

# EDITORIAL

We live in glorious times: times of destiny; times when great facts of History are being realized in our midst, when we have indeed been active participants in these great happenings. The watchword of this age may truly be summed up in the magic word—FREEDOM.

We have lived through a savage period of human relationships, this period, 1939—1945, known as World War II, when mighty forces were ranged together against other mighty forces. There were dark moments when it seemed the world was to be dominated by totalitarianism and barbarism, which came very near to achieving the entire enslavement of human personality. Throughout these dark moments, there were those who showed the spiritual foresight and leadership sufficient to inspire faith throughout the world of freedom-loving people. Through the pages of this Magazine, year by year, we counselled our readers to have faith and hope, to look forward to the time when this tyranny would be overpast. It is true that those six years seemed long and endless, but we thank God that the forces of goodness and righteousness prevailed, that love triumphed over hate, life over death; and once more the peoples, especially those who had been enslaved in Europe and the Far East, and all others over whom the dread of enslavement prevailed, could feel they were free men in a free world.

How we cherish this world "Freedom!" The same great spiritual forces which prevailed so mightily during this dark chapter in human history, have continued to bear fruit, and now we rejoice with even greater sincerity and enthusiasm that this great sub-continent in which we live has won its freedom. August fifteenth was the birthday of FREE INDIA. This day marked the birth of a glorious era, the beginning of a new era, and the end of an old one. It is a date long to be remembered, for this freedom has been won in peace and not in war. In the words of the able Premier of this Province, Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant: "We

have reached our goal after a very prolonged struggle. Yet we have achieved Independence in a unique manner. The liberation of four hundred millions of people by non-violent means is a phenomenon unknown to history. Let us hope that we will prove worthy of our heritage and of the traditions of this very ancient land of light and culture."

August fifteenth spells freedom from foreign domination for four hundred million people, for on this day two new Dominions of India and Pakistan were created within the British Empire or Commonwealth of peoples. In this is the one major misfortune. That the land should have been divided is a matter of the greatest regret; it is also that for which all right-minded people will "pray without ceasing," so that these two Dominions will once again come together in one great Commonwealth of India. We have shared with the great leaders of India the sorrow they have felt over recent communal bitterness and the consequent suffering to millions of people. We are one with them in all their efforts to bring about a lasting unity between these two Dominions, for we feel a united India will achieve more in the comity of Nations, than a divided India. We must all bring as much good fellowship as we can to achieve this very vital end.

Yes, it is this fellowship of the right kind which is sadly needed. As this number of the "Sherwoodian" goes to press, another term is coming to a close. The pages of this Magazine will speak of a wealth of good fellowship, prompted by a sincerity of purpose, by good sportsmanship and fair-play; it will speak of a healthy, happy term. It looks forward to an ever greater Sherwood in a greater India, for which her sons will continue to play a vital part. Forward Sherwood, in a Free India! Forward India to greater action to win leadership in a world which cries out for real freedom and brotherhood.

Alwyn E. Binns,

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## SPEECH DAY September 23rd, 1947

Speech Day began in the traditional fashion with a celebration of Holy Communion in the College Chapel of St. Barnabas. Despite inclement weather conditions the congregation was as large as ever and included many parents, some of whom had travelled several miles to be at Sherwood for this Red Letter Day. The Principal, the Rev. A. E. Binns, and the Rev. Denis Fennell administered to the large number of communicants and the Rev. Denis Fennell delivered the address. It was a simple talk on Faith illustrated copiously from practical-experience, largely personal. The many illustrations amply proved the fact that true happiness could only result from implicit trust and dependence on God in all things and served to show how utterly ruinous to happiness it could

be for one to begin to trust wholly in one's self. Failure to realize one's total dependence on God frequently resulted in neurotic conditions and mental and physical breakdowns. The preacher compared God's position in the universe with that of parents—both fathers and mothers—in families on earth; parents endeavour to provide their children with all the good things they need, using their more mature judgment to deny other things that may not be for the child's good and happy children are those who trust their parents' decisions and rely wholly on them; the Divine Parent knows what is best for us, his children for whom there is complete happiness only if we trust Him wholeheartedly. There could be no better nor more well-known example than that of St. Paul, who suffered from a severe

affliction—it may have been malaria, or some sort of visionary trouble after his experience on the road to Damascus—which greatly hampered, on occasions, his work for the Master. St. Paul's prayers for the removal of this affliction were apparently unheard but the Apostle came to the conclusion that man's extremity was God's opportunity and finally announced: 'I can all things do through Christ who strengtheneth me.' Having impressed his listeners with the fact that triumph over all disabilities could come through God, the preacher pointed out how dead individual branches of a tree become when they leave the tree, and compared with such branches people who tried to live entirely to themselves. Referring to Speech Day the speaker reminded prize-winners that success had come to them as much through the efforts of their teachers and others as through themselves, and, since true strength came from such interdependence, he advised all to take whatever Sherwood had to give but most of all the spiritual strength they could take from the College Chapel.

One and all had welcomed the decision to have a whole holiday this Speech Day as on all other Speech Days prior to that of 1946, but the morning could hardly have been wetter. Nevertheless, the weather was quite sporting for the afternoon when the functions began at 4.30 p.m. and it remained clear right till the end of the Day. The large number of visitors must have appreciated this immensely, and so did we, their hosts, who were happy that they could attend our Speech Day with the minimum of inconvenience to themselves.

The choice of the Ven. E. W. Rogers, Archdeacon of Lechnow and Bishop's Commissary, to preside at Speech Day was a happy one as he has shown more than a casual interest in Sherwood always and more so during the past few months as Archdeacon and Secretary of the College Committee. I think many people felt cheated, though, that the Archdeacon did not arrive in gaiters especially, by virtue of his dual office he was entitled to two pairs!

