for us to take stock: to look back in gratitude to all those who have contributed to make this present moment possible and to ponder on just where we are likely to move over the next 25 years as we enter the new millennium. There are so many questions which need to be answered and the way forward is not very clear. Ours is an era of mass and rapid communications - Fax machines, E-mail, Inter-net, Super Computers and so on. The electronic media has invaded our homes and permeates the very fabric of our life and society. There are no moral codes that control the type of entertainment

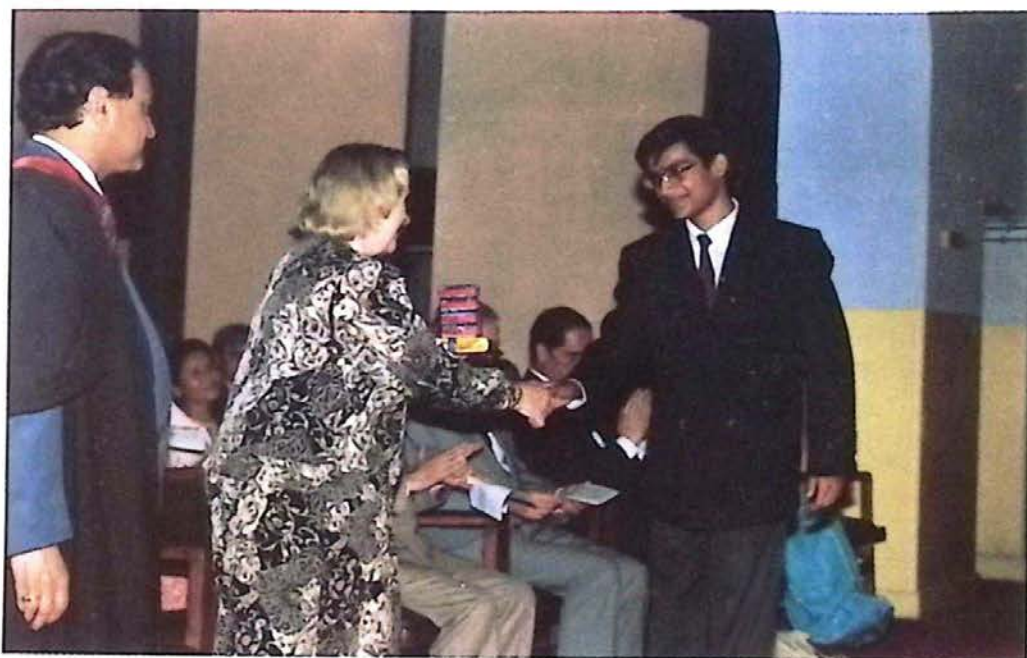
being shown. The most salacious sex scandals, illustrations of corruption in high places, vicious and sadistic acts are all displayed with an equal degree of unconcern. Have we taught our students how to deal with all this? The total quantum of knowledge doubles every year and is now too vast for any single person, to carry even if it is just in one aspect of a discipline. The only solution seems to be computers. How effective is our teaching? We teachers are the products of information more than twenty years old, have we made any effort to improve ourselves?

There are some answers to these questions, the effectiveness of which only time will tell. Here at St. Paul's we still value religious background and code of conduct that stresses honesty, decency and honour. These are timeless values and will always stand the students in good stead. In the end, though the passing of examination is important, increasingly it will be the mastering of machines that will be decisive. Taking an intelligent interest in the world around us will be far more important than actual knowledge - knowledge which can be recalled at anytime by just the press of a button. Lest this begins to sound like a Doomsday survey, let us take comfort from the fact that the human race has always responded brilliantly when placed under stress. The challenges of today will be met tomorrow and those who will meet them will be our own students. Let us have faith in their skills and encourage them to face life with courage and good sense.

I take this opportunity of paying tribute to the Doctor, Nurses and matrons who have looked after the health and physical welfare of the students. The Office Staff, the Estate Department and the Caterers have all contributed unceasingly throughout the year: theirs is often a thankless job. The Domestic Staff who work quietly behind the scenes ensuring that the systems function like clock-work and whose loyalty to the school is unquestioned - to these go our unfailing gratitude. I am also grateful to the local District Authorities for their cooperation throughout the year.

As I look out at you in the audience I am sensitive to the large number of parents and well-wishers who have come in. I also thank those numerous parents who wrote in to congratulate us on our 175th year of existence. I see amongst us numerous Old Paulites who have come up to share their loyalty and recall happy times. A warm welcome to all of you. The London Chapter of the OPA met in early June in the UK, and the new Sikkim Chapter of the OPA was started in July.

The old Boys of Calcutta have also contributed by bringing out numerous Souvenirs and co-ordinating arrangements for the Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Cathedral. Each year, we as Rectors, present somewhat dry reports of the school's activities which sound quite impressive, and yet leave one wondering if it really did happen! The proof of an endeavour is in the success and happiness of our past pupils. Take a look at them and decide for yourselves!



Mrs. Gibbs giving away the prizes

CHIEF GUEST'S ADDRESS ON SPEECH DAY 1998 (Mr. D. S. Gibbs)

Rector, Ladies and Gentlemen, Paulites All;

I think I am going to get into a muddle for which you should blame the hospitality of the Old Paulites at the back of the hall.

26 years ago at the end-of-term supper there was the usual excitement, splendid decorations of the dining hall and kind-hearted farewell messages to Sally and David – that is to my wife and myself. We missed the 150th celebrations by a hair, and the 200th, which will be something tremendous, we are more likely to enjoy in the spirit than in the flesh. So Sally and I are particularly grateful for the Rector's invitation to be here today. It is not only a great honour but also a nostalgic and delightful visit for us. And although he and Mrs. Howard are the only remaining members of the teaching staff of our time, we still have friends in the administrative and domestic departments, friends in the town, and of course many Old Paulites whom we rejoice in seeing again.

In thanking the Rector, I must also congratulate him on his excellent Report, and the staff on the very satisfactory examination results. The School Play ('The Importance of being Ernest'), the Sports and the Exhibitions were all of a very high standard, most enjoyable and a credit to one and all.

175 years is indeed an anniversary to celebrate with pride. It deserves some serious historical perspective such as has been supplied by the O.P., Kabir Mustafi, who is headmaster of Bishop Cotton School, Shimla. He asked me if I would read out a message from him, mainly as follows:-

"St Paul's and Bishop Cotton School have been inceptionally bound since the middle nineteenth century for it was the Rt Rev George Edward Lynch Cotton who founded the latter and who was instrumental in shifting the former from Calcutta to Darjeeling. Bishop Cotton's first headmaster, the Rev Samuel Slater, was the second Rector of St Paul's and St Paul's School's longest-serving Rector, Leslie (Pa) Goddard, was a young assistant master at BCS where he met Miss Maisie Fox, later 'Ma' to generations of Paulites. Mr and Mrs de Young, scores of other staff including the Rev Bentinck, several boys and the author of this commemorative note, are also links in the chain of attachment and it is therefore a

matter of especial pride for me to be able to write in acknowledgement of the occasion. I have no doubt that the inherent ethos and goodness of this great institution will continue to groom boys to deal with life and the world at large with fairness, integrity and tolerance, and that the 'Old School' is safe in the hands of Mr David Howard our present Rector, Mr Sunirmal Chakravarthi and their team and, above all, the boys themselves who are the living soul of the place."

Well, I cannot improve upon that; but I suppose I shouldn't stop there.

Any history of St Paul's is likely to note three phases in its development.

The earliest phase was when the School began in Calcutta and moved up to this dramatic site and lovely buildings.

The second phase was what is often referred to as the 'Goddard Era' - when the ethos of the School and many beautiful features were created and established by Leslie Goddard. His educational style has been disseminated far and wide by those headmasters and teachers (of which there are very many) who had been here as boys or as members of staff. A man of his stature is hard to follow - I should know - but a string of us have done our best.

The third phase - the present phase - began in 1981 when the Governors and Mr Dang decided not only to build a Primary Wing but to double the numbers in the School. Mr Gardiner had the unenviable task of steering an over-crowded school through the alarming local disturbances of his years. It has been more than interesting to hear from him about the School in his time. And now our Rector, Mr Howard, is well on the way to providing the necessary buildings and conditions for staff and boys to satisfy the long-outstanding demands of this increase. One can only admire the amount he has already achieved in so short a time and support the various ideas that he and his staff have for the future as their plans leave the drawing board for reality.

But what of the boys ? 175 years prompts us to reflect upon time and the huge difference experienced by you, boys at school, and time as experienced by your parents and grandparents. Time accelerates. Clocks are misleading. You will know that until the sudden thrill of Going-Home-Day, time during the term seems endless. It does, doesn't it ? But

for your grandparents (with whom I now identify) time flashes by. In their lifetime there have been colossal changes. To name a few: television, transistors, lasers, genetics, fibre optics, nuclear fission and fusion, computers, space travel, black holes, quasars and time-warps; and Indian brains have been at the forefront of many of these.

A hundred years ago, there was in England as Master of Balliol College, Oxford, a famous scholar about whom some wag wrote:-

“First come I, my name is Jowett,
There is no knowledge but I know it.
I am the Master of this college -
What I don't know isn't knowledge.”

Well - he wouldn't stand a chance now. It is said the sum of human knowledge doubles every ten years (a crazy statement of course) which even if vaguely true means that we are on an ever-steepening curve of knowledge somewhat like a parabola. So what will be the changes in your lifetimes ? They are, perhaps, unimaginable; but computers, unless they burst under the strain, will at every point be essential to deal with them. Which is why it is often said that primary education should enable pupils to be literate, numerate and computerate. Here I should congratulate the O.P., Zubin Medora, who has established a web-site for St Paul's which I am told is marvellous. And at this point I should own up and say that I am not yet computerate: but you must be ! - not only to know how to use computers seriously but to know how not to be dominated by them.

Whatever about the parabola of knowledge, human wisdom seems to continue in a straight line, sloping slightly upwards if you are an optimist, and downwards if a pessimist. This should be the main concern of your education. I expect a good part of it is given to the wisdom of the ancients and its application to current affairs, to the creative arts, to poetry and drama, to the great cultures we have inherited but, above all, to just why we are here at all ? I hope so. Because a spiritual dimension in education would seem to me paramount. In this sense, and not in any denominational sense, all education is, or should be, religious.

Coming down to earth, a delightful feature of St Paul's was (and I hope still is) the way the boys refer to it as 'Our School' - a sense of ownership and pride which I share. Our School is famous. It has long been noted for understanding and tolerance. You will find in an old School Chronicle a list of 31 mother tongues of boys in the school when

there were also many religious denominations - and no factional or communal prejudice. At the time of the war with Pakistan in 1965, we had some Pakistan nationals in the school whose friendships were in no way impaired: there was much sorrow when they had to be sent home. That sort of understanding and tolerance has to be nurtured. It is a very precious reputation to have.

And then, of course, 'Our School' has long been noted for good manners, good discipline, a high standard of games, and for having produced very high achievers in scholarship, industry, business and the professions. We have to remember that other schools may also have these virtues and that it is only by enthusiasm, - enthusiasm in all these things, but particularly in the classroom, that this reputation can be maintained now that the School is so very much larger.

At this time in history you are lucky. India enjoys enormous respect in the world at large. By self-sacrificing financial stringency, and by resisting the blandishments of economic colonialists, she stands on her own feet with a sound industrial infrastructure, able to face the future with justified confidence. I sound a bit like a politician ! And I must say I do hope more and more O. Ps will enter politics and the civil services. It is a good time to be growing up, and you must sort out what part you wish to play in it - and go for it !

'Our School' does have one unique feature (and it is not Jockey Cutlets, Calibre Pudding, the water supply or the bijli). It is the view. To spend years in this incredible setting really is the greatest privilege. It should inspire us all with gratitude to the people of Darjeeling who make it possible, and with a wish to give generous service to others less fortunate than ourselves. As you probably know, the Old Paulite Association is involving itself more and more in charitable work : I hope you will in your turn play your part.

I know what you are thinking. "Whenever is he going to stop ?"

Now. Thank you. 'Go for it'. And God bless you.

**SPEECH DAY
LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS
PRIZE - 1998**

<i>Class</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Progress & Application</i>
1	Saurya Bikram Shah	Ashwin Agarwal	Ashish Kharel
2	Adarsh Modi	Nitin Jain	Srinjoy Das
3A	Vikramjit Sen	Mushahid Hussain	Soven Mondal
3B	Abang Taba	Sandip Tarafdar	Bhabatosh Saha
4A	Shyam Prasad Murarka	Shashank Baid	Shuvion Dutta
4B	Peeyush Agarwal	Saswat Bajracharya	Ashutosh Bairoliya
4C	Afroz Adnan	Subhrodeep Poddar	Satyajit Jaiswal
5A	Gaurav Agarwal	Parimal Agarwal	Angvito Zhimomi
5B	Rajib Roy	Saurav Rajkarnikar	Ayush Khaitan
5C	Rohit Agarwal	Prasenjit Biswas	Shree Hang Nembang
6A	Anindya Das	Ritesh Mangal	Animesh Tuladhar
6B	Aamil Raza Shakri	Adarsh Saxena	Utsav Gartaula
6C	Aditya Kumar Khetan	Akhil Bansal	-
7A	Kushal Batabyal	Amit Khetan	-
7B	Aditya Sanyal	Nayeem Karim	Hemant Agarwalla
7C	Anil Kumar Roy	Sudipta Saha	Vineet Anand
8A	Ashwin Kumar Todi	Nikhil Kumar Agarwal	-
8B	Ajitesh Jaiswal	Rajib Miah	-
8C	Abhishek Chanani	Mukesh Kumar	-
9A	Ujjwal T. Kumar	Naman Mawandia	Rahul Ghosh
9B	Navin Kumar Gadia	Abhishek Jalan	Varun Agarwal
9C	Momocha Thangjam	Soumik Mukherjee	Saurav Shrestha
10A	Gourav Munal	Ankur Gupta	Rabin Pandey
10B	Rahul Khetawat	Arjun Gupta	Pankaj Tewari
10C	Neelay Choudhury	Sushant Chachan	Pemba T. Sherpa
11 Com.	Vishal Agarwal	Amber Huria	-
11 Hum.	David Cecil	Rupesh Kumar	-
11 Sc.	Dawa Sherpa	Vivek Pradhan	-
12 Com.	Abhishek Goenka	Amrit Tibarewala	-
12 Hum.	Amardeep Banerjee	Gaurav Dewan	-
12 Sc.	Vivek Kandhari	Prosenjit Bose	-

SPECIAL PRIZES

PRIMARY WING

<i>Class</i>	<i>Good Conduct</i>	<i>Art</i>
1	-	Avik Mullick
2	Aamir Azim	Nobin Dani

3A	Abhi Dugar	Dendhup Gurung
3B	Rohan Jaiswal	Yonten Tenzing
4A	Ankit Shrestha	Athoo Kesiezie
4B	Kushal Shrestha	Jigme Tashi
4C	Arjan Saluja	Hridesh Thapa
5A	-	Imkong Tzudir
5B	-	Vikramjit Lama
5C	-	Wangdi Gyalpo
	Essay Prize	... Adarsh Atal
	Moore Divinity	... Subhrodeep Poddar
	Best Actor	... Birat Krishna Thapa
	Saxena Prize for Quizzing	... Roshan Ngemu
	Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal	... Jyoti Kumar
	Best All Rounder Prize	... -

JUNIOR WING

J. W. Art Prize	...	Nischal Singh
B. J. Sharma Prize for the Best Sportsman	...	Tenzing Kutsabpa
Jack Warren Medal for the Best Cricketer in JW	...	Not awarded
Jyoti Kundu Prize for Elocution	...	Lakeesh Gurung
N. Shanmugam Memorial Medal for Good Conduct in Class 7	...	Shivaji Bhattacharya
Disawala Prize for the Best Actor	...	Reynold Anthony
K. N. Sahgal Prize for Bible Reading	...	Reynold Anthony
Moore Divinity Prize (Junior)	...	Atirek Kumar
Gayatri Kanti Prize for Consistent Academic Achievement in the Junior Wing	...	Ashwin Kumar Todi
Karanjai Prize for Quizzing	...	Ajitesh Jaiswal

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SENIOR WING

Kabra Proficiency Prize (ISC '98)	...	Ritesh Pandey
A.H. Miller Prize for Science (ISC '98)	...	T.I.M. Shaniur Nabi
Rai Bahadur D.N. Singh Prize for Hum. (ISC '98)	...	Gopal Agarwal
Leslie Goddard Scholarship & Medal (ICSE '98)	...	Amber Huria
Renuka Dang Proficiency Prize (ICSE '98)	...	Shashank Agarwal
Kamlesh Kanti Prize for Hindi (ICSE '98)	...	Vishal Agarwal
K. L. Pradhan Prize for Economics (ICSE '98)	...	Girish Agarwal
Rudra Hindi Prize	...	Abhishek Goenka
Madhukar Rana Nepali Prize	...	Amrit Kr Tibarewala
Usha Rani Bengali Prize	...	Jamshed Hossain

Tower History Prize	...	Merentoshi Jamir
Class of '89 Economics Prize	...	Karma Thinley Namgyal
Clarke Geography Prize	...	Amardeep Banerjee
K.N. Sahgal Accountancy Prize	...	Abhishek Goenka
K.N. Sahgal Business Studies Prize	...	Not awarded
Anil Chaudhuri Art Prize	...	Lendup Palzor Bhutia
Moore Divinity Prize	...	Amardeep Banerjee
Karun Majumdar General Knowledge Prize	...	Neelay Choudhury
Saraf Short Story Prize	...	Amber Huria
Maj. Bhatnagar Prize for 'Brain of St. Paul's'	...	Neelay Choudhury
Carter English Essay Prize	...	Manoj Singh
Nanibala Dey English Literature Prize	...	Kunga Tenzing Bhutia
Gal Gregory Maths Prize	...	Amrit Kumar Tibarewala
Majumdar Science Prize	...	Abhishek Shroff
Kothari Physical Science Prize	...	Abhishek Shroff
Robin Banerjee Life Science Prize	...	Prosenjit Bose
Lav Kumar Ecological Studies Prize	...	Amrit Kumar Tibarewala
R.S. Prasad Prize for Computer Science	...	Syed Abbas Hussain
Adams Music Prize	...	Bikash Gurung
Rahoul Music Prize	...	Abhishek Goenka
G.V. Swaika Prize for Drama	...	Bikash Gurung
Nilima Bose Prize for Excellence in Theatre	...	Vikash Atal
Best Actor Prize for 2nd Languages Hindi	...	Rushvir Singh
Nepali	...	Bikash Gurung
Bengali	...	Amardeep Banerjee
Bible Reading Prize	...	Julius Gomes
Sakraney Prize for Elocution	...	Julius Gomes
Air Force Trophy & Prize for the Best Public Speaker	...	Anirban Sinha
N.K. Mitra Prize for Club Activities	...	Binit Kumar Agarwala
Best Artist Prize for 1998	...	Lendup Palzor Bhutia
Best Craftsman Prize for 1998 (a) Batik	...	Prantick Roy
(b) Woodwork...	...	Merentoshi Jamir
Gibbs Prize for Outward Bound Activities	...	Sandeep Dhan Tuladhar
Kamlesh Kanti Prize for the Best Photographer of the year	...	Mukesh Kumar
Das Studio Prize for Consistent Good Work throughout the year	...	Manoj Singh
Darjeeling Photo Stores Prize for excellence in Photography	...	Nilanjan Saha

General Virendra Prize for NCC	...	Binit Kr Agarwalla
Jack Warren Medal for Cricket (Cl. X and below)	...	Abhishek Vishal
Darjeeling Rotary Award for Social Service (Cl. X and below)	...	Md. Sarwar Hassan
O.P.A. Prize for the Best All Round Sportsman	...	Karma Thinley
O.P.A. Prize for Social Service	...	Abhishek Goenka
G.J. Shaw Trophy & Prize for the Best All Rounder (Cl.X)	...	Ankur Gupta
K.K. Mukherjee Trophy & Medal for the Best All Rounder (Cl. XII)	...	Merentoshi Jamir
Bishop's Prize	...	Binit Kr Agarwalla
School Captain's Prize	...	Amardeep Banerjee
Rector's Prize	...	Amardeep Banerjee



Mr. J. Gardner giving away prizes on Sport Day



The ISC batch of March 1999



The ICSE batch of March 1999

CLIVE HOUSE REPORT 1998

House Master	: Mr. N. Gomes	House Captain	: Julius Gomes
House Tutors	: Mr. B. B. Tamang	House Prefect	: Binit Agarwal
	Mr. M. Dutta		
	Mr. M. Dev		

We started the year the 1998 by welcoming the boys of Classes IX and XI into the family that is Clive House. The working year was begun with the appointment of the following boys to positions of responsibility:

Binit Agarwal	:	Machine Workshop Secretary, N.C.C.
Abhishek Goenka	:	Games Secretary, Secretary of the Hindi Parishad, Head Chapel Warden.
Abhishek Shroff	:	Secretary of the Science Forum
Julius Gomes	:	Student Editor of the Paulite News Letter, Secretary of the English Literary Society.
Abbas Hussain	:	Secretary of the Computer Society, Captain of Tennis
Gaurav Dewan	:	Captain of Athletics.
Vivek Pradhan	:	Nepali Language Student Editor of the Paulite News letter.
Amber Huria	:	Compiler of the Paulite News letter.

As a number of activities sparked off, the boys took to the Cricket pitch and easily overtook all their adversaries in the leagues, and went on to share the shield with Hastings.

Volleyball and Basketball, next on the list, were not our cup of tea. We gave them our best shot, and took our beatings leaving us nowhere near the prize.

The Inter House Bengali Elocution saw us tie second with Hastings. A commendable performance was put in by Rakib Sobhan who was awarded 1st place in his section.

After a refreshing June break, Clive staged its Annual House Concert on the 11th of July, which comprised of a Sixth Form Song a play in three acts, and the House song. The play was regarded as a major pro-

duction: Ayn Rand's "The Night of January Sixteenth", which ran for a good two and a half hours. We were successful in our endeavour to entertain, and the fact was decided by the strong applause and the Rector's speech. The fruits of the entire house's efforts were reaped during the House Supper amidst much cheer.

After another overwhelming performance on stage, Clive lifted the Inter House English Elocution Cup along with Hastings. Vikash Atal, Amber Huria and Julius Gomes secured first place in their respective categories.

We didn't fare well in the Brain of St. Paul's Quiz Contest this year, despite the best efforts of Gaurav Dewan and Amber Huria.

Undaunted by a small defeat, we took on the Inter House Hindi Elocution and excelled along with Hastings and Lawrence. First place was bagged by Ankit Das in his category.

The boys were busy on the field as well, and we carried away the first place in the Football leagues. The House Matches were played against stiff competition and, with the feverish tempo of the World Cup inspiring the players, the performance was high-spirited. On account of an unexpected win and a surprise draw, Clive emerged victorious and lifted the football shield.

We weren't as successful in our attempts at Eton Fives or Badminton. The Tennis and Marathon seasons were postponed. That brought us to the Athletics season, and we took it head on. After struggling through the standards, we had to be satisfied with the second place. However, this only served as inspiration for the the boys, and we swept through the Heats. Sports Day settled our dues: not only did we win the Athletics Shield, but also the 20x100 relay, the 4x200 relay, and also the March Past Cake. Gaurav Dewan and Jyoti Prakash bagged Victor Ludorum Awards in their respective divisions.

In the course of the Second Term also came the Debating season. The First debate against Havelock was an easy win, with Vikash Atal being declared the Best Speaker. The Second against Hastings was the most interesting, intriguing and controversial debate. The team's best efforts were, however, in vain, as Hastings was declared the winner. The third and last debate against Lawrence was, again, an easy victory, with Julius Gomes being awarded the Best Speaker. Thus we ranked



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

second for the Grindlays Shield.

Among the boys who took part in the Plus Two Fest hosted by Mount Hermon School, the only winners from St. Paul's were :-Julius Gomes and Vishal Agarwal in the Mock Parliament Session, and Zorba Laloo for Creative Writing all boys from Clive House. Julius was also adjudged the Best Speaker.

On Speech Day, the following boys from Clive were awarded Class Prizes:-

Rahul Ghosh	:	Progress & Application [Class IX (A)]
Vishal Agarwal	:	First Proficiency Prize [Class XI (A)]
Amber Huria	:	Second Proficiency Prize [XI A]
Abhishek Goenka	:	First Proficiency Prize [Class XII Com.]
Gaurav Dewan	:	Second Proficiency Prize [XII Com]

Special Prizes were awarded to :

Vikash Atal	:	Nilima Bose Prize for Excellence in Theatre
Amber Huria	:	Leslie Goddard Scholarship & Medal (ICSE'98), Saraf Short Story Prize
Shashank Agarwal	:	Renuka Dang Proficiency Prize (ICSE'98)
Vishal Agarwal	:	Kamlesh Kanti Prize for Hindi (ICSE '98)
Abhishek Goenka	:	Rudra Hindi Prize, K. N. Sahgal Accountancy Prize, Rahoul Music Prize, O.P.A. Medal for Social Service.
Abhishek Shroff	:	Kothari Physical Science Prize, Majumdar Science Prize.
Syed Abbas Hussain:		R.S. Prasad Prize for Computer Science
Julius Gomes	:	Bible Reading Prize, Sakraney Prize for Elocution.
Binit Agarwal	:	N.K. Mitra Prize for Club Activities, General Virendra Prize for N.C.C., Bishop's Prize.

After a pleasant and much needed Puja Break, the House reassembled to face the Marathon Course. Again, the enthusiasm of Clive led to a neat victory resulting in the Marathon Cup, coming to us. We accumulated 3274 points with the least number of participants.

The tennis season started along with the squash season. Though

we didn't fare well in the squash-court, we swept the Tennis Cup. Amber Huria's performance was commendable.

Marathon Results

Intermediate Division	:	Randip Kundu	12th
	:	Rahul Ghosh	19th
	:	Md. Tanvir	23rd
	:	Amit Saraf	41st
	:	Abhishek Sur	44th
	:	Rohan Basu	46th

Senior Division	:	Gautam Ghosh	4th
	:	Arindam Ghosh	10th
	:	Sailesh Sinha	15th
	:	Gaurav Sarda	16th
	:	Ankit Das	20th
	:	Avinav Agarwal	23rd
	:	Pious Tater	24th
	:	Rup Prakash Biswas	34th

Open Division	:	Amit Gupta	2nd
	:	Amber Huria	4th
	:	Nitin Agarwal	5th
	:	Vivek Pradhan	7th
	:	Julius Gomes	11th
	:	Zorba Laloo	12th
	:	Abhishek Goenka	13th
	:	Tashi Topgyal	16th

Athletics achievement of Clive at a Glance:-

Name	Event	Inter House	Inter School Zonal	Inter School District
Open Div:				
Gaurav Dewan	100 m.	2nd	2nd	2nd
	200 m	1st	3rd	
	High Jump	3rd		
	Broad Jump	1st	3rd	
	Triple Jump	2nd		
	110 mts Hurdle	2nd		
	400 m	1st		
Binit Agarwal	Javelin	3rd		
Julius Gomes	800 mts	3rd		

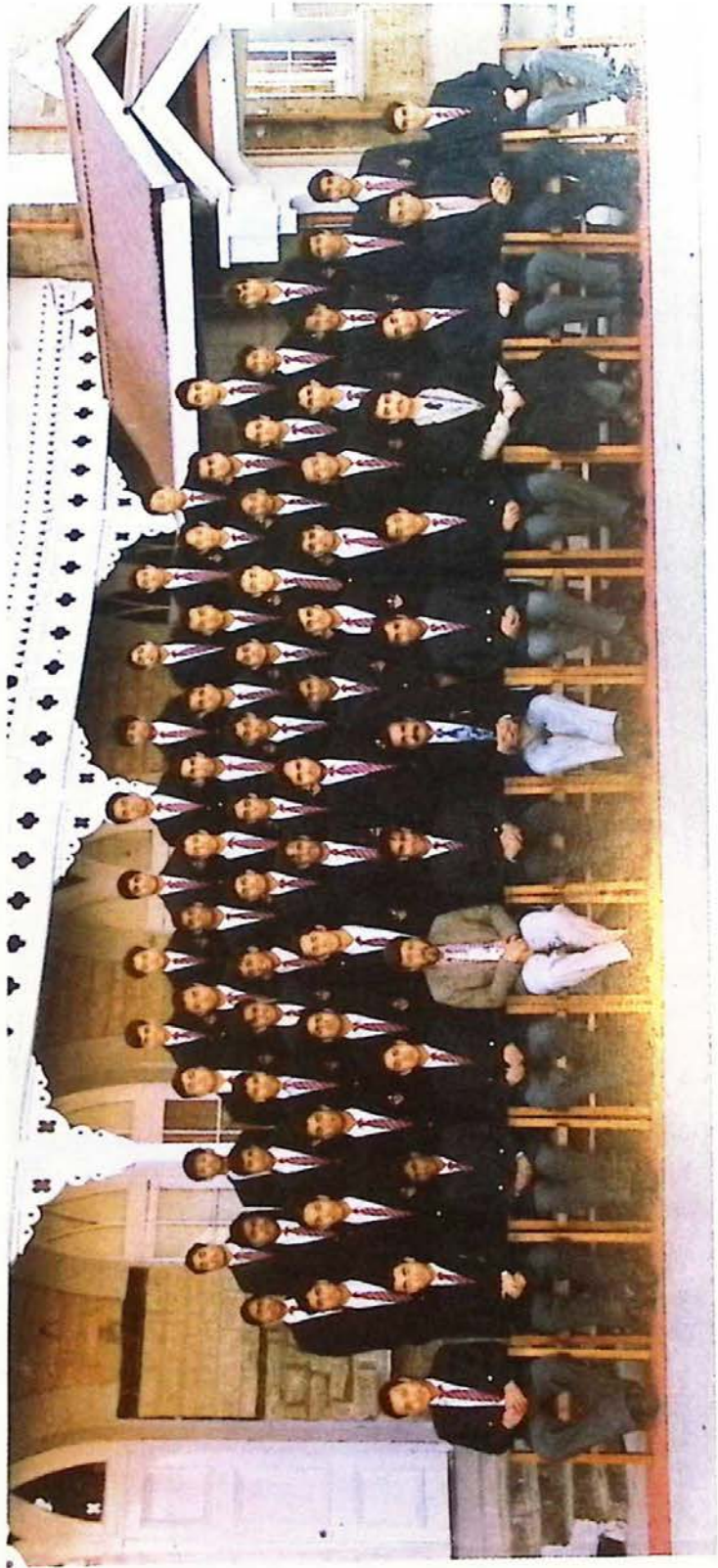
Amit Gupta	200 mts	3rd		
	Discuss	3rd		
	Shot Put	3rd		
	1500 mts	2nd	2nd	2nd
	Triple Jump	3rd		
	800 mts	1st		
	400 mts	3rd	3rd	
Amber Huria	800 mts		3rd	
Gaurav Dewan	Relay			
Amit Gupta	4x200			
Zorba Laloo		1st		
Jyoti Prakash				
Division I				
Jyoti Prakash	100 mts	1st	1st	1st
	200 mts	1st(NR)	1st	1st
	Triple Jump	1st		
	Broad Jump	1st	2nd	2nd
	800 mts	1st		
	400 mts	1st (N.R.)	1st	
	4x100 mts		1st	1st
Sachin Gupta	200 mts	2nd		
	High Jump	1st		
Arindam Ghosh	Javelin	2nd		

At the end of the year the Hockey fever did not grip the house boys, inspite of my repeatedly talking to them. Although we were placed second in the leagues, we did not feature anywhere at all in the House Matches.

