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EDITORIAL

Our eighty fifth birthday celebration on June 5th marked the first visit of the Chief Minister. Pandit Pant has been a good friend of the School for a number of years and for a long while we had been hoping he would find time to visit us. We are grateful to him for coming this year, and for his homely and moving address.

The year has been marked by another visit which must find a record here. "Shakespeareana," a British company under the directorship of Mr. Geoffrey Kendal, came for a week in April and again during Dasehra. In all, eight plays were performed in Milman Hall, four Shakespeare ("Macbeth", "Hamlet", "Merchant of Venice", "Taming of the Shrew"), Oliver Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer", Shaw's "Arms and the Man", "Jaslight" and "Charley's Aunt". After their first visit they generously presented a dramatics challenge cup, won a month later by Catchick for a creditable performance as Tobias in "Tobias and the Angel". Watching these skilled and versatile actors has been an enjoyment we shall not easily forget. For most, the experience of the professional theatre has been a new one. As the cinema has developed, the theatre has, perhaps inevitably, declined. But that does not mean the cinema can ever really take its place. The film can often be more realistic, and sometimes more impressive, and a wider range of subjects is open to it. But the audience is passive and its success does not depend on the way it reacts. In theatre we all have our part to play, and the life and spirit of the play depends to a large degree on those who watch it. Every performance is a new creation, no matter how many times it has been given before. To put this in a way which our younger readers will understand, we might point to the difference between watching the cricket match against St. Joseph's, and seeing the same, were it possible, on television, from the comfort of our homes.

That takes us to the match. We call it the match as of all the contests against St. Joseph's in the new series, none have been more thrilling and more enjoyable to watch. It was a remarkable match in one way

for of their first seven batsmen six were run out. This possibly constitutes a record, though that is always a dangerous claim to make. Even while the batsmen were coming out, one of the spectators was recalling a game in which the whole side was out within one over. Of course there was a storm of protest, and although someone came gallantly to her help with four no balls on which men were run out and wickets on the other six balls, some of us were scarcely convinced.

Not that we shall despise serious challengers. But it must be first class cricket. What "Horsman Wing" achieves on the Junior field between tea and supper can be no concern of ours here. We are told that there, even the umpires are sometimes "out" if they fail to exercise proper discrimination between the temperaments of different batsmen. Perhaps that is scarcely surprising if it be true that one of the players, on asking the umpire indignantly "out for what!", received the devastating reply "out for the afternoon!"

But to return to the match and the record. It is true that such a fall of wickets might prove nothing more than bad running and poor judgement on the part of our opponents. But that would be unfair. They made mistakes, but normally they ran well. The fact was that the ground fielding was quick and clean, and the throwing in deadly. It was good to see a team so alert and accurate in the field. Twice the wickets were thrown down end on from near the boundary. There was no doubt in this an element of luck, but the game throughout showed a team which could move to the ball quickly, stop it cleanly, and throw it accurately. After such a display of team work it was disappointing to lose the match. Our opponents, however, clearly showed a better general level of batting even if none came quite up to the standard of B. M. Singh and Nagle. Nagle scored a brilliant 40 not out, cutting the ball with great precision, getting runs quickly as the game required, at one stage scoring five lovely "two" boundaries in one over. He should develop well.

The year was marked by the departure of Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Waller and their family for Australia, where Mr. Waller has taken the post of senior mathematical master at Guildford Grammar School, near Perth. Mr. Waller had been on our staff for seven years and during that time he had at one time or another been in charge of hockey, athletics, tennis, the Staff Club, and more besides. He brought an infectious spirit to all he did, whether teaching, or games, or socials, and these last can never be quite the same without him. Mrs. Waller was the capable and devoted head of the Junior School. Under her guidance its numbers rose from under fifty to more than a hundred, and Horsman Wing became an entirely separate unit from the Senior School. We are glad to hear they are settling so happily in their new life, and our best wishes go with them.

We were fortunate in finding the Reyds and Mrs. R. Bentinck to replace Mr. and Mrs. Waller. Mr. Bentinck has for many years been Senior Mathematical master at Bishop Cotton's School, Simla, and Mrs. Bentinck has come to us with long experience of Junior School work gained partly at the same school. Mrs. Bentinck is now in charge of the Junior School, and herself the teacher of the kindergarten. Next year Mr. and Mrs. Bentinck will be living in Horsman Wing. Mr. Bentinck as housemaster. We extend a warm welcome to them both.

We welcome too this year the Rev. G.B. Elliot who has come to us as Chaplain. Padre Elliot was for 16 years Chaplain at Victoria College, Kurseong, and later Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta. It has for some while been my hope to find a priest who could assist with the pastoral work at the School, and help us to strengthen our spiritual foundations. A Chaplain has been made possible through the goodness of Lord Cragmyle, who has formed a trust to provide an annual salary. We are indeed grateful to him for this generous bequest.

Three other members of the staff, all with long associations with the school, will be leaving after this year. Mrs. Fordham, matron in Horsman Wing, has after 21 years service decided the time has come for her retirement. Parents of several generations have cause to be grateful to Mrs. Fordham for the devoted way in which she has cared for their boys. She has done a great work for the school since soon after Mr. Binns' arrival in 1931, and its building up has been in no small measure due to her capable and devoted work. Mr. W. Fordham on whose P.T. displays so many have commented with admiration will be leaving Horsman Wing, but will still be attached to the school as P.T. instructor. His brother Mr. M. Fordham, housekeeper for many years, will be leaving at the same time. Our good wishes go with them all. The two brothers leave behind them a welcome addition, a handsome church bell and belfry, erected in memory of their parents, Major and Mrs. Fordham. We are most grateful to them for this generous gift, and use the bell daily for our chapel services.

As we go to press we salute Chand, Bhishti to the School for more than 35 years, a man of deeply humble spirit, who died this morning. Many generations of Sherwoodians stretching back into the middle of Mr. Dixon's days, will remember him, his bent body possibly never free from pain, and his noble features, bearing the witness of suffering patiently borne. He was a good and faithful servant. May he rest in peace!

29-10-54.

R.C. LLEWELYN.

Examination Results.

Cambridge Higher Certificate, (first four units) December, 1953.

H.J. Arnold. Passed in Mathematics, and Physics-with-Chemistry.

Cambridge School Certificate, December, 1953.

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| 1. S. Haider (1st Div.) E,L, RK, G, OHI,
HI, M, AM, P,C. | 4. B.M. Singh (1st Div.) L,G, OHI, HI,
M, AM, P. |
| 2. R. Dayal (1st Div.) E,L, RK, OHI,
HI, H, G,M,A. | 5. R. Randhawa (2nd Div) L, RK, HI,
OHI, M. |
| 3. T. Bahadur (1st Div.) L,G, OHI, HI,
M,P,C,A. | 6. N.H. Rowe (2nd Div.) E,L,M,A. |
| | 7. R. Murch (3rd Div.) L,G, OHI, M. |

Letters alongside the candidate's name show the credits gained.

RK-Religious Knowledge, G-Geography, E-English Language, L-English Literature, OHI-Oral Hindi, HI-Hindi, M-Mathematics, AM-Additional Mathematics, P-Physics, C-Chemistry, H-History, A-Art,

Music Examinations 1954

<i>Intermediate</i>	Peter Whiting	89% Honours
<i>Junior</i>	Christopher Borthwick	85% Honours
<i>Adv. Preparatory</i>	Vernon Carter	85% Honours
<i>Preparatory</i>	Timothy Newell	89% Honours
	Michael Whiting	82% Merit
	Donovan McIntyre	81% Merit
<i>First Steps</i>	Russell Stevens	88% Honours
	Suresh Manekshaw	79% Merit
	Inderjit Khanna	78% Merit
<i>Initial</i>	David Montebello	90% Honours
	Kenneth Berry	89% Honours

Theory of Music (November, 1953)

Junior Division

Rohit Patel	...	96% Honours
Brian Catchick	...	94% Honours
Christopher Borthwick	...	91% Honours
Horst Bohnert	...	89% Honours
Timothy Newell	...	87% Honours
Peter Bennett	...	85% Honours
Richard Seth	...	83% Merit
Robert Seth	...	75% Merit
Kevin McMahon	...	72% Pass
R. Jit Singh	...	62%

Founder's Day and Speech Day

The monsoons broke early this year and on Founder's Day, June 5th, it seemed for some while that the proceedings would have to be cancelled. However, shortly after lunch a break in the weather was apparent and by 3 o'clock a large number of visitors were assembled in Milman Hall. The Rt. Hon'ble Govind Ballabh Pant, had kindly consented to preside and present the prizes, and this was his first visit to the School.

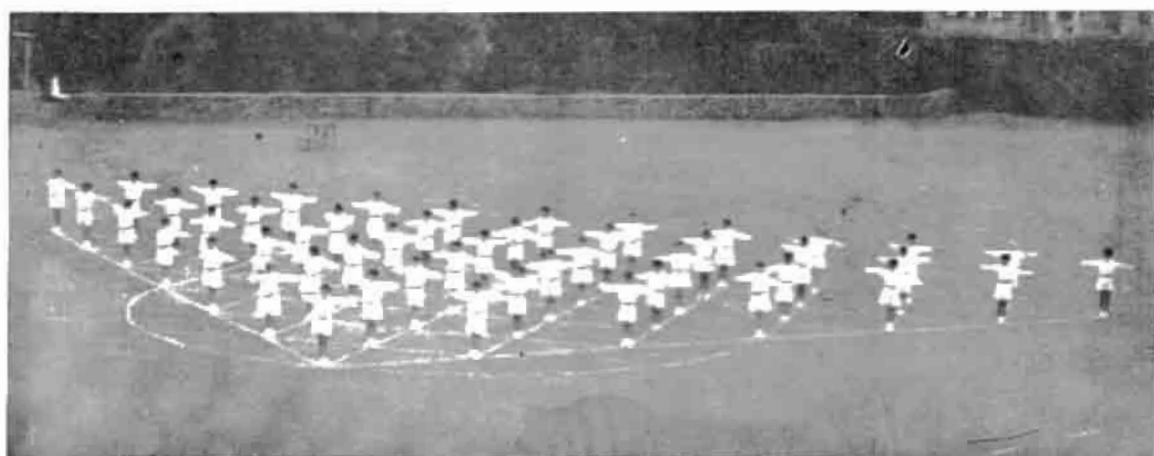
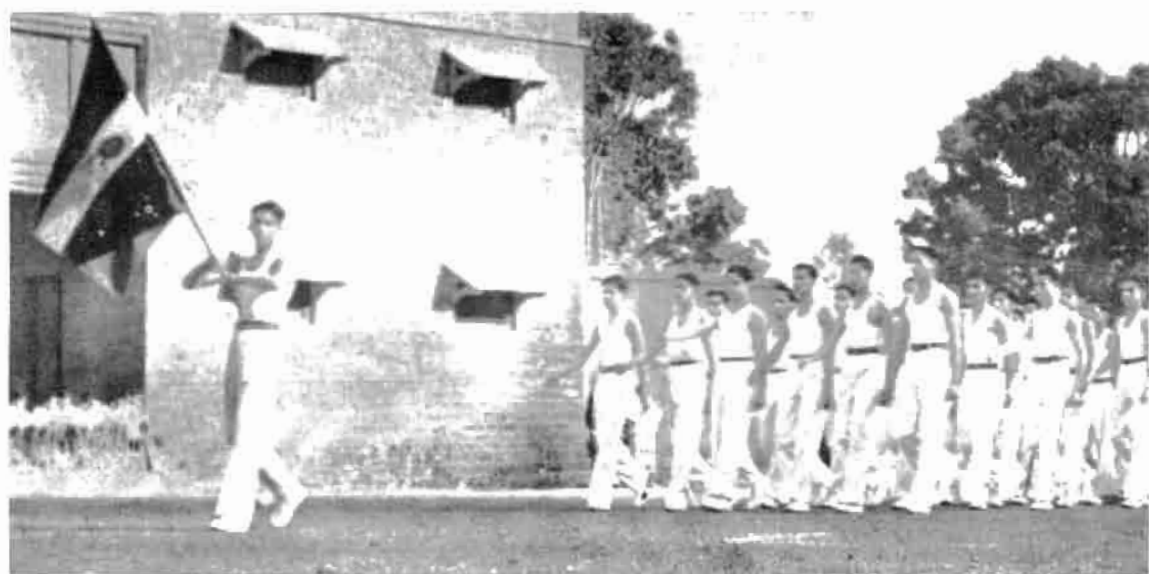
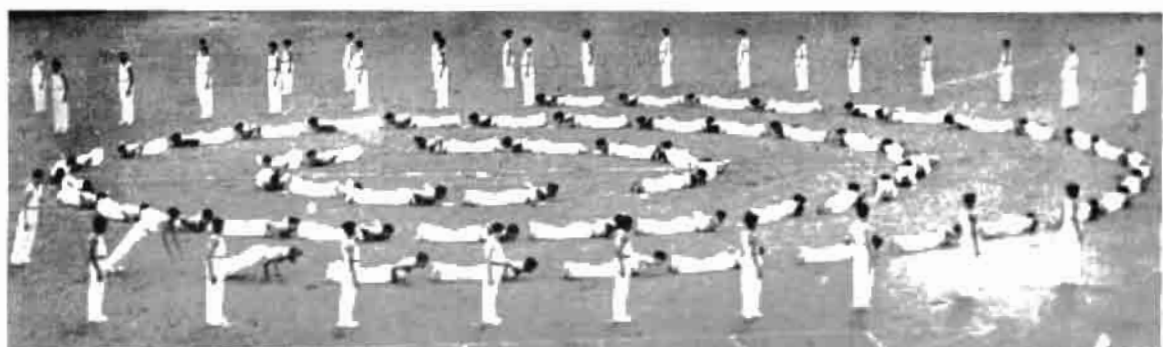
The Principal opened the proceedings welcoming Pandit Pant. For many years Pandit Pant had shown himself to be a good friend of the School, but up till now the School had never had the privilege of a visit from him. Hitherto he had known all about us; now we looked forward to a period in which he would know us, and we hoped he would find time to visit us again, perhaps on a less formal occasion. We had all been sorry to learn of Pandit Pant's suffering through lumbago, and rejoiced that he had so far recovered as to be able to be present that day.

Continuing his speech the Principal expressed regret that neither the Bishop, Chairman of the Governing Body, nor the Archdeacon, were able to be present. The Bishop was in England, enjoying, he hoped, a restful holiday, after the many problems and responsibilities the Diocese placed upon him. The Archdeacon, who was always a busy man, was now busier than ever, having taken on again the Principalship of St. John's College, Agra, in addition to acting as the Bishop's Commissary in his absence. They looked forward to welcoming him here later on.

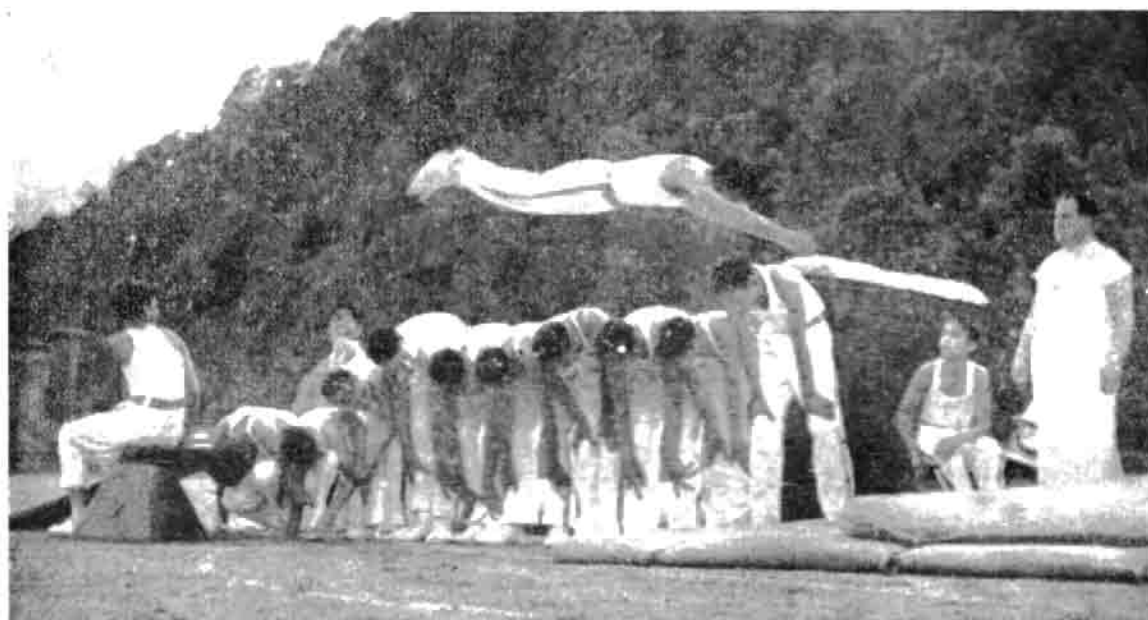
Turning to the year under review the Principal said that there had been no changes of particular importance. The numbers had steadily increased, bringing the school now to its full complement of about 310 boys. That had meant increasing the staff. Mr. Bhargava, lecturer in Physics in Allahabad University, and holder of a Government research scholarship, had come to take Mr.

Shukla's place in charge of the Intermediate Class. Mr. Kuriyan who taught mainly science had joined after many years experience at Welham Preparatory School and was in charge of standard VIII. Mr. Kuriyan was a keen cricketer and an expert photographer. He hoped some of the boys would take the opportunity of developing under his direction a fascinating and useful hobby. Others whom the Principal welcomed were Mr. Tewari and Mr. Salve. Mr. Tewari made another full time Hindi-teacher and Mr. Salve divided his time between Hindi and other subjects. Their coming had made it possible to divide classes VI to IX into two groups for Hindi, thus giving better opportunity to both the advanced and the backward group. It normally happened that there were several beginners in Hindi in each class and a number of boys at the top who were well advanced. That meant that it was seldom possible to teach a whole class together satisfactorily. He hoped that the process begun at the top of the school this year could be extended lower down another year. The importance of Hindi was becoming increasingly apparent each year and it must be the aim of the school to make the standard first class.