The Principal's Report and the Archdeacon's reply are reproduced in full elsewhere in this magazine. After the many prizes and certificates had been distributed it fell to Mr. R. T. Lean, First Master, to propose a Vote of Thanks to the Archdeacon. Before actually asking all present to show their appreciation of the Archdeacon's effort to come to preside at this function when Diocesan work in 'these difficult times' must keep him fully occupied in his dual offices, Mr. Lean referred to the departure of many old and faithful members of the College Committee and also to the impending departure, that had just been announced, of the Principal. The College had been fortunate in its Committee members, many of whom had served for many years and were now severing

long connexions with the country, the province, and Sherwood in particular and it is certain that Sherwood will always occupy a prominent place in their hearts wherever they may be. The Principal's departure would be an occasion for real sorrow in Sherwood; at no time in her history had Sherwood prospered better than during the past 15 years. Sherwoodians—Past Present and Future would always feel deeply grateful to Mr. Binns, who may feel justifiably proud of Sherwood's present position as to him most of the credit is due. Sherwood's future may cause Mr. Binns some anxiety away from the place but he should rest assured that there would be many who loved Sherwood as deeply and who would work for it and value the rich legacy of love and labour being left by Mr. Binns.

After a short interval, spent by most visitors in reviewing the Exhibition of Art and Handwork, the public returned to Milman Hall to be entertained to a programme of Song by the Sherwood Choir. It goes without saying that the entertainment was of the highest order. The opening number immediately revealed the Choir, who sang unaccompanied almost throughout, to be in excellent voice and the audience were at once in a most receptive mood. It would be difficult to say which songs of such a varied repertoire were the best rendered when all were sung so well. The ever popular Gilbert & Sullivan numbers were perhaps the best received and this writer will reiterate the hope expressed a year ago that we will yet hear a full G. & S. Opera produced by Mr. Thompson. The school children probably liked the old favourites, 'Come Lasses and Lads' and 'Among the Lilies,' and the gay 'Charlie is my Darling,' but to others the 'Dream Song' and the two Lullabies—the latter were so perfectly rendered that many of our own infants fell asleep and fell off their chairs!—sounded sweetest and one could have heard them again and again. Whatever opinion may be concerning the merits of individual songs there are no two opinions on the merit of the performance taken as a whole. Once again we offer Mr. Thompson and his Choir our grateful thanks and appreciation of their efforts involving the loss of so much of their leisure time.

The Function concluded with all singing the Hymn, 'O God our help in ages past,' and the Archdeacon saying a short prayer. Another successful Speech Day was over and if many, parents and boys, were disappointed that the next day was not to be a holiday, because Sports Heats had been held up so much by bad weather, they must at least have felt happy at the prospect of such a holiday in the near future as anticipation is often more enjoyable than realization.

T. R. GASPER.

The Programme was as follows:

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|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|---------------------------|
| 1. We are Singers                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... Rossini.              |
| 2. Come lasses and lads                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... 17th Century.         |
| 3. If doughty deeds my lady please     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... Farmer.               |
| 4. See how the fates their gifts allot | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... Gilbert and Sullivan. |
| (the Mikado)                           |     |     |     |     |                           |



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| 5.  | Brightly dawns our wedding day<br>(The Mikado)                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | Gilbert and Sullivan.            |
| 6.  | The happy peasants  | ... | ... | ... | ... | Schumann.                        |
| 7.  | Dream song  | ... | ... | ... | ... | George Rathbone.                 |
| 8.  | Charlie is my darling   | ... | ... | ... | ... | J. Stein.                        |
| 9.  | With a laugh as we go round<br>(The May Queen)                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | Sterndale Bennett.               |
| 10. | (a) Soft on the sands of the silver sea<br>(b) O hush thee, my babe | ... | ... | ... | ... | Arnold Mote.<br>Arthur Sullivan. |
| 11. | Among the lilies (Vocal gavotte)                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | Czibulka-Venables.               |
| 12. | Sherwood  | ... | ... | ... | ... | G. G. T.                         |
| 13. | O God our help in ages past (Hymn sung by all)                      | ... | ... | ... | ... |                                  |

## CHOIR.

*Trebles.*

J. Atkinson.  
T. Beck.  
P. Blackwell.  
N. Bower.  
G. Brain.  
N. Burn.  
N. Caldecourt.  
C. Cocksedge.  
B. Craig.  
D. Crann.  
D. de Fraine.  
G. Doutra.

I. Easey.  
D. Elloy.  
D. Ghey.  
P. Hennan.  
A. Jamieson.  
D. C. King.  
D. R. King.  
W. Kirkpatrick.  
G. MacDonald.  
J. Mackleworth.  
C. Montrieu.  
T. Montrieu.

O. Nelson.  
N. Parsons.  
J. Payne.  
K. Richardson.  
G. Rickie.  
A. Ritchie.  
M. Ritchie.  
M. Robey.  
J. Robinson.  
N. Seddon.  
A. Thompson.  
P. Waite.  
G. Whitaker.

*Altos.*

P. Buckler.  
D. Edwards.  
M. Fletcher.  
K. Graham.  
L. Hollis.  
D. Hotz.  
P. Meade.  
C. Tancred.  
R. Whitehead.  
R. Whiting.  
A. Wilson.

