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## College Notes

The College opened on March 14th and closed on December 4th. The roll was 472 boys.

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Prefects appointed were :—

S.S. Ali, College Captain,

House Captain of Little John.

A. Hussein, College Vice-Captain,

House Captain of Friar Tuck.

M.V. Singh, House Captain of

Allen-a-Dale.

S. Shome, House Captain of Robin Hood.

O.U. Khan.

G.D. Awatramani.

R. Srivastava.

S.S.E. Barnabas.

H.S. Sohal, Library Prefect.

H.A. Vasi, Tuck Shop Prefect.

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Miscellaneous appointments :—

Captain of hockey. 1st XI: A. Hussein.

Colts: G. Neal.

Captain of football. 1st XI: M.V. Singh.

Colts: G. Neal.

Captain of cricket 1st XI. R. Srivastava.

Colts: V. Chhitwal.

Secretary of Debating Society. Senior :

Om Narayan. Junior: Pushpinder Singh.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pratt with their six children left us in June. They have been with us since May, 1949 with a short break of service from April, 1952 to June, 1953. Mr. Pratt has been senior History master throughout and more recently senior English master. Mr. Pratt will be missed for his thorough and vigorous work both in the class room and on the playing fields, and Mrs. Pratt, who was in charge of the Infirmary, for her equally thorough and capable nursing. The Staff and the Senior boys made presentations to them before they left. Our best wishes go with them to their new work at St. Thomas' School, Calcutta.

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We welcome the following members of Staff :—

Mr. O. Hakeem to teach Geography and English ; Mr. and Mrs. Hoffland who will,

however, be leaving at the end of the year. Mr. C.L. Matthews, Miss T. Andrade, Miss J. Mercer and Mrs. S. Lal in the Junior School; Mr. Johnson as Swimming Instructor, and Mrs. Johnson as nurse ; and Miss E.C. MacLeod, former matron of the Kanpur General Hospital, as Sister in charge of the Infirmary, in place of Mrs. Pratt.

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We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Pant on the birth of a son on April 27th; Mr. and Mrs. Salve on the birth of a son on April 18th; Mr. and Mrs. Johnson on the birth of a son on May 27th ; and Mr. and Mrs. Abraham on the birth of a son on October 30th.

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The College greeted Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the President, on May 26th and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister, on June 16th outside Government House gates on their arrivals in Naini Tal.

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The new class room block containing five class rooms and a reading room for Seniors was completed in March. The new washroom block connecting Dixon Wing with the Alwyn Binns block was started last December and finished in September. This block gives a tuck shop, class room, book room, carpentry shop, parents' room, staff lavatories, and boiler room on the ground floor ; wash and shower rooms, night lavatories and drying room on the first floor ; and a room which can be used either as a play room or dormitory on the top floor. With our growing numbers this additional accommodation has become essential.

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The Bishop of Lucknow has been a welcome visitor. This year he was with us for over a month, arriving on June 3rd in time for Founder's Day and leaving on July 8th.

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At the time of going to print we are looking forward to the visit on November 10th of Major Meredith, General Secretary of the

Indian Church Aid Association. The I.C.A.A. generously helps the School with bursaries from collections made in England and it will be a pleasure to welcome the Secretary here.

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We also look forward to the visit of Bishop and Mrs. Trapp on November 27th. Bishop Trapp is head of the S.P.G. which is the Missionary Society which sponsors a number of Staff from England both in Sherwood and All Saints.

## Chapel Notes

The following boys were baptized on June 21st in St. Nicholas' Church :—Robin Michael Kapur, Naveen Roy Kapur, and Sudhir Christopher Chatterjee.

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The following boys were confirmed on St. John-the-Baptist's day, June 24th, in St. Nicholas' Church by the Bishop of Lucknow:—

Russell Gordon Boezalt, Malcolm Ainsley Borthwick, Richard Edward Borthwick, Sudhir Christopher Chatterjee, David Cole, Leslie Arthur Daniells, David John Duckett, Jonathan Malcolm Duckworth, Naveen Roy Kapur, Robin Michael Kapur, David Charles Kidd, Soman Mani, Geoffrey Massey, Clarence Earl Meyer, Malcolm Stuart Meyer, Brian McMahon, Michael McMahon, Mathew Chandy Pothan, Wilfrid Terence David Sowden, Shushanto Shome, and John Rajendra Tewari.