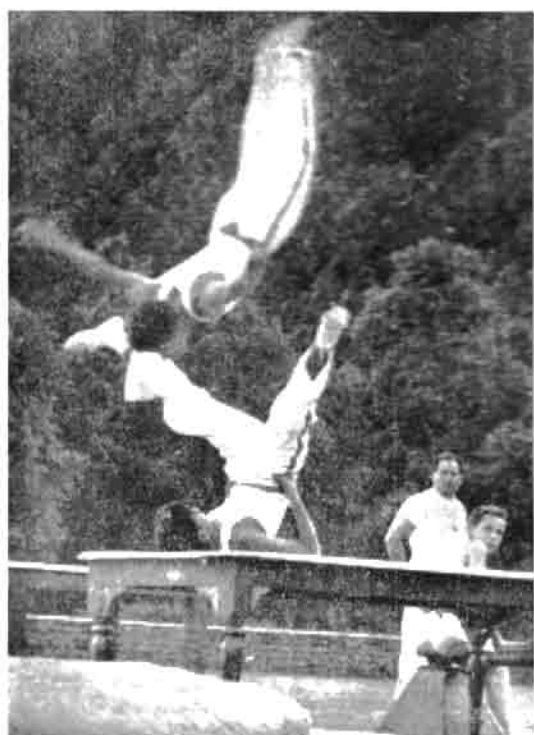
In the Junior School, the Principal welcomed Miss P. Vance whose sister had joined the previous year, and who came to replace Mrs. Summers, and Miss Paranjoti who had just finished her training in Bombay and who had come to take over the kindergarten. On the domestic side he welcomed Mrs. Preece as assistant nurse in the Infirmary, and Mrs. Ayling as matron in Horsman Wing. He left it to the end to welcome the Rev. G. B. Elliot who had joined as Chaplain. Padre Elliot had been chaplain of Victoria College, Kurseong for 16 years and later Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta. The Principal said he had felt it to be a great day for the School when he had heard from Padre Elliot in England saying he was coming to join us. Padre Elliot would, he knew help to strengthen the spiritual side of the School's life without which everything else would be of little worth.



FOUNDER'S DAY



FOUNDER'S DAY P.T.



For the first time last year the School had run a class taking the first four units of the Cambridge Higher School Certificate. H. Arnold, one of the three candidates presented, had passed this examination. In the Senior Cambridge School Certificate the results had been of a good standard. Of the eight candidates presented four had passed in the first division, two in the second, and one in the third. Once again this year there would be a small School Certificate class, but the school had grown in numbers lower down, and after this year it was expected to present twenty candidates each year.

In the Trinity College Music Examination ten of the eighteen candidates presented for the practical had passed with merit, and in the theory six of the ten candidates passed with honours, and two with merit.

There had been an increasing demand for piano tuition this year and Mrs. Ludwig, whom the Principal welcomed, had joined as an additional music teacher. Mrs. Ludwig taught mostly the younger boys, and had come from La Martiniere Girl's School, Lucknow.

Turning to games the Principal referred first to the series of matches begun in 1953 against St. Joseph's College. Six close matches had been played, St. Joseph's being the winner in all the Seniors, and Sherwood in all the Colts. St. Joseph's had also won the relay, open to the Station, fairly easily, leaving the thrills for second and third place between Sherwood and Birla. Due to the splendid running of M. Hotz in the last lap, Sherwood had just won. This year only the hockey had been played against St. Joseph's, and in that fortunes were reversed, Sherwood winning the Seniors and St. Joseph's the Colts. A healthy and sporting rivalry had developed between the two Schools, and both sides keenly looked forward to these happy though rather nerve wracking occasions. The College had had a young first XI this year and he thought they had done most creditably against La Martiniere at Lucknow. They had not managed to win the match, but they had held an older and more experienced side to a winning score of

two goals to one. Mr. Pratt's splendid coaching had contributed in no small measure to this result.

Six boys had been confirmed by the Bishop on June 27th last year, and this year it was expected that fourteen would be presented when the Bishop of Delhi visited the school in June. The College had introduced its own daily service book in Chapel. A keen group of servers had made it possible to have a daily Holy Communion service over the past year, and though the numbers had been small, this had proved a considerable strengthening to the spiritual life.

The Principal thanked parents for the generous help they had given to the Appeal Fund. This fund was being used for the present to build up the Endowment Fund and already, Rs. 25,000/- had been collected. Between 1948 and 1951 numbers had decreased, and the School had had to draw money from its Endowment Fund to make good an annual deficit balance. Government had since stipulated that Rs. 57,000/- must be paid to the Endowment Fund by the end of 1956, and unless that had been undertaken the annual grant of more than Rs. 20,000/- would have been discontinued in 1952, and it would have been necessary to increase the fees to offset this loss of revenue. For the extension of time to 1956 they had largely Pandit Pant to thank, and they were very grateful to him. About Rs. 11,000/- per annum was being raised, of which perhaps Rs. 8,000/- per annum came from parents. Thus the cost to parents through voluntary donations was little more than a third of what would have been charged had it been necessary to raise the fees to make up a Rs. 22,000/- annual loss in grant. The Principal said he was glad to be able to tell parents this as when someone thinks you are picking his pocket it is always consoling to be able to tell him that you are putting something in! The money being collected in the Appeal Fund would, of course, remain the property of the School. If, on the other hand, the grant had been lost and the fees correspondingly raised, then the additional revenue would have been spent year by year. So the plan adopted was in every way to be preferred. They all rejoiced

that since 1951 the numbers had steadily risen, making it possible not merely to balance the annual budget, but to raise standards considerably over the past few years.

Concluding his speech the Principal referred to the recent unveiling in London of a bust in memory of Sir Stafford Cripps. On the plinth had been inscribed a passage from one of Sir Stafford's books:—"If man neglects the things of the spirit, and puts aside the full armour of God, he will seal the doom of future generations". History had amply shown that when a nation became spiritually and morally decadent the seeds of death were already sown. There were two great purifying forces in the life of a nation. The greatest, or potentially the greatest, was the influence of the home. The other was to be found in the nation's Colleges and Schools. But it was mainly the homes which set the tone of the national life. Every school looked to build on the foundations of a good home. Home and school must have a common goal each looking to the things of the spirit, giving primary place to the worship of God and acknowledging his rule in the every day things of life.

Pandit Pant then addressed the School. He said that he was glad to be with a section of the young people on whom depended the future of the country and even of the world. He looked forward to the era of real peace and progress which would come when all obnoxious barriers had been removed. Science, he said, had gone a long way in breaking down physical boundaries and racial differences. He reminded the boys of the growing responsibilities in a free nation. They must draw their faith and inspiration from the ancient history of their country. India had been great once and was destined to be great again because she has always been led by the spirit of self-restraint, tolerance and

goodwill. With that in mind they must also go out as harbingers of peace, goodwill, and amity. India, in a very short time had shown the way to peace. She had also shown that those who had been neglected in the past could prove useful when given an opportunity. He exhorted the students to be of service to others and to carry the hall-mark and good name of their school wherever they went. Pandit Pant added that he was glad the school had tided over its difficulties. At the request of some very distinguished men in England he had done all he could to help the School.

He said that in England there was a movement afoot to discourage the growth of Public Schools, as such schools produced snobs. Boys, by their behaviour and activities, should show that they do not want to segregate themselves from others. If they cut themselves away from others they would have no source of vitality, therefore they must build up contact with the current of the world outside the school. He urged the boys to devote their lives to the service of this land and its people, and not to look upon themselves as a people apart. Today there was an unlimited field of service, and only those with any metal in them would take the opportunities offered. They must go forward as missionaries for the service of others and that would add to the happiness of their lives.

Pandit Pant then presented the prizes, and the assembly adjourned for tea.

After tea Pandit Pant watched the first part of the P. T. display. This was of high standard and Chief Minister warmly expressed his approval. He regretted he could not stay to the end. Before leaving he congratulated Mr. Fordham and the boys and asked the Principal to give a day's holiday.

SENIOR ESSAY COMPETITION

The Tyranny of Fashion

Ever since the days of Adam and Eve, men and women have wanted to be better dressed than their neighbours. This desire has led to our present day desire to change perpetually the cut of our clothes, in order that we may not be considered old fashioned.

In the days of our ancestors people were dressed far more simply and comfortably than we are nowadays. In those days people just did not bother about such things as frills and expensive clothes, and they saved money which would otherwise have been uselessly spent. Nowadays, unless we have our clothes made from expensive materials, or have them tailored according to the latest fashion, we are considered as being out of date. There are many exclusive clubs in nearly every part of the world, which exclude people from coming in unless they are suitably dressed. This attitude leads to an inferiority complex, and to wastage, as regards money and time, in making clothes.

Fashions certainly lead to discomfort. In the eighteenth century, it was the fashion among European ladies to have on about three or four petticoats, and on top of them, an extremely clumsy, frilly dress. In the sixteenth century, women in Europe used to tie belts tightly around their waists, to achieve a wasp-like effect. In the nineteenth century, the fad was to wear huge crinolines, supported by whalebone. Only in the last century was it considered unfashionable among European ladies to show even half an inch of their bare flesh, with the exception of their hands and head, but they had to endure it for fashion's sake. Whenever they went swimming, they had to put on a complete dress, which covered their entire bodies. In this way they had to enjoy their swim, or whatever else they did, while being hampered by unnecessary clothes all the time.

Fashion is extremely absurd if it is seen in a broad-minded and sensible way. For

instance, men all over the world are handicapped (almost strangled!) because they have to wear such things as collars, neckties, and bowties. Half a century ago, it was considered ungentlemanly, and illmannered, if a man was not attired in a top hat, stiff starched shirt, stiff collar, waistcoat, overcoat, pantaloons, long stockings, gloves, and heavy, cumbersome shoes. Even nowadays if a man goes somewhere, he inflicts a heavy burden upon himself, by wrapping himself in a number of unnecessary clothes.

Fashion is also very tyrannical in the art of make-up. Women nowadays, think that unless they are heavily made-up, they will not be considered beautiful. This applies to men, too, in the matter of shaving. A man thinks that unless he is clean shaven, or has a neat moustache or beard, he will be considered eccentric, or will be mistaken for a shipwrecked mariner! This is the idea which makes nearly every civilised man, the world over, waste fifteen minutes of his time every morning, shaving, and cutting himself in the process, too! Also, women waste a tremendous amount of time and money on such things as hair styles. A woman is not considered smart or well-dressed, if her coiffure is not of the latest style.

These are the reasons why fashion is so tyrannical. The law which God wanted Adam and Eve to obey has been superseded by the man-made tyrant which we euphemistically call Fashion, and we worship at the shrine of style in abject servitude. This is most unfortunate, and the ridiculous fads and foibles of human beings should be controlled.

A. QUAMARAIN

Std. IX, aged 15 years.

Junior Essay Competition

"A Great Storm"

The sky was dark and the clouds hovered around our ship, the "Canton". The mist was thick so that one could hardly see a few feet in front. The waves lashed against the side of the big ship.

We were entering the Bay of Biscay, when suddenly, the thunder roared and the lightning flashed. Everyone was told to go below decks. The massive ship rolled from side to side. It very nearly capsized but it was our lucky day and the boat did not sink.

Night came on, and still we were very far away from the rock of Gibraltar. The captain had hoped to reach Gibraltar the next day, but by now every one had given up all hope of seeing it for at least another three days.

When morn broke out we were still in the midst of the storm. The waitress brought our breakfast to our cabins, but no one felt like anything that morning. So we satisfied ourselves by some tea and biscuits.

Suddenly a shrill cry rent the air. We all jumped up and one of us opened the cabin door. To our amazement and horror we saw that the passage was covered with six inches of water. A cabin door was opened and as we looked down the corridor we saw that the water was coming from there.

I hurried off to get the captain and I found him on the deck with his pipe in his mouth. He was humming a sea shanty which I knew quite well. I called to him to come down to the cabins. He hurriedly followed after me, and when we reached the corridor once more, I saw that the water had risen another foot. We splashed through the water and I showed him into the cabin. We went inside and found that there was a woman in there who had fainted. The place where the water was coming from was the porthole, which had been forced open by the pressure of the water. By now the water had reached the lower bunk, on which the old lady had fainted.

With great presence of mind the captain took a spanner from his trouser pocket and put the porthole to its proper place. I picked up the lady and took her to the ship's doctor, who was fast asleep and he got very angry with me for spoiling his dream, but he soon got to work and brought the lady back to consciousness. When I returned to the water filled cabin, I saw that the captain had put the porthole to its proper place.

He sent me to call some of the crew to start pumping the water out.

Many hours passed before the storm ceased and by that time many people were up on deck looking out for land. My father was the only member of the family who got up while the storm was on. He went to every meal that could be had, and he told us something that amused him a lot.

He went to breakfast, the morning that the cabin had been filled with water. When he got there he sat down at one of the tables and ordered an enormous breakfast. The ship was swaying a lot at this time. As the chef came in the ship swayed an extra big sway and the chef, unable to keep his balance, toppled over onto a table, my father's breakfast with him. All the plates went scattering all over the place and so my father did not get such a big breakfast as he hoped to.

The next day we arrived at Gibraltar. It had been a very narrow escape for all of us. Afterwards I was told that the crew were almost certain that the ship would submerge. The sailors said that the ship was swaying from side to side as well as forwards and backwards.

That journey was one of the worst I have ever been on and I little realised that we were in such danger as all that.

T. Newell VI, aged 12 years.



HORSMAN
WING
PLAYS





FOUNDER'S PLAY "TOBIAS AND THE ANGEL."

Brian Catchick winner of the Kendal Cup is standing third from left



The Chief Minister
arrives for Speech Day.



The Rev. G.B. Elliot greets
Pandit Pant.

FOUNDER'S SERMON

On May 31st, Sunday in Founder's week, we had the privilege of welcoming to the College one of our parents, the Rev. K. Anand of the School of Islamic Studies in Aligarh. He preached to us as follows:—

"Fear not, only Believe." Mark 5: 36.

These words are spoken by Jesus to a man called Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, as he stands staggered by the news he has just received of his daughter's death. Perhaps Jairus believed that Jesus was able to heal the sick and do wonderful things as feeding four to five thousand people at a time, or turn water into wine as at Cana of Galilee but when the message of his daughter's death is brought to him, his faith begins to wane, he begins to doubt whether Jesus can bring even one dead to life again; Jairus was filled with terrible fear and misgiving. Jesus then said to him, "Fear not, only believe," and we see the words strengthened Jairus' faith and his daughter was brought back to life.

These words enabled Jesus, not only to perform a most wonderful miracle, but they contain a psychological lesson of the greatest importance, a lesson which has permanent value for all time.

All down the ages, men have had to face failure because of fear. President Roosevelt is reported to have said at the time of a great economic slump in the U.S.A., "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself—nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyses the needed effort to convert retreat to triumph." Speaking of the Hyderabad police action, Mr. Nehru had said, "Fear and suspicion are the greatest weakness of men and nations." This is very true for fear makes cowards of us. At times it goads men to the most cruel of deeds. People are cruel because they are afraid.

Why has fear this devastating power? Because its appeal is to self, to the instinct of self-interest and self preservation. It makes a man self centred, he thinks of himself alone, and thereby is driven to behave in a

way which would be impossible except to his lowest nature.

On the other hand we are told to believe, "Fear not, only believe." Faith is at the opposite pole. If fear is the most destructive influence in the world, faith is the most constructive. All progress and creativeness have come through men and women who believed something to be true, and gave their lives to prove it. The scientist with his new formula, the explorer with his new route to an unknown country, the statesman with his solution for his country's problems, the doctor with his treatment for his patient, each must be a man of faith, fully assured that he has a revelation to which he must be true, if he wants to accomplish anything. Just as fear drives man to the level of himself, so faith releases him from self and lifts him up to a higher mental and spiritual plane, to some new reality, divine truth, in which he finds a new purpose for life, and where indeed he finds his true self. Do you know the last words on the lips of Bishop Milman, the founder of this College, as he was passing away from this world? The inspiring words were, "The glorious liberty of the children of God." It was because Bishop Milman had achieved liberation from self, that he was able to accomplish things that few servants of India have dared to attempt. Had it not been for his self-forgetfulness and his great ambition to spend himself for the people of India, as his biographers tell us, perhaps an institution such as Sherwood College might never have been founded, an institution where the aim set before those who share in its life is, "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit."

How can we acquire such a faith, such a liberating faith from self? The only answer

to this question to my mind is religion. Religion can give faith to man by lifting him out of himself and reminding him of God, his Creator, and of God's vocation for him.

And now let us examine ourselves to see whether our religion really does this for us. Have we received from it the faith which is essential to drive away all fear? Those of us who call ourselves Christians, are we sincerely convinced of the fact that Jesus Christ is God Incarnate, and the Saviour of the world; that he is living today and is active in history and that in his hand is the destiny of this world, even when it is in a state of chaos? If our religion does not give us this conviction then we are bound to be afraid and staggered like Jairus, for he could not estimate the power of Christ. Does our religion give us that poise and confidence which is the privilege of every believer; if not, why not? God is the same yesterday, today and for ever. He does not change; but He cannot do anything for us until we have faith in Him.

If we look at the miracles of Jesus we will see that each time he healed a person, He made quite sure whether the person had faith in Him. We see that he healed the palsied man because He saw faith in the men who broke open the roof of the house and lowered the man in His presence. At another time He told the woman who had an issue of blood for twelve years, "Daughter go in peace, thy faith hath made thee whole". On one occasion when two blind men came to Him to be cured, to make quite sure of their faith, Jesus asked them, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" And they said "Yea Lord." His disciples once found they could not heal an epileptic boy, and asked Jesus why they were unable to cure the child. He said to them, "Because of your little faith." We know that Jesus could not do any mighty work in Nazareth, his own home town, because of the "unbelief of the people". All this applies to the present as well and to all of us. God will not and cannot do anything for us until we have faith in Him.

And how we can acquire faith through our

religion? Somehow, I believe, that merely having the desire to acquire faith is not enough; we have got to do something. We must work for it and make a start at once, and for this I would draw your attention to the words of a great writer who said, "To renew faith either in ourselves or in others, there is the need of bringing the mind, emotions and will into right relations with God." In order to do this he suggests study of the Bible for the mind, worship for the emotions and service of our fellowmen for the will. I think there is much truth in what he suggests, and I would like all of us to examine his statement with me.