*Tenors.*

P. Bower.  
J. Cocksedge.  
P. Dickson.  
J. Harris.  
D. Howe.  
P. Paulette.  
D. Reid.

*Basses.*

D. Carnegie.  
B. Clements.  
D. Edwards.  
S. Kent.  
G. MacFarlane.  
P. Mendes.  
P. Pierce-Jones.  
N. Thorp.

Choir Master and Conductor

G. G. Thompson.

## Mr. Binns, the Staff and Pupils of Sherwood College, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The honour of presiding at a Speech Day in this College is one that ill befits my naturally retiring disposition. It is an honour unsought by me, but rather thrust upon me by your energetic and inimitable Principal. The situation rather recalls to one's mind Shakespeare's words, "Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." My present greatness, is most definitely included in the last category. I may mention that this is not the first occasion that Mr. Binns has decided that I should function in some degree of responsibility towards this College. Almost as soon as I landed in India I was given the responsible task of judging a junior essay. I assume that during my stay in India I must have ascended the ladder of knowledge, for I was recently honoured with an invitation to assist in judg-

ing the senior House debate—and now to preside at Speech Day! If the number of days that remain for me to stay in India was not so strictly limited, I should tremble at the prospect of any future honours your Principal could bestow: for, one assumes, he might consider no honour greater than that of being entertained by one "Aristotle Armstrong" in a square "ring."

Nevertheless, I thank you, Mr. Binns, for the kind words you have said about me. I cannot deny that many of the problems with which I have had to deal during the past few months have been extremely difficult. My task has been made easier, though, by the knowledge that working with me in this Diocese are a number of priests on whose loyal support I could rely. Their number is, also, all too few for such a large area. I

will not refer to the termination of the Service to which I have the honour to belong, beyond the remark that it is in the natural process of the evolution of this great land. In many ways it is sad, as are all partings; but it is inevitable, and, to be selfish, it will give me the opportunity for a holiday! I would like to assure you that the interest shown by my wife and myself in the "doings" of Sherwood is not just perfunctory; something attached, as it were, to my office. It is a genuine interest, which was planted several years ago, and now, returning to its native soil, has an opportunity to flower.

I must add my word of regret for Bishop Bill's absence from this Speech Day. He is, as is natural, after his long association with this College, very greatly missed. But in all such institutions it is always a case of "*Le roi est mort. Vive le roi.*" I trust that on the occasion of your next Speech Day, if not before, you will be able to welcome your new Bishop—Canon Christopher Robinson. He is not entirely unacquainted with the educational life of this country, and he will, I am confident, prove a tower of strength to you in the days ahead. The Diocese of Lucknow is indeed very fortunate in getting such a leader, and one prays that he will long be at the helm.

I understand that at the end of this speech this goodly array of prizes and trophies will be distributed. So I will press on towards the goal, which is the end. We all congratulate those who, by their prowess on the athletic field, agility in the boxing ring, or the more prosaic application to studies in the classroom, have succeeded in winning a prize. They, and all the other scholars in this College, undoubtedly began the year with an inspiration similar to that outlined by Addison: "It is not in mortals to command success, but we will do more, we will deserve it." Some are justified in turning that quotation into the past tense. And here, I think, a special word of praise should be given to James Cocksedge—nine marks of distinction in the nine subjects for which he appeared—indeed a brilliant triumph. We trust this is but the beginning of a long life of success. For those who have not succeeded, I am not sure wherein their consolation lies; for on the one hand Shakespeare tells us, "The miserable hath no other medicine but only hope;" whereas, on the other hand, Cowley wrote these words, "Hope—fortune's cheating lottery, where for one prize, a hundred blanks there be." Perhaps, though, with the altruism for which all boys are noted, the less fortunate will gain some measure of consolation from the applause which will, I am sure, greet each one of their comrades as he receives his symbol of achievement.

Will you, for a few moments, consider these prizes as symbols—for that is what they are? We live in a world of symbols; and try as hard as we may we can neither get away from them nor do without them. Be they the symbols or mysterious hieroglyphics which greet you in the science laboratories or when you

study higher mathematics; or the symbols of which industrial towns are full—ugly signs and symbols which we long to destroy not only because they offend our aesthetic sense, but also because they seem to give a false interpretation of the real nature of our being. What are the chief symbols of our modern age? I suppose that at the top of the list we must place the atomic bomb, with all its potentialities for death and destruction; the natural and lineal successor of the death-laden bomber which but a short time ago haunted much of the world both by day and by night. To some war is another symbol, and a welcome one, for it removes many from the limitations and restrictions of our modern civilization to what they think to be man's real life; a frail ship in the boundless ocean, a small camp in the desert, or an infinitesimal spot in a trackless jungle.

For many centuries the Christian religion was an adequate source of symbols; the desire of the imagination was satisfied by the story of Christ. Christian art was the symbol of all art, and symbolic literature was found at its best in the parables in the New Testament. But during the course of our so-called progress through the centuries, in many parts of the world the hold of the Christian religion on the mind of the people has been weakened; and two great wars in a quarter of a century have not allayed that drift. A materialist philosophy has, to a large extent, dethroned the Christian symbols and erected its own in their place. There may be a superficial appearance of conformity to the Christian symbols, but the real symbols of our modern world are far other—they are the symbols of numbers, power, and wealth.

I do not think this will last, I do not see how it can last. Mankind is now faced with bigger dangers and more complex problems than ever before. Numbers, power, and wealth, in which so many trusted, have been proven false gods; their appalling failure, and that of the civilization based upon them, is obvious to the least observant. Materialism cannot show us the way out of our difficulties; for life is a thing of the spirit, and is far more complex than the textbooks of a materialistic philosophy would have us believe.