I would like to thank Binit and Abhishek Goenka for holding the fort when I was away for a while. A big thank you to our House Master for being a friend philosopher and guide to the House throughout the year, be it in the Classroom, on the games field or on stage and like a good sport he is, he even willingly played the role of the presiding Judge in the House Play.

Much satisfied by our achievements this year, I wish the next house Captain all the best for a better 1999.

Julius Gomes
House Captain.



Hasting House with (L-R seated) Mr. D. Kumar, Mr. A. Thackur (House Master), Mr. D. Pradhan and Mr. A Banerjee

HASTINGS HOUSE REPORT- 1998

House Master :

Mr. Ashok Thackur

House Tutors :

Mr. D. Pradhan

Mr. Devendra Kumar

Mr. A. Banerjee

House Captain:

Amardeep Banerjee

House Prefects :

1. Bikash Gurung

2. Manoj Singh

Through the years Hastings has earned its name and fame due to the potential and drive put in by our boys in academics and various other activities. Even this year we proved our mettle.

In 1998 we welcomed Mr. D. Pradhan, Mr. Devendra Kumar and Mr. A. Banerjee as house tutors. March and April saw the arrival of the 9's and 10's, 11's and 12's. The investiture ceremony was held on 2nd April and Amardeep Banerjee was appointed the House Captain and the School Captain, with Bikash Gurung and Manoj Singh appointed as the House Prefects. The House was ready for the ensuing battles, and battle we did to share the cricket Shield. However in Volleyball we came second.

The basketball season saw us sailing through to the top, and the team deserves commendations on its performance. In Lawn tennis squash and badminton we were ranked third. Later in the year we topped in table tennis.

The Debating Shield has long eluded us. But where in the previous years we had only managed to kiss its hem, 1998 saw us grab it by the arm ! The team consisting of Amardeep Banerjee, Bikash Gurung, Abhishek Thackur and Anirban Sinha deserve hearty congratulations.

We also shared the Inter House Elocution Cup with Clive, being represented by Anirban Sinha, Abhishek Thackur, David Cecil, and Bikash Gurung.

Soumik Mukherjee, Arjun Gupta & Amardeep Banerjee participated in the Inter House Bengali Elocution and secured 2nd place. Nikhil Goyal, Abhishek Thackur and Manoj Singh ensured for us a joint first place in the Inter House Hindi Elocution. Well done to all elocutionists.

Come August, and Hastings was ready with its Annual House Concert. Our play Romulus Linney's "Suicide at Schofield Barracks" a riveting drama on the inquiry on a Major General and his wife who carried out a murder-suicide pact, proved to be a hit. It was directed by Mr. Ashok Thackur. Amardeep Banerjee, Bikash Gurung, Manoj Singh played the major roles ably supported by a large cast of 24 other actors.

Bikash Gurung, Isaac, Lalram & I. Goswami enthralled the audience with vintage English numbers. Mukesh Kumar, N. Mawandia, N Goyal, Amir Khan & Harsh Prateek presented Hindi numbers.

Marathon and Athletics which have for long been our forte, were lost to Clive this year. Hastings proved second best in both.

Following boys participated in the Inter House Athletic meet this year.

Class	Event	First	Second	Third
Open	100 mt.	Rupesh Kumar	-	Kunal Arora
"	200 mt.	-	Rupesh Kumar	-
"	Shot Put	-	Sonam Wangchuk	-
"	High Jump	Kunal Arora	Bikash Gurung	-
"	Broad Jump	-	Kunal Arora	-
"	1500 mt.	Isaac Kharkongor	-	-
"	Triple Jump	Kunal Arora	-	-
"	110 mts. Hurdles	Kunal Arora	-	-
"	800 mts.	-	Isaac Kharkongor	-
"	400 mts	-	Rupesh Kumar	-
I	100 mts.	-	-	Dibyaduti Ghosh
"	200 mts.	-	-	Dibyaduti Ghosh
"	Discuss I & II	Iftekar Fazli	-	-
"	High Jump	-	Iftekar Fazli	-
"	Board Jump	-	-	Iftekar Fazli
II	100 mts.	Gautam Shaw	-	-
"	200 mts	Gautam Shaw	-	-
"	High Jump-	-	Gautam Shaw	-
"	800 mts.	-	-	Gautam Shaw
"	400 mts.	Gautam Shaw	-	-
		Tug - O - War		
		2nd Hastings		
		Victor Ludorum - Class II	Gautam Shaw I	

Isaac Kharkongar, Rupesh Kumar, Iftekar Fazli, Dibyaduti Ghosh and Gautam Shaw represented the School in the Inter School Zonal Athletic meet and the District level Athletic meet this year.

Hockey was not a one sided affair. After a sea-saw battle between Havelock and Lawrence we needed just a draw against Havelock to share shield. But we wanted to lift the shield by defeating Havelock in the final which we did.

The P. T. Cup was ours all the way.

The following boys received prizes on the Speech Day.

Class	Ist Prize	2nd Prize	P&A
9A	-	N. Mawandia	-
9B	N. Gadia	A. Jalan	-
9C	-	S. Mukherjee	-
10 A	-	A. Gupta	Robin Pandey
10 B	-	Arjun Gupta	Pankaj Tiwari
10 C	-	S. Chachan	-
11 (Hum)	David Cecil	Rupesh Kr.	-
12 (Hum)	Amardeep Banerjee-		-
12 (Sc)	-	P. Bose	-

Special prizes were awarded to the following boys.

1. Anirban Sinha : Air Force Trophy for the best Public Speaker
2. Mukesh Kr. : K. Kanti Prize for Excellence in Photography
3. Abhishek Vishal : J. Warren Medal for the best cricketer
(Class 10 and below)
4. Ankur Gupta : G. J. Shaw Trophy for the best All Rounder
(Class X and Below)
5. Prosenjit Bose : Robin Banerjee Life Science Medal
6. Prantik Roy : Best Craftsman for 1998 (Batik Section)
7. Manoj Singh : Carter English Essay Medal, Das Studio Prize
for consistent good work in photography
8. Bikash Gurung : Adam's Music Prize, G. V. Swaika Medal for
Drama, Best Actor's Medal for 2nd Languages
(Nepali)
9. Amardeep Banerjee : Moore Divinity Medal, Clarke Geography
Medal, Best Actor's Medal for 2nd
Languages (Bengali), School Captain's
Medal, Rector's Prize.

All our losses elsewhere were neutralised when we won the most prestigious SIKKIM SHIELD for the best academic performance during the term. Well done !

In the end, I extend my sincere thanks to Amardeep Banerjee, Bikash Gurung and Manoj Singh, whose untiring effort and consistent inspiration gave real meaning to our House song "Hastings Hastings, we're best House in the School".

The Vith formers need to be especially praised for their co-operation and help in lifting the spirit of the boys. Well done ! to one and all.

Mr. A. Thackur

Post Script Notes from the House Captain :

At the end of a year, when a House Captain sits down to write on the year just ending his experiences are a curious mixture of feelings, difficult to express. It is mine at present. A stage has passed, an 'era' has ended. At this point of time, I thank all the House boys for their co-operation. In December our House Master - Mr. Ashok Thackur leaves us to join as Vice-Principal, Motilal Nehru School of Sports, Rai. He will be missed in the truest sense of the word for his tremendous potential, drive, guidance and support. God bless him in his future endeavours, and while we all take with us fond memories of the School, the future, I am confident, will see Hastings progress from Strength to Strength.

Amardeep Banerjee

HAVELOCK HOUSE REPORT 1998

House Master :
Mr. U. K. Dwivedi

House Captain:
Merentoshi R. Jamir
House Prefect:
Karma T. Namgyal.

"We are violet, we are white,
we are St. Paul's Dynamite !"

This year, 1998, started for Havelock with a loud bang. A large number of us were appointed as Secretaries of various departments and Captains of various games. The different Secretaries and Captain were:

Merentoshi R. Jamir	:	School Vice Captain House Captain Woodwork Secretary
Karma T. Namgyal	:	House Prefect Football Captain
Panu O. Pazo	:	Gymnastics Captian
Roden W. Sherpa	:	Basketball Captain
Abin Gauchan	:	Badminton Captain
Amrit Tibarewal	:	Secretary, Audio Visual Club
Jamshed Hossain	:	Student Editor, Paulite (Bengali)

Volleyball, the first game played this year, was lifted by Havelock. It was no accident because Havelock was a shade better than the others. Boys who did their house proud in this sport were Roden Sherpa, Karma Thinley, Abin Gauchan, Niraj Poudyal, Dhabup Prasai, Viduyt Jain and Prakash Karki.

Cricket and Basketball were played simultaneously this year. Although we sank like the 'Titanic' in cricket, we did put up a spectacular fight in the basketball final where we were pipped by a narrow margin. Nevertheless, Roden Sherpa, Karma Thinley, Tshewang Gyalnang, Peter Sailo and Tia Jamir did well.

The 18th of April was slated to be Havelock Nite '98. We put up a play in one-act titled 'Michael Shepley's Dilemma', which was a great success. We also put up a plethora of songs and other entertainment items. Abin Gauchan, Momocha Thangjam, Tia Jamir, Sanjeev Mehra



Havelock House with (L-R seated) Mr. M. C. Kharga and Mr. U. K. Dwivedi (House Master)

and Jamshed Hossain need to be commended for their excellent performances.

As the First Term Examinations came to a conclusion, the whole school put up a variety of physical exercise drills. Havelock did its bit by putting up an exercise which showed the art of self defence with the use of a stave. The martial art display was much appreciated.

Straight after the summer holidays, the football season began. The boys of Havelock played with great gusto and enthusiasm but unfortunately we lost by a mere point. Karma Thinley, Roden Sherpa, Vivek Pradhan, Tshewang Gyalnang Omar Hyder Ali and Rohit Prasad need to be commended for their great performance. Karma Thinley, the school football captain and House Prefect, also received the Old Paulites (Gangtok Chapter) trophy for the Best Footballer of the year 1998.

At the end of the Third Round of the Major Bhatnagar Brain of St. Paul's Havelock emerged the leaders and bagged the Quiz Cup. Neelay Choudhury and Ashish Chhetri need to be commended for their excellent performances. Neelay Chowdhury needs to be commended especially as he emerged as the winner of the Major Bhatnagar Brain of St. Paul's Prize, with Ashish coming a close second. We also bagged the Bengali Elocution Cup, thanks to Jamshed Hossain, Haider Ali and Tanvir Rahman. The English Elocution was not our cup of tea only Sanjeev Mehra kept the house flag, flying high.

P.T., Marathon and Athletics were never our cup of tea, and this year it was no different. Nevertheless, we bagged the Squash, Badminton and Eton Fives Cups. Roden Sherpa, Jamshed Hossain, Vivek Kandhari, Abin Gauchan, Haider Zafar, Omar Hyder Ali did well in their game.

The end of September saw the commencement of the Puja holidays, and Speech Day saw a number of prize winners come into the limelight:

Class Prizes:

Momocho Thangjam	-	First General Proficiency Prize, 9 C
Gourav Munal	-	First General Proficiency Prize, 10 A
Rahul Khetawat	-	First General Proficiency Prize, 10 B
Neelay Choudhury	-	First General Proficiency Prize, 10 C
Vivek Kandhari	-	First General Proficiency Prize, 12 Sc
Vivek Pradhan	-	Second General Proficiency Prize, 11 Sc

Amrit Tibarewala	-	Second General Proficiency Prize, Cl. XII Com
Saurav Shrestha	-	Progress and Application, IX C
Pankaj Tewari	-	Progress and Application, X B
Special Prizes :		
Sarwar Hossain	-	Darjeeling Rotary Award for Social Service (X & below)
Girish Agarwal	-	K. L. Pradhan Prize for Economic (ICSE '98)
Tenzing Kunga	-	Nanibala Dey English Literature Prize
Jamshed Hossain	-	Usha Rani Bengali Prize
Amrit Tibarewala	-	Gal Gregory Maths Prize
		Luv Kumar Ecological Studies Prize
		Madhukar Rana Nepali Prize
Neelay Chowdhury	-	Maj. Bhatnagar Brain of St. Paul's K. N. Majumdar Gen. Knowledge Prize
Karma T. Namgyal	-	Class of '89 Economics Prize
	-	OPA prize for Best All Round Sportsman
Merentoshi R. Jamir	-	Best Craftsman (wood work)
	-	Tower History Prize
	-	K.K. Mukherjee Medal and trophy-for the Best All Rounder (XII)

This year, house Colours were awarded to :

- i) Omar Haider Ali in Badminton
- ii) Karma T. Namgyal in Athletics

The last game for the year was Hockey. We did well and qualified for the finals where we lost to Hastings by a solitary goal.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the boys of Havelock for their utmost cooperation and die-hard loyalty; my colleague and house prefect Karma who has been with me through thick and thin; my house tutors, Mr. M. Kharga and Mr. G. Bhattacharya. Above all, my dear Housemaster, Mr. Umesh Dwivedi, who has helped and guided me throughout my Captaincy and through the entire four years I have spent in HAVELOCK.

'The old order changeth making way for the new'.

Merentoshi R. Jamir
House Captain 1998.

LAWRENCE HOUSE REPORT '98

House Master:
Mr. A. D. Jayal
House Tutors:
Mr. T. Calvert
Mr. D. Bagchi
Mr. R.S. Baoni

House Captain:
Rushvir Singh
House Prefect:
Siddharth Rajbhandari

We began a fresh year with fresh minds and fresh aspirations, starting with welcoming new batches in Classes IX and XI who have, in the process of various activities throughout the year proved to be a sporting lot.

We bid farewell to Mr. Pande who has gone on to become the house-master in the Junior Wing and also Mr. K.R. Singh. This would be the perfect opportunity to thank both of them for their support and loyalty towards Lawrence. At the same time I would like to welcome back Mr. D. Bagchi into the Lawrencian family and hope that his experience with us is a pleasant one.

It would be worthwhile to mention at this point of time that the former Captain of Lawrence House, Vice-Captain '97, Ritesh Pandey topped in the ISC results securing 92.4%.

The wheels spun as the new batch of VIth formers returned to school. The boys holding the various positions of authority for the year were :

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| 1. Siddharth Rajbhandari | : | Western Music Secretary |
| | : | Nepali Society Secretary |
| | : | Squash Captain |
| 2. Lendup Palzor Bhutia | : | Art Secretary |
| 3. Nasim Khan | : | Eton Fives Captain |
| 4. Arijit Ray | : | Industrial Chemistry Secretary |

With a high spirited approach, we walked onto the cricket pitchand got bowled over ! Undaunted by a minor annihilation on the field, we went on to the Basketball and Volleyball courts and emerged quite beaten, though we did manage to keep above the fourth position.



Lawrence House with (L-R seated) Mr. D. Bagchi, Mr. A. Jayal (House Master) and Mr. T. Calvert.

The inter house Debating season was inaugurated by Hastings and Lawrence - the former proved to be superior.

Then came the most awaited night for all Lawrencians - the night on which we could not possibly have been defeated. The 'Lawrence Nite' was spiced with several swinging musical items, an energetic dance and topped with a play in one Act, "Web of Circumstance" - a 'Menu' which was thoroughly appreciated by the entire audience. This play was directed by Mr. A. Jayal assisted by Mr. Tim Nicholls. The Guest of Honour was Dr. Mrs. Nicholls, Mr. Nicholls' mother.

Another feature of the 1st term was the Annual Gymnastics display, commemorating the 175th year celebrations. The speciality of this programme was the mass drill display in which the entire school took part. Lawrence played its own little role in this performance with 'Clubs Exercises. Our performance was colourful, rhythmic and well-coordinated and widely appreciated, thanks to Miss R. Rozario for her help and guidance.

Then came rolling down the hill the start of the football season. Having the best team on paper we reached, what could be called the finals, but fate was against us, and we had to be content with 2nd position. I would like to congratulate Sandeep Tuladhar for his outstanding performances for which he was awarded House colours.

The indoor/games weren't our cup of tea either. After a stunning performance we bagged the Hindi Elocution Cup, along with Hastings and Clive. A creditable performance displayed by Tushar Ujjwal and Rushvir Singh.

Our spirits were rejuvenated as we walked away with the Athletics Standards Cup and made a come back by also eating the keenly contested tug-O-war cake. During the athletics season, the following boys need to be commended for their performance:

Class Open	-	Lendup Bhutia (2nd)	-	Discuss
	-	Christopher Kynta (3rd)	-	Broad jump
	-	Sachin Pradhan (3rd)	-	110 mts. Hurdles
Class I	-	Siddhanth Rajbhandari (2nd)-	-	Discuss
	-	Tashi Sherpa (2nd)	-	Broad Jump
	(2nd)		-	Triple Jump
	(2nd)		-	800 mts.

Class I & II	- Siddhanth Rajbhandari (3rd)	- Shot Put
	- Tashi Sherpa (1st)	- 110 mts. hurdles
Class II	- Sandeep Tuladhar (1st)	- Broad Jump
	- Vikram Ghosh (2nd)	- 100 mts.
	- Tarak N. Joshi (2nd)	- 200 mts.
	(2nd)	- 400 mts.
Class III	- Sabin Tuladhar (1st)	- 200 mts
	(1st)	- Broad Jump
	(2nd)	- Triple Jump
	(2nd)	- 400 mts
	Ankit Seth (3rd)	- 400 mts
Class (III, IV, A)	Ankit Seth (2nd)	- 800 mts

I would like to compliment the following boys for winning the prizes on Speech Day :

Class Prizes :

1. Tushar Ujjwal - 9 (A) - 1st Proficiency Prize
2. Dawa Sherpa - 11 (Sc) - 1st Proficiency Prize
3. Varun Agarwal- 9 (B) - Progress and Application
4. Pemba Sherpa - 10 (C) - Progress and Application

Special Prizes :

1. Lendup P. Bhutia - Best Artist for '98
- Anil Chaudhuri Art Prize
2. Rushvir Singh - Best Actors prize,
2nd Language (Hindi)
3. Sandeep Tuladhar - Gibb's Prize for Outward Bound
Activities

The 3rd term started with the postponed marathon season. Having the least number of boys in the house we didn't stand a chance anyway.

The Hockey season came next and we were in the scene till our players got injured and finally, crumpled under the pressure and lost the shield to Hastings.

I would like to wind up by thanking my house prefect - Siddharth Rajbhandari for his help and co-operation in leading Lawrence towards perfection. I would also like to thank the whole house for its love and support which they bestowed upon me throughout the year, even though we were not on top, their spirit and enthusiasm were never cowed down. I would also like to extend my thanks, on behalf of the whole house to the house tutors for their help and assistance whenever we, required them. This report would be incomplete if I did not express my heart felt gratitude towards our dearest house master, Mr. A. D. Jayal, for being such a good friend, philosopher and guide during the ups and downs of the year.

You've always been special to us Sir. Thanks a million for everything.

"ONWARD TO HIGHER GOALS !!!"

Rushvir Singh
House Captain '98

HOUSE PLAYS



Clive House



Hastings House

OF 1998



Lawrence House



Cable and Westcott (Junior Wing)

JUNIOR WING NOTES

SPS has entered a hundred and seventy five years of its existence. The last nine months have literally flown by with regrettable speed, whether the time has been spent in work in the classrooms, sports on the playing fields or the extra curricular activities. We had several important functions to commemorate the 175th years of this great institution of ours.

The year began with 245 boys on roll when they reported back on the 6th of March. The new boys were welcomed with extended arms by all of us and they took little time in getting adjusted to the new routine.

We bade farewell to Mrs. G. Kanti who decided to leave at the end of 1997. She worked in St. Paul's School for more than 24 years with devotion and dedication. We wish her all the best. We said good bye to Mr. & Mrs. A.K. Dash also. Mr. Dash left us last year to join Lawrence School, Lovedale in Ooty as the Dy. Headmaster. Mrs. Dash left us in the middle of this year. We wish them success in their new responsibilities.

This year saw several new member of staff. Mr. S. Das joined us to take up Computer studies since Mr. A. Banerjee moved up to the Senior Wing. Mr. U. Dey came to teach Bengali during Mrs. P. Bhattacharya's absence. Mr. Sunil Krishnan and Mr. Tim Nicholls, two GAP students came from the UK to teach French and Science. Mr. S. Mishra came to help with some Hindi lessons in the beginning of the year till Mr. D. K. Mishra joined us in the Department of Hindi. We also welcomed Mr. A. Majumdar and Mr. M. Kharga to teach Geography and History respectively. Mrs. S. Vincent replaced Mrs. Dash as the Matron of the Rectory Dormitory. Mr. G. Jennings joined us to take French classes and Mr. M. Thakker to teach some Geography and Physics lessons. Mr. M. Dev joined the department of English and Mr. P. Singha joined us towards the end and taught Mathematics in class VI. We welcomed Mr. S. Pande as the Cable Housemaster after Mrs. Kanti's departure.

The following House Members were appointed for the year 1998.

Anderson : 1. Tenzing Kutsabpa
2. Nikhil Kr. Agarwal

Betten : 1. Mukesh Kumar
2. Lakeesh Gurung.

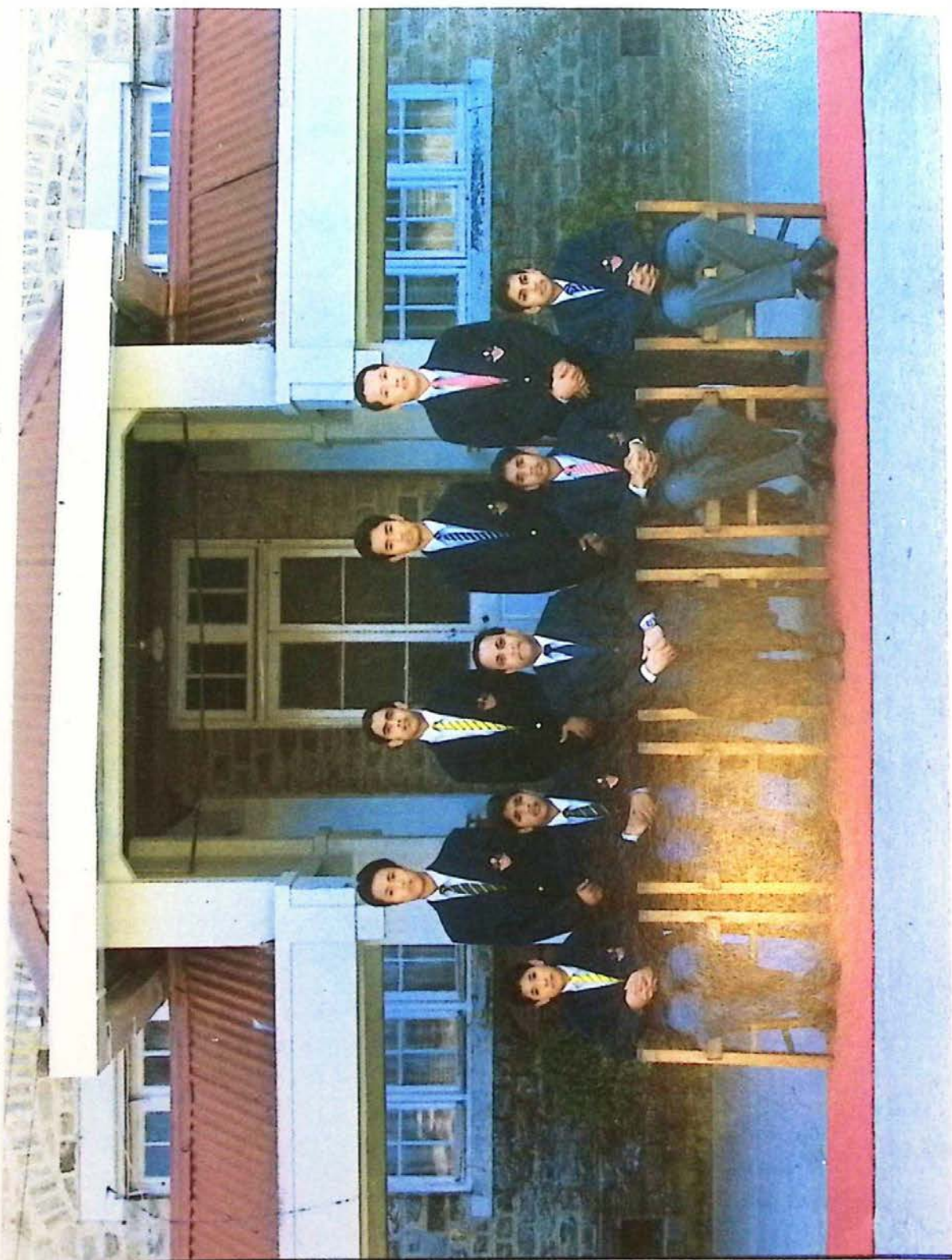
- Cable : 1. Ajitesh Jaiswal
 2. Tenzing Lama.
- Westcott : 1. Siddharth Poddar
 2. Sersang T. Karpoche.

The Junior Wing has had regular Sunday Matins (sometimes Even-song) and morning Chapel and I know that the boys have benefited a lot from this. Junior Wing Chapel service improved remarkably. They have had congregation practices on Fridays. This year we had our Carol Service on 29th November at 5 p.m. the Choir sang five Special Carols and the Seven-Fold Amen.

In the field of music, the Junior Wing boys have done creditably. Eight boys appeared for the practical examination in music (piano and voice) conducted by the Trinity College of Music, London. All were successful. Seven boys also appeared for the Theory examination in the month of November. Reynold Anthony, Zakee Sha, Tenzing Lama and Namgyal Sherpa performed as soloists at the Annual Music Concert. About 35 boys from the Junior Wing are members of the School Choir and I am proud to mention that some of them are major stalwarts. The School choir sang beautifully at the 175th year Thanksgiving Service which was held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta on 26th September at 6 p.m. Many of us were in the Procession. My congratulations to all these boys and sincere thanks to Mr. Pande for his help and guidance.

Dramatics and Elocutions were definitely of a high standards this year. On 28th of March Cable and Westcott put up their annual House concert. They were successful in entertaining the school which was evident from the loud applause they received. On the 27th of June, Anderson and Betten staged their Annual House Concert. This was also of a high standard. My thanks to all the housemasters and housemistress for their help and guidance.

This year it was Junior Wing's turn to put up the major production in the month of June. And so, the operetta "In Gay Havana" was staged. Practically every single boy was involved. It had a fairly large cast of about 40 members, a background chorus of about 75 singers, an orchestra of 10 musicians and a host of backstage helpers. It was a fantastic team work where most of the staff had given a helping hand. The soloists and the orchestra were trained and directed by Mr. S. Pande. It was performed under the able direction of Mr. N.S. Lawrence, Mrs. R.



Mr. G. R. Anthony with the Junior Wing Monitors

Anthony and Mr. S. Pande. My sincere thanks to them for this great entertainment. All our boys acted well and their performance was commendable. My congratulations to Reynold Anthony who was awarded the Best Actor's Prize in the Junior Wing this year for his fine acting and singing.

The Inter House Hindi Elocution Contest was held in June. The boys did quite well. Betten House won the cup. Subham Kumar (Ca) and Ashwin Todi (Be) represented the school at the Inter-School Hindi Elocution programme. My thanks to Dr. M. Kumar, and Mr. D. K. Mishra for helping the boys. My thanks to Mrs. P. Bhattacharya for preparing Anindya Das (Ca) and Shivaji Bagchi (Ca) for the Inter-School Bengali Elocution programme. Subodh Adhikari (Ca) and Uday Gartaula (We) represented the school in the Inter-School Nepali Elocution programme. I would like to thank Mr. B.B. Tamang who helped the boys. The Inter-House English Elocution Contest was held on 8th July. After a very exciting and close contest, there was a tie for the Elocution Cup which was shared by Betten and Westcott. My thanks to Mr. N.S. Lawrence who organised this contest. Murtaza Sha of Cl. 6 and Amanbir Grewal of Cl. 8 represented the school at the N. M. Masters Elocution contest. Murtaza stood 3rd.

Besides the concerts and Elocutions, Junior Wing boys were shown many movies throughout the year in the Prep Hall and also in their Tuck Hall. They also enjoyed 'Blackies Treats' at the end of every month and got a day off to town once a month.