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We are grateful to the Rev. M. Tayler for conducting a quiet afternoon on June 22nd for Confirmation candidates and communicants. This was the first time that a silent afternoon had formed a part of Confirmation

preparation and the experiment is worth repeating another year. While all did their best to keep the silence, it must be confessed that by the end of the afternoon some were only 'quieter than usual'.

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Visitors who have preached in the College chapel are the Bishop of Lucknow, the Revd. Murray Rodgers (Founder's sermon), the Rev. D. Sherriff, and the Rev. Fr. Golding of the Oxford Mission to Calcutta (All Saints Day). We are grateful to them all.

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Twelve boys have learnt to serve at the altar and have assisted in pairs each week day at the Holy Communion.

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Our thanks are once again due to Mr. Thompson and the choir; and to Mrs. Fordham and Mrs. MacLeod for their devoted work in cleaning the chapel brass and decorating the altar.

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## Table Tennis

The opening of the Table Tennis Club was a notable occurrence this year. It was held in the Gymnasium on 2nd. May.

The boys who wished to witness the opening, were in the gym., ready in vantage spots, long before the opening ceremony started. The boys who were to take part were practising hard, screwed up with nervous anticipation.

At 5 p.m., when the Staff had arrived, the ceremony was opened with a speech by a very nervous speaker, Michael McIntyre. It seemed certain that he would break down and forget his part before long, but he managed to hang on to the end, and was given a hearty clap. He then called on Mr. Llewelyn and Mr. Thompson to open the club with an exhibition match, which Mr. Llewelyn won in glorious style.

The boys then played the opening matches,

R.H. Vs. L.J., and F.T. Vs. A.D. Robin Hood and A.D. won, and then played each other; the losers doing the same. Robin Hood won the tournament, with A.D. second. Third came F.T., and L.J. came last, much to their dismay.

The boys then played the Staff, S. Barnabas and O. Khan representing the boys, and Mr. Hoffland and Mr. Hakim the Staff.

It was quite an interesting match, with a great deal of smashing, but the boys finally won in two straight sets.

After this, most of the boys left, as the next match was a mixed doubles among the Staff.

After this game, some members started playing, and the ceremony came to an end, the club then being open to all members.

D. MCINTYRE;

## The Easter Monday Picnic

We awoke to a bright day, with great expectations for the traditional Easter Monday picnic but feared that it might be drowned in rain. I might add that this fear was not out of place, for the rain had drenched the gaiety of Easter Sunday.

Mr. Thompson with the Choir, set out to claim the Golf Links, in case another school arrived first. However, when the first of the eager Sherwoodians arrived, whom should they behold but a bunch of the St. Joseph's Intermediate class. Their fear was baseless, for our rivals soon left, leaving the whole place to Sherwood.

There was scarcely any time wasted in going from school to the Golf Links for the eagerness of the boys spurred them on past tiredness. Stevens and McIntyre, contrary to the general spirit, decided to play football on the tennis courts, and were it not for the warning of Mr. Salve, the M.O.D., they would have stayed there.

In this very traditional picnic, "All-in" is the traditional game, and in accordance with this, the game was started. Scarcely had the game been finished, when the first shower came, which sent the boys scampering in the

direction of an old hut. However, the rain soon stopped, and though the skies were threateningly leaden, the boys reappeared from the hut and decided to hear Elvis Presley on Chandarana's gramophone.

Some bright lads from the middle school, probably following some ancestral trait of exploring, disappeared down the tunnel in the lower Golf Links, only to be awarded with house points as soon as they reappeared!

Down on the lower Golf Links, just as Mr. Thompson was calling the boys for lunch by beating on the cover of a *degchi*; the rain began in earnest, and with it came the message from the Principal telling the boys to go back to School. With plainly evident glee, the boys trudged up to school in the rain. Horsman Wing and the Staff, not wanting to get wet, sought refuge in the hut.

On our arrival at School we changed quickly, and Mrs. Duckett thoughtfully, had hot cups of tea ready for us.

Outsiders may display contempt, but it was adventurous, and it was an "Easter Monday Picnic".

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# School Certificate Examination Results

December 1958

## In Order of Merit

1st Division: Mohan Singh, Zafar Ahmed, Sunder Awatramani, Mathai Joseph, Inderjit Khanna, Ravinder Palsokar, S. Chandrasekaran, Bharat K. Bhargava, Lloyd D. MacFarland, Inder Chhitwal, Tariq Said.