So now is Christianity's opportunity. In some parts, we are told, it has gained more strength since the terrible onslaught of the totalitarian forces was defeated; but for untold thousands the Christian symbols have ceased to hold any significance, and yet their greatest need is to create new symbols. We hope and trust that the symbols of their creation, the symbols of the immediate future, will lead back to the Christian symbols. The Christian symbols restored and purified; restored by the omission of the outworn and corrupt, and purified from irrelevant accretions. Let me give you a quotation from an article "The search for the myth," by John Lehmann. "It is not simply symbols of the dark forces that exist—that can exist—in the universe that we are looking for. It is rather symbols 'of all that is highest,' symbols that



are ..... a new exploration of the world of love; because the world of love is a reality, and it is the world of love, the embodiment of the deepest moral law of the universe, that reasserts itself ..... to destroy the tyrant and ..... to pluck triumph and exaltation out of tragedy. Lawrence taught us, as a corrective to a culture that had come to rely too much on its rational powers, the great danger of ignoring the instinctual forces; what history has taught us during the last ten years is the danger that may come from these instinctual forces if not controlled by moral law—if not integrated in the world of love—because the instinctual can be both good and evil."

So now is your opportunity; the opportunity to labour for the re-establishment of the moral law. Each member of this College, by the time he leaves, has received adequate instruction in the moral law. His task, your task, is to apply the theory in practice; to apply the theory you have learnt within these walls in practice in the larger world of your home and your work—no matter how exalted or how humble that sphere may be. At the end it will not matter very much whether the symbol of your achievement is a cross or a crown—it may be of thorns—either will be an achievement.

This brings me to the penultimate point in my speech, and that is the departure of your Principal. Mr. Binns, in his report, told us that he has given fifteen years of the best of his life to this College; he told us of some of his crosses, but was apt to gloss over his crowns. Just pause for a moment to think what those fifteen years mean; many, no, the majority of the boys in this College today were as yet unborn when Mr. Binns first toiled

up the slopes of Ayarpatta to bring new life to this College. I do not know how many students were in residence when he took over control in 1932, it was probably about 100; today the number is about 300, and recently the number has been as high as 350—the anxiety, the organization, the building, the financing necessitated by his own energies, I leave to your imagination. To anyone who has known Sherwood during the past fifteen years, Mr. Binns and Sherwood have been interchangeable terms, for they mean the same thing. Unlike a certain queen in history who claimed that her greatest defeat would be found engraven on her heart, I am sure the great achievement of Sherwood as it is today will be found engraven on the heart of your Principal. I cannot, I will not, attempt to picture Sherwood without the welcoming figure of Mr. Binns, for to most of us that would appear a contradiction in terms. Neither have I the necessary command of language adequately to thank Mr. Binns for all that he has accomplished in Sherwood and for all that he has done for the boys; but I can, I am certain, assure him that wherever he goes your thoughts and your prayers will be with him. I trust that in the near future a photograph of Mr. Binns will be hung in a conspicuous place somewhere within these walls, and underneath it a small tablet inscribed with the same words that are used of Sir Christopher Wren, in St. Paul's Cathedral, London—"Si monumentum requiris, circumspice." They are just as true.

In conclusion, the time honoured conclusion for such an occasion, I would ask you, Mr. Binns, if you will kindly grant the College a day's holiday to commemorate this Speech Day.

## The Principal's Report for 1947.

VENERABLE SIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

We meet in memorable times. This year of Grace, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-seven, the seventy-eighth anniversary of our foundation, is a memorable year in the history of this land. It is good to be living in such glorious times. We welcome you, therefore, with even greater warmth, if this is, at all, possible, to the domain which is called Sherwood, where Robin Hood and his gang extend to you the same love and fellowship, and the thrill of doing so, is coupled with a deep sense of joy and privilege. May you all carry away ever pleasant memories, to inspire you wherever you are, and in whatever part of the earth, God's spirit chooses to lead you. This welcome is to you, one and all. In a special measure it is given, however, to members of the College Committee, many who have served it so loyally and well for several years, but who are with us for the last time. At least two of these distinguished members of our Committee are those who have known Sherwood for well-nigh the last sixty years, men who have served this

land, and particularly this Province, and Naini Tal in an especial way, with such distinction that they are well-respected citizens whose presence will be much missed, and without whose friendship and fellowship, in the flesh, I am sure Sherwood will be the poorer.

Of those who are new to the Committee is our Archdeacon who has done Sherwood the honour of presiding on this important occasion. Our warmest thanks and hearty welcome to you, Sir. Playing the dual role of Archdeacon and Bishop's Commissary, in these unprecedented times when a vast crop of Diocesan problems has appeared, as if overnight, has been extremely difficult, but I am one of many who has admired the manner in which you have faced up to them. It is sad to think that you are one of a host of Chaplains of the Indian Ecclesiastical Establishment whose Services have been forcibly terminated, so that we shall not have you on Diocesan Committees, and especially our College Committee, after the end of this year. We are happy to have you with us, to tell you, at this gathering, how grateful

we are to you for all your genuine interest and help. May God bless you and Mrs. Rogers in the new work which lies before you in England.

I said this was a memorable occasion; It is a memorably *sad* occasion for more reasons than one. There are, for example, many who are not with us today. Of these, perhaps, Bishop Sydney Bill heads the list of absentees whose presence we have missed greatly. Of forty years as an ordained servant of the Master, 36 have been spent in India, and entirely in this Diocese; almost half of this time, has been lived in Nairi Tal, while he was Archdeacon and Bishop. Sherwood would be lacking in gratitude and appreciation if we lost this chance of saying that we miss having with us a very real friend of the Schools, and of Sherwood and All Saints' in particular. In a recent letter received from the Bishop he asked me to convey to you all his remembrances and warmest greetings. May God bless him and Mrs. Bill in their new work in a quiet country Parish in Devon, England.