Junior Wing boys love expeditions. They are always ready to go out with their friends and groups. This year six overnight expeditions were organised, two to Rimbik and four to Jorethang. The Rimbik expeditions were accompanied by Mrs. R. Anthony, Mr. S. Pande and Mr. P. Tamang. They also visited Srikhola. Jorethang expeditions were accompanied by Mr. N. S. Lawrence, Mr. S. M. Pradhan, Mr. S. Das, Mr. M. Kumar, Mr. D.K. Mishra and Head, Junior. Wing. We also visited Gayzing, Pelling and Pemayangste. The last group went to Namchi as well. The boys really had an enjoyable time. I would like to thank sincerely Mr. Anand Agarwal who made the boys feel at home and comfortable in Jorethang in a Dharmashala. He provided them with such comforts which would not have been possible otherwise.

There were various other co-curricular activities during the year. We had two house activities this year. One in the beginning of the year

on 14th of March and the second one towards the end of the year on the 14th of November. These were enjoyed by one and all.

There was a neck and neck struggle for the Quiz Cup which was ultimately won by Anderson—Ajitesh Jaiswal was the Best Quizzer in the J. W. Congratulations Ajitesh. Adarsh Saxena and Aamil Shakri of Cl. 6 represented the school in the Maggi Quiz contest. Ajitesh Jaiswal and Sabal Tuladhar represented the school in the qualifying round of the Bournvita Quiz Contest. They stood second and were awarded a Quiz book each. My thanks to Mr. B. Cecil who helped the boys in the Quiz Contests. The final round of the Inter-house Debates was held in October. In what seems a wonderful year for Anderson, they added another feather to their cap by winning the Debating Cup. I would like to thank Mr. S. K. Mishra who organised the Debates. The Junior wing Moore Divinity Prize was awarded to Avisek Kumar (Ca) this year.

The year wasn't all work and no play. All the games were played enthusiastically and boys showed considerable improvement in various games. The cricket season took off in March and the under 8 Cricket team played against St. Joseph's College (School deptt) and won. This was followed by the cricket house matches and Anderson won the cup. Anderson continued its winning streak, by bagging the Basketball and Volleyball cups also. Palden Dorji, Sersang Tenzing and Tenzing Kutsabpa represented the school in Basketball under 10 team.

The football season commenced in June, with the coming of the monsoons. The football league which ensures that each and every boy in the wing participates was won by Betten. The football cup was taken away by Anderson. Our under 10 football team fared commendably well this year. They played three matches against Mount Hermon, North Point and DGH, Kalimpong. We won the first two matches but lost the third one. Tenzing Kutsabpa and Sersang Tenzing represented the school in football. The monsoons also saw the commencement of the indoor games season. Squash and Badminton were played with full vigour and enthusiasm. Both the cups were once again bagged by Anderson.

Due to heavy rains this year the main roads were damaged owing to frequent landslides. As a result the running season was postponed to October. We had our Marathon Finals on 19th of October. This time, for a change Betten won the Marathon Cup. The following boys deserve credit for coming first in their respective divisions. Shahil Karki (An)-Primary Div. Karma Rangdol (An)- Junior. Div, Nishan Rai (We) - Inter-

mediate Div and Sersang Tenzing (We)- Senior. Div. This is the third consecutive year that Sersang has come first. Congratulations !

The Junior Wing boys did not look behind in other games as well. Tushar Singh and Gautam Kumar (Sr) represented the school at the Table-tennis Carnival in Kalimpong. The Table-Tennis Cup was shared by Wescott and Anderson and the Tennis cup was taken away by Anderson.

The athletics season is one which is always looked forward to by the boys and this year was no different. It kicked off with the standards and the boys honed their skills at a number of events. The standards as well as the Athletics Cup was won by Anderson. Abhishek Behani, Sersang Tenzing, Majidul Islam, Eric Manandhar, Aditya Katwal and I. Sina Khan represented the school at the district Inter-School Athletics Meet held at Kurseong. We came first in A Div. Which comprised of two J.W. boys. My congratulations to all these boys. Tenzing Kutsabpa was awarded the 'Best Sportsman Medal' in the Junior Wing this year. Well done Tenzing !

The hockey season began in full swing after the break. Anderson won the Hockey Cup this year. Tournaments like carrom, badminton and table tennis were also conducted in the Junior Wing and these were received with a lot of interest and zeal by the boys.

The J.W. boys performed their Annual Gym. display on the 6th of June. There was also a Flashboard display which showed various designs. I would like to thank Mr. J. Singh for training the boys for the Gym. display. Thanks to Mr. D. Kumar and Mr. M. Kumar for preparing the boys for the Flashboard display. The J.W. boys began their day with morning P.T. throughout the year. Two P.T. competitions were held and the cup was won by Anderson this year. There was a tie for the Best P.T. leader Amanbir Grewal (An) and Lakeesh Gurung (Be) were declared the Best Leaders for 1998. My sincere thanks to Mr. A. Alva who supervised the morning P.T.

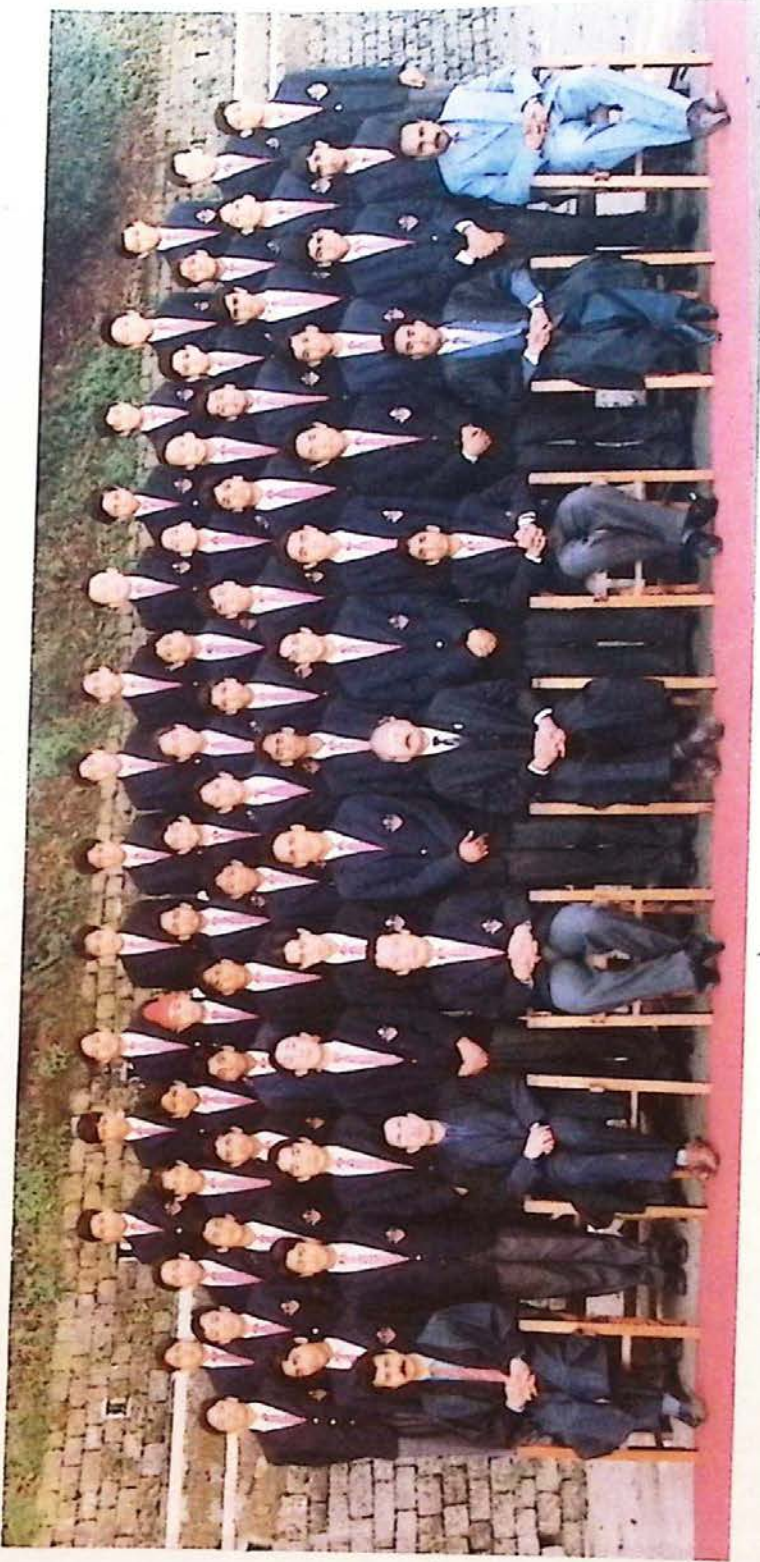
The J.W. boys along with the other two wings did a wonderful job by entertaining the staff body on Teachers Day. They in turn were entertained by the staff members on Children's Day. Some items put up by the staff members were thoroughly enjoyed by the boys. Diwali was also enjoyed by the boys. Each and every boy was given a packet of firecrackers to burst on the lower field. Fireworks created a beautiful scene. More or less everyone enjoyed the festival.

The preparation for the JW exhibition are exciting moments for the boys. They are happy because their hobby piece will be on display which they take home later on, and with every passing day, they are drawn closer to the beginning of the Puja holidays. With so many hobby pieces of different kinds the JW hall was splashed with different colours and given a new look. The JW boys worked consistently towards the end of August and their hard work bore fruitful results. The mascot chosen by C18 boys this year was 'Footix' The following hobbies were available to the boys, Fabric Painting, Weaving, T. Shirt painting and Macreme', Tile painting, Pin and Thread, Batik, Card making, Photography, Animated scrapbook making, sketch drawing and Rug making. I would like to thank the co-ordinator Mr. N.S. Lawrence for all his help. We were privileged to have two former Rectors of our school, Mr. D. Gibbs and Mr. J. Gardner at our exhibition. They were very pleased with the display.

In October we were happy to have in our midst Dr. James Massey, Member of the National Minorities Commission of India. He addressed the Junior Wing boys and gave them some valuable information about his job.

In a nutshell the year sailed by as smoothly as one could expect. The boys had their share of drawbacks but the staff helped them to overcome every obstacle. I would like to thank sincerely all the house-masters, housemistress, hallmasters, matrons, teachers and the monitors for the help they have extended to me. I owe a debt of gratitude to the Rector who continued to help and guide me throughout the year.

G. R. ANTHONY
HEAD, JNR. WING.



Anderson House with (L-R seated) Mr. G. Dutta, Mr. P. M. Pradhan, Mr. S. M. Pradhan (House Master),
Mr. S. Das and Mr. K. R. Singh.

ANDERSON

Housemaster :
Mr. S. M. Pradhan

House Monitors :
Tenzing Kutsabpa
Nikhil Agarwal

The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it. This idea was adopted by the Andersonians who were gifted with an extremely successful year because of their hard work and skill.

The year began with the selection of the monitors-Tenzing Kutsabpa and Nikhil Agarwal. This pair led the house from the front and inspired the boys to strive for the best results in every field.

As usual the cricket season started off early and the house fared very well in the leagues and eventually lifted the cricket cup due to the brilliant performances of Eric Manandhar, Anil Gurung (Jr), and Abdul Berek. In the meanwhile Anderson also managed to come out as victors in Volleyball and Basketball. Mr. SM Pradhan, our house master, specially needs to be thanked for his help and training which helped the boys to go all the way. Tenzing Kutsabpa and Palden Dorjee have to be specially commended.

The Quiz team comprising Amanbir Grewal, Saurav Upadhyay, and Adarsh Saxena continued the march to victory and added another feather in our Cap !

We staged our annual house concert on the 27th of June along with Betten House. The concert was studded with a variety of exclusive items including a 'Pyramid', a triangular gymnastic formation done by the boys. Mr. SM Pradhan and Mr. NS Lawrence have to be specially thanked for their effort and guidance without which it would have been impossible to make this programme a success.

After the June Break, the boys returned to school refreshed and full of enthusiasm and spirit which helped them to get a headstart in the football leagues. Ultimately the Andersonians ended up with faces flushed with excitement which undoubtedly showed the reflection of their victory in football. Eric Manandhar, Tenzing Kutsabpa, Majidul Islam Om Shree Narasingha deserve special mention.

The end of August saw the beginning of the Athletics season which was certainly our cup of tea. The boys not only bagged the standards but also the Athletics Cup. The outstanding athletes of the house were Eric Manandhar, Tenzing Kutsabpa, Amulya Shakya and Majid-ul-Islam.

On Speech Day a number of talented Andersonians were awarded class prizes and special prizes. They were :

Second Prize : Adarsh Saxena
 Amit Khetan
 Nikhil Agarwal
 Rajib Sobhan

Best Sportsman : Tenzing Kutsabpa

Well done boys !

The debate team also had much to offer to the house. Amanbir Grewal, Rajib Sobhan, Saurav Upadhyay and Adarsh Saxena led the House towards yet another triumph. Amanbir Grewal was adjudged the Best Speaker for the year 1998.

The table tennis team consisting of Abdul Barek, Rajib Sobhan and Manish Agarwal gifted the house another valuable victory. Saibal Chowdhury, Tenzing Kutsabpa, Rahul Sen and Majid-ul-Islam guided the house to the top in Badminton. The house did not perform to expectations in Elocution and in Marathon and was totally overshadowed by our victors.

Due to the excellent mutual cooperation between Eric Manandhar and Majid-ul-Islam, Anderson was able to lift the lawn tennis cup also.

The Hockey league saw us on the top and it was same for the house matches. Eric Manandhar, Tenzing Kutsabpa, Om Shree Narisingha and Majid-ul-Islam performed brilliantly.

Under the leadership of Amanbir Grewal, the P.T. Cup also could not slip through our hands.

We thank all our house tutors and specially thank our housemaster Mr. SM Pradhan for the guidance help and support throughout the year.

We would also like to thank the Class 8's of 1998 for their cooperation which helped us to win the prestigious SOLOMON CUP.

The monitors also need to be thanked for their leading qualities and help.

MONITI MELIORA SEQUAMUR

Amanbir Grewal
Nikhil Agarwal.

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The House won the prestigious SOLOMON CUP for the second consecutive year. Altogether the House won 15 cups. It is a record and this record is the result of tremendous hard work, mutual cooperation and strong determination dedicated to you all. Well done.

I would like to thank Mr. N. Gomes, Mr. G. Bhattacharya, Mr. D. Kumar, Mr. M. Kumar, Mr. SK Mishra, Julius Gomes and my House Tutors M/s P M Pradhan, G. Dutta, S. Das and R. Singh and my monitors Nikhil Agarwal and Tenzing Kutsabpa for their help. Finally special thanks are owed to Amanbir Grewal and Nikhil Agarwal for preparing the House report.

S. M. Pradhan.



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

BETTEN HOUSE REPORT 2018

House Master :
Mr. N. S. Lawrence.

Monitors :
Lakeesh Gurung
Mukesh Kumar.

As I sit to write this report, the thought that comes to my mind, is that it was a year of missed opportunities coupled with the lack of fighting spirit when the going got tough. There were many instances when we would be well on our way to clinching a trophy, and then, all of a sudden, victory would turn out to be something of a damp squib. However, it would seem ungrateful to marginalize the few victories that were outstanding.

Our first cup was won by the four boys who comprised the Hindi Elocution team. Trained by Dr. Manoj Kumar who is also the teacher in charge of this co-curricular activity, Ashwin Todi, Tuhin Dhawal, Gautam Kumar and Mayank Kumar performed so creditably that it was a cakewalk victory.

In the English Elocution contest, Murtaza Shah, Kaustav Chaudhuri, Ashwin Todi and Lakeesh Gurung were able to outshine the contestants of the other houses and through their laudable performance, Betten was able to clinch its second cup.

Over the last four years, Betten has succeeded in winning the Marathon cup, and the road-runners of Betten did it again this year. This is one of the few events which requires a concerted team spirit which explains why the house came first even though there were no individual 'top-notch' winners in any division. Every Bettenite was treated at Blackies, even those who brought minus points to the house. Well done boys !!

While musing over the performance of the house in this current year, it is evident that in comparison to last year's performance, Betten fared considerably well. Looking at the scoreboard, Betten was ranked second in the final tally. Although Betten only clinched three cups, she was nevertheless a runner-up in the other competitions.

In the combined Anderson and Betten house concert which was held on 27th June, a mixed bag of entertainment was presented. There

were two skits, a cultural dance, a rap dance and pyramids. Some favourite songs were sung by the boys who also played their own instruments. Rohan Dhar performed on his mouth-organ again this year. The boys acknowledged the work put in by their two housemasters, by Mr. Prafulla M. Pradhan and Mr. S. K. Mishra.

On Speech Day, the following boys were awarded prizes : Kaushal Batabyal, for the first proficiency prize classwork, Mukesh Kumar, for the second proficiency prize for classwork, Lakeesh Gurung was awarded the Jyoti Kundu prize for Elocution. Ashwin Todi was awarded the first proficiency prize for classwork and he was also awarded the Gayatri Kanti Prize for consistent academic achievements in the Junior Wing.

Betten House thanks all the boys of class eight for their loyalty and support throughout the year, for helping to strike a balance at sustaining the harmony, the enthusiasm and the competitive spirit of its junior members. We wish them happiness and success as they move on to continue their studies in the Senior Wing. Good Luck guys, we'll miss you !

In conclusion, I would like to thank our house tutors-Mrs. P. Bhattacharya, Dr. Manoj Kumar, Mr. A. Majumdar and Mr. Poonam Lama for all their support and help during the year. Thank you colleagues !

Deo gratias !

N. S. Lawrence.



Cable House with (L-R seated) Mr. D. K. Mishra, Ms. A. S. Rai, Mr. S. G. Pande (House Master)
and Mr. S. D. Lama.

CABLE HOUSE REPORT-1998.

House Master :
Mr. Sudeep Pande

House Monitors :
Tenzing R. Lama
Ajitesh Jaiswal

House Tutors :
Mrs. A. Rai
Mr. S. D. Lama
Mr. D. K. Mishra

It came as a pleasant surprise to me at the Opening of Term Staff Meeting where the Rector announced that I was going to take over as the new Housemaster of Cable. It was definitely not an easy job but with the guidance of the Rector and the Head Junior Wing and the co-operation and help of my two monitors I sailed along rather smoothly.

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 Tenzing Lama and Ajitesh Jaiswal for inspiration and example and these two boys made an excellent team. They were courteous, firm and led from the front. Both of them have been extremely helpful and obliging and I am indeed very grateful to them.

The year started with an enjoyable House Activity. The boys got to know each other at an informal level. Soon after we had our House concert which was staged on 28th March, 1998. This year we were dubbed together with Westcott House. The concert had a wide variety of items. It started with choral items from the musical "Oliver" – consider yourself at home and 'Om Pah Pah'. There was a vocal solo and a trio by Namgyal, Tenzing and Reynold. There was a play in one-act, a fashion show and a Dance. The show came to an end with a choral version of 'We did it our way'-even the Housemaster and Tutors were a part of the group.

Games was not our forte but the boys played with vigour and enthusiasm. As the former Rector, Mr J. A. Gardner, said that it is the finished product that we need to look at. And, in St. Paul's we believe in an all-round development. The Cablites need to be commended on a whole-hearted participation in all the games. And on the whole, we were average. But then, many of our boys played in the various school teams and did creditably. In this connection I would like to congratulate

late Tenzing Lama, Namgyal Sherpa, Atirek Kumar, Shubham Kumar, Swakshar Kundu, Debashish Kar, Udhav Sharma, Kwok Wai Choy and Vishal Pakhrin for a notable contribution. Santosh Singh and Shubham Kumar (Jr) represented our school in Athletics. Santosh won the 'Victor Ludorum' award in Class III.

In the field of co-curricular activities we were good. In Hindi elocution, we came 2nd, and in English, 3rd. Shubham Kumar (Jr) came first and represented the school in the Inter-school Hindi Elocution. Ankit Kishorepuria came second. In English Elocution, Tenzing Lama and Reynold Anthony came second in the Prose and Drama sections respectively. In Debate, we were adjudged third with Atirek Kumar as one of the Best Speakers. Atirek, with his fantastic imagination and matured thinking, won the Moore Divinity Prize and came second in the Inter-school Essay writing competition. He was also one of the main leaders of the Junior School Exhibition. In Quiz, we were second. Ajitesh Jaiswal was awarded the Karanjai Prize for Quizzing and he represented the school in the Bournvita Quiz Contest.

In the area of music and dramatics, the House has done very well indeed. Chenithung Ezong, Yephthomi Kuhozu, Mohjit Mukherjee and Reynold Anthony have appeared for the practical examination in piano conducted by the Trinity College of Music, London. All of them, along with Ayush Agarwal, Shivaji Bhattacharya, Papan Sarkar, Debasish Kar, Subodh Adhikari, Namgyal Sherpa and Tenzing Lama have been sincere members of the School choir and have also performed at the Annual Music Concert. Tenzing sang the solo 'Deep River Woman' and Namgyal was an excellent guitar accompanist. All the above mentioned boys had taken part in the Junior Wing Major Production, 'In Gay Havana', Reynold Anthony and Mohijit Mukherjee had taken major roles and the former was awarded the Best Actor-1998. At the Carol Service, Tenzing and Reynold (who also won the K. N. Sahgal Prize for Bible Reading) were two of the four student readers. Abhijit Tarafdar has served as a faithful chapel warden. Shivaji Bhattacharya won the "Good Conduct Prize in class VII"

In academics, we have indeed been the best. The following boys were awarded with class prizes :- VI A: First-Anindya Das, Second-Ritesh Mangal; VI B : First-Aamil Raza Shakri; VII B-Second-Nayeem Karim; VII C : First-Anil Roy, Second-Sudipta Saha; VIII B : First-Ajitesh Jaiswal and thus, quite deservingly, the House won the 'classwork cup'-1998. The Cablites, also being thorough gentlemen and docile, won the 'Behaviour Cup'-1998.

Three expeditions were conducted over the year, along with Westcott House. The classes VI and VIII boys were taken to Rimbik and Shrikhola on separate occasions. The class VII boys were taken to Jorethang. These expeditions enabled the boys to get to know each other and their teachers at a rather informal level, and thus build up a healthy rapport and friendship.

At the end of a comparatively successful year, I would like to thank my two worthy monitors, Tenzing and Ajitesh, who have always been besides me. I would also like to place on record my gratitude to Atirek Kumar, Namgyal Sherpa and Santosh Singh who were strong pillars of the House. I also wish to thank the three tutors-Mrs. A. Rai, Mr. S. D. Lama and Mr. D. K. Mishra who have been extremely kind and helpful. And finally, to Mr. G. R. Anthony, H J W, for his help and guidance. Thank you to one and all.

Sudeep Pande.

When Mrs. G. Kanti left us, we thought that we had been crippled. But when her place was taken over by the Master-in-charge of the Music Department, Mr. Sudeep Pande, it came as a pleasant surprise to all of us. Mr. Pande has not only been our House Master but a friend and guide. Welcome to the Cable House Family, Sir !!

For me, monitorship came as a surprise, full of challenges. I am sure that I speak on behalf of all the monitors that it was not an easy job. But with the help and co-operation of my counterpart, Ajitesh Jaiswal, and my co-operative batchmates, I was able to sail along. This year in the beginning, it was not a successful term. But later, we somehow did pull up in Marathon, Academics and Behaviour. But what really matters is the amount of determination we put in and the contribution of every individual of the House. We became the pioneers of small group expeditions in Junior Wing, with the other houses following suit. The Wall Magazine started by Namgyal Sherpa and Atirek Kumar became a new achievement for Junior Wing. And Atirek taking charge of the J W Exhibition was wonderfully successful !

1998 was always meant to be special as St. Paul's completed 175 years of its existence. But for me it was made much more memorable because of the love bestowed upon me by my Housemaster and all the other tutors. I extend all my gratitude to Mr. Pande who had helped me and trusted me that I would and have done my best. Thank you very much, Sir, and best of luck for the future.

Tenzing Rangdole Lama.



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

WESTCOTT HOUSE REPORT

Housemistress :
Mrs. R. Anthony
House Tutors :
Mrs. U. S. Baoni
Mr. S. K. Mishra
Mr. P. Tamang

House Monitors :
Sersang Karpoche
Siddarth Poddar

Time has taken another year of our school life and though it has been a happy year for us, it has not been a very successful one for the Westcottians.

We started the year with great confidence and enthusiasm, by having the House Activities in the band room on the 14th March and our Annual House Concert on the 28th March. Along with Cable, we staged a one act play – "Papaji's Birthday", followed by a few songs, a dance and a comic skit, "Mr. St. Paul's". These activities made the class six boys feel free and comfortable along with the other House boys.

Playing the game in the spirit of the game helped to bring the House very close to success. Though we could not record many victories, we came second in Lawn Tennis, Athletics, Hockey, Basketball etc. However, the gay spirit in which everyone took these defeats was amazing.

Individually, a few boys did well for themselves in different sports and activities. Some of our House boys who participated in the Inter School Athletics and the District Athletics were Aditya Katwal, Parvez Khan and Nishan Rai. Tushar Singh represented the school in the table-tennis tournament held at Rockvale Academy and stood 3rd. In Marathon, though we came fourth, some of the boys excelled in their respective divisions :

Senior Division	–	Sersang Tenzing - 1st for the 3rd time.
Intermediate Div	–	Nishan Rai - 1st
Junior Division	–	Abhishek Rai -2nd
Primary Division	–	Brendon Benjamin, 3rd.

We could boast of only one special prize winner-Nischal Singh, who was adjudged the Best Artist of the Junior Wing.

Some of our boys who acted in the Junior Wings Annual Concert held on the 6th June were Siddarth Poddar, Nischal Singh, Abhishek Chenani, Zabir Rehman and Brendon Benjamin. The choir boys who attended the Special Thanksgiving Service for the 175th year at Calcutta were Amar Bajracharya, Akhil Bansal, Aditya Katwal, Diganta Chowdhury and Uday Gartaula.

A few achievements came later in the year; one was the victory in T. T. for which credit goes to Parvez Khan and Tushar Singh. On the 8th of July we won the English Elocution Contest for the 6th consecutive year, but this time we shared it with Betten. The Elocutionists were :

Class VI	-	Poetry	-	Brendon Benjamin
Class VII	-	Prose	-	Amar Bajracharya
Class VIII	-	Prose	-	Nischal Singh
Class VIII	-	Drama	-	Prashant Dahal.

Our marching proved to be the best once again when we won the March Past cake on Sports Day.

Overnight excursions were organised for the boys at different places during the year. On the 30th April, Class VIII boys were taken along with Cable House to Rimbik and Srikhola. On the 12th September Class VI was taken to the same place accompanied by Mr. P. Tamang and Mr. S. G. Pande. On the 28th October Class VII was sent to Jorethang along with the Cable House boys.

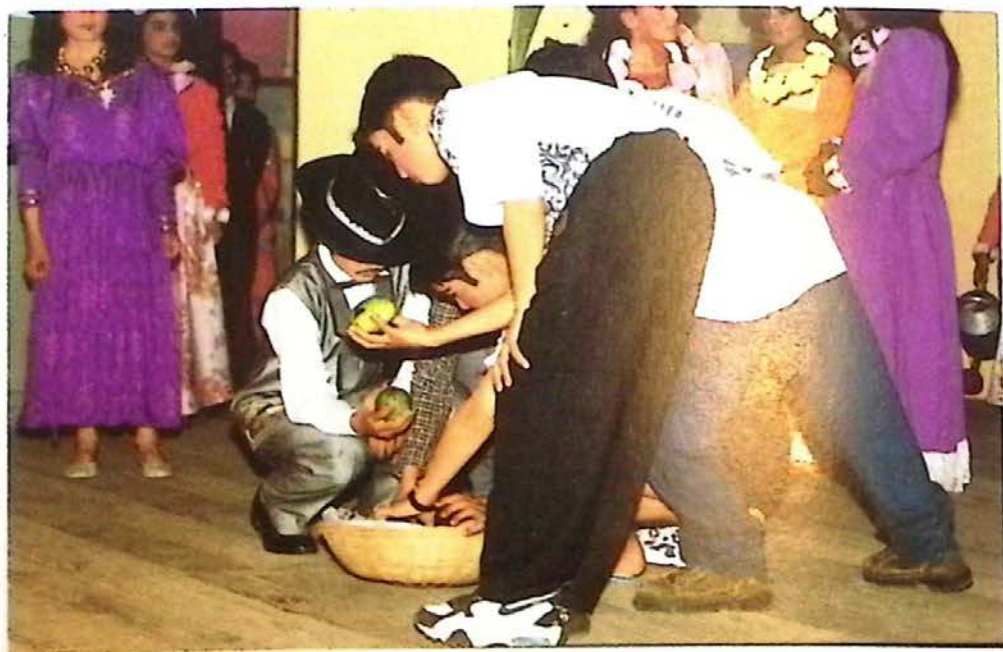
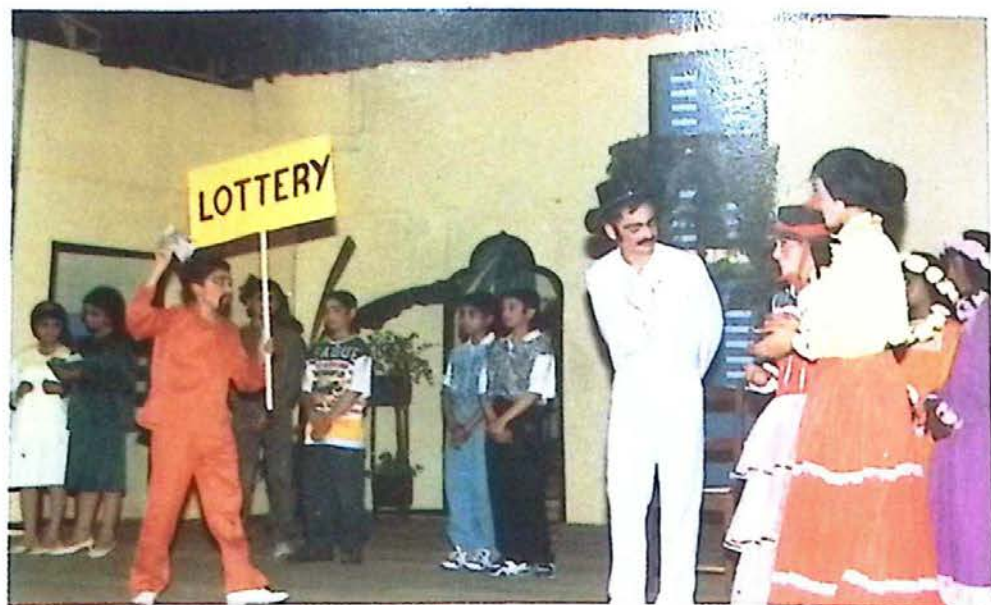
On the 14th November we had our last House activity in the Tuck Hall and after the fun and 'grub' the two House Monitors Sersang and Siddarth were thanked for fostering the spirit of unity and comradeship in the boys and working effortlessly throughout the year.