Let us take up the first—the study of the Bible, and let me tell you at once not to be led away by people who would have us believe that the Bible is an old out of date Book, of which there is hardly any use in this modern world, though it might be read sometimes for the sake of its literature. The Bible is the Book in which God has fully revealed Himself and His purpose for the world. It is the living Word of the living God, by means of which He speaks to us; and that is the reason why the Bible has survived the severest of tests and criticisms all down the ages. Perhaps no other book in the world has been examined as minutely as the Bible. It is the Book on which the faith of our Lord and of all the saints was grounded. And it is not only Jesus and His followers to whom the Bible was the living Word of God, the greatest men through the ages have turned to it for inspiration. There are many of our national leaders who, though not Christians, yet study the Bible reverently and with great care, and draw from it the inspiration and strength they require in dealing with the stupendous problems of the Country. It is only when we learn to read the Bible with understanding, and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we see and feel the richness and truth of our religion and that undoubtedly strengthens our faith.

Then comes worship for our emotions. Ignatius Loyola says, "Man was created to praise, reverence and worship God and save his soul." In worship, both corporate and

private, by means of singing, acts of devotion and prayer our emotions are rightly directed towards God, and in Him they find true satisfaction. Not only does faith drive us to worship, but worship draws us to faith. "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Let us, therefore, examine our life of worship and make our devotions real and sincere. For it is only true worship, flowing from a sincere heart, that can give communion and fellowship with God and enable us to know Him intimately. That intimate knowledge of God strengthens faith.

Finally comes the service of our fellowmen for our bodies. How does this strengthen faith? Because by serving our fellowmen in love, our will, which governs and controls all our actions, becomes obedient to the will of God, who has commanded us that we love one another. And the fulfilling of this commandment brings us the greatest of all blessings, namely realisation of God's presence within us, for 1 John 5: 12 says, "If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us." And what can strengthen faith in God more than the realisation of His very presence within us.

So while we think of this threefold process

of bringing our minds, emotions and wills into right relationship with God, let us remember that the years spent in a school or college are the best years for this purpose. These formative years are the most important. Let us not allow them to go by without at least making one serious attempt to use the means that are provided here to acquire faith in God. Let us listen carefully and attentively to the Word of God as it is read to us each morning in this chapel, and try to find what God is wanting to tell us of Himself and of the purpose He has for us. Secondly, let us try to make the morning hour of worship a real and effective means of directing our emotions, our affections, towards God in whom they can find true satisfaction; and finally, every thing that we are called upon to do, whether it be studies or any task that is committed to us for the benefit of the College or for the good of a fellow student, let us make it an offering of love and obedience to God. Then we may rest assured that however difficult life may seem to be, and however uncertain and terrifying the future may appear, our faith will be grounded on a Rock that can never be shaken.

CHAPEL NOTES

Whether we stop to realize it or not, a School Chapel is the centre of the life of a School. For there only does the whole school, Principal, Staff and boys assemble day by day.

For deep reasons, perhaps known to people called psychologists, a family, a battalion, a ship's company, a school must regularly assemble, if corporate spirit and corporate life are to be maintained. And for perhaps deeper reasons still, religion plays its part in these assemblings.

It has been said that as men are only

brothers because they have the same father, so the Brotherhood of all men cannot be realized apart from the Fatherhood of God. And what is corporate worship if it is not the corporate recognition of the Father of us all, in whom alone we are brothers?

Our Service Book at Sherwood, now in use for two years, is a tremendous aid to common worship. In the three-week cycle of daily services, the whole Christian Faith is brought before our minds, and into our hearts and lives. None can fail to benefit in some way from it.

An outstanding event this year in connexion with the Chapel has been the gift and dedication on March 21st of a Chapel Bell and Belfry. The Bell is the gift of Mr. W. and Mr. M. Fordham in memory of their father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. Fordham.

In addition to calling us to our Sunday services it is rung every day at 6-15 a.m. for Matins, at 6-40 a.m. for Holy Communion, and at 8-40 for School Chapel when it also serves to give every body the correct time.

And so it calls us to worship, and it calls us to punctuality and faithfulness in our daily duties.

As usual on Ascension Day we had Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m. and at 5-50 p.m. we mounted Ayarpatta for the open-air service, and sang our Evensong.

On the following Sunday, at the Founder's Day Service the preacher was the Rev. K. Anand, of the School of Islamic Studies at Aligarh. We welcomed Padre Anand for himself, and also as a parent. We now have four priest-parents, and four sons of clergy in the School.

Padre Anand's sermon is printed in this issue of "The Sherwoodian".

Our own Bishop being away in England, the Bishop of Delhi (The Right Reverend J.R. Willis) very kindly came to confirm. It was an inspiration to have this magnificent missionary Bishop with us. The Confirmation Service and the Bishop's address will not soon be forgotten.

The following received Confirmation:

Peter Bennett, Christopher Borthwick, Naresh Das, Keith Gleeson, Inderjit Khanna, Raymond McAuliffe, Kevin McMahon, Timothy Newell, Thomas Oddy, James Rossiter, Shubrato Shome, Stanley Thomas and Keith Waller.

Another notable visitor has been the Rev. Theodore Tewari of St. Andrew's College, Gorakhpur, who came to spend two months with the Principal, for quiet and reading in preparation for his ordination to the priesthood.

As an old Sherwoodian, it was a proud thing for us to have him, and surely a very happy thing to him to minister and preach in his old School Chapel. He is another of our clergy-parents.

Yet another visitor was Mr. Hobbs, who has constituted himself an apostle of Father Damien. He gave an enthralling talk on the great mission-priest and his work amongst Lepers.

On August 15th we welcomed the Revd. Richard Bentinck to the Staff as Mathematics Master, making the fourth priest on the Staff.

Finally to Mr. George Thompson we owe an incalculable debt for the unfailing and meticulous care he takes over the Choir and the services, and for his playing at the organ. And in this expression of gratitude we must include the members of the Choir, without whom even Mr. Thompson could not produce the results. We can only say that the Choir thoroughly earned and deserved their Gala Day, by which of course we mean the Choir Picnic at Bhim Tal.

This year we have made more of the Chapel Notice Board, which has shown not only the times of services, but also subjects for daily prayer and a Thought for the Week. Some of the latter are printed below:

Christian Life is not doing new things
In the old way
But doing the same old things
In a new way.

The only real Independence
is
To be dependent upon God alone.

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You are not so much what you are now
As what you are trying to be,

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I cannot be right with God
If I am wrong with other people.
Can I be right with other people
If I am wrong with God?

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Don't ask other people to bear your
burdens,
But always be ready to bear a bit of their's.

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G. B. E.

Library Notes 1954

"Some one's been sitting on my chair," said the Little Bear, "And he's sat right through it."

Major discussions in the Library this year have been not "what shall we read!" but "where shall we sit!" At the beginning of the year new tables were bought for the Library. The tables were unfortunately not well made and will eventually have to be replaced with better ones. The benches, of course, are a hard necessity, since evening preparation is done at the tables. However, twelve new cane bottomed chairs, of a comfortable but strong design, were placed in the Library and Reading Room. They were so popular that they lasted about two months! "The Mystery of the Worn Out Chair" (by Enid Blyton or Agatha Christie?) is a book yet to appear on our shelves. With many grim warnings the chairs have now reappeared.

Other improvements in the Library amenities have been the hanging of a set of "Dutch Interiors" above the cupboards, and a smaller set of Persian miniatures on the pillars. Towards the end of term a chiming clock was hung in the dining hall, where it could also be seen from the Library.

The Reference Library has now been classified and catalogued, and we hope to expand the various subject sections so that middle and senior boys can make fuller use of them. After some consideration the Reference Sections were classified under the simplified Dewey Decimal system. This system has its limitations for

Libraries as small as ours, but the two main advantages are that it is used by many College Libraries. Familiarity with this system will therefore help those senior boys who continue their education in College.

137 Fiction books and 42 non-fiction and reference books have been added to the Library this year. They include:—

Fiction

Corbett.
Sutcliffe.
Cronin.
Blyton.

Holden.
Johns.

Pertwee.
Forester.
Tagore.
Smythies.
Goudge.
Godden.
Christie.
Fiddler.

Jungle Lore.
The Chronicles of Robin Hood.
The Keys of the Kingdom.
Knight of the Round Table
(and many others).
Videhi.
Many books in the Biggles series.
An Actors Life for me.
Captain Hornblower.
Hungry Stones.
Tiger Lady.
Green Dolphin Country.
King Fishers catch Fire.
A pocket full of Rye.
Books in "The Brydon's"
Series.

Non-Fiction

Nehru.
Mountbatten.
Bryant.
Majumdar.

The Unity of India.
Time only to look forward.
The story of England.
An Advanced History of India.

Mookerjee. Bury.	Folk Art of Bengal. A History of Greece for Beginners.	Harpole. Hunt Coleman. Green.	A Surgeon's Heritage. The Ascent of Everest. Model making for Boys. Soccer.
Institute of Art. Melville.	Designs in Indian Textiles. Teach yourself stamp collecting.		
Tyrrell.	The Earth and its Mysteries.		M. J. Fox

HOCKEY

It was on Monday, March 15th., that the Hockey Season commenced. Before us we had exactly six weeks in which to prepare for our annual fixtures against La Martiniere and St. Joseph's College, so we set to work with a will and put in regular practice each evening.

Altogether, the First XI played sixteen outside matches. Of these six were lost, nine were won, and one was drawn. To the Naini Wanderers and the Degree College our thanks are especially due for their having taken the trouble to come all the way up the hill to play against our boys. In the Colts division, challenges from outside were rather limited so we found it difficult to provide more varied fare for the Juniors. When our boys did turn out for a game, they generally found that their opponents were chronologically very much the seniors! In their own particular school-boy parlance, the Colts would have it that they usually played against their "grand-dads" but they did exceedingly well against their foster forebears and won six of the eight outside matches held.

With just three old Colours as a nucleus, the formation of the First XI appeared, on first thought, a little perplexing but the law of adaptability, if I may so call it, achieves wonders in the progressive life of a school, and very soon we had the makings of a formidable side. Just how true this proved later on can be gauged from the fact that we defeated Birla Vidya Mandir and St. Joseph's College. Against La Martiniere we lost by the odd goal in three, with no score in the first half of the game.

The Colts XI was a good team, and there was little difficulty in getting together a fairly well-balanced side. We expected great things from our youngsters but they lost to St. Joseph's by the only goal scored in the match. Kevin McMahon could have levelled matters for us but his shot hit the upright and glanced off, out of play. We had certainly lost our chance. At the commencement of the game, St. Joseph's settled down more quickly than did our boys and they deserved the victory that fell to them. On the Sherwood side J. Jameson tried very hard but he made far too many solo efforts to reach the opposing goal. Had he combined more with his inside forwards, he would have done very much better. In the defence S. Ramani, I. Said and M. V. Singh were outstanding, and D. Gasper in goal pulled Sherwood out of many a dangerous situation. S. Naug was untiring and fearless at the position of centre-half but, in his exuberance, he overreached himself and fumbled many a chance of a quick through-pass to the forwards.

In between preparation for our annual fixtures, the House Matches were also run off. Curiously enough this year, the teams in the "A" and "B" divisions were well-matched, and goal averages had to be taken to determine House positions. Matches in the "C" division contained the usual element of surprise, with sudden raids, surprising counter-thrusts, and unexpected goals. One pleasing feature of the games in this particular division has been a more marked endeavour by the smaller boys to keep to their positions and not to crowd on the ball.

Results of the House Hockey

	C					B					A					Total	Pos.
	L.J.	F.T.	A.D.	R.H.	Points	L.J.	F.T.	A.D.	R.H.	Points	L.J.	F.T.	A.D.	R.H.	PTS.		
L.J.	+	2	2	2	6	+	2	0	2	4	+	0	1	1	2	12	1
E.T.	0	+	0	2	2	0	+	2	2	4	2	+	0	0	2	8	3
A.D.	0	2	+	1	3	2	0	+	2	4	1	2	+	1	4	11	2
R.H.	0	0	1	+	1	0	0	0	+	0	1	2	1	+	4	5	4

Trophies "A" Division — Allen-a-Dale (goal average)

"B" " — Allen-a-Dale (goal average)

"C" " — Little John

The Colts XI

J. Shitole B. Ramani J. Jameson (Capt.) K. McMahon P. Mathur

S. Ramani S. Naug I. Said

M. Singh J. Rossiter

D. Gasper

The First XI

K. Saxon M. Mercer *B.M. Singh (Capt.) *M. Nagle B. Singh

T. Bahadur S. Singh L. Kerr

N. Khan G. Bahadur

*K. Daga

*Old Colours.

Note:—In the match against La Martiniere, I. MacInnis played in T. Bahadur's place. Owing to a knee injury sustained in this same match M. Mercer was unable to take the field against St. Joseph's, so K. Saxen was moved to inside left and his place was filled by M. Ram at left extreme.

B.M. Singh:—Has improved his technique of ball control and makes excellent use of the "crook" to pass an opponent on the wrong side. Is quick in the "D" and scores with a deft scoop. Sometimes falls back too much.

M. Mercer:—Needs to move more up and down on the field. Hits powerfully when he is in the circle but negates his opportunities by not swinging into position soon enough. Must curb the tendency he has to move in on his own.

K. Saxen:—Has made heroic efforts to fit into the position of left extreme. Moves down the line fast enough but outstrips the ball and has to turn right round to put a pass through to the centre. Makes little use of his "crook" and is more suited to the position of an inside left.

M. Nagle:—A useful inside right who combines well with the extreme and the centre-forward. Must not hesitate to shoot quickly when he is in the "D".

Birender Singh:—One of our most pleasing discoveries. Has speed and plenty of pluck, and gives some grand passes to the top of the "D". Must learn to shoot at the opposite corner for a quick goal.

Sohan Singh:—The pivot of the defence and the youngest member in the team. Had a bad habit of lunging at the ball but succeeded in developing his anticipation and placing his stick correctly to break up an attack. Resorts to a useful "push" shot and through-passes to advantage.

T. Bahadur:—Came late in the term so was put into the position of left half-back. More at home in the position of centre-half. Was somewhat awkward in the match against St. Joseph's but played a plucky game and ran back to cover the left full-back in emergencies.

L. Kerr:—A useful right half-back. Has learnt to stick to his opposing "winger" but needs to clear the ball more quickly. Should develop the "push" more.

N. Khan:—Left full-back, but is a little uncertain in this position. His reflexes are slow so his only counter is to tackle quickly. Must hit much harder for a good clearance.

G. Bahadur:—A sound right full-back who anticipates well and covers the left back each time. Tackles quickly but very often with danger to himself. Hits hard right upfield.

K. Dogra:—Has come on very well as a goal keeper. Watches the angle of attack and has learnt how to meet danger at the top of the "D". Clears cleverly to the side but must jump in and do so more quickly.

I. MacInnis:—Played in the position of left half-back in the match against La Martiniere. Somewhat ponderous in his movements and has the tendency to make "kicks" when intercepting a pass. Has learnt how to "push" the ball but must develop the knack of a through-pass to the forwards.

M. Ram:—Played in the position of left extreme in the match against St. Joseph's. Has had very little experience in this none-too-easy place but is quick with diagonal shots straight to the centre, and was instrumental in just this sort of spade work that gave Sherwood its first goal against "Sem".

W.R. Pratt,
Master I/C Hockey.



HIKES AND PICNICS





CHOIR PICNIC



Twentieth Annual Hockey Match Sherwood vs. La Martiniere.

La Martiniere College: 2

Sherwood College: 1

This year's fixture was held at Lucknow on Saturday, April 24th. Before the commencement of the game, the two teams with their respective coaches were introduced to Mr. Siddiqui Hasan I. C. S., Commissioner of Lucknow, and then camera shutters clicked for photographs of the contending sides.

It had been an unusually warm day so Mr. Doutre, Principal of La Martiniere, very sportingly arranged that the match should start later; thus it was not till 5.35 p.m. that play began. Light clouds made the heat less oppressive but, notwithstanding the initial stages of the game were rather slow.

Sherwood were the first to move up with the ball but La Martiniere stemmed the thrust and sent the ball back to mid-field. Here it was held by Sohan Singh, centre-half of Sherwood, who quickly cleared to his left-inner, M. Mercer. The latter was unable to gather this pass, and the ball raced on towards Tomkyns, La Martiniere right-back. Tomkyns returned the ball with a powerful drive and Mercer, who was running in, sustained a nasty knock full on the knee. For the rest of the game this player could achieve little, so Sherwood had to do battle with just ten men. Mercer's interception of the ball gave La Martiniere a free hit, and pressure increased somewhat on the Sherwood defence. Strategy, however, proved a useful foil, and time and again La Martiniere were put off-side by Sherwood's one-back game. N. W. Khan stood well up on the half-line, and it was here that play remained for quite some time.

A peculiar monotony appeared to have suddenly crept in but Lillywhite, inside-right of La Martiniere, enlivened things as he made a sudden dash towards the Sherwood goal. He moved quickly but K. Dogra was alert and succeeded in holding his shot and making an effective clearance. Then came Sherwood's

turn; B. M. Singh dribbled his way into La Martiniere's "D" and shot, but P. Younger was very sure with his feet, and he kicked the ball smartly away. La Martiniere returned to the attack but G. Bahadur played a sound game as right-back and he stepped into the fray each time and blunted each successive wave. Only once again in the first half of the match did our opponents break through but Dogra rushed out to the top of the "D" and saved the situation. He was very staunch in defending his goal but had much to give in the way of thanks to Sohan Singh's plucky display at centre-half position and to G. Bahadur's uncanny anticipation in breaking up attacks. Just before half time, La Martiniere failed to convert a short corner, and then the interval came. There was a general rush for refreshments amid much advice from all and sundry on what to do in the second half.