While we miss the ever friendly and inspiring Bishop Bill, we are reminded of a great crowd of others, staff and boys, who have left Sherwood within the past twelve months—leaving Sherwood the poorer for their sudden and enforced departure from this country. Not even during the worst of the years of World War II did we find so many changes in the Staff in any one year as took place this term. It is impossible to mention all by name, but there are three of this number who have been missed more than the others: Mrs. Crawshaw, "Ma Connie" as she was affectionately known by all, who has joined her sons in England, Mr. S. J. Gerrard who is now back at other work in England after eight years in Sherwood, and Mr. D. G. Sullivan, now Acting-Principal at Oak Grove School, Jharipani. It is difficult to estimate the extent of Sherwood's gratitude to these three for their painstaking attention to all their duties, their high sense of vocation, had their willingness to put Sherwood first at all times. To these three, and all others who have really "given" something to Sherwood, and to Mrs. Crawshaw, in particular, for her devoted, saintly service, we express our deepest gratitude for we are greatly in their debt. We know they miss Sherwood much and long to be back again. They long most of all for the wonderful inspiration of the Sherwood fellowship.

Yes, it is this deep sense of fellowship amongst the Staff and amongst the Staff and boys, which I have found so mightily in Sherwood, and which has made us so strong. It is such a fellowship as I found in the Staff team which has made my work easier, year by year, and has enabled Sherwood to enjoy a happy, successful term, to rise from one height to another, and from greater heights to still greater heights, and to enjoy a name and reputation, second to none in this land. I am deeply and humbly aware, after fifteen years of service as Principal, that I have just been one of the fellowship; thus I thank God for the strength and inspiration which He has given me, and for the wonderful co-operation of so many among the Staff and boys, who throughout these

fifteen years, and this year especially, have enabled Sherwood to become a place where growth and development of the right kind, and along all the avenues of one's personality, have been possible. Fifteen years—this number makes a big sound, but they have been fifteen happy years of my life, and I would personally re-live all of them here in Sherwood, were this possible. I find myself, therefore, quite naturally anxious to spend more time, to sing the praises of all those who have helped Sherwood on its way, and more particularly during this term. Time will not permit of a mention of all, but into this Staff fellowship we were happy, and I feel privileged, to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Boston Mr. and Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Hainworth, Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Hammond-Doutre, who very soon completely identified themselves with things Sherwood, and have proved invaluable members of the fellowship. The departure of Mrs. Crawshaw made a very wide gap, and it was feared that it could never properly be filled. I thank God that these fears were soon removed. Mrs. M. Smith who had already done five years looking after the boys and their clothing, answered the call to look after the far more important part of us, and I am sure all will have me thank her for the devoted and efficient manner in which she has carried out all her duties as housekeeper. To feed some three hundred and fifty hungry people, some a little more difficult to please than others, in these uncertain, unsettled times of shortages, of increased prices and so forth, is no mean work. Mrs. Smith has shown herself capable of the trust given her by our Sherwood fellowship and may God give her the strength to carry on with this grand work.

I would mention all members of the Staff team individually and tell you of their merits and demerits, for we are all somewhat vulnerable even in so secure a domain as the Sherwood forest, but time will not permit. I must however, for a little longer make special mention of those who have continued with me in Sherwood for the past fifteen years, and even a year or two longer, and who in this fellowship are the elder brethren—there are Ronnie Lean, George Thompson, Bill and Vera Fordham, Gladys Lawlor, Sister Whitelegge, Gladys Stark—these have earned special mention as they have remained a long time in the fellowship, they have served loyally and faithfully through rain and sunshine, joy and sorrow; they have shared in our failures and our successes. This nucleus of well-trying servants has been of inestimable value to Sherwood, and I take this opportunity of thanking Ronnie Lean as First Master, and George Thompson, for their quiet, efficient attention to duty, who inhabited the Sherwood forest, before I arrived and who, in fact, grew up in this forest home, for the sense of solidarity which they have always provided. I cannot stop here, for the business of running a great institution of this kind, is not confined merely to teachers and others who may be described as the Domestic Staff. The wheels must be kept running smoothly, and all the parts of the machine maintained and serviced, and this is only possible by an



efficient Office Staff. Mr. T. C. Rekhari, ably assisted by Mr. P. C. Upreti and Mr. J. Smith, has been here almost as long as I have, and again I take this opportunity of paying the highest tribute to the excellence of his work; it would be difficult to find a more loyal, efficient and devoted member of the Sherwood fellowship. My grateful thanks, which is the thanks of all who really know and love Sherwood, to the "trio" who quietly carry on despite the heat and burden of the day.

I have spoken greatly of fellowship, for it has been rich and mostly good throughout the years. I feel certain this has only been possible, as here at Sherwood we have tried to put first things first. Our lovely Chapel of St. Barnabas has been a real source of strength as there we begin and end the day in quiet fellowship, in prayer, in praise, in worship. There have been difficult moments in our lives, sorrows and hardships innumerable, but we have not found at any time that these have left us discouraged or spiritually frustrated. This is because the centre of our life has been the common inspiration of the College Chapel. It is hoped that such an inspiration will remain with our Sherwood sons as they leave school to face the bigger tasks ahead. So much of our educational system is tending to become more and more secular, to leave religion out, and this can only be to the detriment of the whole social fabric and lead to its ultimate crumbling and destruction. I am convinced that no School or College can produce leaders of the right kind, unless there is a common place of worship which must therefore, be the inspiration of the life of the institution.

Is it not right, therefore, to thank God, in all humility, for another happy, healthy term, crowned with "good success"? I am privileged to say again that this term provides ample matter for a breath-taking report providing good reading. Owing to the rapid exodus of Europeans and Anglo-Indians, and more particularly the British Army, from India, some to go to the United Kingdom, and others to one of the Colonies, especially Australia, the numerical strength of our European Schools has suffered grievously and some are finding it positively difficult to continue as financially sound concerns. Sherwood has maintained its numbers at the pre-war level, and with its 300 boys is perhaps the largest Boarding School of its kind in India. However, a further exodus of people this winter and during the first four months of 1948, will mean a serious diminution in the numbers of all Schools, although it is expected that Sherwood will still continue with an efficient working number. A scheme of amalgamation of Schools, and therefore, the closing down of uneconomical, inefficient Schools, which I have been recommending for the past two years, at least, is now beginning to be considered more closely, and with the Most Rev. the Metropolitan keen about such a scheme, it is hoped that the large, more efficient institutions like Sherwood, will continue with a full complement.