It would be ungracious if I did not thank Mrs. U S Baoni, Mr. S K Mishra and Mr. P. Tamang who, from time to time, rendered their help and gave their valuable support to the House.

Mrs. R. Anthony.

JUNIOR WING ANNUAL PLAY "IN GAY HAVANA"





PRIMARY WING NOTES 1998

The new term began on 7th March and within a few days the full quota of 243 children had reported in. Settling down was smoothly facilitated by the Matrons and the Resident Teachers of the Primary Wing. We even detected one case of Mumps within three days of opening ! A routine dental and eye check-up followed and all those who wished to protect themselves against Hepatitis B were also given their first dose of injections.

On a sunny afternoon in the first week, the House Teachers conducted their House Activities out in the open. The new boys learnt to start the day with morning PT and adhere to the bells which are so much a part of a boarding life.

The first term is normally given over to Cricket and Basketball which began in full swing. The children tumbled out of their classrooms with whoops of joy at the sound of the bell to don their games kit and be off to the fields. Cubbing activities also took place every Wednesday afternoon.

Other activities were held as scheduled-the Art competition had many boys participating. Everyone was given a chance to prove himself. Everest House were pleased to have won their first cup. The English Essay Prize was won by Adarsh Atal of 5 A and the winner of the Maggie Quiz Contest was Rajib Roy of 5 B. The coveted Elocution Cup was bagged jointly by Hunt and Tenzing.

The boys were escorted to town by their Class Teachers twice in the first-term in order to sample the excitement of a 'Term Leave'. This was one of their happiest moments as they wound their way down hill spruced-up in their blazers and School ties.

The Inter-School matches in Cricket and Football against St. Joseph's, North Point and Mount Hermon were a mixed bag of wins and losses. Both Mr. Dennis and Mr. Sullivan worked hard to bring their teams upto scratch.

For the Gym. Display the Primaries performed a slick Nepali Khukri Dance taught to them by Mr. T. Mukhia and a Jawan from the Gurkha Regiment stationed at Jalapahar.

During their free time on weekends the children were treated to a number of films in the Prep Hall as well as allowed to watch TV Programmes in the Primary Wing Hall.

On their return after the June Break and with the onslaught of the monsoons the Football and Table Tennis season started and afternoon Hobbies began in right earnest. There was a choice of 14 hobbies to choose from. This kept the boys occupied for a good part of the wet season till it culminated in the final Exhibition for the Speech Day festivities. The classrooms spilled over with wall charts, hanging models lots of handwork/craft and models of various kinds. The teachers looked exhausted but the children strutted about puffed up with pride as their creative abilities went up. Mr. David Gibbs (Rector 1964 to 1972) and Mrs. Sally Gibbs as well as Mr. Jefferson Gardner (Rector 1985 to June, 1991) took time from their busy schedules to visit the Primary Wing and were impressed with the amount of work on display.

After two preliminary rounds the final G. K. Quiz was conducted by Mr. B. C. Cecil in a relaxed atmosphere of spontaneous inter action which put the children at ease. Roshan Ngemu from 5 A took an early start and led all the way to help Hillary House win the cup.

This year for Independence Day, the Primaries sang a Bengali song set to a martial Bande Mataram tune. Mr. G. Bhattacharya helped to brush up their intonation and the rendering of the song.

The music concert involved every boy of the Primary Wing and was solely managed by Mr. G. Lepcha who staged the performance in the Prep Hall. The Senior Wing boys and staff showed their appreciation most warmly by their applause.

The House Teachers worked hard for three weeks to perfect their plays, for the Drama Competition held on 7th August, Tenzing House enacted 'My Son, the Prince' while Everest did 'Box & Cox'. Hillary chose 'The Comedians and the Blind Men' and Hunt did 'The Willow Pattern Plate' a Chinese love story. All four plays were cleverly staged and maintained a high standard of acting ability.

The boys practiced hard at Standards and Athletics and new talents were born to make the events keenly contested. The marathon took place in October on the morning of Diwali Day. Each boy tried his best and was treated to a slab of chocolate and a drink of Coca Cola for his

effort. That evening bonfires were lit for each of the three wings and packets of crackers distributed to every child to have a merry time with his friends. The evening ended with a film in the Prep Hall. The Moore Divinity Prize Exam was keenly contested and won by Subhrodeep Poddar of 4 C. This year the Best Actor's award was given to Birat Thapa of 5 B; Jyoti Kumar was unanimously selected for the Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal for Good Conduct.

The Second Language Concert was staged on 30th October. It was a very pleasant afternoon which included four skits and a number of recitations and songs. The boys performed well and the teachers were pleased.

Over the Second Term the boys were treated to four more Town Outings, the last one of which was 'Present Buying' for their loved ones at home.

The Hockey matches were completed before the Final Exams while the second round of P. T. Competition was held immediately after.

On the last day of Term the Carol Service was presided over by the Rt. Rev. G A Andrews, Bishop of Darjeeling. A Nativity play was staged in the chancel with a choir of 40 boys to help the cast with the songs. The play was directed by Miss R. Rozario and the music by Mr. G. Lepcha. Many parents and friends joined us to give praise and thanks to God for his many blessings over the past year. We were happy to have with us David & Judy Hunt who also joined us at the GHD Supper along with the Rector & Heads of Wings.

This year we welcomed into our Primary Wing Mr. Wayne Peters who came over from St. Joseph's North Point. After the Puja Break Mrs. Tseten Tshering went on maternity leave and Mr. Tim Palmer stepped in to complete the term for her.

The Primary Wing has a good team of Staff who are dedicated to the children and to the School. With joint effort each has performed his/her duties cheerfully and well. I thank all my colleagues for their support throughout the year. I am also grateful to the young monitors who shouldered their responsibilities and were a great help to the Teachers on Duty for the day. We wish Class 5's a happy and successful life as they move to the Junior Wing next year.

Mrs. E. R. Howard
Head, Primary Wing.



Primary Wing Monitors with Mrs. E. Howard

EVEREST HOUSE

House Mistress:
Mrs. M. Sharma

House Tutors :
Mr. T. Sullivan
Mrs. T. N. Tshering

The year 1998 marked the beginning of another competitive year for Everest house. After the long winter holidays the boys were filled with vigour and were full of enthusiasm to do their best.

Before we were fully conscious, the responsibility of the inter-house elocution was on us. The house came third. Of the individual contestants Saqib Sayeed (Cl. I) and Hridesh Thapa (4C) were first. The house concert was a great success for which each boy deserves credit. We staged a play called "Box and Cox" and came first along with Tenzing house.

In the games field the house was able to clinch two cups this year, for Marathon and Athletics. In football and cricket we secured second place, third place in basketball and hockey. The P.T. competition held in July was won by Everest house. Best commander was awarded to Tashi Rapgyal (5 B). In the inter house T.T. competition Everest stood first. Congratulations to Prasenjit Biswas (5 C) for winning the singles championship. The Art cup was also won by Everest house but we came fourth in G.K.

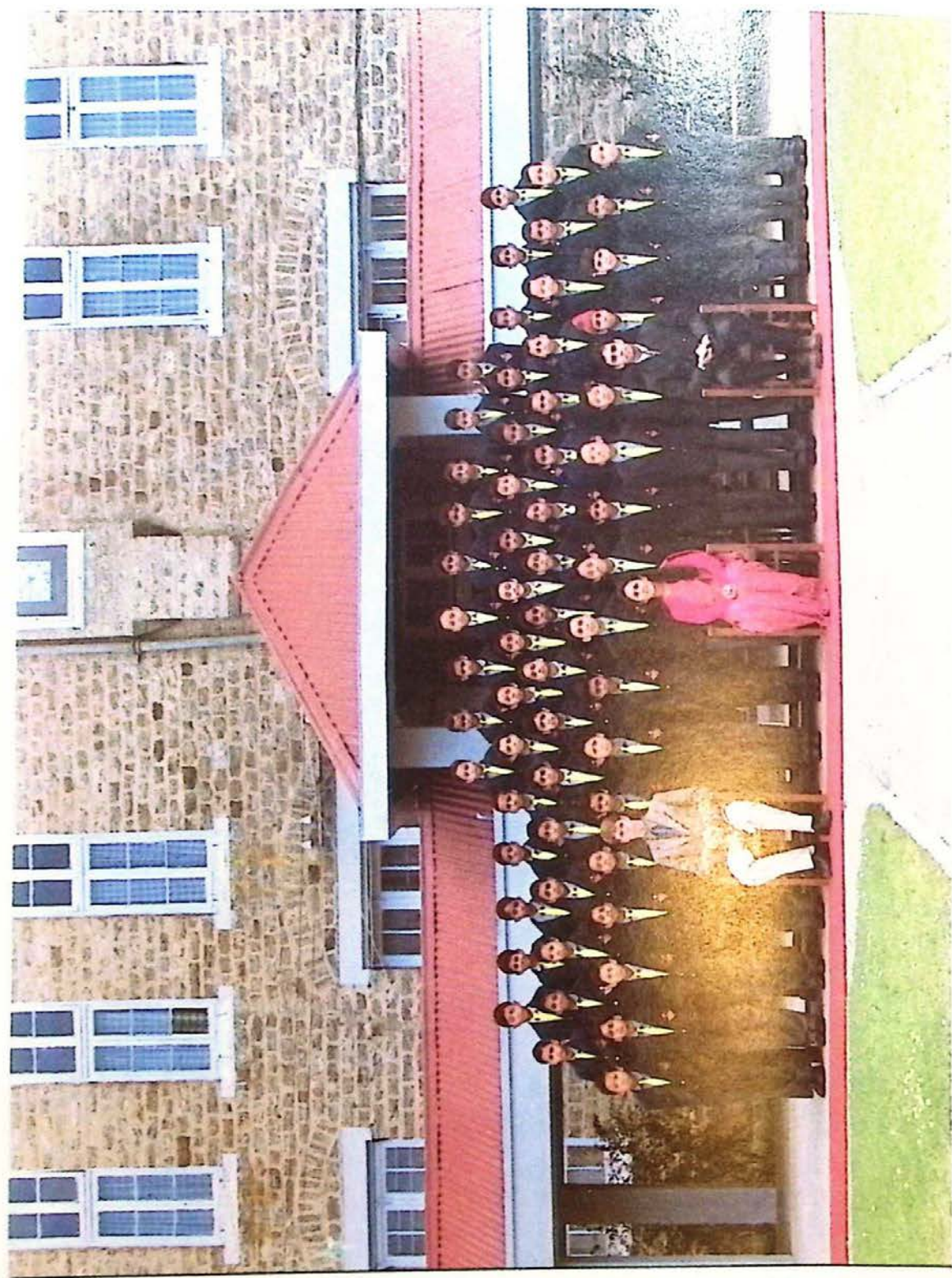
The following boys were awarded special prizes on Speech Day,
Class Prizes :

Shyam Prasad Murarka	(4A)	1st.
Saswat Bajracharya	(4B)	2nd
Parimal Agarwal	(5A)	2nd.
Saurav Rajkarnikar	(5B)	2nd.
Prasenjit Biswas	(5C)	2nd.

Special Prizes:

Aamir Azim	(2)	Good Conduct
Abhi Dugar	(3A)	Good Conduct
Kushal Shrestha	(4B)	Good Conduct
Yonten Tenzing	(3B)	Art
Athoo Kesiezie	(4A)	Art
Hridesh Thapa	(4C)	Art
Birat Krishna Thapa	(5B)	Best Actor
Jyoti Kumar	(5B)	Jyoti Kundu Memorial Medal

Before I conclude, I wish to thank my house tutors for their sincere involvement and for the sagacious advice offered in the affairs of the house. I also wish to thank the monitors for putting in an extra effort in guiding the younger ones of the house.



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



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

HILLARY HOUSE REPORT - 1998.

The new academic year began with great expectations which is not unusual for people who are optimistic. The happy, smiling faces added warmth to the Primary Wing while the cold season still prevailed. The littlest boys of Hillary House seemed a little apprehensive in their new ambience, but adapted quickly to the routine, the classroom and the dormitory. Hillary House was ready to face the challenges of 1998.

The 'House activities' provided the first opportunity for the members concerned to get together as a body. The class one members and the other new boys were welcomed to the fold while the older members renewed their loyalties to the house.

The schedule for Primary Wing was strictly adhered to and with each passing day, the events were conducted; some completed in a day while others over a period of time. In comparison to last year's performance, Hillary House has made progress and at the end of the year, at the G.H.D supper, all the members of the house were grateful for being awarded three cups-for Hockey, for Quizzing and for Study. The Hockey Cup was won only because of the efforts and skills of the Second XI team under the captaincy of Abu Sayeem Chowdhury. The Quiz Cup was won largely due to the efforts of Roshan Ngemu, Adarsh Atal and Nippon Agarwal. The Study Cup, the most prestigious one of the lot, is given greater weightage and Hillary was proud to clinch it. In the other competitions, Hillary stood:-

- 2nd in Basketball and in the Marathon
- 3rd in Cricket and Football.
- 4th in Elocution, Drama and Athletics

In conclusion, I would take this opportunity to thank Mr Sean Manuk and Mrs. I. Seal for helping the house in its preparations for all its activities and competitions. Hillary House looks forward to improving its performance in the new year. To all those boys who will be leaving the P.W., I take this opportunity to wish them happiness and success during their period of study in the Junior Wing.

Mrs. C. Lawrence.
(House Mistress)

HUNT HOUSE REPORT

Housemistress:
Mrs. P. Calvert

House Tutors:
Miss R. Rozario
Ms. S. Mukhia
Mr. W. Peters

The year began with a warm welcome to the new entrants who settled in with a feeling of team spirit. We were happy to welcome among us Mr. Peters whose constant support and guidance deserves mention. The house was determined to do their level best right from the very start.

However, despite valiant attempts, the house suffered a disappointing experience on the games field. We seemed to be bound for the fourth position in cricket, basketball football and T. T. Yet again these failures were accepted in good spirit as they enhanced maturation and the house plucked up spirit and determination and romped home with the Athletics Standards Cup.

The boys to be commended are Sugat Halwai who was awarded the prestigious Victor Ludorum and certificates for his performance in four other events.

The other champions were Taba Abang, Adnan Afroz, Shuvion Dutta, Varun Lohia, Somesh Murarka, Subham Khetan, Bijon Shah and Gaurav Agarwal.

Earlier in the year the house secured first position in elocution providing them the opportunity to raise their first trophy. Prizes were awarded to Thomas Ghising, Nitin Jain, Vishal Bajracharya and Ishan Malla.

The Studies Cup as well as the P. T. cup was also awarded to them.

Prizes on Speech Day were awarded to :
Adarsh Modi, Taba Abang, Adnan Afroz, Gaurav Agarwal, Nitin Jain, Shuvion Dutta, Angvito Zhimomi, Dani Nobin, Wangdi Gyalpo, Arjun Saluja and Sandip Tarafdar.

The Drama Competition was an event to be remembered by the 19

boys who featured in the play. It was a commendable performance by the children, many of whom were on stage for the first time. Although the thrilling victory was not theirs the participants were definitely thrilled at their own performance.

The house managed a close second position in the G. K. contest. The participants to be commended were Sayeem Karim, Gaurav Agarwal and Ishan Malla.

1998 has been a challenging year for Hunt. Their undaunted spirit and continuous determination despite defeats has proclaimed the year a successful one.

In conclusion we extend our thanks to the house tutors Ms Mukhia, Ms Rozario and Mr. Peters for their support and co-operation.



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



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

TENZING HOUSE REPORT

Housemistress:
Miss A. Tshering

House: Tutors:
Mr. A. Dennis
Mrs. S. Dwivedi

1998 was truly a very successful year for Tenzing. It was a year of unflinching hope, endeavour and success. The fruit of the boys' labour paid off when they finally won the Best House Cup.

The boys had their first taste of success when they were able to clinch the Cricket Cup followed closely by the Basketball Cup. The boys who made up the teams need to be congratulated and thanked for bringing home the Cups.

Then in May the Inter House Elocution Competition was held and Tenzing shared the Cup with Hunt. Rohit Agrawal of Class V and Karan Rai of Class III secured first positions, Pradeep Swar of Class II was second, Aniket Pradhan of Class IV was third and Devdeep Karanjai of Class I managed a fourth. In the choral recitation for Class III, IV and V they were awarded second, third and first respectively.

The boys were the "tail - rankers" in Art, Moore Divinity and Marathon. Here I would like to congratulate Abhishek Pradhan (Sr.) and Amar Gurung for coming fourth and eighth respectively in the Marathon. In the Athletics standards Tenzing secured the second position and stood third for the Athletics. They did come first in the march-past and were rewarded with the cake on Sports Day.

They fared rather poorly in the first round of the P.T. Competition, when they were placed third; but they tied for the first position with Hunt in the second round of the same. Overall they were awarded a second. Rohit Agarwal was judged the Best Commander in the second round.

In Table Tennis, Hockey and G.K. Tenzing secured the second position. They were a powerful force on the football field and swept away the Football Cup with ease.

The staging of, 'My son, the Prince', for the Drama Competition in August gave them their first rewards when they shared the Drama Cup

with Everest. All the sixteen participants are to be congratulated on their commendable performances.

Mushahid Hussain (3A), Rohan Jaiswal (3B), Satyajit Jaiswal (4C), Rajib Ray (5B), Ayush Khaitan (5B), Rohit Agarwal (5C) and Shree Hang Nembang (5C) need to be highly commended for winning prizes on Speech Day.

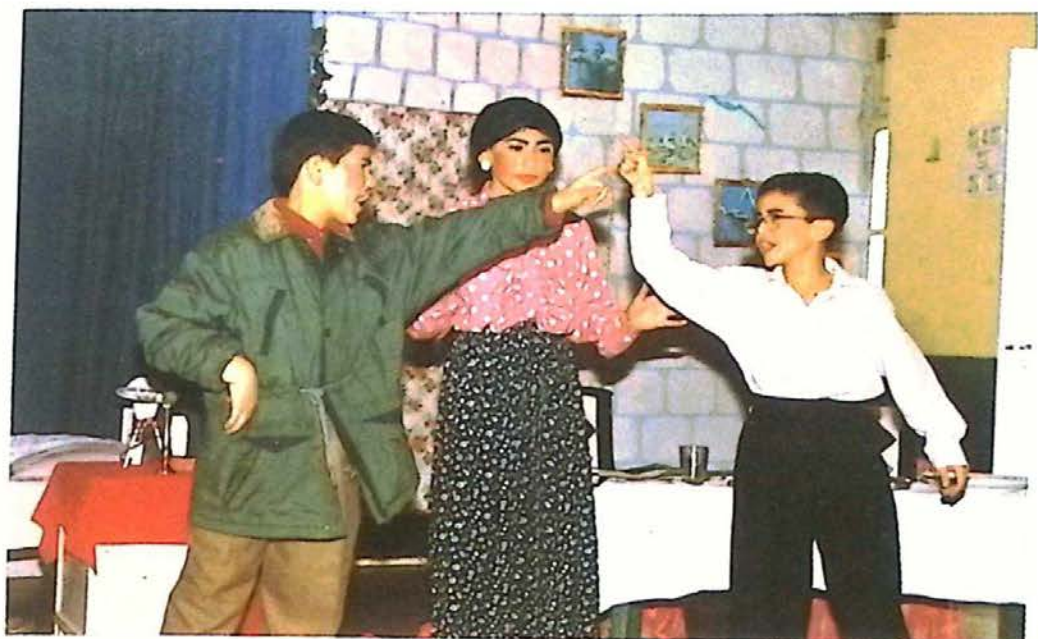
The three rounds of house activities held at different venues did help to strengthen the bond among the boys and the house teachers amidst fun and games.

Finally, the house was awarded the Discipline Cup at the end of the year. Special mention must be made of the fact that Tenzing won First position for all the nine months. For this, I must thank the eight monitors - Rohit Agarwal, Shree Hang Nembang, Rajib Roy, Navraj Tewari, Amar Gurung, Subir Saha, Anshu Giri and Abhishek Pradhan (Sr), who helped maintain discipline and order against all odds. They were good leaders.

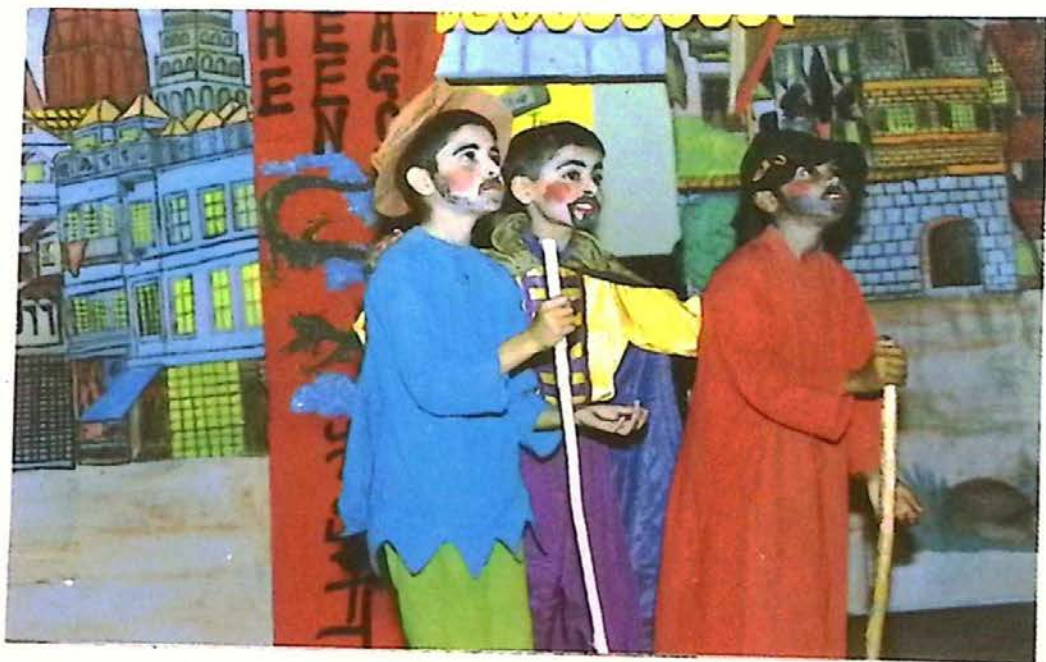
The success that has been achieved this year has largely depended upon the team spirit of all the house boys – from the smallest to the biggest. "Thank you, boys !"

I take this opportunity to thank Mr. A. Dennis and Mrs. S. Dwivedi for all their help and co-operation.

SCENES FROM THE PRIMARY WING INTER-HOUSE DRAMA COMPETITION



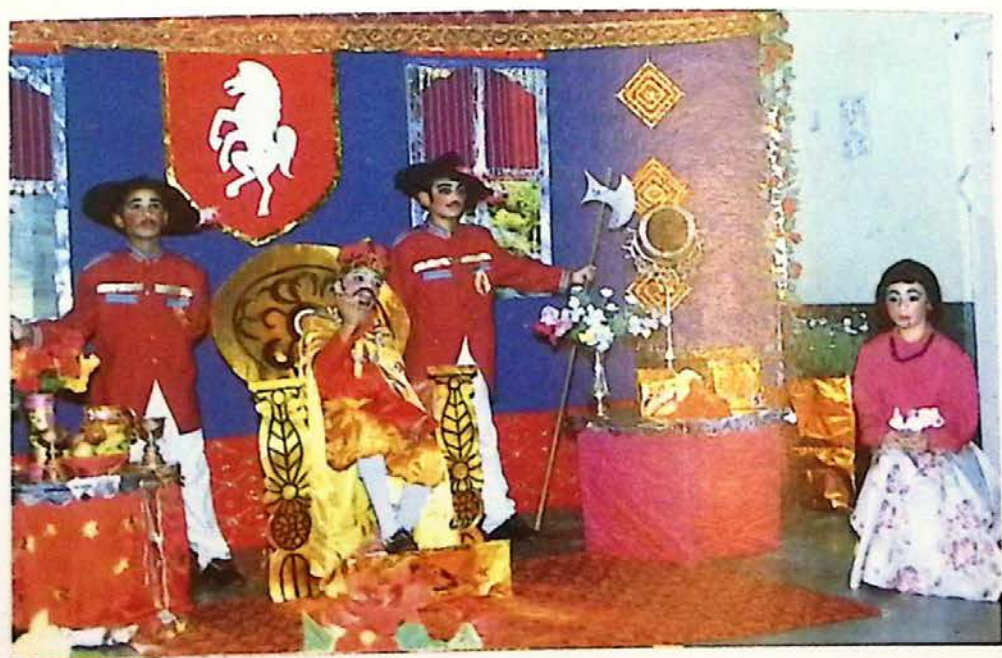
Everest House



Hillary House



Hunt House



Tenzing House

MANY YEARS LATER - A WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

Mr. D. Kumar

Everyman, I will go with thee,
And be thy guide,
In thy most need to go by thy side.

The first evening of a new term is just a little different from all other evenings which lie ahead. It is a restless, unsettled time when ties with home have been broken and links of another term are not yet forged.

Sitting on the edge of the bed, twirling a handkerchief round and round like contra-rotating propellers and puzzling over the feeling of strangeness which took long to wear off; the mind shuttling between the 'alien' home and this 'home' -the dormitory, with its rows of beds and lockers, gradually became familiar. Boys prepared for bed, struggling with knotted shoe laces or straining at pullovers which were turning into little woollen tunnels over head and tugging them off.

Miss Nongram, short (all of three feet and six inches), stout and a no-nonsense lady who was forever present (or so it seemed) would spell out the routine we were expected to follow. God forbid that any one should think of any kind of deviation. Shoes polished, hair combed, clothes properly worn, beds made out neatly – she ensured it all with the least bit of fuss.

The classes were always very friendly and supportive places to be in. We tiny tots had our work restricted to our classrooms - indeed, we did not have any Prep till we reached Class 4 ! Short breaks of five minutes (now extinct) punctuated the classes with a long break in-between. There being no tuck hall (incidentally, the present JW Tuck Hall used to be the Assembly Hall) we would run off to our dormitories where the ayahs would have stashed small packets of assorted 'grub' under our pillows. The linen rooms then served as 'larders'.

Besides the morning assemblies which took place in the present tuck hall, the hall had other purposes too. The beginning of the term invariably saw Mr Macdonald (the then HJW) imparting lessons on the do's and dont's on table etiquette, behaviour and general conduct. Physi-

cal demonstrations of how to wield the knife, fork and spoon were given alongside lectures on how not to stuff our 'post offices' with food and how to keep the trap shut while chewing the 'cud' To add icing to the cake, Mr Lobo introduced a fine of one candy for drinking water during meals - it was only either before or after that water could be consumed.

'Mackie', as the HJW was then popularly called, had spent so many years looking after boys that he knew more than most people about the workings of the 6 to 13 year olds' minds. He was always on duty and very often he would be seen making one of his systematic tours of the building to see how the boys were spending their time. Always encouraging, and often participating in our childish games, he would often be seen playing marble with us - and, boy, was he good at it ! What loveable moments of school life. In the sand pit we built castles in the air and tried to turn them into reality with our dinky toys which substituted real Mercedes, Jaguars and Rolls Royces !

A true picture of the then Junior Wing would not be complete without the mention of the aftermath of the great boarding school practice of 'bunking.' Bunking was fun while it lasted, a celebration indulged in on rare occasions. To be caught, however, meant being prepared for the 'best-of-six' in the HJW' s office. The severity of the 'tickler' could be gauged by the fact that no sooner had the sixth met its target that we virtually jumped out of the office and vaulted in to the dormitory (the present JW Staff Room). Friends like OP - the current EM (sorry, Chum) were common recipients. However, before the passing of an hour we would be keeping wickets for 'Mackie' while he tried to swat the tennis balls out of shape with his cricket bat.

The Senior Wing (which was strictly out of bounds for those of us in the JW) was always held in awe by the Juniors. And why wouldn't we hold them in awe for to be in the Senior Wing meant to be privileged enough to have Sunday outings (one day leave and one walking leave every month), trips to Blacks and a fiscal hike in the pocket money allowance from a mere Rs. 5/- in the JW to a grand sum of Rs. 50/- every month !!

The two breaks (of a week each) in the summer and during Pujas were always greeted with a 'pinch of salt', if you know what I mean, since we were not permitted to go home and had to spend the holiday in town. In those days many boys preferred to stay back in school since

those who opted to stay in school would be taken on expeditions to places like Nainital, Haridwar, Delhi, Calcutta, Shillong and Kathmandu. Often, we would write to our parents seeking written consent for such trips and these permissions would most often come readily from parents who also did not see the sense in coming to Darjeeling holiday after holiday and staying in hotels.