2nd Division: Pradeep Chandra, Sukhpal S. Bajwa, Michael Bentinck, Kanwarpal

S. Bal, Christopher Borthwick, Suresh Kumar, Amitabh Bachchan, Keith McMahon, Anand Murch, Jaspal Singh, John Kurrien, Ramesh Chandra Yadav, Ravi Dhavan.

3rd Division: Sudhir Chatterjee Sohan Vir Singh.

## Speech Day Proceedings

The Chief guest—His Excellency the Governor of Uttar Pradesh was received outside Milman Hall by the Bishop of Lucknow, and the Principal, and after being introduced to the staff, he led the procession into the hall.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT, 1869—1959

Your Excellency the Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Srimati Giri, Your Excellency the Governor of Bihar, my Lord Bishop, ladies and gentlemen.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Your Excellency and Srimati Giri today, the ninetieth anniversary of our foundation and we thank you, Sir, for the honour you are doing us in presiding on this occasion. This is, so far as I know, Your Excellency's first visit to the School. It may cause some surprise that I should qualify my remarks in that way for it will be asked how could Your Excellency visit the school without the Principal knowing. Sir, when I used those words, I was bearing in mind a speech made by Your Excellency's friend and admirer Mr. Malcolm Macdonald on the occasion of the opening of our swimming pool two years ago today. On that occasion he made reference to the forbidden, yet I fear not uncommon practice, of some of our boys, in the days before we had a pool of our own, of slipping away surreptitiously on a holiday morning to have a swim in Your Excellency's pool. But, said Mr. Macdonald 'there will now be no need for that practice to continue, for I assure you, you have here in Sherwood an even finer pool'. 'Indeed',

added Mr. Macdonald, 'I should not be surprised if the rôles are not now reversed, and if the Governor himself does not sometimes come up when nobody is looking and have a swim in your pool'. Sir, if you have ever done such a thing you need not own up. You are very welcome. Whilst on this subject let me say, Sir, I am anxious the privacy of the Government House pool should be maintained. And yet, Sir, I should feel much more able to guarantee this during the warm few days of holiday which are coming if Your Excellency could persuade the Municipal water board to allow us even a little water.

And we welcome too today, His Excellency the Governor of Bihar whose experience and interest in education is well known through his Vice-Chancellorship of Aligarh University, and with him all our guests, and in particular our Bishop who, we are glad to say has come once again for a good long stay after many years. The Bishop somehow manages to visit us every year (excepting last year when he was in England) but it has been sometime since he has been able to pay us an extended visit. Sherwood is but one of twenty-eight schools which lays a claim on the Bishop as Chairman of its Governing Body, and the educational work of the Diocese is, of course, but a small part of the whole. I do not suppose the Diocese has ever before had a Bishop who has travelled even one quarter as much as our Bishop, visiting parish after parish, school after school, guiding the policies of the Governing Bodies and coming to know the needs of the clergy,

teachers, and people generally in every part of the Diocese. As I welcome you Sir, let me express the hope that you will be able to combine this visit with a well-earned holiday.

This year being the ninetieth anniversary of the foundation of the School I propose to devote only a few minutes to the review of the past year and to spend the rest of my time in giving you an outline history of the school, and in particular the history of the early days.

The number of boys on the roll is 467. In December 1958 twenty-eight candidates sat for the School Certificate Examination. Eleven passed in the first division, fourteen in the second, two in the third, and one failed. In the Trinity College of Music Examination five passed with honours and the remaining seven with merit. In games against St. Joseph's we drew the first XI hockey and football and lost the cricket. The Colts lost the hockey and cricket, and drew the football. We also lost both relays. This year we have lost the Senior and Colts hockey, and the first relay. Other matches were of course played besides those against St. Joseph's, and for these I would refer those interested to the magazine. The usual activities continued through the year in debating, dramatics, music, art, library, games, athletics, boxing, swimming, etc. A new interest was the starting of a carpentry and hobbies class under the management of our school architect, Mr. Blomfield. A new six-room class room block, designed by Mr. Blomfield, was completed in March this year. Another block containing wash and shower rooms, cubicles for seniors and rooms for miscellaneous purposes, is now under construction. Amongst Old Boys we congratulate Mr. Gerald Burge, College Captain of 1934, and with us today, for being awarded on Republic Day by the President the Indian Police medal for distinguished and meritorious service; and Mohan Singh, School Certificate candidate of last year, for passing first in all India in the Union Public Service Commission examination.