So far things had not gone badly, and many people foresaw a drawn game. For the first ten minutes in the second half, there was still no score, and the ball travelled up and down in really dull fashion. Then Lillywhite made a grand solo effort, beat the Sherwood defence, and netted the first goal for La Martiniere. Supporters of the Lucknow team cheered and danced on the side-lines. Old Sherwoodians present at the match yelled loudly for our boys, and it seemed that only now would we be treated to the type of game all had been anticipating. People rubbed their hands in excitement as Sherwood forced three quick short corners but not one of them materialised. Once indeed we might have scored when B. M. Singh passed the ball towards the left in the direction of M. Mercer, but this player could not keep up on account of his injured knee so the opportunity went wide.

Fifteen minutes of play were now left when Lillywhite received an excellent pass from S. Johny; he dashed forward into the Sherwood

"D" where he was promptly met by G. Bahadur. The ball bumped viciously over Bahadur's stick and gave Lillywhite a second crack at our goal. He made no mistake, and beat Dogra with a smart shot to the left corner.

Stung by this reverse, Sherwood fought back with renewed determination, and the half-backs moved up in support of the forwards. Sohan Singh blocked and pushed to feed the inners and then he gave B. M. Singh a splendid through-pass to the top of the opposing circle. Singh moved past Tomkyns and had only the goalkeeper to beat. He cut in to the left, drew Younger out of his goal, and then turned off to the right, making use of the reverse of his stick. The goal was open, and a second later the ball struck the boards. Well done, Sherwood, but time was running out and we were still one goal behind. There were five minutes left for the game to end, so our lads strove hard for the equaliser. Again the half-line gave support, and again B.M. Singh had the ball. He gained the top of the circle and was steadying himself for another goal when the shrill blast of the

whistle put an end to his effort.

We congratulate La Martiniere on their victory and feel great credit is due to four of their players in particular. Younger was sound in goal, as was Tomkyns at right-back. The captain and centre-half back of the team, S. Johry, treated us to some pleasing displays of stick-work but he negated his control of the ball by too much individual effort. In the forward line, P. Lillywhite was a constant source of danger. He is to be commended on the two goals he scored in spite of an injured arm. On the Sherwood side, K. Dogra in goal and G. Bahadur as right-back were pillars of strength, and Sohan Singh in the centre-half position did excellently in relieving pressure on the backs. L. Kerr, our right-half, intercepted well but he should have fed his right wing much more. In the forward line, B.M. Singh was always dangerous, and he was ably supported by M. Nagle.

Taken all in all, Sherwood had given a good account of itself, its more effective teamwork and employment of the one-back game being good investments in strategy.

Sherwood College

		*K. Dogra		
G. Bahadur			N.W. Khan	
L. Kerr		S. Singh	I. MacInnis	
B. Singh	*M. Nagle	*B.M. Singh (Capt.)	M. Mercer	K. Saxen
O				
F. Haider	T. Wiggins	G. de la Haye	*P. Lillywhite	*A. Haider
A. Godfrey		*S. Johry (Capt.)		B. Cooke
G. Keelor			*K. Tomkyns	
		*P. Younger		

La Martiniere College

*Old Colours.

A. Borthwick.

First XI Annual Hockey Fixture**Sherwood vs. St. Joseph's.****St. Joseph's College: 1****Sherwood College: 2**

May Day proved an auspicious occasion for it saw the College avenge their hockey defeat of last year.

This year's match was the second in the series of exchanges, and promptly at 4-30 p.m. the bully-off took place. The game started at a furious pace and, within the first minute, St. Joseph's made a disconcerting raid on the Sherwood goal. Our opponents, however, ran into an off-side position so Sherwood was awarded a free hit. This was taken by G. Bahadur and collected by Sohan Singh who, in turn, cleverly changed direction and put the ball through to the Sherwood left-extreme, M. Ram. After moving past the opposing half-back, Ram sent a crisp shot diagonally to B. M. Singh, the Sherwood centre-forward. M. Nagle and B.M. Singh combined effectively to dribble clean past the St. Joseph's defence, and in a trice B.M. Singh pushed in a shot which beat the goalkeeper. All this had taken just three minutes. The St. Joseph's forwards countered by making several dangerous attempts to score but K. Dogra, the Sherwood goal, stood firm and foiled all these efforts.

B.M. Singh, the central figure in a well-knit and effective forward line, struck a second blow for Sherwood in the fourteenth minute of the game when he dribbled past the two "Sem" backs and, with a swift scoop, sent the ball high into the net. Sherwood was now two goals up, and excitement ran riot. On the touch-line there were wild demonstrations of delight. Undaunted, St. Joseph's struck back gamely and forced three short corners but

they failed to convert even one of them. Dogra's spectacular tackling at the top of the "D" prevented "Sem" from scoring. Again Sherwood took the initiative and moved forward; B.M. Singh wormed his way into the St. Joseph's circle and put through another of his dangerous shots but the ball missed the goal by mere inches. The whistle then blew for half-time, with Sherwood leading 2-0.

On resumption of play St. Joseph's made heroic efforts to equalise, and there ensued anxious moments for the Sherwood defenders. Anything could have happened but K. Dogra defended his goal determinedly and G. Bahadur stepped in time and again and broke up each successive attack. Kelly played a stout-hearted game for "Sem" and tried to score on his own but Sherwood's dogged resistance kept him out. For over twenty minutes in the second-half of the game, the ball sped between the two goals and during one of these sorties M. Nagle was unfortunate not to score again for Sherwood. He wasted time and thus lost his chance.

Only ten minutes now remained for the match to end, and again St. Joseph's pressed hard. They forced five short corners but Sherwood held them all, and anxiously we looked at our watches for time was nearly up. Then, in the last minute, "Sem's" all-out attack bore fruit, Alexander, the left-wing, managing to score. Soon after the final whistle blew, leaving Sherwood the Victor of the game.

A. Borthwick.

FOOTBALL.

Once again the selection of a School Eleven proved to be a problem — a more acute one this time than experienced in former years. The School possessed eleven good players and no more, and that we realised early in the season when Sohan Singh who had been shaping splendidly as inside-right was rushed off to hospital with appendicitis, leaving a vacancy in the team which we were unable to fill adequately to the very end. The weakness of our forward line was quite apparent, nevertheless we were not altogether pessimistic about our chances against the top teams of the district, for what we lacked in attack we made up for in a solid defence. It is true we could not produce a second back of a very high order, but the one we did have possessed the grit and determination to meet all comers. The backbone of our team was therefore broken when the Doctor declared Gopal Bahadur physically unfit for the rest of the season. He was, however, granted permission to play in the match against St. Joseph's, and though he was but a shadow of his former self, his presence alone was a source of confidence to the team. Kerr, who eventually shaped as a good right-half, joined the team at the tail-end of the season, missing much valuable practice due to an injured finger. Shome, perhaps the most dangerous of our forwards and certainly the swiftest, kept indifferent health through the season. He was fighting fit, however, for the St. Joseph's match. But luck was not to come his way; two days before the all-important event, in a match against the Police, he missed the ball and kicked a stone instead, hard enough to get his foot out of shape for a week or more.

Football in Sherwood is far from enterprising. Our boys believe in slow short passes, and most teams which choose to play this type of football refuse to score unless they can walk into their opponents' goal with the ball. The finish also is usually very poor. All efforts to get our halves and forwards to take long shots at the opposite net have proved abortive so far. But the tragedy does not end there — our juniors too are adopting the same style of play. It cost them the match against St. Joseph's.

We lived in the Sem. half during the first twenty five minutes of the game, but our forwards squandered every one of the myriad chances which came their way. Our opponents got only a few chances of scoring in the second half, but of these they converted three, to beat us by three goals to nothing.

S. Awatramani, J. Rossiter, M. V. Singh, R. Yadav, and B. Awatramani deserve special mention for the great efforts they made in the Sherwood defence.

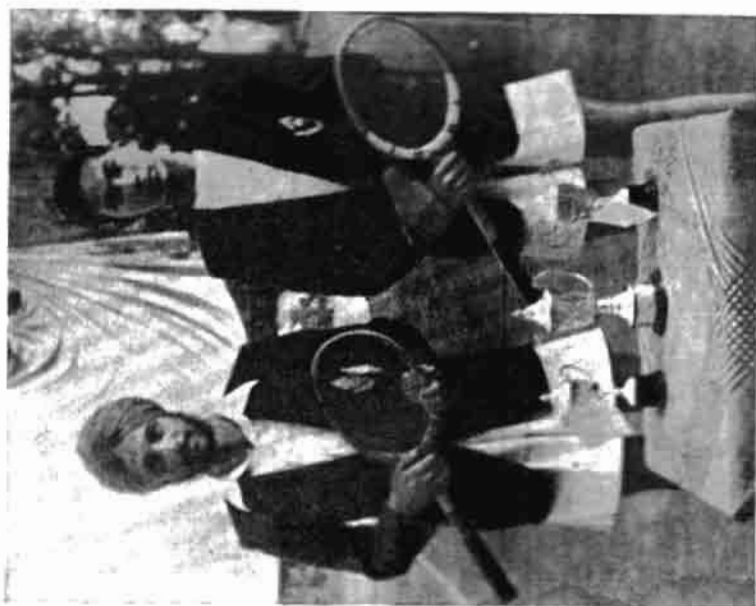
Our Seniors met the St. Joseph's team twice this season—once in the Landau League and again in the Annual fixture. On both occasions we were caught on a sodden pitch and were badly beaten (4-2 and 5-1), but on both occasions our boys fought heroically, and the score is not a true indication of the run of play. Sem. plays good correct football—the boys are fast on the ball and hold it no longer than is absolutely necessary. We take this opportunity to congratulate them on their brilliant victory in the Landau League.

For us B. M. Singh made a gallant effort throughout the season, but was not able to achieve very much as he was poorly supported in the forward line. T. Bahadur, Captain of the First Eleven, is not a natural footballer, yet through sheer effort, determination, and loyalty to his team he did much at centre-half which merits our appreciation, and a Distinction Cap. Perhaps the best progress was shown by Wali Khan who started the season as a very clumsy goalie but rapidly developed anticipation and accuracy. Later, however, he got into the dangerous habit of running out of his goal, and often did so at great cost.

The House Matches this year drew a large number of spectators each evening and a lively interest was shown throughout. Little John and Robin Hood tied for first place in the "C" Team, the trophy going to Little John. Friar Tuck had little difficulty in annexing the "B" division trophy. Robin Hood fought hard to earn full points in the "A" division, and also emerged deserving winners of the House Foot-



M. Nagle, the winner in play.



**B.M. Singh and M. Nagle,
finalists in the Ware Cup.**



M. Nagle



B.M. Singh

THE WARE CUP FINAL



ATHLETIC SPORT'S VICTORS.

ball. Little John came second, Friar Tuck third, and Allen-a-Dale last.

In concluding, there is just this to say. Too much is expected of our boys during the Football season. Football makes heavy demands on a boy's strength and stamina, and claims a heavy toll of casualties. If the best is wanted from our boys it is essential that other activities, such as P.T. and boxing, which also make heavy demands on a boy's strength and stamina and require a great deal of practice, are not allowed to run concurrently with the football.

All help given by Members of the Staff in refereeing outside matches and House Matches is herein acknowledged. A special word of thanks is due to Mr. Duckett for helping with the coaching of the College Eleven.

The College Eleven

Wali Khan, *G. Bahadur, S. Kapur, L. Kerr, K. Dogra, *T. Bahadur (Capt.), S. Shome, *B. M. Singh, *M. Mercer, R. Kapila, *M. Nagle and B. DeSanges (Reserve).

*Old Colours.

The College Colts

J. Jameson (Capt), M. V. Singh, J. Rossiter, S. Awatramani, R. Yadav, S. P. Singh, P. Whiting, C. Borthwick, K. McMahon, B. Awatramani, D. Gasper and J. Whitaker (Reserve).

Distinction Cap awarded to: —T. Bahadur.

	A					B					C				
	L.J.	F.T.	A.D.	R.H.	Total	L.J.	F.T.	A.D.	R.H.	Total	L.J.	F.T.	A.D.	R.H.	Total
L.J.	X	2	1	0	3	X	0	2	1	3	X	2	2	1	5
F.T.	0	X	0	0	0	2	X	2	2	6	0	X	2	0	2
A.D.	1	2	X	0	3	0	0	X	2	2	0	0	X	0	0
R.H.	2	2	2	X	6	1	0	0	X	1	1	2	2	X	5

Final Tally.

1st Robin Hood.	12 points.
2nd Little John.	11 points.
3rd Friar Tuck.	8 points.
4th Allen-a-Dale.	5 points.

R. Goss.

INTER-HOUSE BOXING

The finals of the Annual Inter-House Boxing were held on September 6th at 7-15 p.m. Captain and Mrs. A.J.C. Richardson O.B.E., were the guests of honour.

A brief account of each fight of the evening is given below: (A * is placed against the winner.)

1. **Lilliputian:**—I. Khanna *(L.J.) Vs. S.K. Chatterjee (R.H.)

This was a clean hard hitting fight with Khanna shewing more aggression in the first rounds. In the third round Khanna was even more aggressive and shewed greater accuracy in his hits. A well deserved winner.

2. **Novices:**—S. Barnabas (F.T.) Vs. R. Glover *(R.H.)

Glover displayed in all three rounds better technique and kept his opponent out with straight lefts. Barnabas hit wildly and thus opened himself to the more accurate hits of Glover. The winner shews great promise.

3. **Papers:**—G. Ramani (F.T.) vs. O. Khan *(L.J.)

This was a contest between a fighter and a boxer. Khan displayed coolness and accuracy whereas Ramani wasted his energy hitting aimlessly. In the second round Ramani was completely at sea against his calmer opponent. Khan well deserved his win.

4. **Midgets:**—Harbans Singh (F.T.) vs. Keith McMahon *(F.T.)

McMahon attacked Singh from the onset and used his feet well. Singh frequently leaned on or held his opponent. McMahon is a very cool boxer and uses his left to good effect. In the second and third rounds McMahon scored many body blows.

5. **Mosquitos:**—S. Ramani (L.J.) vs. B. Ramani *(L.J.)

S. Ramani attacked in the first round and seemed to be set to win the contest. The second round was more even with B. Ramani

attacking and scoring a good few straight lefts. In the third round both boxers attacked and made a close and clean fight. B. Ramani won narrowly.

6. **Gnats:**—J. Shitole *(F.T.) vs. J. Vasdev (L.J.)

Both boxers hit wildly and there was much holding of one another. Neither of the boxers displayed much science and on the whole this was a very poor match.

7. **Fly:**—T. Said (R.H.) vs. S. Naug *(R.H.)

Naug displayed more science and from the onset attacked with hard straight lefts to the body. Credit must be given to Said who stood up and fought courageously against a superior boxer.

8. **Bantams:** J. Kapila (F.T.) vs. Suknave Singh *(R.H.)

Singh attacked and used his reach and height intelligently. Kapila hit wildly and was often censured for leaning on his opponent. The standard of boxing in this match was certainly poor. Singh was declared the winner.

9. **Feathers:**—G. Vance (A.D.) vs. T. Bahadur *(L.J.)

In the first round neither attacked and hardly any hits were scored. The second saw both boxers attacking but Bahadur boxed more intelligently. Vance in spite of his height and reach failed to use this advantage. In the third round Vance used his height and reach and won the round, but he came back too late, for Bahadur had won the first two rounds.

10. **Lights:**—T. Zutshie (L.J.) vs. M. Nagle *(A.D.)

Both boxers attacked and many straight lefts were scored, Nagle gaining the advantage. In the second and third rounds Nagle's knowledge of ring craft gained him the better in each round. Credit goes to Zutshie who

displayed great courage against a more experienced boxer.

11. Welter:—Birender Singh *(A.D.) vs. J. Davies (A.D.)

This was a match between a hard hitter and a boxer. Singh used his powerful left and soon had Davies wilting. Davies used his science but it was of no avail against an opponent who relied on his heavy blows. It was a close fight and Singh was a deserving winner.

12. Middle:—K. Dogra *(R.H.) vs. N.W. Khan (F.T.)

This was a poor display of boxing. There

was far too much holding and both relied on their hard hitting. Dogra won, for of the two his hits were more accurate.

13. Light Heavy:—M. Mercer *(F.T.) vs. M.P. Ram (R.H.)

This was indeed one of the best fights of the

night. In the first round both attacked and good clean hits were scored. Mercer began to use his experience and with devastating lefts followed by right hooks wore down his opponent in the second and third round. Ram deserves great praise in standing up to a more experienced boxer. It was a fine display of courage by Ram.

Captain Richardson then presented the winners and losers with statuettes. The winners of special trophies were as follows:—

Most Scientific boxer. Senior M. Mercer (F.T.)

" " " Junior Keith McMahon (F.T.)

A good Loser Cup presented by

"	"	"	"	Mr. G. Thompson	S. Kapur (R.H.)
"	"	"	"	Mr. J. Duckett	D. Parsons (L.J.)
"	"	"	"	Mr. W. Pratt	B. Desanges (A.D.)
"	"	"	"	Mrs. V. Fordham	M. Pritchard (F.T.)
"	"	"	"	Mr. M. Fordham	N. Prakash (F.T.)

A Promising Boxer Cup presented by Mr. W. Fordham J. Rossiter (F.T.)

The House Boxing Cup was won by Robin Hood and the Mody Cup for the runners-up by Friar Tuck.

After the prize distribution there was a supper for the staff and guests as well as for the finalists. Mr. W. Fordham is to be congratulated for making this important school activity such a success.

R. Bentinck.

The Annual Athletic Meeting 1954

The Athletic meet was held on the 11th October in brilliant sunshine. As "Zero Hour" approached there was a crescendo of excitement as to which house would win the coveted Athletic Shield. With the crack of the pistol at 2.30 p.m. Desanges of Allen-A-Dale ran round the track carrying a torch in true Olympic fashion.

The unduly long monsoon had hampered to a great extent the athletic training programme, but in spite of this handicap, the standard attained was most encouraging.

Birender Singh of Allen-A-Dale ran brilliantly to win the 1500 and 800 meters in the "A" Division. In neither event was he the favourite, but by his intelligent running he beat the favourites Zutshie and Shome respectively. Another event of note was the "A" Division 400 metres. The winner was in doubt till the end, for both B. M. Singh and Shome were running neck to neck until B. M. Singh won at the tape by inches.

Shome by his all round performance won the Rex Ludorum in the "A" Division.