Expeditions were always great fun. There was no NCC or DEAS/IAYP in those days. In their place we had Pioneers. The Pioneers expeditions were far more gruelling and educative albeit this is a subjective perception. Walking to Sandakphu and back with a rucksack load of dry rations was a matter of routine. Indeed, even the Junior Wing spent nights out camping with teachers. I shall forever remember one particular camp at Tiger hill when the late Mr Kanti, in his black dressing gown and big black fur cap, was mistaken for a bear at night ! How can I ever forget the excitement and commotion that followed. It is a real pity that boys today would rather ply homewards and worse still, go home only to be glued to their television sets. It is no consolation to be told that they watch nature programmes on TV. That sounds much like eating vitamin pills while one is seated amidst a plethora of fruits and vegetables.

At the end of it all (on the 23rd of November or thereabouts), Going Home Day (GHD) was an occasion! The old Buckeridge strain of:

"This time tomorrow, where shall I be ?

Miles away from Lin-bur-y

No more spiders in my tea,

No more sleeping in a dormitory..." was modified and Indianised and made more pertinent to our local situation. The school would ring out boisterous renditions of this ditty that went something like this:

Going Home Day has come at last, do-da, do-da,

Going home Day has come at last, do-da, do-da, day !

We'll travel all the night

We'll travel all the day,

We'll travel in a rut-phat train, do-da, do-da, day.....

.....Coming back to School after a lapse of twenty years has had its bag of surprises. Changes in life are inevitable, and change is quintessential for the development of any institution, I suppose, after all, as the great poet once wrote:

"The old order changeth yielding place to new

Lest one good custom should corrupt the *W. G. ...*

The most glaring and obvious change is definitely the "madding crowd". From a 'meagre' 350 boys in our time in school, within a span of two decades, (and true to the Indian ethos, I suppose) the population has more than doubled - a wee bit too progenitive !!

But now being on 'the other side of the fence' gives me a more objective comprehension and empathy (as different from sympathy) for those on the other side today, and where I sat many a summer ago. I am now in a position to understand how the minds of those on the other side work - their juvenile pranks, their little irritants and how their minds think behind each move. With the passage of time it is not preternatural to expect changes in the outlook and behaviour of both faculty and the students.

The Sixth Form did have their share of privileges but in comparison to the present generation of Sixth Formers, we may have been said to have lived in a concentration camp. However, it is sad to see that, in spite of their free environs, there are many in the present lot of students who seem to be content in wallowing in mediocrity. It is almost painful to see the large drop in the number of all rounders who graced the rolls in the past. At the same time I cannot deny that the School's uniqueness in its ability to assimilate boys and staff from various walks of life, comprising different religious, social and racial backgrounds and mould them under one unifying banner, where fellow feeling and loyalty towards one another play an integral role, has remained undiminished over the years.

All said and done it gladdens my heart to see that in its own way, St. Paul's continues to produce leaders in every walk of life. Many, many years ago Mr Goddard had once said, "If men are to lead, there is one essential prerequisite - character. This can't be taught in the classroom, nor from books. It is caught, not taught." It is one of the greatest joys in my life to see that St. Paul's, even after all these years, still provides the environment that moulds great character. To that extent, so much has changed and yet nothing has changed.

(Mr. D. Kumar studied in St. Paul's School, Darjeeling, from 1967 to 1978. He returned in 1997 to take up a teaching assignment in his alma mater and is currently serving as a Master in the English Department)

FROM BISHOP COTTON SCHOOL : IN SALUTATION & RESPECT.

The 175th is an historic anniversary; this is especially significant for an institution that has enjoyed a character and status unique in the country.

St. Paul's and Bishop Cotton School have been inceptionally bound since the middle nineteenth century for it was Rt. Rev. George Edward Lynch Cotton who founded the latter and was instrumental in shifting the former from Calcutta to Darjeeling. Bishop Cotton's first headmaster, Rev. Samuel Slater, was Rector of St. Paul's and St. Paul's School's longest serving Rector, Leslie (Pa) Goddard, was a young assistant master at BCS where he met Miss Maisie Fox, later 'Ma', to generations of Paulites.

Mr. and Mrs. de Young, scores of other staff including Rev. Bentinck, several boys and the author of this commemorative note, are also links in the chain of attachment and it is therefore a matter of especial pride for me to be able to write in acknowledgement of the occasion and to have had the privilege of hosting Mr. David Gibbs, former Rector and Patron of the OPA & Mrs. Gibbs even as they travelled to St. Paul's for the 175th. I have no doubt that the inherent ethos and goodness of this great institution will continue to groom boys to deal with life and the world at large; with fairness, integrity and tolerance and that the 'Old School' is safe in the hands of Mr. David Howard our present Rector, Mr. Sunirmal Chakravarthi and their team, and, above all, the boys themselves who are the living soul of the place.

May God bless each one of you in your endeavour to set and maintain exacting standards of excellence in education and in the exercise of living. And may He bind you "more closely together in a spirit of loyalty and service, that our school may grow in spiritual strength and may become an ever increasing power for the extension of His kingdom in this land..." and move safely into the new millennium and the centuries beyond.

Kabir Mustafi (Betten : '64 - '65
 Clive : '66 - '70
 Staff : '79 - '91)

Headmaster : Bishop Cotton School
Shimla

September 1998

VIGNETTES OF THE 175



J.W. Card Display



Gym



P.W. Nativity Play

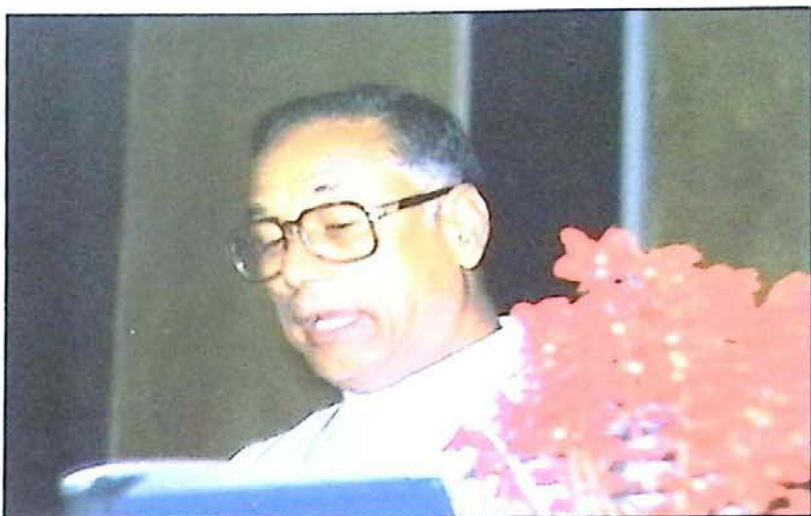


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Rt. Rev. Bishop Andrews at the P.W. Carol Service



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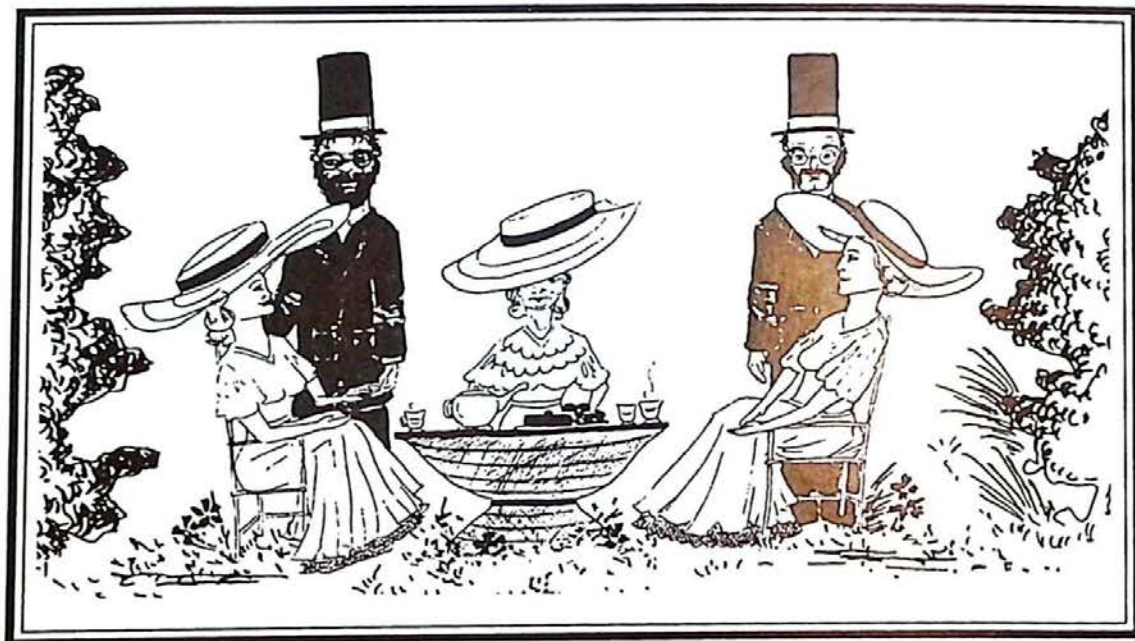


St. Paul's School

presents
in its 175th Year

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST

BY OSCAR WILDE



The Prep Hall
21st & 22nd September, 1998
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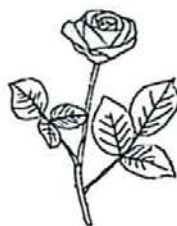
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Act II

THE GARDEN AT THE MANOR HOUSE, WOOLTON

Act III

DRAWING ROOM AT THE MANOR HOUSE, WOOLTON



Entr'acte Music.

Eine Klleine Nachtmusik – Mozart

Hungarian Dance – Liszt

Piano: Mr. S. G. Pande *Violin:* Mr. G. Lepcha

THE CAST

John Worthing, J. P.	:	Bikash Gurung
Algernon Moncrieff	:	Amardeep Banerjee
Rev. Canon Chasuble, D.D.	:	Sanjeev Mehra
Merriman, Butler, Manor House	:	Saif Zaman
Lane, Manservant (to Algernon)	:	Saurabh Das
Footman	:	Gaurav Dewan
Lady Bracknell	:	Vikash Atal
Hon. Gwendolen Fairfax	:	Amir Adil Khan
Cecily Cardew	:	Momocha Thangjam
Miss Prism, Governess	:	Ranadeep Kundu

Prompters : Amrit Tibarewala and Gaurav Dewan

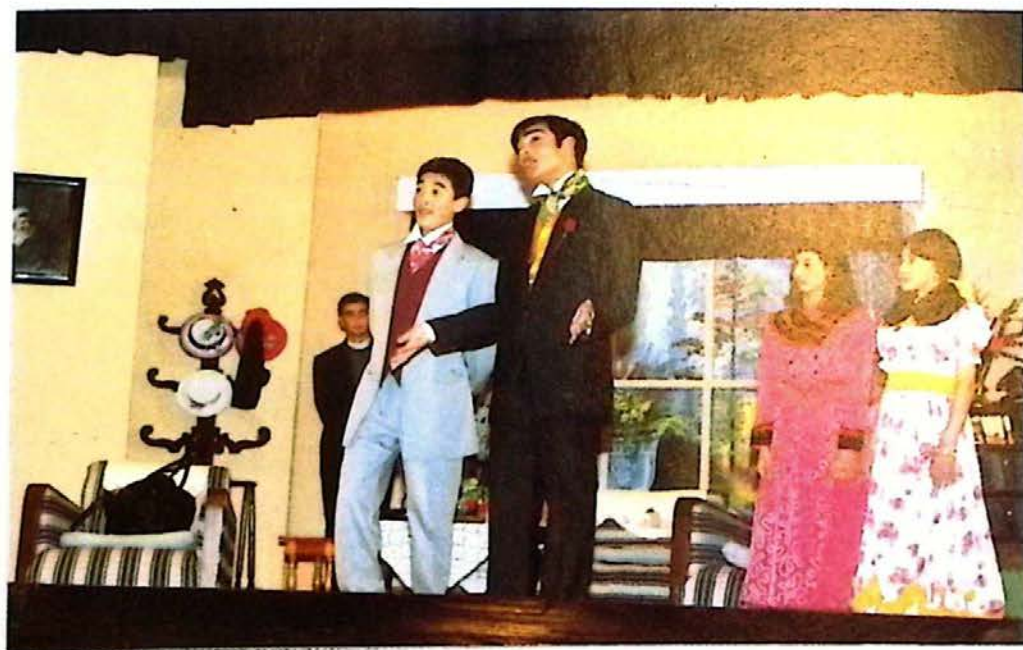
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Assistant Director :
MR. DEVENDRA KUMAR

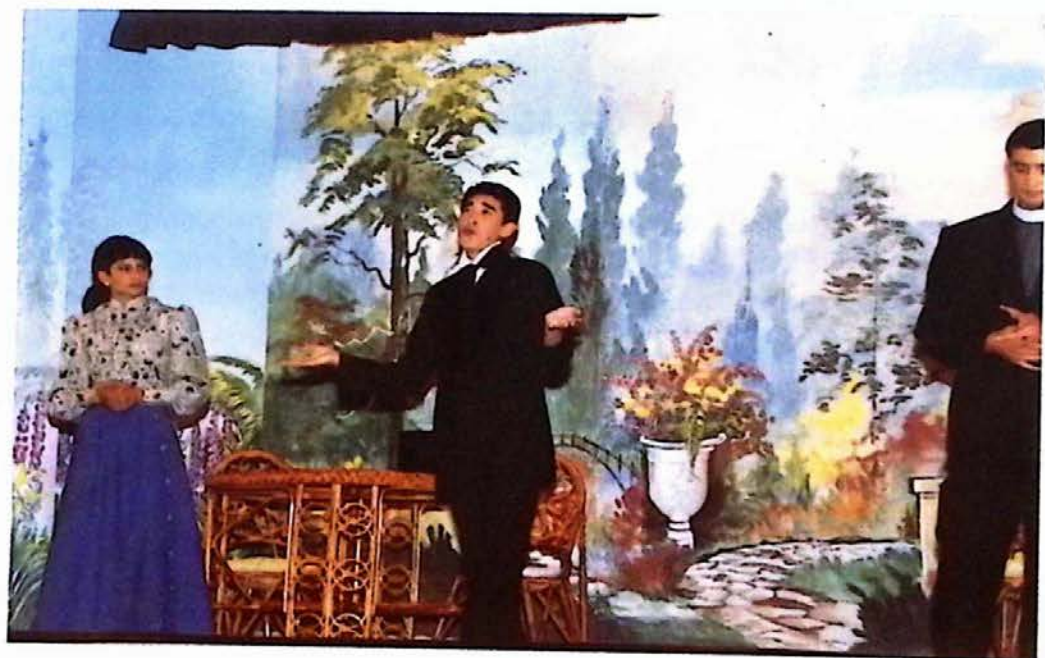
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THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST



THE DEBATING SOCIETY REPORT, 1998

Master-in-Charge: Mr. D. Kumar

Secretary : A. Banerjee

In 1998 Mr. T. Calvert relinquished his job as the Master-in-charge of debating and the same was taken up by Mr. D. Kumar, I take this opportunity for thanking Mr. Calvert for his valuable help and support and wish Mr. Kumar many happy moments in his capacity as the new Master-in-charge.

The society sprang into action remarkably early this year and the first of the inter-house debates was held on the 15th of April. Various topics poured forth and were debated throughout the course of the year, like- "The female of the species is deadlier than the male", "Doctors, lawyers and teachers are mercenaries", "The cost of modernisation has been - Social Break-down", "Nuclear tests by India are affordable", "The Indian press plays a constructive role in our society", and "Arranged marriage is an outdated practice". It is a pleasure to remark that our speakers spoke with clarity, confidence and conviction and the debates were marked by a keen sense of humour, wit and intelligence.

Each debate was keenly contested. Sometime in August Hastings managed to win the last of its debates, and consequently bagged the Grindlays Bank Trophy. Anirban Sinha won the Air Force Trophy for the best speaker. Clive, Havelock and Lawrence followed in respective order.

Among other things, we excelled at the Mock Parliament session of the Plus Two Fest held at Mt. Hermon this year. Representing the B.J.P. and given the arduous task of defending the country's present nuclear policy, Julius Gomes and Vishal Agarwal steered their ship to victory with panache and deserve high commendations.

The society records its gratitude to the Rector, the Senior Master, Staff and Housemasters without whose initiative and enthusiasm this activity would lose its meaning. Thanks are also due to Mr. D. Kumar whose understanding and co-operation went a long way to ensure another fruitful year for the Debating Society. May each year be the stepping stone to greater success in ensuing years.

Amardeep Banerjee

THE PLUS TWO FEST '98

The Plus 2 festival, more popularly known as the Plus 2 Fest was hosted by Mount Hermon School, Darjeeling this year. The participating schools were D.G.H., S.A.S. both from Kalimpong; St. Joseph's School, St. Paul's School and the host Mt. Hermon School from Darjeeling. This was the 3rd edition of this fest and the basic concept was to mix, make friends and just come to know one another better.

On the 7th of August, we took 3 teams down to M.H. to get used to their stage, the Western Music group, the participants of the Mock Parliamentary Session and the Ads Spoof team. After having spent about an hour we returned to school to make some last minute adjustment to adapt to the stage conditions.

On the 8th of August the Fest started with a small and sweet prayer taken from the Bible by the Principal of M.H. Mr. P. K. Das. Immediately after the opening ceremony we moved on to Quiz, Chess and Creative Writing which were run off simultaneously. At the quiz we were represented by Amardeep Banerjee and Gaurav Dewan; in Chess by Vivek Kandhari and Rupesh Kumar and in Creative Writing by Zorba Laloo and Julius Gomes and in Art by Lendup Bhutia and Panu Pazo. The Quiz master had a lot of interesting questions in his stock and at the end of the normal, audio and visual rounds the results were declared M.H. 1st, D.G.H. 2nd, SPS 3rd. Chess was all the way - S.A.S. of K'pong but we managed to come 3rd with Vivek's tactical play in the last round. Vivek and Rupesh were trained by Mr. N. Vincent. The results of the creative writing competition was announced the next day; Zorba Laloo was declared as the winner.

When the first half of the day was over and we were not faring too well. The Post lunch session saw the participants take to the stage for Dumb Charades Bikash Gurung, Raj Sharma and Christopher Kyanta took part. After many desperate attempts, SPS ranked 5th.

The Dumb Charades was followed by Ads Spoof in which we had to spoof a minimum of 4 advertisements and the maximum time allowed was 10 minutes. This was hilarious. The entire audience was in splits. We had time to spoof 12 advertisements and to our dismay we were placed 3rd. These boys were trained by Mr. N. Gomes. Raj Sharma, Nasim Khan, Vishal Agarwal, Varun Goenka, Abhishek Tariyal, Binit Agarwal, Abbas Hussain, Nitin Agarwal and Prantick Ray put up a commendable performance.

The various elocutions were conducted at different venues for Nepali, Hindi and Bengali. The boys representing SPS were Md. Hanif for Nepali, Jamshed Hossain for Bengali and Rushvir Singh for Hindi. While Md. Hanif and Jamshed Hossain stood 3rd, Rushvir Singh ranked 2nd. These boys were trained by Mr. S. M. Pradhan and Mr. B. B. Tamang (Nepali) Mr. Gautam Bhattacharya (Bengali) and Mr. G. R. Anthony (Hindi). The curtain came down for day one and we returned pretty dejected.

Day Two: On 9th August we went to MH with determination and the very first event in the programme was The Mock Parliament Session :- Each school was allotted a party as follows: St. Joseph's School (NP)- Cong.; M.H. - CPI; DGH - J.D.; S.A.S - BSP; SPS - BJP. We were to defend the motion "India and the Nuclear Issue".

After much verbal battle B.J.P. was adjudged the winners. The two representatives of S.P.S. were Julius Gomes and Vishal Agarwal. Julius Gomes was also adjudged the best speaker. These two boys were trained by Mr. T. Calvert and Mr. D. Kumar.

The next item that followed was Antakshri. Our school was represented by Rushvir Singh and Abin Gauchan who were trained by Mr. Manoj Kumar. In this M.H. stood 1st and we were placed 3rd.

The last item for the day was the Western Music competition. The solo "Too much love will kill you" was sung by Bikash Gurung who stood 2nd. The Duet "Sounds of Silence" was sung by Panu Pazo and Merentoshi Jamir. They were placed 3rd and the group song "Judgement Day" was sung by Roden Sherpa, Gaurav Dewan, M. Jamir, Panu Pazo, David M, Lalhmachuanna, Christopher Kymta, Issac Kharkongar and Sudeep Ghosh. The conductor- cum- soloist in this section was Bikash Gurung who did a wonderful job. We were placed 2nd in the group. Over all we stood 2nd in this competition.

The day came to a close when Mr. Coutinho was asked by the invited schools to speak on their behalf. He congratulated and thanked Mt. Hermon School for having done a wonderful job over the two days of the Festival. The Principal Mr. P. K. Das thanked all the participants and the visiting schools and hoped that the friendship would continue and not stop then.

All in all it was enjoyable, and we are looking forward to the Fest next year.

Mr. N. Gomes

MUSIC NOTES

Master-in-Charge: Mr. Sudeep Pande
Secretary : Siddharth M. Rajbhandari.

1998 has been a rather eventful year for the Music Department with a remarkable improvement in its general standard. The year started on a rather exciting note when the result of the Theory Examination, November, 1997, was announced. All eleven candidates passed with 'Distinction' including one who secured 100% !

Formal music lessons were given to 18 student in piano, voice (by Mr. S. Pande) and violin (by Mr. G. Lepcha). This year, 13 candidates were sent up for practical examination in music (piano and voice) conducted by The Trinity College of Music, London, in the month of September. All of them were successful. The examiner for this year was Mr. George Lee, LTCL, GTCL, A Mus TCL, ARCM. Fourteen candidates were sent up for the Theory Examination in November.

Retd. Sgt. Major K. Lama, our Bandmaster, needs to be specially commended for an excellent work with our brass and woodwind section. He gave individual lessons and trained the School Band. This year many new boys have joined the band. Most of them even appeared for the Theory Examination. I take the pleasure to thank the members of the band and especially Siddharth Rajbhandari and Abhishek Goenka who helped in training individual boys with their respective instruments and also for helping them with the theory lessons. We are indeed very grateful to the Rector for buying us new brass instruments and for a new synthesizer. The Band played creditably at the NCC Parade on the 15th of August and at the Annual Athletics Meet.

The Chapel Choir has not only been the highlight of the Music Department but of the school in general. As our former Rector, Mr. David Gibbs, wrote in his letter to me, '....what pleasure it gave us to hear the exceptionally high standard of your very large choir. Many congratulations and thanks - I am sure it exceeded the standards of our day'. 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: 'Love is come again' (Martin Shaw), 'O Taste and See' (R. Vaughan Williams), 'Almighty God, who hast me brought' (Thomas Ford), etc. The boy sopranos have done wonders with their innumerable heartlifting descants. Most of the hymns were sung in harmony by select choristers. The Choir was indeed at its best form



The School Choir with Mr. S. Pande

at the commemoration service and at the 175th year Thanksgiving service held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta. (Details of this will be found elsewhere in this Chronicle). 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', 'Angels from the realms of glory', 'Away in a manger' and 'I saw three ships'. Tarak Nand Joshi and Uday Gartaula read the First lesson, on behalf of the Choir, at the Senior and Junior Services respectively. From this year, the choir has been robed.

The Annual Music concert was held on the 15th of August. The Guest of Honour was Sr. Marcelline of the Religious Order of St. Cluny. It was a beautiful blend of classical, negro spiritual, pop, modern, etc. The Choir sang a choral version of 'The Hills are alive to the Sound of Music' and the negro spiritual 'Good News'. There was a beautiful combination of Eastern and Western Music in an instrumental played by Mrs. P. Bhattacharya (Sitar), Mrs. P. Thackur (Tabla), Mr. S. Pande (Piano), Mr. G. Lepcha L (violin), Zakee Shah, Namgyal Sherpa and Tenzing Lama (Guitar), Reynold Anthony (Keyboard) and Anil Gurung (Drums). Mr. Pande rendered a couple of counter-tenor solos and Mr. Lepcha, violin. Select choristers sang a choral version of 'Where is Love?' from Oliver. There were piano solos by the TCL Piano students and vocal items by the Junior and Plus II Music Clubs, including a haunting Baritone solo by Bikash Gurung. This year, we also had a Dance which was directed by Roden Sherpa. The Master of Ceremony was Amardeep Banerjee, the School Captain.

A number of music students have performed creditably at their respective House Concerts, mostly vocal and a few instrumental. They were all of a fairly high standard. From this year, we also re-introduced the Inter - House Singing Concert in the Senior Wing. Most of the training and directing was done by the boys themselves. In this connection, I would like to specially commend Merentoshi Jamir and Bikash Gurung on excellent work with their respective House boys.

On Speech Day, Bikash Gurung was awarded the Adam's Music Prize and Abhishek Goenka was awarded the Rahoul Music Prize.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Music secretary for excellent work over the year, Merentoshi Jamir (Head Chorister) and Abhishek Goenka who have been strong pillars of the Music Department, and the Rector for his utmost co-operation, motivation and help in all the musical activities of the school.

Sudeep Pande.



The Hindi Parishad with Mr. M. Kumar, Mr. D. K. Mishra and Mr. G. R. Anthony

HINDI SOCIETY REPORT

Master In-Charge- Mr. G.R. Anthony Secretary - Abhishek Goenka

This year marked an important milestone in the history of St. Paul's for it marked the 175th year of the School's existence. Its termination also marked the end of a yet another successful year for the Hindi Society which was the result of a healthy co-operation extended by all the Hindi teachers towards Mr. G.R. Anthony, the Head of Department.

The end of last year saw the sad departure of Mrs. G. Kanti after a long and loyal service of 25 years to the school. 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. With her departure, Mr. Manoj Kumar took over the editorship of 'The Paulite' in the Hindi section. We were pleased to welcome Mr. D. K. Mishra as our new Hindi Teacher to teach in the Junior and the Senior Schools. We also welcomed Mr. S. Mishra to take the Hindi lessons in place of Mr. D. K. Mishra when he went to Calcutta to complete his B.Ed examination.

The first of the activities that took place during the year was the Inter House Hindi Elocution in the Junior School. The results were as follows:-

Class VI – Poetry

- 1st - Subham Kumar (Ca)
- 2nd - Akhil Bansal (We)

Class VII – Prose

- 1st - Gautam Kumar (Be)
- 2nd - Ankit Kishorepuria (Ca)

Class VIII – Poetry

- 1st - Ashwin Todi (Be)
- 2nd - Amanbir Grewal (An)

House Positions :-

- 1st - Betten
- 2nd - Cable

This was followed by the Inter House Hindi elocution in the Senior

wing of which result were as follows:

Class IX - Poetry

- 1st - Nikhil Goel (Hs)
- 2nd - Tushar Ujjwal (Lw)

Class X - Prose

- 1st - Ankit Das (Cl)
- 2nd - Abhishek Thackur (Hs)

Class XI & XII - Drama

- 1st - Rushvir Singh (Lw)
- 2nd - Vishal Agarwal (Cl)

The Contest was very peculiar in that it resulted in three houses taking the first position, Viz. Clive, Hastings and Lawrence.

The Inter School Hindi Elocution was hosted by Loreto Convent this year. North Point and Mount Hermon students were the other participants. Our school was represented by Subham Kumar, Ashwin Todi, Ankit Das and Rushvir Singh. Rushvir Singh also represented our school at the Plus Two Fest hosted by Mount Hermon and stood second. Congratulations to all these boys.

The Hindi Society staged a Historical Play entitled 'Taimur Ki Haar' which was directed by Mr. G.R. Anthony with close cooperation from Dr. Manoj Kumar and Mr. D. K. Mishra. It illustrated a violent scene when Taimur raided the village. The stage setup also spoke for itself as it depicted a poor family household.

The demanding role of 'Taimur' was carried out very well by Rushvir Singh which won him the Best Actor's Prize in the Hindi Section. Mommocha Thangjam enacted the boy 'Balkaran' who with his innocence and bravery wins the heart of cruel 'Taimur'. Manoj Singh in the role of 'Kalyani' acted as the mother of Balkaran who dearly loved her child and sang songs of bravery to her son. Apart from these characters, who played their role to perfection, others helped to make the play a success. We also thank Mr. G. Bhattacharya who provided the ideal music in accordance with the atmosphere of the play.

On the occasion of Independence Day, Abhishek Goenka delivered an enthralling speech in Hindi on behalf of the Hindi society which

received commendable applause from the gathering.

The Hindi Diwas was celebrated on the 14th of September. Himachal Hindi Bhavan organised an essay writing competition and a competition in oratory at the district level. At the essay writing competition, our school was represented by O. P. Gupta, Sourabh Mohta, Abhishek Thackur and Gaurav Munal. Manoj Singh and Abhishek Goenka represented our school in the oratory competition. Gaurav Munal did us proud by bagging the first position in the essay writing competition.

'The Kamlesh Kanti Medal' for I.C.S.E Hindi was awarded to Vishal Agarwal. After keen competition for the 'Rudra Hindi Prize', the results declared Abhishek Goenka as the winner with Saket Barolia being specially commended.

Finally I would like to thank Mr. G. R. Anthony, Head of the Department, Dr. Manoj Kumar and Mr. D. K. Mishra for their continuous guidance and support. I also owe a huge debt to my friends Prasenjit Bose, The Paulite Editor for the Hindi Section and Rushvir Singh who lent moral support all throughout.

Abhishek Goenka



Scenes from the Hindi Society Play



The Bengali Society with Mrs. P. Bhattacharya & Mr. G. Bhattacharya

BENGALI SOCIETY REPORT 1998

M.I.C.: Mr. G. Bhattacharya

Secretary: Amardeep Banerjee

A tradition is believed to be the establishment of some unique pattern of activity which may easily be acknowledged for its distinction and admired by all our quarters. We may thus arrive at the convincing conclusion that the St. Paul's School Bengali Society has established a praise-worthy tradition in the history of St. Paul's and 1998 was another successful year in the history of the Society. Our society was able to create greater interest in the activities of our society amongst the students of the School in the course of this year.