So much then for the past year. And now to turn to the early history of the school. But first a word about the sources of my information.

The basis of what I shall say to you comes from the minutes of the Committee which date from May 13th, 1869. But minutes whilst they are interesting and often revealing do not aim at giving any consecutive history. Moreover at some stages they have not been written up in much detail. A future historian will pro-

bably be rewarded by working through the early copies of the Naini Tal Gazette, if indeed these still exist. A few cuttings from this paper have survived in the School records and a part of this account is taken from them.

The first Speech Day was held on October 19th, 1870 at Petersfield where the School was first established. The Secretary of the Committee there reported that the beginnings of the School had met with considerable success and that the house which accommodated 30 boarders was full. He paid a warm tribute to Miss Bradbury who was styled Lady Superintendent of the mixed school. He added that it was planned to separate the boys from the girls at the beginning of the following year, and this step was in fact taken on February 1st, 1871 when the boys moved to Stoneleigh which is the present site of the Ramsay Hospital. The Lt. Governor, His Honour Sir William Muir, who presided at the Speech Day, expressed himself "highly gratified at the neat and healthy appearance of the children whose ruddy cheeks testified to the excellence of the climate and the great care taken of them." Lady Muir supplied plum cakes for tea and we are told that nothing could have been more pleasant than to see the happy faces of the children.

Three weeks later on November 12th, 1870 the following advertisement appeared in the Nynce Tal Gazette.

Nynce Tal Diocesan School

Instead of the present mixed school, two schools in separate Houses will be opened on the 1st February, 1871

### Boys' School

Headmaster—Mr. Baston

### Girls' School

Headmistress—Miss Bradbury  
Terms for boarders

(per mensem)

Single child Rs. 20/-

Two of a family Rs. 35/-

Three do Rs. 50/-

For Day Scholars

Single child Rs. 5/-

More than one Rs. 4/-

Apply to the Revd. J. Richards,

Hon. Sec. Chaplain of Nynce Tal

N. B. Arrangements will be made for bringing up children to the hills.

The School at Stoneleigh was destined to last for only two years for it expanded so rapidly that another home had to be found. The first decision was for Ranikhet and in 1872 the Committee voted by 9 to 1 that a suitable site should be found there if possible. Ranikhet was considered more healthy than Naini Tal and the relatively flat land surrounding it made it more suitable for the development of a school. Perhaps however the Committee was influenced most of all by the expectation that Ranikhet would supersede Naini Tal as the seat of Government. As there was only one opposing voice on the Committee there is little doubt that we should now be established in Ranikhet had it not happened that just at that time a portion of General Hulthwaite's fine estate known as Sherwood, and now occupied by Government House, was offered for sale. It is from this estate that the School, then known as the Diocesan Boys' School, takes its name. Government House was of course yet to come, and the house into which the School moved in 1873 lies between us and the present Government House, being known as Sherwood House. The boys, now nearly 60 in number were to find their home at Sherwood House for the next 22 years. At that time the accommodation allowed for 80 boys, but so rapidly did the school grow in popularity that within a year we find the Committee contemplating expansion to allow for 200. (If it should seem rather surprising that Sherwood House should take 80 boys the explanation is probably to be found in the minutes where it is stated that in the new proposed buildings 8 sq. ft. of space shall be allowed in the classrooms for each boy. That means that in a room in which we accommodate 25 to 30 boys, about 72 would have been accommodated in those days.)

A sentence here and there in the minute book often shows how different are the times in which we live. When whooping cough developed in 1874 the question was raised whether a matron should be employed. The Civil Surgeon considered this an unnecessary luxury though allowed that a nurse was justifiable in case of sickness. However Mr. Baston, the first principal, appears to have persisted for we find a matron being engaged in 1876. Mr. Baston seems to have been rather ahead of his time and, besides advocating for a matron, to have made valiant efforts to improve the standard of the food. The Committee felt that what was needed was food 'good and solid'

but reading between the lines it may be surmised it was sometimes too solid to be digested in comfort. The boys had to lump it as best they could (they always do of course) but the masters if they were to remain at the boys' table had to be coaxed with an allowance of Rs. 5/- p.m. for pickles. There were not many masters in those days. An attempt having failed to entice a first assistant from England on a salary of Rs. 80/- p.m. it was decided to employ applicants from India. The qualifications of the early masters are not given, but an instruction that the Principal should give them three hours private tuition a week suggests that they were not high.