After tea the House Relays were run and excitement rose high, Allen-a-Dale proving to be the best house. This was followed by the All Saints' House Relay won by Mackenzie House, with Morton House a close second.

As a grande finale to the meet came the 1200 metre Medley Relay open to the station. St. Joseph's sent both an A and B team, and Sherwood was represented by Desanges, B. M. Singh, Shome and Gopal Bahadur. As the teams lined up at the starting point they were cheered enthusiastically by their supporters.

The runners went off to a good start and in the first lap of 200 metres, Sherwood obtained the lead and maintained it in the next four laps. When our last runner Bahadur commenced the final lap of 200 metres with a lead of nearly 10 metres, Sherwood looked as if they had the race in their pockets, but alas, it was not to be, for Kelly of St Joseph's ran the race of his life. He caught up to Bahadur at the 100 metres mark and went on to beat Bahadur to second place by about 8 metres. It was one of the finest races seen for a long time and our heartiest congratulations go to St. Joseph's and especially to that fine runner Kelly.

The march past soon followed, the School marching in Houses led by the School Captain, T. Bahadur. The salute was taken by Mr. J. Jameson, our guest of honour. He was then introduced to the respective House Captains by the Principal.

Mrs. Jameson then very kindly distributed the cups and medals to the winners. MacInnis won the Rex Ludorum of the B. Division, P. Mathur and D. Lancaster winning the Rex Ludorum of the C and D Division respectively. These three athletes show great promise and it is certain that they will improve on their standards next year.

Mr. Jameson then expressed his pleasure in being present on this occasion and commended the athletes on their fine turn out and their promising standards of athletics. The School Captain in the usual Sherwood tradition called for three cheers to Mr. and Mrs. Jameson.

In conclusion let me congratulate Allen-A-Dale on their winning the Athletic Shield and the Inglis Cup for team events. Robin Hood was second and Friar Tuck third.

RESULTS

A Division

- 100 metres: 1. S. Shome L.J., 2. G. Bahadur R.H., 3. B. Desanges A.D. Time 12 secs.
 200 metres: 1. S. Shome L.J., 2. Desanges R.H., 3. B.M. Singh A.D. Time 26.1 secs.
 400 metres: 1. B.M. Singh A.D., 2. S. Shome L.J., 3. Birendra Singh A.D. Time 58.5 secs.
 800 metres: 1. Birendra Singh A.D., 2. S. Shome L.J., 3. D. Wilson F.T. Time 2 min. 22.6"
 1500 metres: 1. Birendra Singh A.D., 2. T. Zutshie L.J., 3. M.P. Ram R.H. Time 5 min. 10.5"



Mr. Geoffrey Kendal and Miss Laura Liddell



Shakespeareana who visited the School twice during the year.

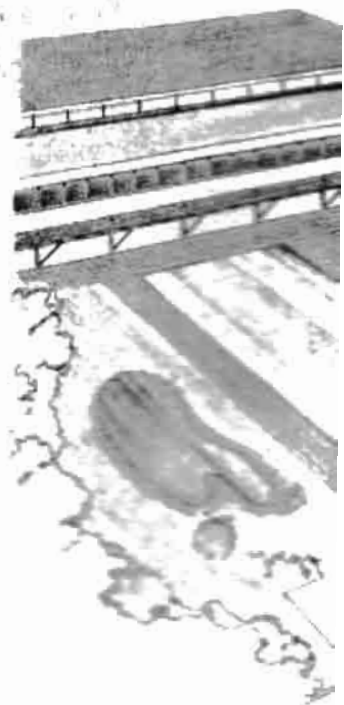
PROPOSED SWIMMING
SHEP - WOOD C

Our readers may be interested to see an architect's impression of a swimming bath which could be built at the school at a cost of about Rs 30,000 -. Behind the bath are four squash courts which could built at a later stage. I hesitate to invite a subscription list for the bath, as parents are already giving to the appeal fund, and if you will read my remarks on this fund on page 5 of this issue you will see how important it is that that should continue. However, a number of parents would, I know, welcome a swimming bath, for swimming with life saving is an accomplishment every boy should learn, and it would be a valuable additional means of exercise and recreation now that we have more than three hundred boys. A subscription list of Rs. 1000/- per month would soon get the bath built—if it were Rs. 1500/- the work could be put in hand straight away—and if divided amongst three hundred parents it might not prove an undue burden to any. If parents will write to me expressing their views I shall be in a position to go ahead if there is likely to be an encouraging measure of support.

Another project under consideration is a flush lavatory system. Estimates for the senior school are Rs. 9,000 - but that may be rather low. Perhaps Rs. 20,000 - would cover senior and junior school, and perhaps this should have priority. Parents may like to express their views. I need to know if parents would be ready to give substantial measure of support before I can put a practical proposition before the Governing Body. The School would of course do what it could to help finance either proposition. Please write to me, if these developments appeal to you.

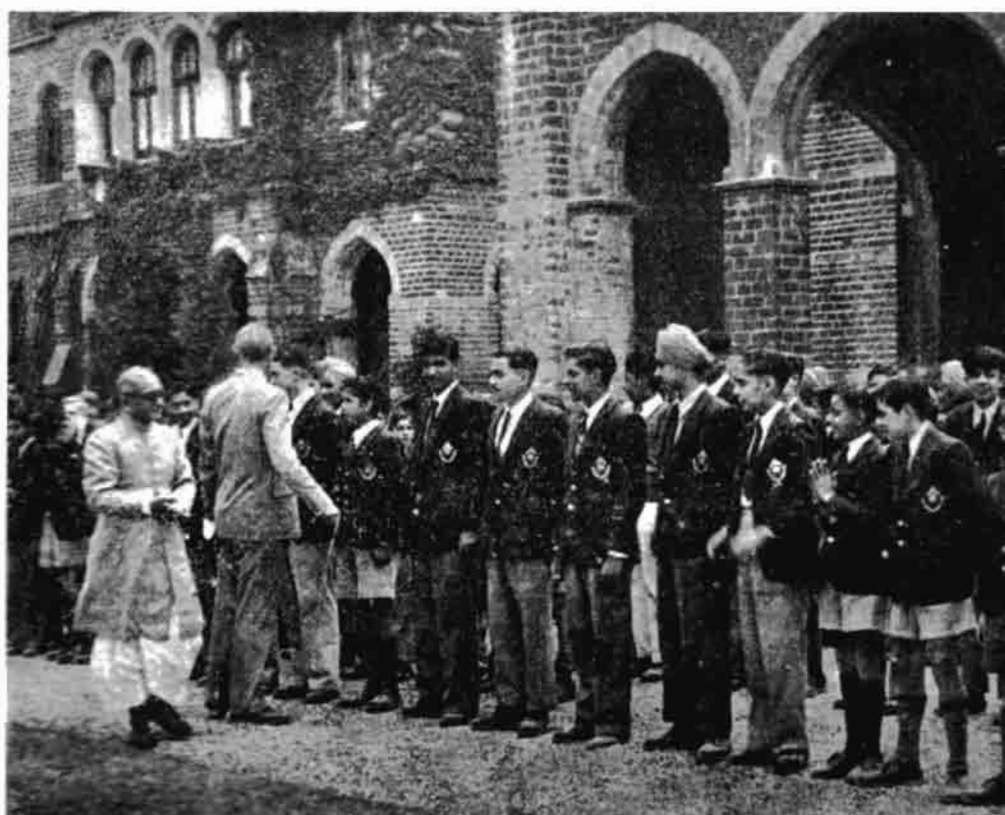
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R. C. L.



POOL AND SQUASH COURTS
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THE GOVERNOR'S ARRIVAL.



HOCKEY XI

Broad Jump: 1. B. Desanges A.D., 2. S. Shome L.J. & D. deSa A.D. Distance 16 ft. 10"
 High Jump: 1. L. Kerr L.J., 2. D. de Sa A.D., 3. G. Bahadur R.H., Height 4'11"
 Hop Step & Jump: 1. S. Shome L.J., 2. B. Desanges A.D., 3. D. deSa A.D., Distance 38'7"
 Putting the Shot: 1 M.P. Ram R.H., 2. N.W. Khan F.T., 3. M. Mercer F.T., Distance 27'6"
 Discus Throw: 1. N.W. Khan F.T., 2. K. Saxen R.H. 3. B. Desanges Distance 73'4.5"
 Javelin Throw: 1. N.W. Khan F.T., 2. M.P. Ram R.H., 3. B.M. Singh A.D

4 × 100 M. Hurdles Relay	1. A.D.,	2. L.J.,	3. F.T.
4 × 100 M. Relay	1. A.D.,	2. L.J.,	3. F.T.
4 × 200 M. Relay	1. A.D.,	2. L.J.,	3. F.T.
4 × 400 M. Relay	1. A.D.,	2. L.J.,	3. F.T.

B Division.

100 metres: 1. S. Naug R.H., 2. I. MacInnis A.D., 3. B. Catchick F.T., Time 13 secs.
 200 metres: 1. I. MacInnis A.D., 2. S. Naug R.H., 3. N. Das R.H. Time 28 secs.
 110 metres Hurdles: 1. S. Naug R.H., 2. K. Gleeson A.D., 3. I. MacInnis A.D. Time 22 secs.
 400 metres: 1. I. MacInnis A.D., 2. Bhupinder Singh, 3. S. Naug R.H. Time 64.2 secs.
 800 metres: 1. I. MacInnis A.D., 2. Bhupinder Singh, 3. S. Thomas Time 2 min. 29.5 secs.
 1500 metres: 1. I. MacInnis A.D., 2. J. Santole F.T., 3. Bhupinder Singh Time 5 min 26.1 secs.
 Broad Jump: 1. B. Catchick F.T., 2. I. MacInnis A.D., 3. R. MacAuliffe Distance 16'
 High Jump: 1. S. Naug R.H. 2. J. Kapila, 3. I. MacInnis Height 4'6".
 Hop-Step & Jump: 1. I. MacInnis A.D., 2. B. Catchick F.T., 3. S. Naug R.H.
 Shot Putt: 1. I. MacInnis A.D., 2. S. Naug R.H., 3. B. Catchick F.T. Distance 25' 7.5"

4 × 100 metres Relay:	1. R.H.,	2. A.D.,	3. F.T.,
4 × 200 metres Relay:	1. R.H.,	2. F.T.,	3. A.D.,
4 × 400 metres Relay:	1. R.H.,	2. A.D.,	3. F.T.,

C Division.

100 metres: 1. P. Mathur R.H. 2. P. Sheane-Smith R.H., 3. J. Jameson F.T. Time 14.1 sec.
 200 metres: 1. P. Mathur R.H., 2. P. Sheane-Smith R.H., 3. P. Whiting R.H. Time 29 9"
 400 metres: 1. P. Mathur R.H., 2. P. Whiting R.H., 3. R. Yadev L.J. Time 1 min. 10 5 secs.
 800 metres: 1. R. Yadev L.J., 2. P. Whiting R.H., 3. Surender Pal Singh
 Time 2 min 44.5 sec.
 Broad Jump: 1. J. Rossiter F.T., 2. J. Jameson F.T., 3. P. Whiting R.H. Distance 13'4"
 High Jump: 1. P. Mathur R.H., 2. J. Jameson F.T., 3. C. Borthwick R.H. Height 4'4"
 Hop-Step & Jump: 1. P. Mathur R.H., 2. J. Rossiter F.T., 3. J. Jameson F.T. Distance 29'6"
 Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1. J. Jameson F.T., 2. E. Hafiz A.D., 3. J. Rossiter F.T.
 Distance 180'8"
 4 × 200 Metres Relay: 1. R.H., 2. L.J., 3. F.T.

D Division

100 metres: 1. D.P. Lancaster A.D., 2. I. Stewart R.H., 3. S. Barnabas F.T., Time 14.5 secs.

200 metres: 1. D.P. Lancaster A.D., 2. I. Stewart R.H., 3. M. Pritchard F.T., Time 31.5 secs.

400 metres: 1. R. Oddy A.D., 2. M. Pritchard F.T., 3. Mohan Singh L.J.,
Time 1 min. 15.2 secs.

Broad Jump: 1. Y. Khan F.T., 2. D.P. Lancaster A.D., 3. I. Stewart R.H. Distance 13 ft.

Throwing the Cricket Ball: 1. K. Yusuf F.T., 2. H.S. Dhillon R.H., 3. Obaid Khan 150'3"

4 × 200 metres Relay: 1. F.T., 2. A.D., 3. R.H.

E Division

100 metres: 1. Harbaz Singh A.D., 2. M. Jauhri A.D., 3. A. Pershad A.D. Time 16 secs.

Broad Jump: 1. Harbaz Singh A.D., 2. L. Daniells R.H., 3. M. Jauhri A.D., Distance 11'5"

4 × 50 metres Relay: 1. L.J. 2. F.T. 3. R.H.

F Division

50 metres: 1. A. Gupta A.D., 2. S. Jaswal R.H., 3. C.S. Gill F.T. Time 9.5 secs.

100 metres: 1. A. Gupta A.D., 2. S. Jaswal R.H., 3. Birendra Singh R.H. Time 17.8 secs.

TEAM EVENTS

1. Allen-a-Dale	...	176	points.
2. Friar Tuck	...	174	"
3. Robin Hood	...	160	"
4. Little John	...	130	"

Consolation Race (Non Finalists) D. Parsons.**Open Medley Relay 1200 metres:** 1. St. Joseph's 'A' 2. Sherwood.
3. St. Joseph's 'B'**The Inglis Cup:** Allen-a-Dale.

Rex Ludorum:	A. Division	S. Shome L.J.
	B. Division	I. MacInnis A.D.
	C. Division	P.C. Mathur R.H.
	D. Division	D.P. Lancaster A.D.

Inter-House Athletic Shield

1. Allen-a-Dale	...	448	points
2. Robin Hood	...	378	"
3. Friar Tuck	...	338	"
4. Little John	...	241	"

R. Bentinck.



Mrs. Jameson
presents
the trophies

SPORTS DAY

March past



Mr. Jameson who presided
congratulates
House Captain on
March Past



Waiting to buy



Tuck Shop



Supplies



Mrs. Fordham who is retiring
after twenty one years' service
as senior matron in
Horsmanwng



Observations

House Marathon Runs

The prolonged monsoons and the rapidity with which our functions were run off this year, did not give the boys a sporting chance of practising for the House Marathon Runs, scheduled to be held on the morning of 20th September. At 9.20 a.m., time-keepers and starters assembled in the Staff room to synchronise watches and by 9.30 Sherwood was deserted, the officials, competitors, and spectators having taken themselves to their respective stations on Ayarpatta Hill.

The House Marathon Cup seems to have become the monopoly of Allen-a-Dale. They won it in a convincing manner both in 1952 and '53, and this year few doubted their ability to retain it. As things turned out, their superiority was not seriously challenged, and the event was reduced to a competition between the three remaining Houses for second place.

Little John took the lead at the start, earning 30 points in the F Division. Allen-a-Dale were close on their heels, however, with 29 points. Robin Hood started with 18 points, but that was a fortune when compared with Friar Tuck's 1. However, events were to prove that this was no indication of the final rankings. Allen-a-Dale jumped into a convincing lead, claiming 54 points in the E Division against 17, 1, and 6 earned by Robin Hood, Little John, and Friar Tuck respectively. By the time the D Division run was over A D. were fully 66 points ahead of Little John, who

were coming second with only 48 points to their credit. Friar Tuck had pinned their hopes on their B division runners, and their confidence was not misplaced. Earning 43 points, they jumped into second place, 20 points ahead of Robin Hood who were now coming third with a score of 56. Robin Hood bettered their lead over Little John by pulling in 32 points in the C Division. Friar Tuck still held second place with 92 points in their bag, while Allen-a-Dale were racing ahead with a score of 134.

And now every neck was craned to see who was leading in the A Division. There was room for speculation. T. Zutshie had held his own in his division for the past two years. How was he going to fare this year with Birender Singh in the same division, for Singh's performances too in the past year had shown him to be a promising "horse"? Little John were overjoyed to see Zutshie come in well ahead of the others. Their joy soon gave way to surprise when B.M. Singh was seen coming in second. But Birender Singh was not to be beaten out of this also. He was running strongly and found little difficulty in catching up with the exhausted B. M. Singh and beating him at the finishing post. Together they augmented the already large total of Allen-a-Dale, bringing it to 168. Friar Tuck took second place with 105 points. Little John bagged 22 points in the A Division, thereby running into third place, one point ahead of Robin Hood.

Results

F. Division	E. Division	D. Division	C. Division	B. Division	A. Division
1' 54"	2' 32.6"	2' 23.9"	4' 34.9"	6' 38.7"	10' 58.9"
A. Gupta	L. Daniels	R. Oddy	B. Yadav	I. MacInnis	T. Zutshie
Y. Singh	A. Treohan	M. Singh	P. Whiting	J. Shitole	Bir. Singh
R. Doshi	A. Pershad	D. Percy-Lancaster	P. Mathur	S. Thomas	B. M. Singh

1. Allen-a-Dale	...	168 points
2. Friar Tuck	...	105 points
3. Little John	...	98 points
4. Robin Hood	...	97 points

R. Goss.

CRICKET

Enthusiasm for cricket remains unabated in the College judging from the cries of 'Howzat' and the resultant 'no, No, No' resounding on the playing fields.

Even though regular practice could only be carried out on a few days the results were very encouraging and the boys profited to a large extent. They showed considerable improvement in bowling and fielding and in the proper placing of the field.

Sundays and Holidays were utilised for matches against local teams or among the boys themselves.

The House matches were run this year on the knock out system. Some very good cricket was seen there, the fielding being very good. Robin Hood 'A' in the match for deciding 3rd and 4th place hit up 257 for 7 which is a record in House Matches—

Seniors	Juniors
1. Friar Tuck	Little John
2. Allen-a-Dale	Allen-a-Dale.
3. Robin Hood	Robin Hood
4. Little John	Friar Tuck

The Annual Colts and Seniors fixtures against St. Joseph's were played as usual. In the Colts match, played at St. Joseph's, Sherwood won an easy victory defeating their opponents by 104 to 58. Under the able captaincy of Jameson they played well and their fielding and bowling were accurate. Sherwood who batted first started shakily and lost 6 wickets for 47 runs. However, P. Whiting who came in at this stage, played breezy cricket, to score 33 runs off his own bat. The tail also wagged to good purpose so that when the last wicket fell the board showed 104. Hafiz, Bal, and Jameson bowled with great accuracy and will, and with the support of the rest of the team were able to get the St. Joseph's Colts out for a total of 58.