I am happy to be able to report that the

health and tone of the boys has been good. For this we must thank our efficient little Sister Whitelegge, and the Medical Officer. Yet, I am sure both will agree that there are other factors, the chiefest of these being the fact that compulsory games, sports, physical training, boxing, and athletics are encouraged. The bulk of the work in this connection, falls on the broad shoulders of Bill Fordham—and right well has he discharged his duties at all times. Those of you who have been privileged to witness our Physical Training displays and our Boxing Tournament will agree that the standard has improved greatly, and to agree with the Metropolitan when he said on Founder's Day about the Display: "I have never seen such a high standard in all my years in this country, and I have been in India for forty years." In all games and athletics our teams have maintained a high standard, the hockey perhaps being better than in previous years, the tennis showing a marked improvement, while the Soccer and Cricket are holding their own, despite the dearth of good opposition, or the inspiration of an inter-school match, such as is possible in Hockey, through the medium of our annual Fixture with La Martiniere College, Lucknow, which this year ended very much in our favour by 5-1. Perhaps when travel becomes easier, Sherwood will be able to indulge in the old Fixtures against other Schools outside Naini Tal, as here such friendly encounters are not possible. Members of the Staff who have given special time to coaching our Elevens, are Messrs. St. J. Smith, Lean, Boston and Cazalet, and deserve our special congratulations on keeping up the high general standard of all Sherwood games and athletics in which facilities are equally provided for all. The A. F. (I) under the command of Lt. N. Wordsworth was continuing to maintain its high traditions. It was a great shock, because so entirely unexpected, when this grand force was disbanded with immediate effect on the eve of Independence Day, August 15. It is hoped some National Cadet Corps will replace the A. F. (I) as I believe the youth of this country sadly needs some kind of compulsory military training.

Where an institution remains spiritually and physically alive, it must of necessity be mentally very much alive. All our Societies and games, such as Chess, continue to evoke great enthusiasm among the boys. Culturally, very few Schools provide the facilities offered here. Our Amateur Dramatics have maintained the same high traditions, and for this I thank Mr. Boston for his help with the Seniors, and Mrs. Boston, Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Stark for their excellent work with the Juniors. It would be hard to estimate the cultural value of the work of the Choir and Music Master, George Thompson, assisted on the music side by Mr. R. S. Law. One of the bright spots of Sherwood is undoubtedly "our" Choir, or should I say George Thompson's Choir? I know how much this has inspired our common worship in Chapel and on occasions like Speech Day, and I know we are all looking forward to the treat in store for us after the Prize Distribution when the

Choir will entertain us. I congratulate the Secretaries of our Societies—D. Carnegie, P. Dickson and C. Montrieu and their assistants on the successes gained by these Societies, and for the high standard generally maintained; and I congratulate P. Mendies on winning the much-coveted Senior Elocution Medal, as well as the Scroll for the most Promising Speaker at our Debates. It is not possible to speak of the *many-sided efforts to keep the mind well filled* with pursuits beyond the four walls of the classroom.

But what of our efforts there, and what of our Examination results, as indeed no School report in India (where so much store is set upon examinations, per se) would be complete without this? A very high standard indeed has been maintained all round; of eighty-four candidates presented for all Examinations only two failed, two unfortunate School Certificate Candidates, one of whom passed with credit in five subjects but failed in English Language. In the School Certificate ten gained first grade certificates and David Richards stood fourth in the Province, while Donald Carnegie was sixth—Richards gaining six distinctions and all the rest credits. The Junior Cambridge class created a record which will be hard to emulate by future classes. All passed, there being only three marks of "f" (failure) on the entire sheet one in each of three subjects, while the marks of distinction and credit totalled 84.8 per cent. of all the marks on the sheet—there being 3½ marks of distinction per candidate. James Cocksedge scored a brilliant individual triumph, by scoring nine marks of distinction in the nine subjects for which he appeared, being placed first in the class in all nine subjects; needless to say, Cocksedge was first in the Province. M. Davieson and R. Mathur were, respectively, 4th and 5th in the Province. The Intermediate Science results were the best ever, and possibly not equalled anywhere. All eight candidates passed, six in the first Division, and one only missing first Division marks by six, while J. Mathur, who a year ago stood first in the Province in the School Certificate, gained distinctions in three out of the four subjects, which is again a personal record for this examination. The Music results were according to the usual tradition, of a very high order—all thirty-five candidates presented passed, with twenty-one gaining Honours; N. Bower gained a T. C. L. Scholarship of six guineas on account of his brilliant results in the Advanced Senior Examination, and deserves our heartiest congratulations, and so does C. Montrieu on gaining 99 per cent. in the Intermediate Theory Examination.

While these results are commendable, it is necessary for one to warn those who intend remaining in this country, and especially those who will seek employment here or continue to read at the Universities, to spend more time on the "lingua franca" of the country, be it Hindi or Urdu or Hindusthani, and to acquire a good working knowledge of this subject. It may be necessary, in fact, I am sure it is, for all our Schools to spend more time on the second language, as even if English is taught in Secondary Schools and at the University, the feeling at

present is that this should not form the medium of instruction. I trust that all our Schools will make an earnest effort to encourage all our pupils—both boys and girls, to become "lingua franca"-conscious, and this only means one thing for those remaining in this country.