Our contribution to the celebration of the School's 175 years of existence included staging of a thought-provoking play HRIDAYAPUR KOTO DUR which was written and directed by Mr. Bhattacharya. Competent acting and a topical theme ensured the success of the play. The cast included, Amardeep Banerjee as Guddu Kaka, Jamshed Hossain as Father of Babla, Binit Agarwal as the demanding Physics teacher, Omar Hyder Ali as the mother of Babla, Arijit Ray as the servant and Shoumik Mukherjee as Babla. Dr. D. Sarkar, Principal, Darjeeling Government College was our Chief Guest.

This year we were privileged to host the Inter-School Bengali Elocution which was held on the 7th of August. Between various sections of recitations several cultural items were staged. While the Junior Wing Bengali boys presented Tagore's "Nagarlakshmi"; the Senior Boys sang "Vande Mataram"; Indranil Goswami's haunting voice enthralled the audience and Jamshed Hossain had them swaying to foot tapping music.

Among the other contributions were a Sitar Recital by Mrs. Bhattacharya at the Annual Music concert and a lilting patriotic Bengali song sung by the entire Primary Wing on Independence Day.

The Inter House Bengali Elocution was held on the 7th of July in which Jamshed Hossain in the Drama Section, Arjun Gupta in the Prose Section and Rakib Miah in the Poetry Section were all placed First. This year the Usha Rani Bengali Prize was won by Jamshed Hossain and the Best Actor in the Bengali section was given to Amardeep Banerjee.

Finally, I would like to conclude by placing on record our sincerest thankfulness to our Bengali teachers in School: Mr. and Mrs. Bhattacharya and Mrs. Seal who contributed immensely in the success of the Society's programmes all the year round.



The Nepali Society with Mr. B. B. Tamang

THE NEPALI SOCIETY REPORT

The Nepali Society, this year had more activities than usual. The society as usual had the prize examination and enacted a play. To add to these the society put up a colourful cultural exhibition also.

The Second Language prize examination was held on the 7th of July. With the nuclear tests having been conducted earlier in the country, one of the topics read 'India and Nuclear Tests'. This topic attracted a number of boys to the prize examination as they felt confident to write on such a topic. Amrit Tiberawala (Havelock) won the Madhukar Rana Prize for Nepali on this topic.

On the 14th of August, the second language department entertained the boys with a play each in their respective languages and songs. Our society took to the stage with a comedy - Kotha Khali Cha? (Is there a room on rent?). The play was directed by Mr. B. B. Tamang, Senior Nepali Master. Although a majority of boys do not understand Nepali they seemed to have enjoyed the play and the acting. This proved that the actors did wonderful work on stage. Dr. Sarkar, Principal, Darjeeling Govt. College was the Guest of Honour and he commended Bikash Gurung highly for his acting. Bikash was awarded the best actor (Nepali Society) Prize.

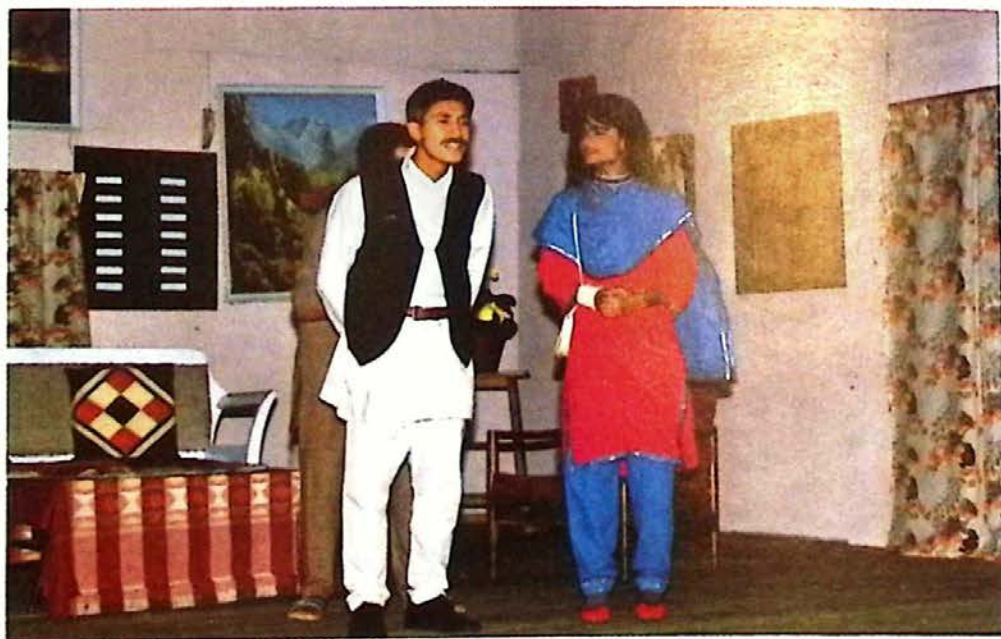
To add to the 175th year celebrations the Nepali Society for the first time put up a cultural exhibition. The exhibition displayed various household items, jewellery and ornaments used by the Nepali folk, variety of Nepali garments, weapons used for domestic purpose and warfare. Various kinds of musical instruments and a number of printed literary works of Nepali Poets were also put on exhibition. A typical Nepali rural house was also made to suit the exhibition. Mr. B. B. Tamang co-ordinated the exhibition. I would also like to place on record our gratitude to Mr. Gokul Ghalay of the State Bank and Mr. Jitendra Pradhan, OP'87 who generously lent us their household items (of which, some were very rare items) to be put on display. I also thank Mr. G. Dutta, Librarian who allowed us to exhibit the books and Mr. S. M. Pradhan, Nepali Master, Mr. Prafulla Pradhan, Economics master, Vivek Pradhan, Tashi Topgyal, Abin Gauchan of Class XII and rest of the boys of the society for their help during the exhibition work. The exhibition was immensely informative as the remark of the Senior Master, which is appended below amply proves:

"Congratulations and thank you so much for presenting a thoroughly impressive Nepali Department Exhibition this year. Visitors were impressed and found the exhibits on display very interesting. It was a unique exhibition and all of you deserve our sincerest appreciation."

The Inter-School Nepali Elocution took place on the 7th of August at St. Joseph's School. Vikash Atal (10), Udaya Gartaula (8), Subodh Adhikari (6), represented our school in the Senior, Intermediate, Junior Divisions respectively. The boys were prepared and performed excellently. Mohamed Hanif (11) took part at the Plus Two Fest - Nepali Elocution Contest. He did well and was placed third.

To conclude I would like to thank Mr. Tamang and Mr. Pradhan for their help and guidance throughout the year. I am also indebted to Vivek Pradhan, Student Editor "Paulite" who made sure that the Nepali Column was filled in all issues.

Siddharth Mani Rajbhandari



Scene from the Annual Nepali Society Play

ART & CRAFT

Master-in-Charge: Mr. RS Baoni

Secretaries:

Woodwork- Merentoshi R. Jamir

Art - Lendup P. Bhutia

Batik - Prantik Roy

The 175th annual & Art and Craft exhibition which was held from the 21st of September to the 24th, was as professional as always. However, this year being the 175th year of existence of St. Paul's, the exhibition was one of the most memorable ones.

Work began much earlier than usual this year; much was to be done. Mr. Baoni guided and imparted the skills of pastel colours, Chinese paintings, sketching and wood carving to the new comers while Mrs. Baoni took great care of the Batik section. We must not forget our dear Harka Daju who took great interest in the completion of the pieces which we put up for the exhibition.

This year we had Mr. Gibbs (Rector 1964 to 1972) and Mr. J. Gardner (Rector 1984-91) on the campus to celebrate the 175th year with us. Mr. J. Gardner was the Chief Guest for the exhibitions and he was extremely pleased with the standard of the exhibition.

These remarks in our Visitors' Book will throw light about the exhibits and the standard of our 175th annual exhibition.

Chief Guest's Remarks:

"Always excellent and this year it is much BETTER. Well done one and all. Keep up the good work".

Mr. J. Gardner

"Magnificent batik and an interesting variety of very accomplished painting, drawing, pastels, carving etc. May the exhibitors continue in later life because Art is one of the greatest things."

David and Sally Gibbs.

We also had a large number of Old Paulites who came to visit their Alma mater and amongst whom were a numerous secretaries of the Art and Craft Department.

Under the able guidance of Mr. Baoni and Mrs. Baoni, the Art sec-

tion was beautiful as ever, paintings ranged from water colour to Chinese paintings. There were also a large number of sketches and pastels. The entire art faculty remained busy throughout the year, making posters for the various concerts and functions. The entire backdrop of the school play was done by the department. Finally, to top it all an enormous banner, with the modified school monogram befitting the occasion, designed by Mr. Baoni, was painted and stitched by the members of the faculty. This was done to commemorate the 175th year.

The Anil Chaudhuri Art Prize and the Best Artist awards went to Lendup P. Bhutia.

Every year, the work in the Batik section awaits the arrival of materials 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 colourful designs adorned the exhibition. Prantik Roy was awarded the Best Craftsman's prize in the Batik Section.

The wood-work section was no less in contributing to the school's immense success this year. There was a record number of thirty pieces put up for the Exhibitions ! Intricate carvings produced by the students of Cl. XII were really remarkable. The visitors found it hard to believe that they were made by the boys, but of course, we know better. Merentoshi Jamir was awarded the Best Craftsman in the woodwork section.

The report would be incomplete without thanking a few people without whose help and guidance, this year's exhibition would have never been a success. We thank Mr. & Mrs. Baoni for their utmost dedication towards us, the students. They were there to help and guide us right from the beginning and gave us their precious time. Last but not the least, we would like to thank our very dear 'Harka Daju', who was always with us through thick and thin and with the utmost sincerity, helped us put up the exhibition.

At the end of this year we will bid farewell to Mr. RS Baoni who has served this school for 21 years. For these 21 years he has proved to be a source of enthusiasm to many art students and has helped and guided the boys to put up the exhibitions year after year. It will be a great loss to the school and an even bigger loss to the Art and Craft department. We wish him a happy retired life !

Merentoshi Jamir

CAMERA CLUB REPORT

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

Secretary: Manoj Singh

"Photography is an art, which if used in the correct sense can create wonders", and so did the photographs of this year's photography exhibition. We must admit that the credit for the success of this year's photography exhibition goes to the boys.

A respectable number of boys who had a passion for photography turned out and thus joined the club. With a large number of boys we were able to conduct our activities very smoothly. This was the year when we were celebrating 175th year of our school's existence and it was good to see that everyone took delight in making the exhibition a special event which was a part of 175th year celebration.

Every boy of the club put in his heart and soul right from the beginning of the year which helped us in producing some magnificent results, which is evident from the remarks of the various dignitaries who witnessed our show. Some of the remarks were as follows :-

- 1) Mr. D. A. Howard (Rector) :
Well done! You have all worked hard and deserve praise.
- 2) Mr. J.A. Gardner (Rector : 1984 - 1991) :
A wonderful experience after seven years. Lovely photographs bringing back the past. Well done. Keep up the good work.
- 3) Mr. Gibbs (Rector: 1963 - 1972) :
Most interesting and creative art. Great Variety.

I have long felt that some people have a feeling that photography is just being "trigger happy". But I would like to say that it is not as easy as it looks. Boys have to really work hard to produce some of the best results which the boys of this year ('98) have been able to accomplish. The Three Major Prizes that were given in this hobby are as follows :-

- 1) Das Studio Prize for consistent hard work awarded to :
Manoj Singh
- 2) Kamlesh Kanti Prize for best photographer of the year awarded to : Mukesh Kumar

Outstanding Photo Stores of Excellence in Photography
awarded to : Nilanjan Singh

We always need guidance no matter what we do. I would like to thank our Master in-Charge Mr. K.R. Singh for his kind help that he has rendered us whenever we needed it. As we all know that photographs are not always clicked in closed rooms, so even when we were out on excursions he was always there to lend us a helping hand. And we all are sure that the club will do wonders in future under his guiding hand.

Last but not the least, this report will seem incomplete if I don't take this opportunity of thanking all the people and various departments who have helped us in putting up the spectacular exhibition. First of all, we would like to thank the Estate Department, the Estate Manager, the catering department and the numerous domestic staff who lent us a helping hand; and the judges Mr. D. A. Howard (Rector), Dr. P. K. Sharma, Dr. M. Kumar and Mr. D. Kumar with whose judgement everyone seemed satisfied.

Thus, it is said that everything that begins well, ends well and so did the photography exhibition of '98.



The Camera Club with Mr. K. R. Singh

SCIENCE FORUM

Master-in-Charge
Mr. Umesh Dwivedi

Secretary :
Abhishek Shroff.

Yet another year for the members of Science Forum has come to an end. The ISC Science results this year were not very satisfactory but we hope for better results in the years to come.

This year saw a great enthusiasm among the members of the club. The club also saw a huge increase in the number of members this year compared to previous years. The forum undertook many challenges this year under the able guidance of our master-in-charge, Mr. Umesh Dwivedi.

This year our field of operation expanded as the members got a chance to communicate with the outside world and attend the seminars organised in the Hayden Hall by the R.C.D.C protesting against the use of plastics. Sustained campaigning eventually led to the banning of plastic bags in town.

During the course of the year a number of science prize examinations were held. The results of the examinations are as follows :

Robin Banerjee Life Science Prize	: Prosenjit Bose
Luv Kumar Ecological Prize	: Amrit Tibarewala
Kothari Physical Science Prize	: Abhishek Shroff
Karun Majumdar Science Prize	: Abhishek Shroff

Besides this, we also had a number of lectures this year. Dr. RN Chakraborti, MBBS(Hons), who is also the Assistant Director of Chitaranjan Cancer Institute, addressed us on the hazards of cigarette smoking and the different types of cancers. Mr. Bahuguna, who is at present associated with wildlife, took pains to come up and address us on his field of specialisation. He addressed us on the consequences of letting the animals in the zoological parks free.

I wish good luck to the future members and hope their interest grows as time passes by.

Abhishek Shroff



The Science Forum



Members of the Machine Workshop with Mr. U. K. Dwivedi

THE MACHINE WORKSHOP

M.I.C.: Mr. U. K. Dwivedi

Secretary: Binit Agarwal

In order to make the 175 year celebrations a grand success and a memorable year the members of the Machine Workshop put in an extremely sincere effort and worked very hard to put up a massive display of skill during the Annual Exhibition in October. The encouraging response of the visitors to the Exhibition made all their hard work and toil worthwhile.

At the beginning of the year new members, from all the four classes of the Senior Wing, were recruited to the Club. The initial rush for membership was very heavy and this speaks for the high popularity of the Club among the students. Much as we would have liked to include all those who wished to join, the lack of space and availability of the lathe machine for all the members compelled us to restrict membership. The Lathe machine was activated early in the year and right from the very beginning the boys made full use of the hobby time to produce works of merit. New boys in the club were given hands on training in operating the Lathe Machine and shown the intricacies in producing quality work. In the course of the year all the boys were given sufficient opportunity to exploit their inherent talent.

Eventually the Annual Exhibition show-cased some fascinating exhibits which included pieces with intricate designs on the bases of lamp stands and candle stands. The enthusiastic effort put in by the boys in the course of the year was evident in each and every piece put up on display, whether it was an ash-tray, a lamp stand or a candle stand.

The N. K. Mitra Prize for Club Activities this year was awarded to Binit Agarwal, who as student secretary of the Club, gave of his time and effort in raising the standard and quality output of the Club.

Mr. Dwivedi must also be complimented for the effort put in by the boys, because without his enthusiastic help and guidance the boys would not have achieved what they did.

Here's hoping that the club members will be able to put in a greater effort next year and out-do what has been achieved in this year just ended. Best of Luck !

REPORT OF THE AUDIO-VISUAL CLUB 1998

M.I.C.: Mr G. Dutta

Secretary : Amrit Tibarewala

There are many clubs in our School, but there is no Club which is as active as the Audio Visual Club. In a year jam-packed with activities the Audio-Visual Club remains extremely busy all the year through - if we are not showing movies, then we are required for various concerts, variety programmes, Gym. Displays, Quiz Shows, Elocution Contests etc. etc. etc. You name it and we are there. Entertaining Paulites has always been our objective over the years and we have always done so successfully. I am glad to report that 1998 was no exception to this rule.

Among the movies screened this year, there was the usual variety that catered for every taste among the various segments of the School: For the thriller buffs there was "Tomorrow Never Dies"; for the literary buff there was "Great Expectations"; for the action lovers there was a plethora of movies like "Lethal Weapon"; the cartoon enthusiast had "Space Jam"; the comedy buff got "Home Alone III" and the never-say-die romantic was awash with "The Titanic" while Hindi film fans hummed away to lilting tunes in "Duplicate". And this list was only a sampling of what was on view in the course of the year.

Also in the Prep Hall we worked behind the scenes in staging six House concerts in the Junior and Senior Wings; the Annual Music Concert; the Junior Wing Annual Production, which, this year, was "In Gay Havana". Also we were actively involved in the lighting of the stage for the Annual School major production which, this year, was Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest". Outside the Prep hall we were also involved in the Annual Gym Display, the Annual Sports Day and Independence Day programmes. All this and more kept us busy throughout the year.

In the past the erratic power supply often hampered our effort at providing flawless service; but with the installation of the new generator this problem never had to be faced except on one occasion when a power failure delayed the start of the Second Languages Concert. I am also delighted to report that in the course of the year the entire wiring system in the Prep hall was over-hauled and made more systematic and was neatly laid out. This was a long felt desire and this systematisation has really helped us in our work immensely. I would like to record

our thanks to the Rector and Estate Manager for this magnificent gesture.

And so another long year of selfless work and great fun has come to an end for the Audio Visual club members and one would like to record one's appreciation for the hard work put in by various members and especially Bibhor Agarwal, Arjun Gurung and Yeatin Giri. But this report would not be complete if I did not record our sincerest gratitude to our Master-in-Charge Mr. Genesis Dutta who, as usual, worked patiently, quietly and devotedly throughout the year. One cannot but help thanking him for all those weekend evenings he gave to us - sometimes at extremely short notice and yet never lost his temper. Thank you Sir for all that you have done and here's hoping that the Club will continue to work as smilingly and efficiently as we have done during 1998.

Amrit Tibarewala



Members of the Audio-Visual Club with G. Dutta

COMPUTER CLUB '98

"If you can imagine it.
If you can dream it, you can become it."

In this antagonistic age, Computers are swiftly becoming elementary in our every day working. Consequently, the Computer Club's foremost objective is to educate the students and preparing them for the ever-competitive world ahead of them, training them to use the latest software and preparing them to face all obstacles placed before them.

With the onset of the new semester we saw the departure of our senior computer teacher Mr. Santanu Das. We also witnessed the arrival of Mr. Subrata Das, our new teacher for the Junior section, and promotion of Mr. Abhijit Banerjee from the Junior section to the Senior section. Both the teachers contributed richly towards making the Computer club the success it was.

The R.S. Prasad Computer Studies Prize was bagged by Abbas Hussain, the computer secretary 1998. Abhishek Shroff was highly commended for getting the second highest marks in the competition for the prize.

This year was one of the most successful years for the Computer club. Innumerable boys desired to join the club but owing to lack of space most of them had to be turned down. This as a hobby is the most time-consuming, interesting, mind-boggling and enjoyable activity that most boys love to take part in.

The activities of the club went on smoothly leaving behind many bright occasions to reflect back upon with pride. Vigorous preparations were carried out for the exhibition put up towards the end of October. The terminal examinations were a damper to the speed of work but the work went on with full gusto after the examination. This year the exhibition was in one of the class rooms unlike the other years when it was held in the computer room itself. On display were several programmes made by the members of the computer club. The names of programmes along with their programmers are as follows :-

Animal Quiz Programme: - Sajal Kayan & Amit Saraf
General Quiz Programme: - Kumar Tushar Ujjwal & Rohan Basu

Jackpot Programme	:-	Bharat Golchha & Gaurav Munal
Roulette Programme	:-	Bibhor Agarwal
Fortune Teller	:-	Adeepo Shah
Digestive System	:-	Ashish Dalmia & Nitin Agarwal
Poetry	:-	Sudeep Ghosh & Dawa Sherpa
The Charts were made by :-		Nitin Agarwal, Amit Bansal, Ashish Dalmia & Adeepo Shah

A large number of visitors added to the glamour of the exhibition and the computer club extends its deepest gratitude towards them for visiting the exhibition. The comments in the Visitor's Book were very encouraging, and it also reflects on the standard of work. As a part of our 175th year, Mr. Gardner our former Rector, made time to visit us and was very impressed by the hard work put in by the boys. The exhibition this year was definitely a success.

The club is indebted to everyone who assisted the club in the slightest way in putting up this memorable exhibition. Our special thanks to the estate department for their electrical fittings and our computer teachers for their support and guidance. I wish good luck to all those taking up computers in the years to come and trust they will avail of the benefit of studying this subject at St. Paul's.

Abbas Hussain
(Computer Secretary)



The Computer Society with Mr. A. Banerjee

THE INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY CLUB

M.I.C: Mr K.R. Singh

Secretary: Arijit Ray

The activities of the Industrial Chemistry Club began around the month of May, 1998. A large number of members, not necessarily those who enjoy Science in the classroom, joined the Club. Indeed, this must certainly be one of the most popular hobbies in the Senior Wing. As a matter of fact, we had 55 student members in the club and to the best of our knowledge this was the largest single hobby grouping this year. This was, indeed, an achievement worth crowing about.

We started the year by arranging the chemicals, measuring their quantities and then ordering for a new stock of chemicals that we thought we would require for our club. Work was also begun early and in earnest for making a model for a mock volcano demonstration. This was time consuming work; but the popularity of the exhibit later made it all very worthwhile. Simultaneously we started producing samples of the products we would put on exhibition later in the year. This included Invisible Ink (which proved to be very popular with all the visitors to our exhibition), talcum powder, blue ink, black polish, polish for leather products, Floor polish, magic ink, paan stain remover, Rust remover, room freshener, mosquito repellent etc. Some of these products sold like hot cakes.

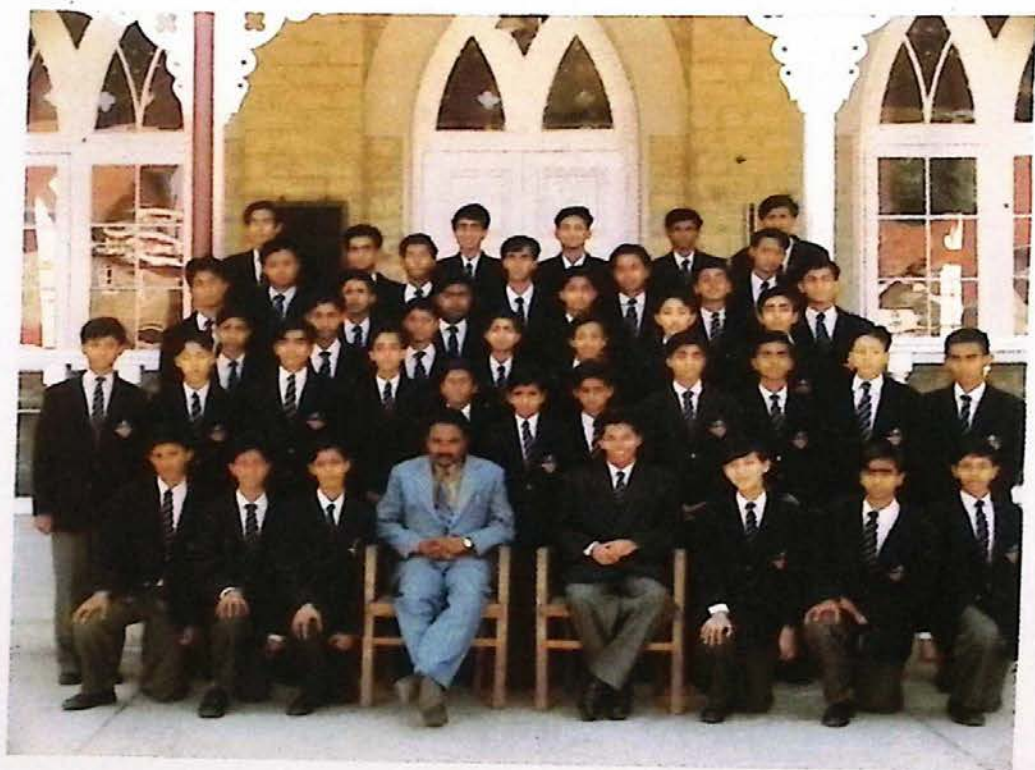
It goes without saying that the boys had a great time making these products. Every manufacturing session in the Chemistry laboratory was full of excitement and discovery. The Club opened a new door to discovery of knowledge and we grabbed this opportunity with both hands. In the course of the Exhibition we also demonstrated the production of such gases like hydrogen, carbon dioxide, oxygen and laughing gas apart from putting up some exciting demonstrations like 'blood on hands' (which had the visitors from Primary Wing enthralled), cold fire and a chemical garden. With so much going on at the Industrial Chemistry Exhibition it was no surprise to any of us to see the room always choc-a-bloc with people.

This year the Industrial Chemistry Club was finally granted acceptance as one of the hobbies for DEAS/IAYP in St. Paul's and this was a matter of great satisfaction since we have been vying for recognition for several years. This was, therefore, an acknowledgement for the sincere

effort put in by the members in 1998. Congratulations to all concerned.

Finally, one must put on record our gratitude to Mr. K. R. Singh, who, in spite of being preoccupied with the Camera Club found time to help and guide us throughout the year. His instructions and guidelines were very helpful. Here's hoping that the Club will achieve greater success and glory in the coming year.

Arijit Ray
Secretary



The Industrial Chemistry Club with K. R. Singh



The School Edinburgh Team with Mr. W. Peters, Mr. A. Alva and Mr. A. Dennis

CRICKET REPORT - 1998

Master-in-Charge : Mr. A. Alva

Yet another year of activities started in St. Paul's School and this year was not like any other normal year for St. Paul's. It was the School's 175th year. Though it was a special year, there was no change in the sporting calendar of the year and as always, the year began with the gentleman's game - Cricket.

There was no cricket captain appointed this year. Mr. A. Alva took over the responsibility of M.I.C. Cricket from this year. It was quite disappointing to hear that the coach would not be coming this year too, but Paulites are not those who put their heads down and crib but face every problem that comes their way with courage.

In the season opening match between the Staff and the Sixth form, the former turned out to be too formidable and had an easy victory over the boys. Put in to bat the Staff piled up a massive total and declared at 317/6. Mr. A. Dennis (126* off 71 balls) and Mr. A. Alva (71* off 45 balls) were the major contributors. The boys were bowled out for a paltry 109 runs in 19.5 of the allotted 35 overs.

On the 4th April, the Staff played a friendly match against the District Magistrate's XI. The D.M.'s XI comprised of Mr. Navin Prakash (D.M.), Mr. Siddharth (Principal Secretary, D.G.H.C.), Mr. S. K. Thade (A.D.M.) and others. Winning the toss, the D.M.'s XI elected to bat and piled 131 runs for 6 wickets in their allotted 25 overs. A.D.M. Mr. S.K. Thade was their major contributor with 66 runs. After lunch the staff piled up 132 runs for the loss of 2 wickets in 18.4 overs thereby gaining another easy victory. Once again Mr. A. Dennis (34* off 17 balls retired) and Mr. A. Alva (33* of 26 balls) were the major contributors for the staff.

Owing to the delay in holding of the Board exams this year, the students of the +2 sections returned relatively late and as such, the under X students were the first to play their matches. Their first match was against North Point. In the 1st XI and 2nd XI, the results went in our favour. The scores of both the teams were as follows:-

1st XI: S.P.S. - 142/5 - Ankur Gupta - 35
 - Md. Tanweer - 37
 - Arjun Gupta - 21
 - Satyabrata Sen - 24
 N.P. - 141/7 - Pawan Tiwari - 3/15

2nd XI : S.P.S. - 170/All out - Siddharth Sahni -45
 - Arindam Ghosh - 57
 N.P. - 90/All out - Dibyaduti Ghosh - 4/11

In the under 8 match too, SPS rampaged home by beating the same opponents. The scores :

SPS - 111/10 - S. Tensing - 25
 - V. Risal - 21

N.P. - 96/10 - Nischal Singh - 4/17
 - Mehandi Khan - 3/10

The most eventful fixture of cricket after Edinburgh is the match against the Old Paulites. This match was played on 11th April. Our School team earned a moral boosting 5 wicket victory over the OPA, with invaluable contribution from Dibyaduti Ghosh who scored 74 runs off a mere 71 deliveries faced. This brave effort of his also earned him the Ajit Prasad Memorial Trophy which is given to the man of the match by the OPA. The team also earned the OPA trophy for winning the match. We were honoured by the presence of Mr. S. S. Ray, former chief minister of W.B., who also graciously umpired the match in the second half and had tea with us later on.

The next fixture was against North Point. This time our school was only without Class XI boys. Three matches were played, that of 1st XI, 2nd XI and JW XI. The results are as follows:

1st XI : S.P.S. - 166/6 - Abhishek Vishal - 71
 - Arjun Gupta - 28

N.P. - 165/8 - Dibyaduti Ghosh - 2/25
 - Satyabrata Sen - 2/36

2nd XI : S.P.S. - 180 All out - Arghya Mitra - 45
 - P. G. Lun Singit - 36
 N.P. - 181/6 - Naqqush Mazhar - 2/38

JW XI	S.P.S. - 112/8	- Tushar Chandra 19
		- Sudipto Munshi - 29 *
	N.P. -110/All out	- N. Singh 3/18, M. Khan 2/34,
		- S. Tenzing -2/31

At the P.W. Level, our boys played two matches against N.P. in which they lost the first and won the second thereby levelling the series. Those who excelled and show promise are - Tashi Rapgyal, Subir Saha, Arimardan Shahi.