Sherwood—104 (P.C. Mathur 12, Jameson 16, K. McMahon 10, P. Whiting 33.)

St. Joseph's—58 (G. R. Singh 13, J. Wates 12; Jameson 5 for 13, E. Hafiz 3, for 34, K.P.S. Bal 2 for 5.)

The Senior match started on a discouraging

note for St. Joseph's. They lost their first wicket when the score board was showing only 3 runs; their second at 17 and their third at 20. Bergman and Kelly were together now and the partnership realised 36 before Kelly was run out. Sherwood gave a brilliant demonstration of tight, accurate fielding as a result of which six St. Joseph's batsmen were run out. Of these, J. Kapila was responsible for four and his snappy fielding and accurate throw-in deserve special mention. St. Joseph's batsmen batted well and carefully, but the splendid fielding on the part of Sherwood denied them a larger total. They were all out for 143 runs.

Sherwood started very slowly, yet appeared to have the match in their pocket when the board showed 60 for the loss of only two wickets. Of these, 46 were realised in a hectic partnership between B. M. Singh (in spite of a damaged hand) and Shome. The turning point, however, came when both wickets fell at 60; B.M. Singh L.B.W. and Shome clean bowled by Bergman. Nagle, the next man in settled down, and Sherwoodians took fresh hope as the remaining runs seemed well within his reach. He hit six consecutive boundaries, all clean, well placed square cuts-off one over, off Mazumdar. He was hitting all round the wickets giving a display of good stroke play, which was a pleasure to watch. The remaining batsmen could only give him poor support, however, and were able to add only 6 runs to the total. Nagle went on to score 40 and still had his wicket intact when the tenth wicket fell at 111 leaving the St. Joseph's winners by 22 runs.

St. Joseph's—143 (R. Bergman 51, Mazumdar 14, A.K. Arora 14, B. Patel 16; S. Shome 4 wickets for 36 runs).

Sherwood—111 (Nagle 40 not out, B.M. Singh 24, and S. Shome 22; Bergman 3 for 11, Mazumdar 2 for 22 and Kelly 2 for 22).

We had a good season and we can look back on the performances of both seniors and juniors with pride and satisfaction. There is some very promising material coming up which can be trained and moulded into good cricketers for the next year.

T. J. K.

CHESS

The House Chess began on Friday, the 20th August, the teams consisting of the ten best players available from each House. On paper the Little John team appeared to be by far the strongest, but with Chess you never can tell, and Allen-a-Dale eventually won the tournament with a total of five points. The favourites were a close second with four points; Friar Tuck came third with three, while poor Robin Hood scored no points at all.

The Culley Chess Tournament has been an interesting one this year. About sixty-seven boys took part and the tournament lasted the greater part of the year. The early rounds were played on the league system, there being four or five players in each set, and the winners of these sets later met in a knock-out competition. The progress of these players will be seen from the following table:—

A. Borthwick	{	A. Borthwick	{	D. Bahadur	{	Bahadur
H. Farmer						
D. Bahadur	{	D. Bahadur	{			
S. Chandraseker						
A. Quamarain	{	A. Quamarain	{	A. Quamarain		
D.P. Lancaster						
Sukdev Singh	{	Sukdev Singh	{			
Baldev Singh						
R. Palsokar	{	B.M. Singh	{	B.M. Singh		
B.M. Singh						
A.K. Mehra	{	A.K. Mehra	{			
R. Patel						
A. Mullick	{	A. Mullick	{	P. Mitter		
T. Oddy						
N.W. Khan	{	P. Mitter	{			
P. Mitter						

Here is the fifth game in the final between D. Bahadur and P. Mitter:

White
D. Bahadur

1. P — K4
2. N — KB3
3. P — Q3
4. N — N5
5. P — KR4
6. Q — B3

Black

- P. Mitter
- P — K3
 - P — KN3
 - B — N2
 - B — R3
 - P — N3
 - P — KB3

7. P — K5
8. P × P
9. N — Q2
10. QN — K4
11. Q — N4
12. Q — K2
13. B × N
14. N × RP
15. N(R) — B6 ch.
16. R × R

- N — B3
- N × P
- R — B1
- N — KR4
- N — K4
- N — KB3
- R × B
- R × RP
- K — B1
- B — KN2

The position now is:

2EK3R; 1PPQ1PPP; 4P3; R2N4; 3N4; 1pNp2p1;
1b2pplp; 2k1qblr.

17. P — KN3	B × N
18. N × B	Q × N
19. R — KB4	Q × R
20. P × Q	N — B2
21. Q — K4	R — N1

22. Q × NP	B — N2
23. B — N2	B × B
24. Q × B	R — K1
25. K — K2	P — K4
26. R — KN1	P × P d. ch.
27. K — Q2	K — K2
28. R — K1 ch.	K — Q1
29. Q — R8 mate	

D. B. & P. M.

Senior Debating Society

This year an unusual amount of interest has been taken in the Debating Society, and perhaps that is why many of the year's debates have been so outstandingly good. We have, furthermore, been most fortunate in possessing as our Chairman for the majority of the meetings, the Rev. G. B. Elliot, whose considerable experience has always been placed at the disposal of the members of the Society.

The first meeting, was, as is customary, devoted to the choice of the officials for the year, and those who were chosen went out determined to execute their responsibilities creditably. The boys chosen for their respective posts were as follows:

Secretary: Mr. B. M. Singh.
Asst. Secy.: Mr. A. Borthwick.

Allen-a-Dale	}	Allen-a-Dale	}	Allen-a-Dale
Little John				
Robin Hood	}	Robin Hood		
Friar Tuck				

Speakers in the debates should learn to attack the subjects rather than their opponents. Secondly they should learn to speak from points, and not by learning speeches they have already written out. D. deSa a promising speaker would do much better, if he used simpler language. L. Kerr has the power of oratory and should use it to his advantage. Messrs Borthwick, Dogra, Mercer and T. Bahadur speak well but should do so more forcefully. There are also other members of

Marshals: M/s. M. Mercer, K. Saxen, J. Davies, and K. Dogra.

This year the Preliminary meetings were all held in our spacious Milman Hall, attendance being optional. It was pleasant to see the majority of boys attending these meetings, and the keen interest they showed by getting up and speaking whenever the debate was thrown open to the house. In all these meetings the standard of the debates was good.

This year the House Debates were held on the knock-out system. Allen-a-Dale proved to be the superior team and came out top. Little John gave Allen-a-Dale good opposition, and would have done much better, if in the draw they had been placed in the opposing half. Robin Hood and Friar Tuck teams did creditably. The draw was as follows:

the house, who speak creditably.

On the whole the standard of the debates has been good, but invariably the summary needs polishing. This is perhaps the most important part of the debate, and next year I hope, with a little coaching from Mr. Elliot, more boys will be able to summarize well.

B. M. Singh.
(Secretary.)

The Junior Reading and Debating Society

At the Annual General Meeting, the following were elected to office: Hon. Secy. Mr. P. Sen Gupta, Assistant Secy. Mr. T.C. Newell. Marshalls: M/s D. Parsons, Kevin McMahon, S. Zutshie, and Birendra Singh. The above formed the Committee. Mr. Pratt, in resigning from the Chairmanship, said that having taken charge of the School Hockey he would not have time to devote attention to the Society. The Rev. G.B. Elliot took his place as Chairman.

The debates were as follows: "That life in a day school is better than life in a boarding school". (lost 31 to 66); "That comics should be abolished", (lost 27 to 67), "that School uniform should be abolished" (lost 29 to 38). These were all open debates.

The Inter-House debates were: "That servants in schools should be abolished" (proposed by Allen-a-Dale, opposed by Little John. Debate won by Allen-a-Dale); "That war before the invention of gun-powder was fairer and more merciful than after" (proposed by Robin Hood, opposed by Friar

Tuck. Won by Robin Hood.); "That the coming of the British was not beneficial to India" (Proposed by Allen-a-Dale, opposed by Robin Hood. Won by Robin Hood) Robin Hood was therefore first, Allen-a-Dale second, Friar Tuck and Little John bracketed third.

In all there were 83 speeches made during the Session, the most frequent of the 32 speakers being: S. Zutshie, M. Ahmed and S. Kapur (6); T.C. Newell, Kevin McMahon, H. Bohnert, Birendra Singh, D. Parsons (4); P. Sen-Gupta, N. Sen, A. Said, M. Vasdev, Rohit Patel (3).

The best debates were the open ones, which proved to be more within the scope of members. Throughout the year there was a keen spirit, and the standard of speeches was quite high. But two-thirds of the members made no attempt to speak.

T.C. Newell,
Asst. Secy.

The Naini Benji League

"CLUB NOTE BOOK"

Chief Officials :-

S. V. Raman Captain.
I. Cohen Secretary.
M. Joseph Cashier.

Founders :- S. V. Raman and I. Cohen.

Summary

This Club was started at the request of the boys and as far as possible is conducted by boys.

We tried to start one last year, but unfortunately we were unsuccessful. But we did not lose our hope this year and we tried to start

one, and we were successful. Our College Principal was kind enough to help us by giving a room and some furniture. I thank him for the same.

The Club had its opening ceremony on the 8th May 1954. We had only seven members. But by the end of May we had about 25 members.

A meeting was held on the 8th May, and the rules and regulations were read out. On the same day we had a tea party in our School dining hall. We started our Club with a Capital of Rs. 23/-.

On the 9th May, there was an election. S. V. Raman was chosen Captain, I. Cohen as Secretary, M. Joseph as Cashier.

A meeting took place and it was decided that some good magazines should be introduced into the Club. It was also decided that members should pay Rs. 1/8/- per month as subscription.

We had our membership cards printed and each member received one.

We also introduced some indoor games. Every member liked them.

The Club has two great objects.

- (1) To make a boy's life brighter and happier.
- (2) To encourage boys in their hobbies.

As this is the first year we are running a Club, we are not yet experts at it. But we intend becoming so next year.

We intend enlarging our Club by introducing "Meccano-Sets" and "Fret-Work Sets".

At first we were the only Club, but now we have about 10 branches under us. (2 in foreign countries). In the middle of the year (after the half yearly examinations) about 15 members joined us.

We used to hold weekly competitions. We are sorry to say that we were only able to give small prizes. Next year we shall try and raise the standard of our Club.

As the final examinations were knocking at the door, we closed down our Club on the 1st November. Our Club will reopen on the 1st of April next year.

I once again thank all those who helped our Club.

S. V. Raman
Captain.

FOUNDER'S PLAY

On May 31st. "Tobias and the Angel", by J. M. Bridie was produced by the Rev. Theodore Tewari, with a cast of boys drawn from the Senior School. The plot of the play comes from a charming old tale in the Apocrypha, and is dramatised with delicacy and humour. Some of Tobit's rambling speeches were cut to speed up the action of the play. Tobit, a blind, devout old Jew, his wife Anna, his son Tobias, and the dog Toby were living in poverty as refugees in Nineveh. Their only rich relation, Achiacharus, the King's accountant takes scant notice of them, but when, just before a Feast-day, a present of quails and pomegranates arrives, Tobit presumes that the messenger is Achiacharus' servant. Toby, the dog, is not so sure, and the timid Tobias is most apprehensive. Anna burns some old bills, remaining from their more prosperous days, and finds a bond for the loan of ten talents to Gabael, who is now a prosperous scent merchant in Rages. Anna realises that if this ten talents can be recovered

their troubles will be over, and immediately sets about organizing Tobias for the long journey across the desert. The mysterious messenger, who says his name is Azarias, offers to act as escort and guide.

After adventures in the desert with a devil fish, and a terrifying bandit, they reach the house of Raguel, a wealthy Jew, whose unfortunate daughter, Sara, has been widowed seven times. Local gossip says that Asmodey, a demon, is jealous and strangles each husband on her wedding night. Skillfully promoted by Azarias, Tobias sees Sara playing ball in the garden, is swept off his feet by her beauty and asks Raguel's permission to marry her. Then, of course, he panics when he realises the horrible death in store for him. Azarias refuses to sympathise, but gives him a smoke charm made from the devil-fish's liver. He goes off whistling merrily. Then, after the marriage ceremony, the stage darkens, wind howls, and Asmodey appears! A spot light reveals the

majestic figure of Azarias, now in full winged glory revealed as the archangel Raphael. Asmoday realises he is beaten, and coughing and spluttering in the smoke, he flees, pursued by Raphael.

Tobias now sets off home with his bride, the dowry and the ten talents, plus interest. Sara, like many new brides, finds that the glamour of a real live husband soon wears off, but being a sensible girl she settles down to making a good job of her marriage. As they approach home, Tobias and Azarias go forward and see Anna in despair, imagining horrible deaths for her son, and Tobit trying to comfort her. Raphael tells Tobias how to cure his father's blindness with the fish's gall, and the play ends happily and then with triumphant awe as the Archangel reveals himself to them all.

This was a full length play, in three acts, and the major characters had very long parts. Special mention must be made of Tobias (Brian Catchick) who lived in his part with obvious enjoyment throughout the play. Leon Kerr had a more difficult part to play as the Archangel. Often he was the silent observer, with little relief of movement. The secret of a part like this is absolute concentration, even during rehearsals, whether one is expecting a cue or not. Dignity is not natural to most of us; it has to be practised, especially on the stage. Kerr rose to the occasion well, but was at his best when he was controlling and organizing the situation.

Perhaps the most difficult part to cast was that of Sara. It is never easy to find boys who can act women's parts well. By the time they have sufficient experience their legs are too long or their voices too low. Vipin Maira persevered with his part as Sara and successfully hid the fact that he loathed it. The excitement of the final night swept him along

into a really human interpretation. Sara's handmaids, some of Standard VI selected for their youthful charm, had a wonderful time in glamorous skirts, licking off their lipstick and getting their wigs awry, but in spite of a very squeaky game of ball in the garden, they managed their parts very well.

Raguel (Andrew Borthwick) was well portrayed as the fussy but business like father of Sara. Experienced in arranging marriages for his daughter, he completes the proceedings by digging a grave for his son-in-law before he goes to bed. Borthwick's voice is inclined to be monotonous on the stage, but the part of a rich merchant seems to suit him. His silent but impressive slave (Pratap Ram) added the necessary touch of opulence and made the contrast between his home and Tobit's hovel at Nineveh.

Old Tobit was taken at very short notice by Ranjit Mathur, and although many of his speeches were entirely apocryphal and his cues an exercise in agility for the prompter, he captured the spirit of the part magnificently, and his old wife Anna (Dereck de Sa) was an excellent foil with her caustic comments on his generosity.

The lighter relief in the play was provided by the fearsome brigand (Athar Zamir) and Asmoday (Birendra Singh) whose wild howls rang out against the storm music from Beethoven's "Pastoral" symphony."

This, then, was the school play for 1954, very different from recent plays, but well worth all the hard work which was put into it. The audience played its part in appreciation, which is a tremendous help; drama must have support from an audience if it is to be alive. The judges awarded the Kendal Cup for dramatics to Brian Catchick for an excellent performance in the title role.

THE CHAPEL BELL

Digest of a sermon preached in Sherwood College Chapel by Rev. M. Storrs Fox on 21st March at the Dedication of a bell in Memory of Major and Mrs. H. J. Fordham.

"Their ear heard the glory of His voice" (Ecclesiasticus 17. 13).

People often hear the glory of God's voice, and hardly recognise what it is they hear. For hundreds of years bells have rung out God's call to human beings. We hear them, we may love them, and perhaps we may come to understand what it is they have to say to us.

As a boy I lived in the ancient city of York. I used to listen to the vast bell, "Big Peter", booming the hour of twelve from the tower of York Minster. To a small boy's mind it meant that lunch time was getting near. A few years later, perhaps, as the minster bells rang to Evensong and I stopped my playing in the park to go home to tea, a rather deeper sense of well-being came dimly to my mind: "God's in His heaven, all's right with the world". Later still there came the recognition of the call of the bells to me to Prayer and Worship; but not till after I had grown up.

Bells have been used to speak to peoples' minds in all manner of ways, some of them not obviously religious at all. The Curfew bell was started in England by the harsh king William I to warn people to "cover the fire" and so avoid unnecessary risk to life and property. Church bells were used to warn the country of the approach of an enemy, or of the danger of flood. They call to rejoicing at times of Victory or Coronations, or when the New Year is rung in. They re-echo human happiness at weddings; they toll to prayer at the passing of a soul. The bells' chiming of the hours remind men of the words of the psalmist, "My times are in Thy hand". Men and women pause in work to pray as the bell rings the Angelus.

Actually God has something to say to us at every time and happening of our life—if we will hear. And those who learn what worship really is know that they are never far from God, "Their ears hear the glory of His voice" in every circumstance of life.

A church bell is meant to speak to you; God's voice is intended to be in its note. This is made clear by the motto that many bells carry stamped in their metal. Think of "Great Paul"; like "Big Peter" of York he is fixed, and has to be struck by a huge hammer, not swung. His weight would swing the belfry down. He weighs more than 200 men. His note is E Flat. On his side is the Latin text, "Wae mihi is non evangelisavero" ("Woe to me if I shall not have preached the Gospel"), a text taken from his Patron, Saint Paul (I Cor. 9: 16).

Yes, bells are cast, and hung, and swung to speak to us; and we should train ourselves to hear the glory of God's voice in them, and to give quick and glad obedience. And those who are so trained to worship, and so to bring God into the common things of life, become themselves like bells, "ambassadors for Christ", God's voice speaking clearly through their lives; so that other people, whether they recognise it or not, hear the glory of God's voice in a life of love and service.

Such a life is commemorated to-day in this bell that is hung here, a life remembered in service to the sick, in its quiet quality of friendship, a life still fragrant in the loyalty of sons and family, a life that will now go on ringing through this bell to each generation of Sherwood boys with its call to God's discipline and splendid service.