My report cannot be complete without special mention of our annual Founder's Week, the week with June 5 Founder's Day, the time when a very happy reunion took place between parents, Old Sherwoodians and all present sons. Through the hard work of Mr. R. T. Lean, the O. S. S. is still a "live" body and both his and my Old Boys' files will bear witness to the fact that there are many, now scattered all over the Empire and the U. S. A., who value their connection with the "alma mater." This report must leave unmentioned the successes of Old Sherwoodians. It was grand to have so many of them up here during Founder's Week, and to produce teams strong enough to try conclusions with the Boys' teams. The competitions for the two excellent trophies made and presented by the Old Sherwoodians of Khargpur ended very much in favour of the Present, who won the Hockey, Cricket, Football and Shooting, and shared the honours in the Tennis, thus leaving the Old Boys without a single victory, and winners of the "Wooden Spoon"!

Yes, Founder's Week was a time of happy fellowship, but there is more to it yet—for this Founder's Week was perhaps unique. It saw the unveiling and dedicating of the War Memorial to those "who made the supreme sacrifice" in World War II, in the Chapel and of the Roll of Honour to all who served in the Forces, in Milman Hall. Both were the work of Old Sherwoodians in Khargpur—the prime movers in which were Doug. and Don MacFarlane, Charles Harben and Colin Gill. The love and sacrifice, the devotion necessary for both these memorials, can only be partly realized seeing them for yourself; such interest in the "alma mater" by Old Sherwoodians is a great encouragement, and a source of much real inspiration to those of us who are here. The Memorial in the Chapel has further beautified it, and further endeared it to us for all time. We were very fortunate in having the Most Rev. The Metropolitan with us for a greater part of the Week to unveil both the Memorial and the Roll of Honour, and to preside on Founder's Day, as well to preach at the Founder's Service. We cannot adequately express our gratitude to him for his great kindness in making time to be with us at such an important time during the Term.

This, my fifteenth report, has been a difficult one to prepare. At the back of my mind is the heavy thought that it is my last such report at Sherwood. Last June 1946, I asked the College Committee to permit me to go on leave, as I have had no leave since I came to Sherwood in 1932, but I could not then be spared. This June again I asked that I should definitely be permitted to leave at the beginning of 1948, with a view to retirement from Service here, to make room for another Head, perhaps a younger man, with new ideas, to help Sherwood into the New



India, with all that this means or may mean as the years progress. I, personally, have felt called to other work, and unless I am called to return, and feel I can do so, for the ultimate good of Sherwood, then I feel it is time someone else took over control. Do you realize what this means to me, after I have given fifteen years of the best of my life, God knows, to this work of helping the Master Builder to create something in His own Image and likeness here in Sherwood? I have been conscious always of God's guiding Hand, and humbly aware that where I have failed it is because I have not hearkened to His dictates. In all humility I place what work has been done before Him. I have been tempted, in this report to look backward, to tell you how I found Sherwood when I came here in 1932, what a grand challenge it offered, what wonderful opportunities for creating, building and raising up grand personalities, what team-work and fellowship from parents, staff and boys met me all the way, what sums (perhaps two lakhs of rupees or more) were necessary to be spent to make Sherwood a first-class School, and how these large sums of money were provided—yes, I am tempted to tell you of this and more, in this glance backward. But is this necessary for my own gratification or for yours? God forbid. Could I tell you what visions I have yet for Sherwood, and what other buildings would already have been erected had World War II not intervened, and how even better facilities, for technical education too, would have been provided? Yes, there are infinite possibilities, too, and it is hoped my successor will be able to build a greater Sherwood; may he be humble enough to retain what is good, and see how best to use all his resources to enable Sherwood to fit in to the new India as a real power for the good cause for which we have always existed.

Let me conclude on the note on which I began. I said we live in memorable times. History has been made before our very eyes. The creation of two Independent Dominions of India and Pakistan by peaceful methods, is an achievement for which the British people deserve great credit. After two hundred years of British rule, the people of this country have become politically free. There are great leaders in both Dominions, who are capable of establishing these two Dominions for all time, as

great Powers in the British Commonwealth and in fact, the Commonwealth of Nations. What does all this mean to us on Speech Day? Well, first of all, you must realize this significant fact, that all nationals of this country are free—and that all nationals of this country therefore, have equal opportunities. Consequently, whether we intend calling ourselves Anglo-Indians or Hindus or Muslims or what we will, it must be remembered that we are Indians with all the possibilities that this opens up to us. Then, to the lasting credit of the Minorities Sub-Committee, the Chairman of which is Sardar Vallabhai Patel, and at which Mr. Frank Anthony and Mr. Prater of Bombay have been representing the Anglo-Indian Cause, certain privileges enjoyed by the Committee have been safe-guarded for the next ten years at least. Certain openings in some of the Services will still be reserved for you. What is more important is, that grants on the same scale, to our system of education which yet has no equal in India, will be continued without change for the next three years, and then diminished by ten per cent every three years until the ten year period is over. These safeguards insure the existence of our Schools and there is a danger that we may take a false sense of security from all this. But what is ten years? It is but a small period, yet it is long enough, and time enough to enable the change in outlook so necessary for a School which will concern itself entirely with Anglo-Indian Education, especially where a grant is necessary. The quicker such schools merge into the national scheme of things, the better. Whether this will be the fate of Sherwood or not, time alone will tell, I envisage the existence of religious institutions, some quite independent of Government grants. Maybe during this ten-year period. Sherwood may take this course. Sherwood College is a great institution, with all that it needs to turn out good citizens and worthy sons and leaders of the future India. It is founded upon the rock, which is Christ, and which assures it of a firm and lasting foundation. As long as Sherwood to its own self remains true, then it must continue to fulfil a very powerful role in the future of India. May the future political systems in India remain ever tolerant and free from prejudice, and may God guide Sherwood on to her great, yet unknown future.