EDINBURGH SHIELD HIGHLIGHTS

With the confidence of the Paulite team soaring high, they took on the Hermonites. This match was played on their field and thus, they had the upper hand. We batted first. Our start was as bad as could be, i.e., the first wicket falling in the second over after which the wickets kept falling at regular intervals. At one stage the score stood at 79 for 7 wickets in the 13th over when Abhishek Vishal and Jyoti Prakash stepped up to the crease. They put on an exceptional partnership of 129 runs and provided some respectability to the score. When we came out to field, their chances of surviving against our fierce attack looked very slim and they got bowled out for 119 runs. Jyoti Prakash with 43 runs and 2/21 off 5 overs and Abhishek Vishal with 88 runs saved the match for us and were our "Men of the Match". The scores are :-

S.P.S.	- 213/10 in 39.3. overs	- A. Vishal - 88
M.H.S	- 119/10 in 20.3 overs	- Mr. W. Peters - 3/42
		- J. Prakash - 2/21

The second Edinburgh match was against North Point on our field. The boys entered the field with a great deal of enthusiasm. The first day's enthusiasm was washed away with the rain and the match was postponed to the next day. On the following day, though our boys played well, we conceded the match to N.P., midway after an unnecessary and avoidable controversy. We also withdrew ourselves from the Edinburgh Shield Tournament.

HOUSE MATCHES

After the Inter-school fixtures, the attention shifted to the house matches in the Senior and Junior Wings. The matches were played in the right spirit of sportsmanship. There were some keenly contested matches. In the Senior Wing, it really heated up and eventually Clive

and Hastings ended up sharing the shield. In the Junior Wing Anderson House emerged as the winners while in the P.W. Tenzing was no match for any of the other houses. The final House positions in all three wings are as follows :-

	<i>Senior Wing</i>	<i>Junior Wing</i>	<i>Primary Wing</i>
1st	Clive & Hastings	Anderson	Tenzing
2nd		Betten	Everest
3rd	Havelock	Westcott	Hillary
4th	Lawrence	Cable	Hunt

The special prizes awarded for the year 1998 are as follows :

Jack Warren medal for the best cricketer from Class X and below :	Abhishek Vishal
Jack Warren medal for the best cricketer in the Junior Wing :	Not Awarded

FOOTBALL REPORT - 1998

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

Captain : Karma Thinley

Football, being a favourite game among the boys in St. Paul's School, was played with great zeal and enthusiasm. Unlike last year, that our boys showed great interest in the game, played effectively, won matches and brought laurels to the school is proved by the fact that our school's 1st XI won almost all the matches they played this year.

This year we had our first football fixture with Mount Hermon School. Our 1st XI were easy victors winning 5-2. Sandeep Tuladhar showed the skills of a true midfield player by providing penetrating through passes for the strikers. S. Tenzing was sharp enough to capitalise on that and came up with a hat-trick. Next we had a school fixture with D.G.H. Kalimpong on our field. The match ended in a draw. We missed K. Thinley - a player who bases his play on physical strength and superb tackles in this match as he was down with jaundice. We obliged them with a return fixture in their school which also ended in a draw so honours were even with DGH. A heavy downpour just before the match had left a slushy, sticky surface and good soccer was ruled out. The performance of our goal-keeper Bikash Gurung was commendable.

Our next fixture was with N.P. the 1st XI match was held in our school. This turned out to be the most exciting match of the season. North Point had emulated the tactical formation of 3-5-2. We preferred a 4-4-2 formation but deployed retractable wingers. We were quite heavily pressed in the first half. But our defence showed the resilience to soak up the pressure. Jyoti Prakash on the left and Issac on the right showed remarkable stamina and adaptability as they very often fell back to help in the defence and moved up as conventional wingers when required. In the second half with some shuffling in the midfield our boys played better football and finally carved out a 1-0 win through Jyoti's superb strike.

Our last fixture was with the newly opened O. P.A. Sikkim chapter. They had come with a formidable team comprising former football Captains. It was a very exciting match and our school XI won with a score of 3-2. The absence of our star striker S Tensing was greatly felt as he was not able to play due to injury. Karma Thinley was awarded the



Boys' Football Team with Mr. S. D. Jones

trophy for the best player.

This year the Fr. Jack Coffey Inter School football tournament was held in our school. The restricted under X team was fully prepared to face the challenges of the tournament. We won convincingly against V.V.A. with a score of 6-1. S. Tenzing scored a hattrick. We then had to play with the strongest team of the tournament B.S.M.I.

Though they had many players from the S.A.I. Camp, our boys played good, attacking football but finally succumbed to a defeat with a score of 6-2.

In the finals, B.S.M.I. trounced N.P. with a score of 4-0.

Mr. J. Singh and Mr. A. Alva did a remarkable job in refereeing the finals of this tournament successfully much to the delight of the players and viewers. I am thankful to both of them.

This year Clive won the Inter House Championship in the Senior Wing. Sandeep Tuladhar was awarded minor colours for football.



The School Hockey Team with Mr. A. Alva and Mr. J. Singh

HOCKEY

Master-in-Charge:
Mr. J. Singh.

The last games season of the year is always hockey, and it invariably turns out to be the shortest. The first match of this game was as usual between the teachers and the students, which was closely contested.

Unfortunately, hockey has almost died out in the hills. None of the other schools in the hills play this game and this has made outside fixtures difficult to arrange.

The 'league-system' was continued as a preparation for the inter-house matches. This year we were able to successfully complete three rounds of hockey leagues followed by a round of House matches. The House matches were played with great vigour and enthusiasm. Some of the matches were extremely close and provided very interesting finishes. Hastings emerged the eventual winners followed by Havelock, Lawrence and Clive.

It is hoped that the students will get more exposure in the game, and that more schools take up hockey in the future. This will definitely increase the competition and generate more interest in this game.

Amit Gupta

BADMINTON REPORT- 1998

M.I.C. - Mr. P. Lama

Captain - Abin Gauchan

The year 1998 saw a very enthusiastic and exciting Badminton season. With the coming of monsoon in June and outdoor field activity being restricted to Football, indoor games burst into prominence and no other indoor game is more popular in St. Paul's than Badminton.

During the season, the single court was never found empty in the afternoons with the boys practising hard for the various tournaments and at times new hands trying to master the game. Some boys who participated in most of indoor activities, even braved the early morning cold and came down for regular practice.

The under X players preparing for the Inter School Badminton Carnival held at North Point were given intensive coaching and practices by Mr. B.B. Tamang, Mr. P. Lama and myself. The following boys were selected to represent the school:-

A Singles	:-	Omar Haider Ali
B Singles	:-	Jewel Choudhury
C Singles	:-	Majid Ul Islam
Senior Doubles	:-	Sarwar Hassan and Ankur Gupta.

Though the boys fared reasonably well, only Omar Haider Ali, with his commendable effort reached the semi-finals. He was awarded House Colours for his effort.

The House-matches in St. Paul's have always been exciting and stimulating. This year witnessed a keen competition between Havelock and Clive with Havelock finally lifting the cup. The team comprised Abin Gauchan, Roden Sherpa, Omar Haider Ali and Sarwar Hassan.

In the Plus Two section, this year we had a couple of fixtures against North Point. Although the boys put up a commendable fight, we lost all the matches. The team was represented by Abin Gauchan, Roden Sherpa, Binit Agarwal, Amber Huria and Sachin Pradhan.

Before concluding, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Mr. B. B. Tamang and his son Bhupen Tamang (Cl-92) for their unfailing

help and co-operation and to Mr. P. Lama, MIC who helped to coach and encourage the boys.

I wish good luck to all the boys and hope next year can surely see more improvement in the standard of the game.

MONITI MELIORA SEQUAMUR

*Abin Gauchan
VIth Form '98*

I am very happy about the way boys have been showing keen interest in the game. I sincerely hope that in years to come we will definitely be able to master the game at all levels. My congratulations and good luck to all the boys who took part in the game and proved their credibility. My sincere thanks goes to Mr. B. B. Tamang for his ceaseless inspiration and encouragement to the boys and to the Badminton Captain for helping me and motivating the boys through out the year.

Mr. P. Lama



The School Badminton Set with Mr. P. Lama.

ETON FIVES

M.I.C. - Mr. D. Kumar

Captain Nasim Khan

Eton fives, a court game belongs quite definitely in the category of Rackets and Squash. Although quite similar in nature - involving the use of walls : Eton fives as contrasted with Rugby Fives has an extra buttress or "pepper" jutting out from one side wall. Further, while Rugby Fives can be both singles and doubles game, Eton fives is primarily a doubles game. In spite of Eton Fives not enjoying being in the "public eye", the game has been quite popular with the Paulities.

The courts were occupied from the beginning of the year. Expectedly there were many new enthusiasts from both the students and the teaching faculty. Often boys had to wait for long hours before they could tread on the courts.

The house matches began in full earnest in the second term, the results being :

Under X	Plus 2 (opens)
Havelock - 1st	Havelock - 1st
Lawrence - 2nd	Lawrence - 1st
Hastings - 2nd	Clive - 1st
Clive - 2nd	Hastings - 4th

These unusual rankings were the result of some awe inspiring matches culminating in the nail biting finish between Havelock (represented by Vivek Kandhari & Jamshed Hussain) who out did the not so lucky Lawrencians.

After the house matches an open tournament was held again. In a keenly contested final Raj Sharma & Vivek Kandhari couldn't withstand the pressure of their opponents Binit Aggarwal and Nasim Khan. The latter proved to be best pair of the year.

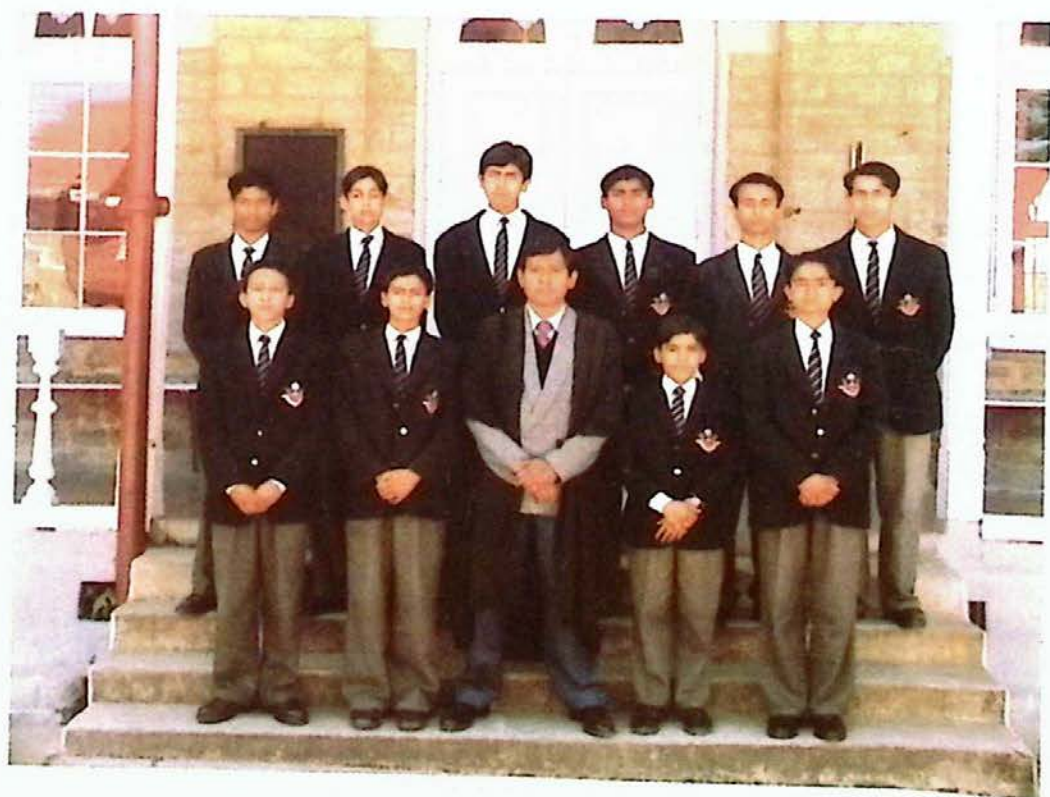
Some other promising players have been Sachin Pradhan, Amit Bansal, Rahul Khetawat and Saurav Mohta.

I would like to thank Mr. D. Kumar for helping me to conduct the house matches and tournaments and also for co-operating with the boys and for giving them necessary tips, whenever required.

Nasim Khan



The Eton Fives Set with Mr. D. Kumar



The School T. T. Team with Mr. M. Dutta

TABLE TENNIS

Master-in-charge - Mr. Michael Dutta.

The Table- Tennis Season in St. Paul's commences with the beginning of the rainy season during the second term. It is a very popular game for boys who fail to do well in the field events and for them who hate soaking themselves in the monsoon rains. With the better players having left us after class 10, there is nothing we can boast about this year in this game.

Lack of experienced players opened up fresh scope for the boys who hoped to get into the Inter-school team. Vigorous practice sessions were carried on. And finally the following boys were selected to represent the school in the T.T. Carnival, hosted by Rockvale Academy, Kalimpong.

A - Singles	:	Harsh Wadhvani
B - Singles	:	Bardhan Jung Shah
C - Singles	:	Tushar Singh
Junior Doubles:		Abhishek Sur & Gautam Kumar
Senior Doubles :		Dibyaduti Ghosh & Vikash Atal

These boys fought gallantly. They proved that what they lacked in terms of experience and skill was compensated by sheer determination. We stood fourth among the twelve schools who attended the Carnival.

This year there were no Inter-school TT fixtures. However, we managed to fix one + 2 Fixture against N.P. in which we lost all the sets.

The House matches soon got underway and Hastings comfortably lifted the Table-tennis cup for 1998. Lawrence came second followed by Havelock and Clive. In the Junior wing Anderson and Westcott House shared the Table-tennis cup this year.

Though it was a sort of skill and talent search session for Table-tennis this year, it became apparent that the freshers are more keen on acquiring defensive skills. Presently, Table-tennis is more of an attacking game, which the boys, I believe, will realise in the coming years.

I would like to extend my thanks to Mr. Amlan Mazumdar, who joined us this year and keenly consented to help me throughout the session. The boys, too, have been benefitted by his presence and skills in the game.

ATHLETICS REPORT 1998

M.I.C.: Mr. B. B. Tamang

Captain: Gaurav Dewan

The 1998 Athletics season can be viewed as one of accomplishment and achievement keeping in mind the very high standards that St. Paul's has always achieved in Athletics. Our athletes put in their best effort and using the laurels from the previous year's success as a spring board, they did their best to attain higher standards of maturity and perfection in their disciplines, moulding their skills, stamina and strength towards greater standards of finesse and endurance.

The season began on the 1st of September. As usual the season began with a few trial runs and the Standards. Unfortunately, the prolonged monsoon played havoc with the Standards season, though in the few days available to us a clutch of new athletes made their mark. Thanks to large numbers turning up for them, Lawrence House walked away with the Standards Cup.

Soon the Heats were run off and there was tight competition for the eight special spots for the Final events to be run off on Sports Day. Simultaneously, the Field events were also completed.

Sports Day was the 22nd of September, and belying our hopes, the day began on a rather grey and misty note. Mr. J.A Gardner, our former Rector, presided over the occasion as Chief Guest and we were equally honoured by the presence of Mr. and Mrs Gibbs in our midst. Perhaps, it was the chill in the air, or perhaps it was the dullness of the skies or the presence of such important dignitaries - one is not so sure what it was, but there were false starts galore on the day which added to the already heightened tension.

Competition was keen in all the events and a number of records were re-written, with Jyoti Prakash adding one more record to his credit this year. He now has an astounding thirteen records in the various Divisions to his name ! At the end of the last events the Houses who proudly lifted the Athletics Cups/Shields in the various segments of the school were: Everest in the Primary Wing, Anderson in the Junior Wing and Clive in the Senior Wing. The following were the winners of the Victor Ludorums in the various Divisions:



The School Athletics Team with Mr. J. Singh

Open Division:	Gaurav Dewan
Class I:	Jyoti Prakash
Class II :	Gautam Shaw
Class III:	Santosh Singh
Class IV:	Majid-ul-Islam
A Division:	Sugat Halwai

Immediately after returning from the Puja holidays we got busy preparing for the Darjeeling Zone Inter-School Athletics Meet which was hosted by St. Joseph's School on their field on the 17th of October. It was tough getting back to a strenuous work out so soon after the delights of a long puja break, and the Marathon season which had been postponed came in the way of serious, concentrated effort during practices. In spite of such distractions 22 of our school athletes qualified for the District Inter School Athletics Meet which was organised by Victoria Boys' School on their ground at Kurseong. Thirteen schools from all around the district participated. We finished as outright winners in the A Division, and a close second in the Open Division.

Mention must be made here of some of my promising fellow athletes from St. Paul's: Jyoti Prakash has been putting in one outstanding performance after another in the shorter sprints; then there are Rupesh Kumar, Isaac Kharkongor, Amit Gupta (all of Class XI); Roden Sherpa and Karma Thinley (of the Sixth Form); and Majid-ul-Islam from the Junior Wing who have shown keen promise for the future. Their performances in the course of the 1998 season were noteworthy and encouraging.

The following were placed First in the various events at the District Meet held in Victoria:

Open Division:	Isaac Kharkongor in the 800 and 1500 mts. Karma Thinley in the Javelin Throw, Roden Sherpa in the Triple Jump. Roden Sherpa, Amit Gupta, Rupesh Kumar and Gaurav Dewan in the 4 x200
A Division:	Jyoti Prakash in the 100, 200 and 400 mts. Sprints. Eric Manandhar in the Shot Put Tashi Sherpa, Dibydyuti Ghosh, Gautam Shaw and Jyoti Prakash in the 4 x 100

There were also a host of our boys who finished a creditable second in their events.

Karma Thinley was awarded Minor Colours this year.

Before signing off this report, I would be failing in my duty if I did not place on record my sincerest gratitude to Mr. B.B. Tamang, Mr. J. Singh and Mr. Alva for all their help and suggestions. Without their constant encouragement and guidance it would not have been possible for us to do as well as we did in the ultimate reckoning.

The 1999 Athletics season will probably see a few School and Inter School records change at the hands of our athletes. Here's wishing them the very best of luck and hoping they will reach for the skies in their quest for glory.

Gaurav Dewan

BASKETBALL REPORT - 1998

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

Captain: Roden W. Sherpa

The boys returned to School on the 6th of March after a long, but well-deserved winter vacation and within a few days of their return the Basketball Court was humming with activity. Every afternoon the boys walked up to the Court at Dawkins and this year we had a larger number of players wanting to participate than usual.

We played the first of our Under-X Inter-School fixtures with Mount Hermon on the 1st of April and despite making a promising beginning we ultimately lost to a team that was, perhaps, tactically more sound. Later in the same month we played North Point and, once again, the result did not go in our favour. What was even more disastrous was that four of our under X players received injuries in the course of this and were unable to participate in the Annual Inter School ICSE Basketball Carnival which was hosted by Dr. Graham's Homes in Kalimpong. Among those who showed promise in the Under X team were Sersang Tenzing, Palden Dorjee, Tenzing Kutsabpa, Albert Squire (all of them from the Junior Wing) and Siddhant Rajbhandari, Iftekar Fazili, Tiatemjen Jamir, Tshering Bhutia and Sandip Tuladhar.

The Opens team comprising players from Classes XI and XII showed early promise and terrific form at the beginning of the season when they returned. Much was expected of them. The boys took the practice sessions very seriously and there was a clear evidence of their determination to succeed. This team played the redoubtable team called "Yaks" who came up from town and who were the District Champions. Steady performances and good scoring from Roden Sherpa, Sonam Wangchuk and Karma Thinley saw us win reasonably comfortably. A return match was fixed later in the month; but this time round the visitors were reinforced by players who had been absent in the first match and after a keen contest, scored a close victory. The Opens team kept preparing for the District Championship which was called off at the last moment much to our disappointment.

The Opens team, however, got a chance to match their skills with superior teams when the local zoo authorities organised the Red Panda Open Basketball Tournament. The matches came off on our court and at Loreto Convent. There were teams from Kalimpong, Kurseong, Dar-

jeeling and Sikkim. We were drawn to play against Mount Deepum from Sikkim and the match proved to be a real humdinger of a contest. Scores were tied at half-time and a couple of three pointers towards the fag end of the game saw us go down fighting by four baskets.

The House matches were equally keenly fought with most of the matches finishing with single digit scores differentiating the winners from the losers. Hastings deservedly won the Basketball Cup this year.

And so an eventful, though not very successful, season came to an end. We may not have won any silverware in the course of the year; but we were able to enjoy our games and hone our skills the best we could and most importantly we were able to unearth some promising new talent in the school for the future. We would like to thank Mr. Singh for his constant encouragement throughout the season, and we hope that in the coming years Basketball will continue to grow in popularity in St. Paul's.

Roden W. Sherpa



The School Basketball Team with Mr. J. Singh

SQUASH REPORT

M.I.C. : Mr P. Pradhan

Captain : S. Rajbhandari

At the end of last year Mr. A.K. Dash, who had handled Squash in St. Paul's School for more than a decade, left School to move to greener pastures elsewhere. Stepping into his shoes was never going to be easy; but it was well worth a try anyway.

When the 1998 term started we still did not have any Master-in-Charge in place and so for a brief period we had one of the GAP students, Mr. Timothy Nicholls, who manfully stepped in to fill the breach. He was enthusiastic about the game. Squash had a delayed start this year; but before long the boys' enthusiasm made up for lost time. Somewhere around the middle of the year yours truly decided to offer himself to be Master-in-Charge and the Senior Master gladly accepted the offer.



The School Squash Team with Mr. P. M. Pradhan

During the first term the Squash Court witnessed sporadic activity, not only because there was no one to take charge but also because some urgent repairs were needed to the court. This was attended to at the end of the First Term.

As soon as the Second term began the Courts witnessed frenetic activity. It suddenly appeared that the School had so many Squash enthusiasts that boys had to queue up for long hours to get a set of a game on any afternoon. It certainly speaks well for the popularity of the sport in School and has given me every reason to think about doing something in the coming season to raise the standard of the sport here.

The House Matches were played with unbridled enthusiasm. Matches were close and keenly fought. In the Junior Wing, Tenzing Kutsabpa and Majid-ul-Islam stood head and shoulders above the rest and easily powered Anderson to the Squash Cup.

Unfortunately, owing to a terrible back injury, the Squash Captain's season was tragically cut short. Siddharth was a talented player and held forth a lot of promise; but his back played up and led to complications which finally led to a surgery on his leg to correct a nerve problem in his calf. However, he carried on manfully in helping to conduct the Senior Wing House Matches and I appreciate the effort he put in to see them run off smoothly. In the Senior edition of the championship, Havelock, represented by Roden Sherpa and Haider Habib swept the Cup. Well done !

Towards the fag end of the year several newer boys started reporting to the court regularly and by the time the year was out many of them had mastered the basic skills of the game. This certainly augurs well for the future of the game in St. Paul's. I am sure that next year will see a more active and purposeful year on the Squash courts. Perhaps, we can even arrange to play in a few local tournaments, and invite outsiders from the army and local clubs to come up and play the school Squash enthusiasts. Meanwhile, I would like to end hoping that Siddharth's surgery has been successful and that he can return to the Squash courts soon.

Mr. P. Pradhan

MARATHON REPORT

The Marathon Season commenced at the end of the Football season as in every year in the past and the practices ran off smoothly for a couple of days when, suddenly, owing to unavoidable circumstances we were forced to postpone all the Marathon runs to the Third Term. The Marathon season is not exactly the most popular of games seasons in St. Paul's and this sudden and enforced change did not go down too well with the boys who wanted to get the daily runs after lunch out of their way as soon as possible. What actually forced us to postpone the Marathon was that a huge landslide on the main Hill Cart Road between Darjeeling and Ghoom forced all buses and taxis to take a detour to Ghoom via the army cantonment in Jalapahar. The Marathon route was now over crowded with vehicles of all colours, shapes and sizes and it was wisely felt that running on the same route with all these vehicles would be very risky.

The Marathon season re-started after the Puja Break and was run off without a break till the Finals. The boys took their practice runs fairly seriously and all the practice sessions went off without a hitch.

The Final Run was held on the 19th of October which coincidentally also happened to be Diwali. There was no lack of the usual excitement, and, as in the days of yore, this mega event was run off as smoothly as possible. To enable the teachers to prepare for Diwali at home and also to enable some of the boys to go home in the afternoon, the races were run off in the morning at 9 a.m. instead of at the usual time in the afternoon.

The races were well-contested and there was no lack of excitement at the Finishing Point for any of the races. The Final results in the various categories were as follows:

Open Category:	1st	Isaac Kharkongor
	2nd	Amit Gupta
Senior Category	1st	Sersang Tenzing
	2nd	Sarwar Hassan
Intermediate Category :	1st	Nishan Rai
	2nd	Ankit Seth
Junior Category	1st	Karma Rangdol
	2nd	Abhishek Rai

Primary Category : 1st Sahil Karki
2nd Shubham Kumar

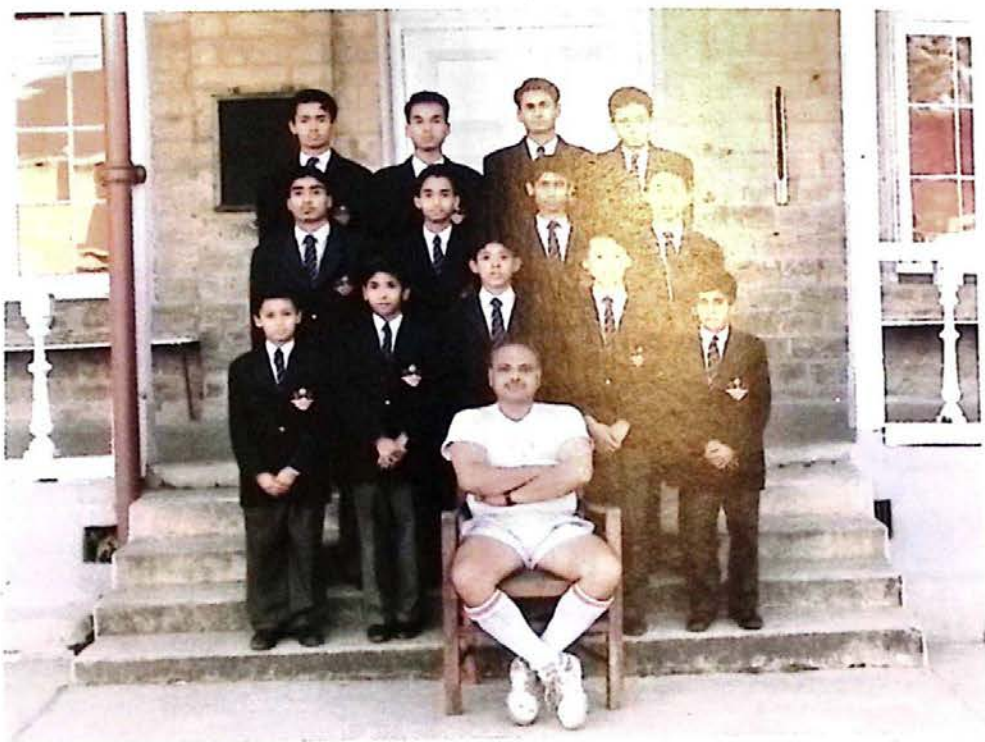
At this point I must make a special mention of all those teachers, who came and helped in running the show. They sacrificed a holiday and a chance to be with their families on the auspicious occasion of Diwali and we must place on record our thankfulness and congratulate them for the selfless devotion to the interest of the boys.

The House positions in the various wings were as follows:

Primary Wing	-	Everest House
Junior Wing	-	Betten House
Senior Wing	-	Clive House.

Congratulations to all concerned. Here's wishing the Marathon in 1999 will be an even greater event in the School calendar.

Abhishek Goenka



The Marathon Winners in the Various Divisions with Mr. J. Singh

GYMNASTICS

M.I.C. : J. Singh

With the coming of zealous newcomers this year, the gymnastic team proceeded with its practice like that of any other year. The practices started as normal during the middle of the month of April and started gaining pace as the June break was approaching.

This year we had in our midst the 1978 Gymnastics captain Mr. Ravi Pradhan who had volunteered to perform on the final day, along with boys.

There was some alteration in the plan for the display this year. First of all, the number of gymnasts were reduced. In the previous years, the display was held in the Gymkhana club, and a large number of gymnasts were accepted but this year as the school celebrated its 175th year, we had to select a few and the best among them. The selection was not very easy. Among the total number of gymnasts there were more representatives from the Junior Wing rather than the senior school.



The School Gym Squad with Mr. J. Singh

The second change was the time limit. We were allowed only 25 minutes and in that period of time, we gave our best to entertain the visitors, parents and well wishers.

This year the items we had for the display were the mat work, the chair work and the vaulting box exercise. Though the parallel bar exercise, and the solo exercise were eliminated because of the limited time the log team put in a splendid performance. It was different and much more interesting than the ones we did in the previous years. The log team consisted of three logs with three groups. The three groups consisted of nearly the entire sixth form and this kept them occupied for quite some time. The log team practices were conducted by the Rector and the performance on the final day was a series of perfect co-ordination of exercises. Thank you, Sir.

Our mat work was similar to those of the past years. The long hours of practices in the gymnasium yielded a good performance on the final day.

The chair exercises and the vaulting bar exercises were performed with much toil and perspiration during the practices. It was performed by the senior school gymnasts. The 'pyramid' was also performed by the chair team. The 'Chinese Shoulder Stand' was performed by Panu Pago- an exercise done for the first time in thirty years. He also did the handstand on the chair. The vaulting box exercises were skilfully done.

Lastly I must thank, all the gymnasts whose co-operation made the Annual Display a success.

VOLLEYBALL

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

Captain : Bikash Gurung

As soon as the boys returned from home, the Volleyball enthusiasts could be seen practising both in the morning and in the evening.