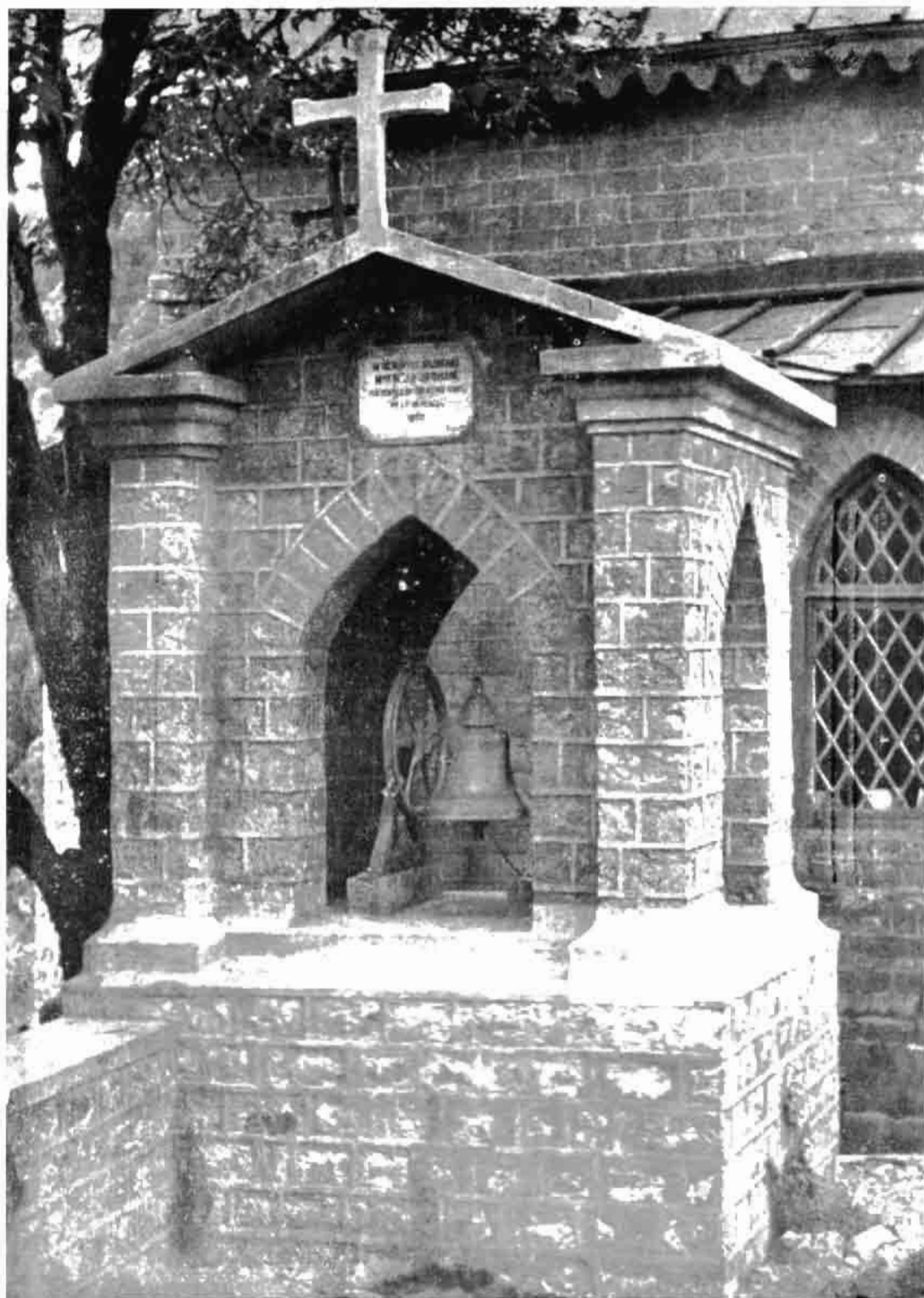
REQUIESCAT IN PACE



Dr. I.L. Gangola, 1890-1954.

We deeply regret the death of Dr. Gangola on November 2nd. Dr. Gangola had served the School as doctor over the past five years, and Naini Tal and District for more than thirty years. The large crowds assembled for his funeral were a witness to the affection and respect in which he was so widely held. He was not only a good doctor, noted especially for his accuracy in diagnosis, but he was an understanding friend to his patients, and no trouble seemed too great for him. Everywhere he had a reputation for courtesy and kindness. Children quickly responded to him, and the poor found him an ever ready helper.

Dr. Gangola had been ill with heart trouble since June. After several months in the Ramsay Hospital, followed by convalescence at his house he travelled down to the warmer climate of Bareilly intending to spend the winter there. The journey appears to have been too much for him, for he shortly suffered another attack and died within two days. By his death the School has lost a good friend and an able and devoted doctor. We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow and family. May his soul rest in peace!



The Chapel Bell presented by Mr. W. and Mr. M. Fordham
in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Fordham.

HOUSE NOTES

Allen-a-Dale

"Never Give In", is a fine motto you will agree, and one which, I am proud to claim, we have lived up to in all our efforts this year. Arjun Singh, our House Captain last year, predicted that, "If this spirit continues, as I know it will, I can see that our House will be Cock again". He has prophesied correctly. The spirit did continue and we are Cock again this year.

This year's House competitions began with Hockey. There was keen competition in the "A" and "B" divisions and we came first on goal average. In the "C" division we came last. Thus, on the whole, we came second to Little John.

We fared rather well in the House Chess. For this A. Borthwick deserves special credit for his fine performance all through the competition. On winning this minor event, we had made our first step towards Cock House.

I regret to state that we were last in both Boxing and Football. However, G. Vance deserves mention for his splendid display of what, in school-boy parlance, is popularly known as "guts" in the Ring.

In Cricket we did moderately well and tied with two other Houses for first place. G. Goel and M. Nagle are worthy of praise for their fine performance in the House matches.

We had now planted our feet firmly and

this gave further spirit to our boys. Then the House P.T., Debates, and Athletic trophies came our way. D. deSa showed great promise of one day becoming The Speaker in the Lok Sabha, with his overwhelming rhetoric in the House Debates. In the field events B. Desanges, Birendra Singh, I MacInnis and D. Percy-Lancaster gave our House invaluable support.

The three best Tennis players of the School belong to our House, hence the event came to us fairly easily and strengthened our position considerably. As this goes to press, we are leading for the House Efficiency trophy; and that we will emerge Cock House is now inevitable.

Mr. Torrick, our House Master, has shown keen interest in every sphere; patiently and encouragingly he watched our every endeavour. Thank you, Sir, for the advice you gave us and the way in which you always saw that we went full-steam-ahead right to the very end.

I come to the end of my notes strangely proud of being one of this fine family of boys. It is the correct spirit of sportsmanship that helped us to win this year and I feel certain that it will see Allen-a-Dale through to the top every time in the years to come.

B. M. Singh,
House Captain.

Friar Tuck

It was undoubtedly a great pleasure for me to lead Friar Tuck in 1954. However it was not so cheerful to think that we were to do without two invaluable members of the House, B.M. Singh and Andrew Borthwick, who went over to Allen-A-Dale, the Cock

House of the year, taking our good luck with them.

The result of my leadership is of little importance to discuss, but I hope I have proved myself worthy of my position.

We began well and were even considered the most likely contenders for Cook, but just when the keenness of the House seemed to have grown, there were no Inter-House activities, as we were engaged in practice for the Inter-School Hockey fixtures. The first event, Hockey, placed us third. Here we were extremely unfortunate in not placing higher, as we had one of the strongest teams.

The House Football might easily have placed us first but for the disappointing show put up by our Seniors. This event brought us one trophy, thanks to the effort of our 'B' team.

The House Boxing saw three of the four trophies come our way, but luck was against us and we lost the first place by the narrowest margin ever. I wish to thank Kevin McMahon for his splendid performance and contribution to our somewhat empty cupboard.

The Athletics came next, and from our grand beginning it seemed as though we would easily stand first. But we were unable to keep it up and again we eventually came third.

In Cricket we fared better, but for the

failure of the Juniors. Our Seniors proved too superior for the other houses and we annexed another trophy. The credit goes to J. Jameson for his splendid performance with bat and ball. In the final ranking we shared first place with Little John and Allen-a-Dale.

Yet another third place welcomed us in the House Tennis, and this was no doubt, due to determined effort by our comparatively weak team.

Friar Tuck has the distinction of being the first House to win the Kendall Cup for dramatics, which was awarded to B. Catchick.

I now wish to close with more than a word of thanks to our disappointed, but high spirited, House Master, Mr. Goss, who has always kept up the spirit of Friar Tuck. I hope he will not have to wait long to see Friar Tuck at the top.

I wish you all a Happy New Year,
"Best of Luck Friar Tuck."

Malcolm Mercer,
(House Captain)

Robin Hood

When I first came to Sherwood in 1947 I was admitted into Robin Hood, but it never occurred to me at that time, that I might one day be its 'skipper'. It was a great honour conferred upon me, and I have tried my best to be worthy of my position.

We were sorry to lose Mr. Waller who had been our house master since 1947, and who took a great deal of interest in the house. We were fortunate to get Mr. Kuriyan who was equally keen and interested in the welfare of the house, in fact it may be said that Mr. Waller and Mr. Kuriyan all but played in our teams. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both, as well as Gopal Bahadur, my vice and other seniors who helped me in my task.

We did not start the year very well as we lost both the hockey and the cricket-trophies, but this loss did not depress the house as everyone took the defeat in the right spirit. I would especially like to congratulate M. Ram and K. Dogra on their excellent playing in the cricket, and Gopal Bahadur on his excellent game of hockey.

In the debates our juniors need special mention for coming first by their brilliant speaking. On the competition as a whole we came second in the debates. In the Study Cup we came last, but were rewarded by coming first in the Sharma Trophy which we won by a large margin.

The house football concluded by our winning the trophy. Here again I would

congratulate M. Ram and Gopal Babadur on their excellent play. This helped us a great deal in our final position.

We had long awaited the house boxing as we were determined to show the other houses that Robin Hood was still master of Sherwood Forest. As if by some propelling force, we shot ahead and won the much coveted boxing trophy.

However, we were more unfortunate in the chess and house P.T. In the chess we came last, and third in the efficiency. Anyway everyone tried hard in these events.

On the whole, I think the house did very well considering our weakness compared to

the other houses. They took hard knocks but they showed that they would not give in, and took the defeats in the right spirit. It is this spirit that is going to help you to find your task much easier thus proving to be a valuable asset in future years.

If you remember the house motto "Set Fortuna Domus"—Let the fortune [of the house stand, you will always find your task much easier when you have to do anything for the house. Let Robin Hood stand 'cock' next year. Good luck! for the future.

K. Saxen.
(House Captain)

Little John

This year competition between the various Houses has been exceptionally keen and, though Little John did not attain the coveted position of "Cock", it is satisfying to know that the cumulative result of our efforts found us occupying second place in 1954. We had a close run with Robin Hood, to whom we must say "Thank you" for keeping us on our toes to the very end.

We started the year rather promisingly by winning at hockey. In this the Juniors had a great say, and I must thank them for bringing the trophy to our House cupboard.

This initial success was followed by two second places in football and P.T. respectively. All the boys very willingly spent a lot of their spare time at P.T. practice, and I know that their co-operation made my work as leader ever so much more tolerable on the final day. I wish to congratulate the House for the fine show it put up.

September saw us hard at practice in the ring as we wanted to prove that Little John was still the toughest member in Sherwood Forest but, in spite of our heroic efforts, we were unable to emulate our performance of last year

and come first again. It was after we came third in this activity that we realised Dame Fortune was not too favourably disposed towards us, and our House Master called a meeting to rally us to greater efforts before it was too late. In Debates, too, we came third, so all of us took stock of our position and settled down to more hard work.

In Chess, which was the next activity, we came second but the first position could easily have been ours had one of our players not absented himself from a critical match in the closing stages of the tournament. To D. P. Bahadur and P. Mitter our thanks are especially due for bringing the Culley Trophy our way.

Last year we won the Athletics but the departure of so many of our senior boys proved a great handicap during Sports this year, though we did succeed in winning our first blue shield. We felt keenly the loss of Sohan Singh, one of our promising athletes, who could not participate in a single event on account of an operation for appendicitis. In the Senior Division, S. Shome made amends, and was declared the best athlete of the year.

In nothing did the weakness of the senior boys show more than in cricket. They lost all their matches but the younger boys rose to the occasion and won the Junior Cup. Actually our small boys have done very well, and it is their helpful contribution that has done so much to lift the House out of the rut. For a few years yet, they are going to be a source of strength to Little John.

This year our greatest success has been in winning the Study Cup. After about twenty years we have managed to collect plenty of grey matter, and we beat the second House by a clear margin of fifty points. Those who displayed scholarship worthy of special mention are S. Bahadur, S. Ramani, B. Ramani, R. Yadav, V. Sharma, and K. Sher Gill. Here I must not forget to record the success L. Kerr registered in the Senior Elocution, and to congratulate him for winning this competition.

Our last victory was by no means the least. The Efficiency Cup which we retained was a trophy calling for sustained effort at general smartness right through the year, and all of us have been rightly pleased with our success in

this, the most gruelling of all competitions.

This note would never be complete without my expressing the thanks of all in Little John to our House Master, Mr. Pratt, who has advised, guided, supported, and all but played for us in our several encounters. His vocal chords have functioned in our every endeavour, and it is this keen interest of his that has kept us going to the very end.

I have enjoyed being skipper of the House but what we have been able to achieve is the result of all our efforts as a whole, the effort of each boy, big and small. For a short while next year I shall be back to see how you all fare, but I will be an observer and no more your leader, so keep the interest of your House at heart, for I must say farewell to you now.

May God bless, sustain, and inspire you in all you do for Little John, and may you have a rich crop of well-merited success in 1955.

Tara Bahadur,
(House Captain.)

CHOIR PICNIC

This year, we (the choir) and a few servers who were to go to Bhimtal for our Annual Picnic on November 5th were extremely pleased, as hardly any of us had ever seen Bhimtal before.

After attending the Holy Communion at 6.30 we went in for breakfast. Having completed a snack we went off to the Bus Terminus, where there was quite a scramble for seats in the bus. Here we learnt that Mr. Cearnas was coming with us, instead of Mr. Fordham who generally goes to the Choir Picnic.

On the outward journey, the Trebles firmly ensconced in one bus, began singing. They scared all the pedestrians and traffic for miles, and so we had a clean road almost right through. The only exception was an ambu-

lance, attracted possibly by the shrieks of our young sopranos. The bus journey was otherwise, uneventful.

On arrival at Bhimtal, as there was still about three hours for lunch, Mr. Thompson felt that we should go to Naukuchia Tal, about 2½ miles away. The walk to Naukuchia was hot, dusty, and tiring, but we were quite cheered when Mr. Thompson called us and showed us Kathgodam through his binoculars. We could see a train puffing into Kathgodam and some of us were very happy, while two of the S.C. were homesick.

At Naukuchia Tal we all took turns in getting into a decrepit boat minus oars. To guide this disreputable old article was a problem to test any sailor, especially when one had to keep baling out water; but thanks to

"Pussy's" fine example we soon had the old tub moving. A miracle occurred! We were allowed to swim in Naukuchia Tal. Some people, however, had wandered back to Bhim Tal possibly attracted by limes and other such produce of the hillside. When they heard about the swimming at Naukuchia, they were thoroughly fed up. However, an excellent lunch soon put matters right.

After lunch some hopes were entertained that we would be allowed to swim in Bhimtal. Some people, however, wasted no time and went off to the island in the middle of the Lake. Mr. Thompson took some trebles for a walk, whilst Philip and Tinker went back to Naukuchia Tal. Poor blighters! They could have saved themselves the walk. We were allowed to bathe in Bhim Tal.

A few seconds after permission was given, a score, at least, of trebles and altos with one bass, were in the water, while Davies and Kerr, our budding sailors patrolled the lake in a boat, hoping to rescue some drowning singer, and to obtain their George Crosses. However, in fairness to all, I must say that if left to me I would not have risked leaving my life in their hands even to the extent of sitting in the boat with them.

After having had our swim we were called out of the water while Kerr and Davies amused

themselves boating on the lake, the boatman waiting on the shore anxiously clasping his hands.

Back to the Rest House we went, in eager anticipation of the tea. Philip and Tinker who had returned to Naukuchia Tal very nearly missed their tea, for their walk back took longer than they expected.

The tea was good, indeed above all our expectations, including mine, and the jalebis were nice, juicy and big.

Soon after tea, after we had taken a last longing look at the limes, we got into the bus and were ready to go back to Naini Tal. The journey back was quite cheerful, the more mature Bases and Tenors sung popular songs, while the more childish Trebles occupied their time greeting pedestrians with the skins of limes.

We arrived at the Terminus quite quietly and bundled out into the cold, for it was getting late. We began the climb up to school quite happily, however, and on arriving all of us exclaimed that we had enjoyed ourselves immensely.

D. de Sa.

THE APPEAL FUND

The net amount collected by the Appeal Fund on November 15th, 1954 was Rs. 31,459/- which is expected to grow about Rs. 33,000/- by the end of the year. We are very grateful to our parents for their continued support. The importance of this fund will be clear to all who read my remarks on the subject in the Speech Day report on page 5 of this issue. We ask you please to do your best to continue contributing month by month.

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(Prizes for 1954 to be presented on Founder's Day 1955)

Elocution : L. Kerr; M. Sullivan; V. Anand; J. Foley.

Hindi Penmanship : P. Narain; R. Srivastava.

Hindi Essay : R. Rohatgi.

General Knowledge : D. de Sa; T. Newell.

Essay : A. Quamarain; T. Newell.