## Prize List

		Form Prizes		General Proficiency
Infants		1. S. Naug	2. Ri. Seth	R. Brown
Standard I		1. D. Parsons	2. P. Atkinson	B. Singh
Standard II		1. M. Cox	2. D. Dougherty	M. Webster
Standard III		1. M. Malhoutra	2. R. Dayal	A. Borthwick
Standard IV		1. T. Montriou	2. P. MacLeod	S. Jayakar
Standard V		1. B. Ledlie	2. C. Cocksedge	D. Perkins
Standard VI		1. J. Robinson	2. W. Kirkpatrick	G. Whitaker
Standard VII		1. D. C. King	2. A. Anis	B. Hankins
Standard VIII		1. S. Agrawal	2. M. Robey	C. Montriou
Standard IX		1. R. Mathur	2. J. Cocksedge	M. Davieson
Standard X		1. P. Mendies	2. A. Mohanlal	E. Elloy
Intermediate		1. M. Patni	2. J. Harris	P. Dickson

## SUBJECT PRIZES

		<i>Divinity</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Art</i>
Infants		S. Naug	D. Harben	Ri. Seth.
Standard I		P. Atkinson	A. Brown	D. Drumm
Standard II		M. Cox	M. Cox	D. Dougherty
Standard III		N. Rowe	M. Malhoutra	R. Dayal
Standard IV		T. Montrieu	P. MacLeod	B. Seth
Standard V		G. Brain	C. Cocksedge	D. de Fraine
Standard VI		R. Ghose	J. Robinson	A. Thompson
Standard VII		S. Ritchie	S. Ritchie	B. Joyce
Standard VIII		C. Hankins	M. Robey	M. Blackwell
Standard IX		S. Webster	M. Davieson	S. Webster
Standard X		P. Mendies	R. Dayal	E. Elloy
		<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Languages</i>
Standard IV		S. Jayakar	P. MacLeod	S. Jayakar
Standard V		B. Ledlie	B. Ledlie	R. Malhoutra
Standard VI		W. Kirkpatrick	J. Robinson	A. Raza
Standard VII		S. Kapur	D. C. King	A. Ahmad
Standard VIII		S. Agrawal	S. Agrawal	S. Agrawal
Standard IX		J. Cocksedge	J. Cocksedge	R. Mathur
Standard X		A. Mohanlal	P. Mendies	A. Mohanlal
Music		D. Bower (Std. III)		T. Montrieu (Std. IV)
Infants (Lower Division)		[Presented by Mrs. Boston]		O. McGill
Art		[Presented by Mr. R. S. Law]	{ C. Hankins (Junior) E. Elloy (Senior)	
History		[Presented by Mr. W. Boston]	..	D. Dudt
Advanced Mathematics		[Presented by Mr. E. Waller]		P. Mendies
Music Progress		[Presented by Mr. G. Thompson]	{ A. Borthwick (Junior) N. Bower (Senior)	
Urdu Penmanship		N. Bower (Junior)	A. Mohanlal (Senior)	
Urdu Essay		...	R. Dayal	
Binns' Elocution Prize		[Seniors]	Silver Medal P. Mendies	
Elocution		{ [Juniors] [Under 10]	Silver Medal C. Montrieu Bronze Medal M. Cox	
College Committee Essay:				
Senior	...	Silver Medal	...	J. Harris
Junior	...	Bronze Medal	...	M. Robey
Specially Commended		Senior	P. Paulette,	M. Patni
		Junior	S. Ritchie,	D. Dudt
General Knowledge		Senior	...	R. Mathur
		Junior	...	M. Robey

## FORTNIGHTLY ORDERS [Certificates for Year's Work]

Infants		D. Harben (83.8)	S. Naug (83.5)	R. Brown (82.6)
Standard I		D. Parsons (77.5)	D. Drumm (75.3)	I. Hazella (72.5)
Standard II		A. Satti (78)	D. Dougherty (77.6)	M. Webster (72.3)
Standard III		M. Malhoutra (88.5)	R. Dayal (81.4)	K. Arora (80.1)
Standard IV		T. Montrieu (86.8)	S. Jayakar (81.4)	P. MacLeod (80.8)
Standard V		B. Ledlie (78.7)	C. Cocksedge (66.3)	M. Seddon (66.1)
Standard VI		J. Robinson (78.6)	G. Whitaker (71.2)	W. Kirkpatrick (69)
Standard VII		A. Anis (64)	S. Ritchie (62.8)	B. Joyce (61.4)
Standard VIII		C. Hankins (73.4)	M. Robey (71.7)	S. Agrawal (66.6)
Standard IX		J. Cocksedge (81)	R. Mathur (75.5)	M. Davieson (75.5)
Standard X		A. Mohanlal (77.4)	P. Mendies (75.3)	E. Elloy (63.2)
Standard XI		J. Harris (79.4)	P. Dickson (76)	M. Patni (74.5)

[Number Signifies percentage on year's work.]

## CERTIFICATES (1946)

**MUSIC.** *Pianoforte: Initial*—\*N. Seddon. \*J. Mackleworth. \*D. Bower. \*A. Boga. \*R. Binns. \*L. Crump. N. Burn. A. Singh. D. Evans.

*First Steps*—\*E. Tindall-Mather, \*J. Clarks, \*J. Marshall, D. Brennan, B. Craig, P. Saunders, A. Jamieson (Violin), A. Anis (Violin).

*Preparatory*—\*A. Borthwick.

*Advanced Preparatory*—\*T. Montrieu. \*W. Butcher.

*Junior*—\*D. Thomas, R. Cass Dunbar (Violin).

*Intermediates*—\*A. Thompson, \*P. Heaman, K. Mody. V. Ambegaekar, G. Rickle (Violin).

*Senior*—\*C. Montrieu.