We couldn't have proper practice in the initial stages because of the delayed Board examinations this year which clashed with our season. We couldn't have practices on the court as the volleyball court is next to the Gymnasium, the venue for the ICSE examination. As an alternative, a temporary court was made near the M. I. Room, on the top field and the practices continued there.

Several friendly fixtures were held with B.S.M.I, Mount Hermon and St. Joseph's School. Our boys showed much promise in these games, but were outplayed by players with superior skill and tactical knowledge.

Though we couldn't participate in the Inter-School Tournament, hosted by Himali Boarding School because of a terrible misunderstanding on our part about the dates of the tournament, our school volleyball standard was much better than in the previous years. The under 10 level volleyball team must be highly commended for their laudable effort and a great deal of credit for this must go to Mr. Sonam Tshering, an Old Paulite and Mr. B. B. Tamang former Master-in-Charge of Volleyball, who put their heart and soul to see the improvement in the game. Both Mr. Tshering and Mr. Tamang gave their valuable time for our Under 10 Volleyball team in the mornings and in the evenings.

The Inter- House matches were conducted in right earnest. We are grateful to Mr. B. B. Tamang, Mr. J. Singh and Mr. S. M. Pradhan for conducting the matches. Havelock House in the Senior Wing and Anderson House in the Junior Wing emerged as winners this year.

We are also very thankful to Mr. S. Chakravarthi, the Senior Master, for his constant encouragement and guidance.

Mr. S. K. Mishra



The School Volleyball Team with Mr. S. K. Mishra



The Log Team with the Rector

INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN INDIA- 1998 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS D.E.A.S)

Towards the beginning of the year great excitement and enthusiasm was seen among the boys. The spirit of 'we'll do it this time' was looming large among the hopeful aspirants. And for those coming to class 9, the very concept of DEAS is new to them. During the course of the introductory lectures when the various programmes under this scheme were introduced to them, they are the ones who really get thrilled. This enthusiasm among the students is enough to make the instructors and assessors of various activities under the programme remain on their toes.

The season began with a few introductory lectures in the prep hall. This is specially meant for the class 9 boys and the new comers in class eleven. The boys are told about the various activities under different programmes, expedition procedures, rules, norms, precautionary measures, and cooking and maintenance of the Log Book. Practical demonstration is given to the boys on how to pitch the tents. A meeting was held to update the instructors and the assessors about the standards for different activities.

The IAYP programme encompasses various activities for different levels of the Award Scheme. The qualifying criteria and standards for the physical recreation, skills, service and expedition (after deciding in the meeting) were published. The boys were then briefed. Accordingly the boys choose the activities they are interested in. The performance of the boys are 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.

This year the monsoon arrived early. Few spells of torrential down-pour caused many major land slides along the trekking route undertaken by the Bronze groups. As a result the number of expeditions were less compared to the previous year. 46 boys went for the Bronze expedition and 17 boys went for the silver expedition. At the end of the year 18 boys qualified for Bronze Award and 14 boys for Silvers. There were no aspirants for the Gold Award this year. Those who were interested could not undertake the expedition. They had to attend the Thanksgiving Service held in Calcutta during the Puja-break, the time when the Gold

Expeditions normally take place.

I would like to place on record my sincere gratitude to all those who helped in running this programme successfully: The Rector and the Senior Master were always encouraging and to them I owe my special thanks and also to the masters who worked as instructors and assessors. Without their help and cooperation the programme would never have gone forward at all. Thanks are due to my colleagues who have volunteered to go to inspect the expedition team on various occasions. I am also grateful to Dr. P. K. Sharma and Sister N. L. Bhutia for providing the boys with the first-aid kits during the expeditions, Mr. O.P. Agarwal, Estate Manager, Mr. A.K. Chakrabarti and Mr. S. Gurung the caterers, who were also considerate and often overlooked the last-minute expedition lists. Finally, I acknowledge the sincerity and dedication with which the Student Secretary for 1998, Manoj Singh, rendered his service all throughout the year. Well done, Manoj, and here's wishing you the very best in the future.

1998 has been a challenging year which has been thoroughly enjoyed by the IAYP activists. Unfortunately, the Certificates and Badges could not be distributed to the boys. They didn't arrive in time. The same will be given next year at the beginning of the year. I am sure 1999 will see us go much higher, faster and further.

Mr. Michael Dutta

N.C.C. REPORT 1998

M.I.C.: Mr. D. Pradhan

Secretary: Binit Agarwal

“Discipline is the ornament of Life”

Since we knew that 1998 was going to mark the 175th Anniversary of our School's foundation the NCC cadets looked forward to a year of heightened activities in which they would take part. Now that the year has come to an end one must admit that those hopes were fulfilled to a great extent.

When the new academic term began there were a large number of cadets who joined the NCC from Classes 8 to 12. Under the able and effective command of Sgt. Major Binit Agarwal the activities were conducted with aplomb and all the activities that had been planned for the year went off smoothly. Sgts. Manoj Singh, Merentoshi Jamir, Julius Gomes, Rushvir Singh, Prantick Roy and Jamshed Hossain ably and effectively assisted Sgt. Maj. Binit Agarwal in improving the skills of the boys. All the officers did a commendable job to enthuse the boys all the year round and keep their spirits high. Thanks to their commitment the cadets took all their practices seriously.

As we neared the end of the first term a special display to mark the 175 years of the School was planned and the NCC was given a special task of working out a spectacular programme that would clearly be marked from the run of the mill programmes. While the rest of the School would do drills, the NCC decided to put on display some dare-devil fire fighting and rescue operations. Something like this had never been done in St. Paul's and this was definitely going to be a unique presentation in the annals of the School's history.

Thus on the 6th of June a mock fire was staged on the Cotton Hall parapet facing the main field with the help of smoke candles. Cadets then staged various kinds of rescue ranging from “The Flying Fox” in which an injured person was rescued from the top floor on a stretcher with the help of ropes and pulleys to self rescue which can be dangerous and highly risky. The impressive rescue drills had the gathering of parents, visitors and well-wishers on their seats' edge and each exercise was greeted with loud applause. Perhaps, it would not be out of place to mention here that all these drills would not have been possible

without the unstinted support and training we received from Mr. D. Pradhan our Master-in-Charge and Mr. Gopal Rai of the Civil Defence Department. Our sincerest gratitude goes out to them.

After the brief summer break all the cadets were engrossed in practising for Independence Day. On looking back at the year one wonders in amazement at the patient and uncomplaining way in which all the cadets took part in the marching drills. At that time the practice sessions seemed interminable, and the sessions were badly affected by the terribly long monsoon; but not once did the boys express any resentment at what was demanded of them. Indeed, one is proud of the vigorous work put in without a single murmur of protest. Needless to say, the Independence Day parade and Guard of Honour presented to Brig. R.L. Singh, Commandant of the 123 Mtn. Brigade was spectacular and went off without a single hitch. For a change, it did drizzle rather heavily during the programme; but the entire unit, well-trained as they were presented a picture of perfection which impressed the Chief Guest who repeatedly remarked on the smartness of the turn out and the behaviour of the troop. Well done everyone !

In the course of the year, Corporal Sachin Pradhan and Corporal Rupesh Kumar went to Binaguri to attend the B.L.C. camp where they performed rather commendably and brought fresh glory to the name of the School and their particular troop. Unfortunately, because of a clash of dates with our Term exams we could not participate in the Annual Training Camp (ATC) and this was a sore disappointment for the boys. Perhaps, next year the camp will be held at a time which is more suitable to us.

The General Birendra Medal for NCC this year was awarded to Sgt. Binit Agarwal who thoroughly deserved this recognition.

Finally, one must acknowledge the commendable effort put in by D. Pradhan, our Master-in-Charge, whose selfless dedication and devotion to the work at hand was truly inspirational. The way he worked tirelessly by our side inspired the boys to work even harder. Without him we would hardly have dreamt of achieving what we did this year.

Thank you, Sir, for all that you did for the boys !

THANKS GIVING SERVICE – ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, CALCUTTA

As a part of the 175th year celebration of the school, a special service of Thanksgiving was held at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, on 26th September, 1998, at 6-00 P.M. The Service was conducted by our former Chaplain and ex-member of our Board of Governors, The Rev. N. S. Sen. The preacher at this service was The Rt. Rev. (Dr) D. C. Gorai, Bishop of Calcutta and ex-officio Chairman of the Board of Governors.

The Service started with the Processional Hymn 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'. Abhishek Goenka, our Head Chapel Warden, was the first Cross- Bearer. Then, there was the School Choir (all in robes), Prefects, Staff and Heads of Wings (all in their academic regalia !), former Rectors - Mr. J. A. Gardner and Mr. D. S. Gibbs, members of the Board of Governors, the Rector - Mr. D. A. Howard, The Cathedral Vicar and the Bishop of Calcutta. The last verse of the hymn with its soaring descant really set the mood of the service, which was an adapted version of the Anglican Evensong. The Canticles were Psalm 121, the Magnificat and the Nunc Dimittis. They were all sung in harmony and in the chant setting. The two anthems sung by the choir were 'Almighty God, who hast me brought' by Thomas Ford and 'O Taste and see' by R. Vaughan Williams. The choir singing was absolutely splendid ! They also sang the Benedictional seven-fold Amen. The offertory Hymn was 'O Worship the King' with descant and the Recessional was 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended' The Choir was trained and directed by Mr. Sudeep Pande who was also the organist at the Service.

The first lesson which was taken out of the Apocrypha from the Wisdom of Solomon, chapter 6, verses 12 to 19, was read by the School Captain, Amardeep Banerjee. The second lesson which was taken out of the New Testament from St. Luke's Gospel, chapter 14, verses 7 to 14, was read by Mr. S. B. R. Naidu, old Paulite. The Intercession was led by the Rector.

The Service was well attended by present pupils, parents, friends and Old Paulites. After the service, there was a high tea in the Parish hall, which was also well attended.

" O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD"
"ADOREMUS IN AETERNUM"

Mr. Sudeep Pande

CHAPEL NOTES

The St. Paul's School Chapel has an attraction of its own. It is the brightest spot on the campus. It is here the school meets as a community to begin the day in the name of the Lord. Holding a central position in the heart of every Paulite, it is a structure looked upon with great respect and honour. The Old Paulites who visit the school often get the chapel opened and sit quietly flipping over the pages of the Hymn book and the Prayer book. A few of them even request if a copy of both the books can be spared. This shows the influence the Chapel has had in moulding their moral and spiritual life - and it still does. Indeed, the Chapel symbolises an abode of faith, discipline, tranquillity, honour, respect and brotherhood.

This year the school celebrated its 175th anniversary. An eventful year began with the Opening of the Term service on 8.3.98. The Leavers' Service was, however, delayed due to the postponement of the ICSE and ISC examinations. The Investiture ceremony was held in the Prep Hall when the Prefects were appointed for the year 1998.

For the rest of the year morning services were held separately for Junior and Senior Wings from Monday to Thursday. Friday morning is given to congregational practice where the boys learn the hymns for the following Sunday and weekday 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 special service of the year began with Palm Sunday followed by Good Friday and Easter. During Easter the Chapel was beautifully decorated with a generous spread of white magnolia symbolising a festive aura and the sanctity of the Chapel gripped the congregation.

This year a Thanksgiving service was held near Dawkins to inaugurate the new building complex. The service was conducted by Rt. Rev (Dr) D. C. Gorai and attended by Rev Raju, Mr Mukherjee, staff and the students.

On the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's School in Calcutta in 1823 and the subsequent link between the Bishop of Calcutta and the school, a service of Thanksgiving was observed at

the St. Paul's Cathedral in Calcutta on Saturday the 26th of September at 6.00 pm.

The service was attended by innumerable old Paulites, school prefects, Board of Governors, staff and many students. Some of the most exquisite talents were exhibited by the school choir which sent the whole of the congregation gasping. This service was an epoch making event which has marked the beginning of yet another era and will go down in the history of St. Paul's in golden letters.

On Independence Day a special service was held. Mr Gautam Bhattacharya delivered the sermon on the need of crossing the regional barriers and looking towards India as a single nation.

It was a great pleasure to have amidst us the two former Rectors of this great institution Mr Gibbs and Mr Gardner during the Commemoration Service. The sermon was given by Bishop Andrews. They were highly impressed by the maintenance of the Chapel by the chapel wardens. Mr. G. A. Murray, former Principal of Mt. Hermon and his wife also joined us at the service along with Mr. P. K Das who is at the helm of affairs at Mt. Hermon at present.

Throughout the year there were six holy communion services, Bishop Andrews generously consented to conduct communion service on every fourth Sunday of the month.

Throughout the year we had many guests who volunteered to preach during the Matins. In the Junior wing services many teachers also gave sermons in the chapel. I deeply thank them for sharing their views with the boys.

This year the Rotary Club, Darjeeling has donated an award for Social Service (Under 10). It was awarded to Md. Sarwar Hassan, who has been a chapel warden for the last four years. I take this opportunity to thank the Rotary Club for this Award for the wardens in the chapel. A keen desire to win the award will certainly provide enough incentives to my wardens and simultaneously increase their efficiency.

The PW Carol was held on 17th November. The service was conducted by the Rector and Bishop Andrews. The PW boys performed a nativity play called "THE DRUM".

Thanks are also due to Mr Sudeep Pande, of Music teacher and Choir master, for lending a helping hand in framing almost all the drafts for the special services. The Choir, an integral part of our chapel, did wonders under his guidance. The Seven Lesson Carol Service for the Senior and the Junior wings was framed and coached by him. The Anthems had everyone spellbound.

Thanks are also due to the Estate Manager, Mr O.P. Agarwal and the Superintendent, Mr. A.K. Sinha for supplying us with two new carpets for the vestry and providing us with our requirements from time to time and ensuing the smooth running of the services. We look forward to seeing more renovations in the chapel.

Two wooden candle stands for the altar were made in the machine workshop by Binit Agarwal and Abhishek Goenka who later donated them to the chapel on Commemoration Day. Thank you boys, your pieces and your gesture will be remembered throughout.

The Mali and his team deserve a special word of thanks. The little combinations they did with the flowers to decorate the chapel provided a pleasant feast for our eyes. Well done.

Lastly, my team of wardens and I wish to thank the Rector and the Senior Master for the guidance, suggestions and help rendered to us from time to time for the betterment and smooth running of the chapel.

Mr. Michael Dutta



They also serve who stand and wait – The Chapel Wardens

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL, DARJEELING CHAPEL FUND

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31st March, 1998

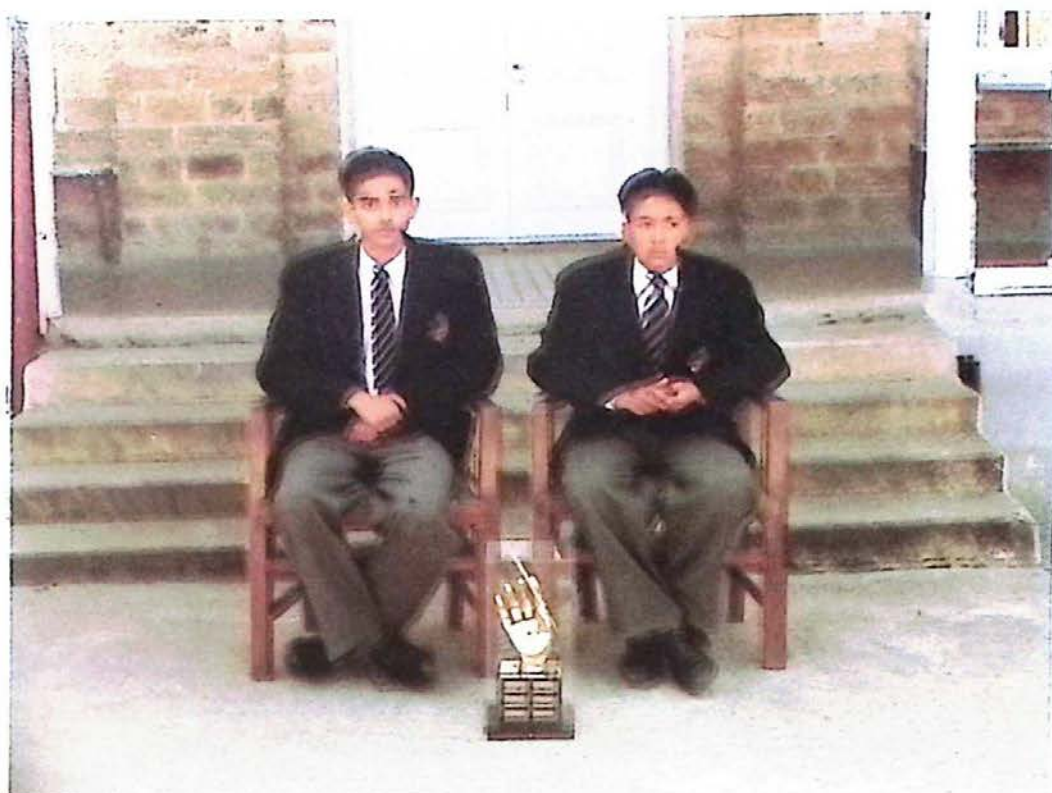
R E C E I P T S	Rs.	Rs.
To Opening Balance	24,647.67	
" School Chapel Collection	29,531.45	
" Interest earned during the year	1,504.00	55,683.12
P A Y M E N T S		
By Zila Sainik Board, Darjeeling.	400.00	
" The Society for Community Development, Johnson Orsini Home	1,000.00	
" The Salvation Army School for the Deaf, Darj.	1,500.00	
" Mary Scott Home for the Blind, Kalimpong	1,500.00	
" Matri Sangha Janakalyan Ashram, Darjeeling	1,500.00	
" Darjeeling Diocese, Child Care Project	1,500.00	
" Calcutta Diocesan Fund 'B' A/c No.2	1,500.00	
" India Sunday School, Coonoor	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 & 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, Darjeeling.	1,500.00	
" Gorkha Dukha Nivarak Sammelan, Darjeeling.	1,500.00	
" Bharat Sevashram Sangha, Siliguri	1,500.00	
" The Leprosy Mission, Calcutta Urban Leprosy Control Programme.	1,500.00	
" The Principal, Bishop's College, Calcutta	1,500.00	
" St. Andrew's Church, Darjeeling.	2,500.00	
" St. Luke's Home Trust, Bosekati	1,000.00	
" Cancer Centre, Calcutta	1,000.00	
" Mr. B. N. Das	1,000.00	
" Wool Craft (Basti Children's winter comfort)	<u>10,150.00</u>	
		<u>42,550.00</u>
Balance as on 31st March, 1998		<u>Rs. 13,133.12</u>



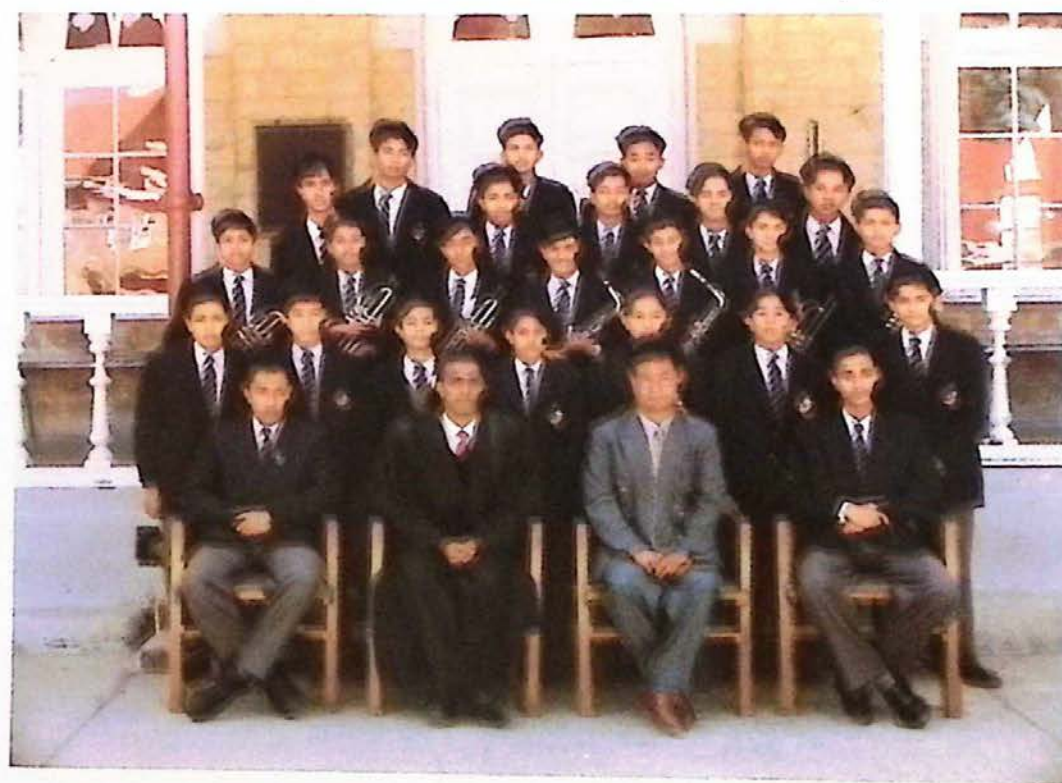
The School Debating Society with Mr. D. Kumar



The Masters Memorial Elocution Team with Ms. R. Rozario,
The Rector and Mr. S. Chakravarthi



Neelay Choudhury and Ashish Chettri with
Dr. Parasmani Memorial Inter-State Quiz Trophy



The School Band with Mr. S. G. Pande and Mr. K. Lama

O.P.s AND VISITORS – 1998

Even during its 175th anniversary, our School shone like a beacon in this dark world of ignorance and illiteracy.

Even in its 175th year, St. Paul's continues to spread its soft warmth and light to guide us into the spectrum of the higher goals in life.

Even after all these years, St. Paul's School stands apart from the others in its conformity to moral principles, punctiliousness and a sound education.

Like moths drawn to a flame, St. Paul's School attracted its old paulites, parents, well-wishers and visitors to its beautiful, peaceful soul-lifting surroundings. Yes, it was a happy year of reunions and the revival of old emotions.

Printed below is a compilation of the visits made by the old paulites and visitors.

- 1) 11th April - Mr. Siddharth Shankar Ray - ex-chief minister of West Bengal, ex - governor of Punjab; India's ex- ambassador to the U.S.A.
- 2) 11th April - Mr. K.S. Dhillon, Hv. '79. Now a business man in Patna.
- Mr. Amarnath Tiwari, CL. '72. An ex-Congress MLA from Purnea, Bihar.
- Mr. Abijeet Sen, Cl. '79. A businessman.
- Mr. Dipankar Banerjee, Hs. '79. A businessman.
- Mr. Indraneel Ray, Lw. '83. A finance consultant.
- Mr. Utpal Banerjee, Lw. '84. Business & engineering.
- Mr. Rakesh Sood, Cl. '93.
- Mr. Manoj Gupta, Hs. '95.
- Mr. Debraj Addya, Hv. '93.
- 3) 13th April - Mr. Satyajeet Bhuyan, Hs. '88
- 4) 19th March - Lt. Col. Mukherjee, C.O., N.C.C.
- 5) 4th April - The District Magistrate and his Cricket XI.
- 6) 5th April - Dr. Sandeep Pradhan, OP '88
- 7) 7th April - Mr. Coleman, from the U.K.
- 8) 11th May - Mr. Jaideep Grewal, OP'87. A sales employee for Channel [V] in Mumbai.
- 9) 12th May - Mr. Raj Kejriwal, OP'73. A tea planter.
- 10) 16th May - Mr. Michael Preston from the U.S.A.
- 11) 21st May - Mr. Anand Chatterji, OP'87
- Mr. Ishan Chatterji, OP '92.
- Mr. Subrata Chatterji.
- Mr. Baidehi Chatterji.

- 12) 26th May - Mr. David Sailo, OP '97.
- 13) 5th June - Mr. Prasanta Agarwalla, OP '97. and his wife.
- 14) 29th May - Rt. Rev. Dr. D. C. Gorai - Bishop of Calcutta.
- Mr. S. K. Mukherji, IAS (Retd)
- Rev. P. S. P. Raju of the Diocese of Calcutta.
- 15) 1st June - Mr. D. Sur, OP '74.
- Mr. Rakesh Sarada, OP '97.
- 16) 6th June - Mr. Naveen Prakash, District Magistrate.
- Mr. Ted Young, a very Old Paulite.
- 17) 23rd June - Mr. Abhijeet Basu, Hs. '67 Now in Muscat.
- 18) 26th June - Dr. S. Das.
- Dr. U. Sanyal.
- Dr. R. N. Chakraborty
- 19) 11th July - Mr. Vikas Chadda, OP '90 Runs a private printing
press.
- Mr. Ajay Sureka, OP '90. A C. A. in Abu-Dhabi.
- 20) 18th July - Mr. Manish Shrestha.
- Mr. Saneer Basnet.
- Mr. Bir Birendra Rai.
- Mr. Pravesh Singh
- Mr. Bikash Gurung, OP: '94.
- Mr. Ravi Pradhan, OP. '78.
- Mr. S.K. Bhutia, OP '73.
- Mr. Prashant Poudyal.
- 21) 22nd July - Mr. Sajid Ali, OP '93.
- 22) 19th August - Mr. Amir Abbas Khan, OP '92.
- 23) 5th Sept. - Mr. Rohit Puri, OP '88.
- 24) 8th Sept. - Mr. George Lee (GTCL, ARCM, LTCL) from
London.
- 25) 18th Sept. - Mr. J. A. Gardner, former Rector.
- 26) 21st Sept. - Mr. & Mrs. D. S. Gibbs, former Rector.
- 27) 15th Oct. - Mr. & Mrs. H. N. Stolke, former teacher.
- 28) 28th Oct. - Rev. Dr. H. J. Massey, member of the National
Minorities Commission
- 29) 2nd Nov. - Mr. Rajiv Singal, OP '95.
- 30) 8th Nov. - Mr. Pranay Gupta, Hv. '94.
- 31) 29th Nov. - Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Lobo. Mr. Lobo was a teacher
in St. Paul's School and the housemaster of Cable
House before he migrated to Australia.
- 32) 15th-22nd Nov. - Mr. & Mrs David and Judy Hunt.

For further details and references, kindly refer to the five issues of 'The Paulite', published during the course of this year.

STAFF NEWS

Like every other year 1998 saw its own quota of new staff members join the great and happy Paulite family and the year also saw a number of known faces leave. Perhaps it is inevitable that in a dynamic organisation such infusion of new blood and a balancing exodus of old, experienced staff is bound to occur. There is joy in welcoming new members on to the staff just as there is a definite sense of loss in seeing old colleagues leave.

At the beginning of the year we welcomed on to our staff faculty **Mr. Punam Lama**, who had joined us in 1997 in a stop gap arrangement, on a more permanent footing. Mr. Lama, of course, joined the Mathematics Department. Also at the beginning of term we welcomed **Mr. Mahesh Chandra Kharga** to teach History and **Mr. Wayne Peters** who joined the Primary Wing. Mr. Kharga joined us from the Government College, Gangtok, where he was a lecturer in History; Mr. Peters came to us after working for several years at St. Joseph's Darjeeling. Slightly after term had opened **Mr. D. K. Mishra** and **Mr. Amlan Majumdar** joined us to teach Hindi and Geography respectively. Both gentlemen came to us from Calcutta. At the start of the Second Term **Mr. Manas Dev** who had just completed his B.Ed. from North Bengal University joined us in the English Department. And then towards the fag end of the year **Mr. Parthasarathi Singha** joined us to teach Chemistry in the senior classes. In the course of 1997 **Mr. K. Lama** of the Gorkha Brigade had helped us temporarily with the School Band. This year on retiring from the Army he joined us as Band Master. Also joining us in the teaching faculty were **Mr. Subrata Das** in the Junior Wing and **Mr. Achin Mazumdar** (in the Senior Wing) from ICS to handle the Computer Literacy Programme.

This year we bid farewell to **Mrs. M. Sobti** and **Mrs. G. Dash** both of whom worked for several years as Matrons in the Senior and Junior Wings respectively. Mrs. Sobti moved on to Delhi to join her husband while Mrs. Dash went to Lovedale to join her husband there. These ladies were replaced by **Mrs. B. Chakrabarty** in the Senior Wing and by **Mrs. S. Vincent** in the Junior Wing.

Since 1997 we have been accepting GAP volunteers to teach in the school in two batches. This has been interesting experiment. At the start of the year we welcomed **Mr. Sunil Krishnan** and **Mr. Timothy Nicholls**

who helped out with an assortment of subjects ranging from French to Chemistry. In the second half of the year we were delighted to welcome another pair, **Mr. Manish Thakkar** and **Mr. Timothy Palmer** who helped out in the Senior and Primary Wing respectively. Also in the second half of the year we were happy to welcome **Mr. Gregory Jennings** who handled French throughout the school.

At the end of the year we bid a sad farewell to **Mr. R.S Baoni**, Art Master for the past 21 years, who retired from service. Mr. Baoni, was an exceptionally talented artist and was singularly responsible for the wonderful Art Exhibitions the School has been putting up for several years now. His talents and skill will be sorely missed. Also at the end of the year we bade farewell to **Mr. A. Thackur**, Biology Master and House Master of Hastings who moved on to become Vice Principal in the Motilal Nehru School of Sports, Rai, Haryana.

To those who have moved away we would like to wish a life of fulfilment, good health, and good cheer ! At the same time we would like to wish all those who have joined us in the course of the year, a long innings at St. Paul's which will be fulfilling, rewarding, meaningful and filled with joy !

At the beginning of term we conveyed our condolences to **Mrs. Pauline Calvert** and **Mr. Michael Dutta**, both of whom lost their fathers in the course of the holidays. We are, however, glad to end the year on a more cheerful note by sending out our congratulations to **Mrs. Tseten Tshering** of the PW – married to Old Paulite, Sonam Tshering, who were blessed with their second son as the year came to a close.

Mr. S. Chakravarthi