K. G. English S. Jaswal
Art Z. Khan
Arithmetic Amarjit Singh

STD. I. Divinity L. Daniells
English J. Foley
Art L. Daniells
Arithmetic R. Obehrat
Nature Study K. Bakshi

STD. IIA. Divinity P. G. Stuart
English P. G. Stuart
Art T. Lancaster &
Arithmetic J. Whitaker
Nature Study A. Bhatia
A. Prasad

STD. IIB. Divinity J. Stevens
English V. Vashista
Art G. Preece
Arithmetic G. U. IanKh
Nature Study V. Vashista

STD. IIIA. Divinity R. S. Dhillon
English D. McIntyre
Art I. Stewart
Arithmetic M. H. I. Khan
Hindi S. P. Negi

STD. IIIB. Divinity V. Anand
English P. Summers
Art I. K. Jindal
Arithmetic A. K. Goel

STD. IV. Divinity D. Duckett
English S. Khare
Art D. Duckett
Maths. K. Shergill
Science S. Khare
Hindi S. Khare

STD. V. Divinity P. Whiting
English B. Yadev
Art M. Vir Singh

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I	1. K. Bakshi ;	2. J. Foley ;	3. J. S. Molbhanu.
II A.	1. P. G. Stuart ;	2. A. Prasad V. Shukla	3. A. Prasad.
II B.	1. V. Vashista ;	2. J. Stevens ;	3. A. Agnihotri.
III A.	1. R. Dhillon ;	2. P. Kapoor ;	3. D. McIntyre.
III B.	1. A. Jindall ;	2. I. Jain	3. A. Goel.
IV.	1. S. Khare ;	2. N. Prakash ;	3. } N. Prakash K. S. Shergill D. Duckett.
V.	1. B. Bhargava ;	2. R. Yadav	3. S. Singh Bajwa.
VI.	1. B. Awatramani ;	2. S. Awatramani ;	3. } H. Bohnert S. Kumar Baldev Singh.
VII.	1. P. Sen Gupta ;	2. Sukdev Singh ;	3. S. Kapur.
VIII.	1. S. Hoosein ;	2. R. Kapila ;	3. P. Narain.
IX.	1. S. Bahadur ;	2. K. Khan ;	3. A. Quamarain.

House Study Cup : (Presented by Bishop & Mrs. Saunders).....Little John.

Sharma Cup for Hardworking House : (Presented by Col. A. N. Sharma).....Robin Hood.

House Efficiency : (Presented by Mrs. M. Power).....Little John.

House Hockey : Div. A : Allen-a-Dale.
Div. B : Allen-a-Dale.
Div. C : Little John.

House Football :	Div. A :	Robin Hood
	Div. B :	Friar Tuck.
	Div. C :	Little John and Robin Hood.
House Cricket :	Div. A :	Friar Tuck
	Div. B :	Little John.
House Tennis :		Allen-a-Dale.
House Debates :	Div. A :	Allen-a-Dale.
	Div. B :	Robin Hood.
House Chess :		Allen-a-Dale.
Culley Chess Tournament :		D. Bahadur.
Kendal Cup for Dramatics :		B. Catchick.
College Captain's Prize :		T. Bahadur.
House Physical Training :		Allen-a-Dale.
Best Gymnast :		G. Bahadur.
Best Junior Hockey Player :		J. Jameson.
House Boxing :		Robin Hood.
Mody Cup for Runners-up in Boxing :		Friar Tuck.
Most Scientific Boxer, Senior :		M. Mercer.
Most Scientific Boxer, Junior :		Keith McMahon.
House Athletics :		Allen-a-Dale.
House Marathons :		Allen-a-Dale.
Inglis Cup for Team Events :		Allen-a-Dale.
Senior Rex Ludorum :		S. Shome.
Junior Rex Ludorum :		I. MacInnis.
Cock House :		Allen-a-Dale.

From the Principal

DEAR OLD SHERWOODIANS,

At the annual meeting in June the Revd. T. Tewari was elected Honorary Secretary. It was a pleasure for us to have Theodore Tewari for two months this year, and his son David is now a member of the School. Mr. Tewari was here in the early days of Mr. Binns and so will be remembered by many O.S.S. now in England. His letter, printed below, will be of interest to them and others.

The Bishop of Lucknow, Chairman of our Governing Body, was very disappointed that he could not be present at the O.S.S. dinner in London during his furlough this year. He met Mr. Lean who was flourishing, and liking his School work in London. Mr. Lean said that there were now many O.S.S. in England but that they had largely lost touch with the School. This is perhaps partly my fault, and partly due to circumstances, for we have no liaison officer between O.S.S. in England and those still in India. I think it would be good if O.S.S. in England could elect a Secretary, (perhaps they have done so, but we have not heard out here) who could keep me or Mr. Tewari informed, sending me notes in a form in which they could be printed in the Magazine. If O.S.S. who wanted to receive the magazine would register their names and pay their money to their Secretary, then we should be glad to have the extra copies printed and to send them out. This year, since there is no such system in force, I am sending a number of copies to Mr. E.A.T. Swift and asking him if he will be good enough to post them on to any whose addresses he knows.

I do not have much news of O.S.S. to add to Theodore Tewari's letter. Harold Arnold who left in 1953 writes from 34 Elm Avenue, Chatham, Kent, and says he has been accepted as an apprentice by the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company. At present he is at their training College preparing for his diploma in marine engineering, and has been elected Assistant Representative of the Institute of Marine

Engineering, which means he will be their representative next year. Arnold who was a grand person to have at the School, wants to meet O.S.S. and I hope some of you in London will contact him. Arjun Singh who also left last year writes from the Agricultural Institute, Allahabad where he likes the life very much. He says that the food is good, but not so good as what Mr. Fordham used to concoct. But he adds "sometimes!"

It is a long time since you were in Horsman Wing but O.S.S. in their twenties and early thirties will remember Mrs. Fordham who after 21 years' faithful and devoted service to the School is now retiring. The post of matron in the Junior House can be one of the key posts in a school, and the care and affection Mrs. Fordham has bestowed on generations of young Sherwoodians is well known to you all, as well as to your parents, many of whom sent their young sons to Sherwood because Mrs. Fordham was there. Horsman Wing will now have the Rev. R. Bentinck as resident House Master, and Mrs. Bentinck will be head of the Junior School. With Mrs. Fordham's departure, George Thompson is the only School link with the distant past. His connexions with the School must go back 35 years when he was a boy in Mr. Dixon's times. As you know he is now first assistant and if you want a job done well the rule is "Give it to George Thompson". The choir flourishes under his expert hand and untiring work, and by the time he has organized their annual picnic they are sure their efforts were well worth while. Mr. Thompson is an incalculable strength to the School. Fortunately he will not see these notes until they are published or they would never be allowed to go in.

I very much hope that some link between the School and O.S.S. in England may be made, and ask your cooperation to this end.

Yours sincerely,

R. C. Llewelyn.

From: **The Revd. Theodore Tewari,**
(Hony. Secy. Old Sherwoodian Society)

DEAR OLD SHERWOODIANS,

At the last Annual General Meeting of the Old Sherwoodian Society I was elected as Honorary Secretary. This, as you will notice has been something of a departure for formerly a member of the College Staff was elected as the Hony. Secretary. We have had some great Secretaries like Ted Thomas and Ronnie Lean who were themselves Old Boys and under whom the Society flourished. Due partly to changed conditions in the country, partly to the fact that a large number of Old Boys have left India for other countries, such as England, Australia and South Africa, the membership of the Society has dwindled considerably.

It is going to be my task to revive the Society and make an attempt to establish links between the far-flung Sherwood family. Past and Present Members of Sherwood College are one family, bound together by the very precious fact of a common heritage and a common tradition and never mind where we are there is the Common Sherwood Spirit which should keep us ever close together.

I propose, therefore, to write personal letters to as many of you Sherwoodians as I can contact and also maintain a Register of Old Sherwoodians and the year you were in Sherwood, and so I do earnestly hope that every Old Sherwoodian will help me to once again create a truly Sherwood fellowship. I will also be able to send out periodic circular letters giving you all the news. There is plenty to tell, for Sherwood is rapidly growing and where there is life there is activity and where there is activity there is much to report.

In this letter which will appear in the Magazine I would just like to refer to one or two things which might interest you.

(1) I have to report the death of "Clarrie"? Culpepper. Who does not remember "Clarrie"? Never did a Sherwood Week pass without Clarrie's trick bowling at the Cricket Match

or his "yodelling" at the Impromptu Concert. He was indeed a great Sherwoodian. May his soul rest in peace.

(2) At the last General Meeting it was decided that the block of classrooms opposite Dixon Wing and forming one of the sides of the back Quadrangle should be named 'Alwyn Binns Block'. I am sure every Old Sherwoodian will be happy to read this. Alwyn Binns, Principal of Sherwood 1932-1947 is the architect of modern Sherwood and it is no exaggeration to say that Sherwood is what it is today because of the great work which he did during his term as Principal of Sherwood.

The building will be named and dedicated accordingly during Founders Week in June 1955.

(3) This brings me to the next thing I wish to say - I do sincerely hope that as many Old Sherwoodians as possible will endeavour to come to Founder's Week next year. I am hoping to send each of you a Founder's Week Fixture Card by about the end of March 1955 so that you can make your arrangements accordingly well in time.

Please do come as many of you as possible, and let us make Founder's Week 1955 a great success in every way.

(4) Those of you who read this letter will I know, wish to join the Society again and so please send me your subscription for 1954 and if possible for 1955 at your earliest convenience.

(5) I was in Sherwood for two months this summer - (actually under theological training) and therefore saw a good deal and was intimately associated with many of its extra-curricular activities. There are nearly 320 boys in the School, kept very busy inside and outside the class-room. Most of the Staff is new to me including the Principal Rev. R. C. Llewelyn but I soon got to know most of the team working in Sherwood. Sherwood is progressing in every way. Of course the setting quite naturally

reflects new ideas and new approaches but the underlying spirit which provides the continuum has not and will not change. The Sherwood Spirit which has upheld the Institution all through the eighty-five years of its existence is there. There is the beautiful Chapel where services are held morning and evening for the whole school; services on Sunday as usual rendered reverently and accompanied by a musical setting in consonance with the surroundings and still arranged by 'George' Thompson whom many of us remember so well. For George, Sherwood is his life. He is now First Assistant Master. There are the class-rooms full of eager and expectant faces, keen to imbibe all the knowledge they can and looking very smart in their Green Blazers and grey shorts or longs. The 'Lincoln Green' blends well with the surroundings of Ayarpatta.

In the afternoon there are the 'Set' and Class Matches as also the House Matches—There are the 'Red' Allen-a-Dale jerseys battling with 'Robin Hood' in Green, to gain a precious point to win the Football Cup, and may-be the 'Cock' House Cup as a result.

The same enthusiasm, the same keenness, the same determination. For after all boys are boys always.

I do hope this very short account, and I know very inadequate one, will 'whet your appetite', so that you will come next year and pay a visit to the Old School.

May Sherwood and all that it means to each one of us—live long.

Mereat Quisque Palmam—our Motto; the Red, White and Green the colours of our School tie !!! What a multitude of thoughts and recollections this brings to our minds. How we wish to relive the years we were in Sherwood. Come during Founder's Week or at any time of the year to Sherwood and you will be more than welcome.

To each of you I send Christmas Greetings and best wishes for 1955.

Yours sincerely,
Theodore Tewari.
(Sherwood 1931-37)

LAWN TENNIS

The tennis club suffered considerable loss when Mr. Waller left in August. He had been a keen and efficient organiser as well as an enthusiastic player. After his departure the Principal gave coaching to the more promising players.

A number of younger boys have joined the club this year and are doing well. S. Bahadur has shown promise but will do better if he attacks more. K. K. Khan has also improved. M. Nagle has come on a great deal and has proved unbeatable both in the opens and the handicaps which he won from one forty. He has a well timed service, an easy natural style both on forehand and backhand, and accurate timing gives good speed with a minimum effort. He volleys cleanly and his overhead strokes are sound. With such attractive all round stroke play he needs only practice and match experience to develop into a good player.

B. M. Singh who was tennis captain is another player who shaped well. He has the right temperament for match play, and a pleasing style. His ball control is not quite so sure as Nagle's but he times his shots well, and is quick in getting to the ball. His net play is sometimes uncertain, but with a fast service and good strokes on both wings he shows promise of developing well.

In the house matches Allen-a-Dale scored an easy victory. There was keen competition for the remaining places, Robin Hood coming second and Friar Tuck third.

In the handicaps Nagle won the juniors fairly easily from one forty beating S. Bahadur in the final 6-2, 6-2. B. M. Singh won the seniors from the same mark beating A. Borthwick in the finals 6-2, 6-2. Nagle beat B. M. Singh in the final of the Ware cup open singles in straight sets.

R. C. L.

THOSE WEEKLY LETTERS

Not infrequently parents write to enquire why Peter has not written for so long. It is true that he is meant to write each week, and if he is in one of the lower forms his correspondence is checked, though he occasionally manages to escape if there is a run of holidays. Our readers may be relieved to learn that it is not only Sherwood parents who are bothered by this problem, and that it is at present receiving an airing in the correspondence columns of a daily newspaper.

Mr. Maurice Fry sets the ball rolling asking parents whether most boys when away at boarding school are at all communicative. He fears that they usually dry up quickly when information is sought about school, and that letter writing is at its best when a little more pocket money is needed. In reply, headmaster E. P. is scarcely reassuring when he tells of a small boy who wrote, "Dear Mummy. I hope you are quite well. All news next week. Love Michael," a letter repeated word for word in five successive weeks. It was the custom of the school to censor letters upside down, in which way control could be exercised over the number of ink blots without intruding on the writer's privacy. However such repeated brevity called eventually for further investigation after which, we are told, more normal communications were resumed. E. L. H. Q. is inclined to put the blame on parents. He argues that early home training counts for much, and asks how many fathers write regularly to their sons. Too often we hear father cheerfully acknowledging that all family correspondence is mother's concern. J. W. thinks there is only one way of getting to know the intimate details of a boy's school life, and that is to take him out one week-end with a boy of his own age from a rival school, and listen to their uninhibited chatter.

An original approach comes from sorely tried H.D. whose methods may commend themselves to our parents more than to our boys. She says that after three consecutive letters were unanswered, her practice was to enclose a reply paid addressed post card with the fourth. After this was unattended to, she would write a letter containing only, "My next communication will be a telegram to your housemaster to enquire if you are still in the school". We

are left to understand that a reply invariably came by return.

D.B. directs all fathers to learn from Ian Hay's 'Lighter side of school life' and quotes, "Dear Mum. Thanks ever so much for the ten bob, also the lobster and cake which are A.1. Yes, the pater wrote to me about my report—rather a harsh letter, I thought...My digestion is all right, thanks, but my head aches terribly towards the end of a long day of seven or eight hours 'hard work'...Your affec. son E. Bumbleigh".

To end on a reassuring note we may quote K.D., mother of three sons and wife of a headmaster. "I would assure Mr. Fry that the lack of communication is a reliable sign of health and happiness. The first thought of a homesick little boy is to write a letter. A happy busy boy has far more important things to do; time flies, the week has gone, only a spare moment to write a short letter. Has he not been writing words and figures for nearly seven hours most days? Some distracted parents send a questionnaire which is to be answered by 'Yes' or 'No'—'Do you have enough to eat?', 'Are you warm in bed?', 'Are you bottom of your form?' etc. Each week may bring a disappointingly scrappy letter but try to read between the lines, Mr. Fry". And finally M. H. sums it all up with admirable brevity with, "We have a son of 14 at school and we are content to feel that the paucity of his correspondence is the measure of his happiness".

If then, our parents do not always receive the letter they are looking for, they must not think Peter has broken his wrist or is lying feverishly on a hospital bed. If that were so they would have heard from the school. Possibly there may be some quite simple explanation, such as a game of darts with his pen. But it is more likely to be that the days are tearing by, and that by the time he has finished his lessons, scored the winning goal, sung in the choir, settled a point of honour, fed his white rat, washed his face, and groomed his beetle, he is good only for laying his head on his pillow, and hoping that the joys of tomorrow, once early morning prep. is behind him, will be in no way less than those of today.

R.C.L.

THE FAREWELL CONCERT

The farewell concert held at Sherwood at the end of each year is a long awaited event, and the boys give of their best to entertain visitors, parents and one another to a really enjoyable variety entertainment.

The concert opened with a piano duet by Davies and Barnes, followed by the choir singing "Nancy Lee", which was excellently rendered. The next item was an introduction to "The Fifth", which took the form of a poem of some twenty verses each containing a mild hit at one or other of the boys in the class. Peter Whiting, about whom his classmates recited the following verse:

Sitting at the piano there
Is Master Peter Whiting;
He looks so very gentle, but
By jove, he's always fighting!

then entertained us with the Piano Solo "Horn Pipe" by Alec Rowley, which was greatly appreciated.

The church also played its part in the evening's entertainment, Padre Elliot singing four very delightful songs including "The little Green Hat", to which the All Saints girls listened intently. The small boys of Horsman Wing sang three songs. One has to hear them to know how sweetly they sing. Much credit goes to Mrs. Ludwig who trained them. All Saints, not to be outdone, gave us an item which was most amusing. It was a conversation between a student in '54 and a student in school in the year 1999.

M. Sullivan, on behalf of Standard Six, then stepped forward and said, "As most of you in this hall will soon be rounding the hair-pin bends, here is a word of advice on the rules of the road." The poem which followed was recited contrapuntally by the

class divided into groups of six. These two verses will give you some idea of what it was all about:

The rule of the road
Is a paradox quite,
If you keep to the left
You are sure to be right.

In rounding a bend
You must sound your horn,
Or you'll wish that you
Had never been born.

Among the other items were four songs by the boys of III A, and piano duets by M. Whiting and D. McIntyre, R. Patel and B. Catchick, and A. Borthwick and L. Kerr.

The school cheered as the prefects took the stage to entertain us with doggerels about themselves and certain unfortunates among the staff and boys. Mrs. Ludwig's elongated hound was honoured with a verse to itself, and special mention was made of G. Bahadur's lumbago and Mercer's "duck" in the cricket fixture against St. Joseph's. Poor Philip's misadventures were caught up into a cautionary tale (in fairness he it said the last line is fictitious!) when the prefects, who were by this time slightly off key, sang,

The Governor's bath was up to the brim,
So Philip Newton went for a swim;
The Boss he therefore summoned him
And set about the fellow:
He shut the door,
Gave him four,
And Philip he did bellow!

As a finale the school Choir put new zest and spirit into the well known songs "Sherwood in the Twilight" and "Farewell to the Forest" by Mendelssohn, and it was not surprising that they received a great ovation—a fitting conclusion to yet another Farewell Concert.