The School, as we might expect, had its ups and downs, sometimes satisfying the Educational authorities and sometimes not. But on the whole the education seems to have been good for the period as well as remarkably liberal. Art and music were established by the 1880's, there was a carpentry class and the boys supervised work in the estate for which they earned Rs. 2/- p.m. Mr. Pemberton wanted to start Science but was discouraged owing to the difficulty of building a room for the purpose. Discipline was not always good and at one stage it was found necessary to make the master-on-duty financially responsible for any destruction caused by the boys. There is not much information one can glean about games but the Committee's emphasis on playing ground space and a cutting from the Naini Tal Gazette suggests that they flourished.

The flutter, as we might say, of the 22 years in Sherwood House came in 1876 when it was suggested that the girls' school should be moved to approximately its present site. The Governor was in favour but the Committee and the two Principals (who were not members of the Committee) feared one and all that mischievous notes might pass between the two schools. It is pointed out in the minutes that the distance between the front doors of the two schools would be only 264 yards by the road, and that if the direct route were taken it would be reduced by thirty yards. Everybody except one voted against the proposal and he agreed to vote for it only on condition that a high wall was built between the two schools. And so for the present the girls had to stay where they were.

Numbers steadily rose and reached their peak in the 1890's with 189. Salaries were revised in 1893. The first assistant was now



to receive Rs. 100/- p.m., the second Rs. 80/-, the third Rs. 60/-, the fourth Rs. 50/-, the fifth Rs. 40/-, and the sixth Rs. 35/- Annual increments were only to be allowed provided a satisfactory number of boys passed the examinations.

But by now Sherwood was not the only boys' school in the place. In 1882 the *Statesman* announced the intention of the 'Papists' to establish an educational institution in Naini Tal, and it may be presumed a strong rivalry soon sprang up. I do not know when inter-school matches began, but the Naini Tal Gazette of May 18th, 1895 records how Sherwood has "once more been victorious at cricket against the Seminary" scoring 189 runs and dismissing their opponents for 22. I am glad Sir, to be able to record this resounding victory. This seems to have been the great days of Sherwood cricket for in a previous match against the Priory Sherwood scored 222 for 2 declared and then skittled out their opponents for 43 and 28.

The fortunes of the School, however, not only in cricket but in every way were soon to decline. By 1895 it was clear that Government had eyes on the Sherwood estate in order to build a new Government House on this desirable site. By 1896 we find the Governor in residence in the School building, the boys having been moved to the Secretariat. The confidence of parents was shaken and their numbers went down to below 100. Hardly had they settled into their new home when early on Easter Monday morning 1896 fire broke out and within an hour the whole building was alight. 'The scene' we are told by the Naini Tal Gazette 'was one of great grandeur. The whole of the building was on fire at once, at about 4 a.m. and illuminated the sky for miles around. The conduct of the boys was beyond all praise. No one showed any signs of panic, but went out quickly and quietly, a fact which speaks volumes for the discipline of the school. The senior boys worked steadily and well at saving property, and had it not been for their exertions the loss would have been greater than it is. The loss is estimated at considerably over a lakh which is not covered by insurance!' 'We are happy to state' adds the Naini Tal Gazette in a sentence which might have been more happily worded 'that the only person injured was the headmaster'.

There could be no question of a return to the Secretariat and the next home of the School was at Khurpa Tal. *The Statesman*

published a letter describing this as a most malarious district, and the new building as one which had previously been condemned for habitation by the Gurkha regiment. This however was hotly contested in the column of the paper by one of the Committee who described Khurpa Tal as an open breezy place and better suited for a school than Naini Tal. Events however did not bear him out for within a short while cholera and enteric had broken out and several boys had died. When the School returned to Naini Tal in August of the same year occupying Snow View, St. Cloud, and Alma Cottage the numbers were less than 50 and by 1896 they had declined to 35. The Government had by now decided to take over the Sherwood estate and in return had agreed to build what is now known as Dixon Wing. The foundation stone was laid 62 years ago today by the Bishop of Lucknow and 60 years ago today the school was already in residence and the buildings were consecrated.

That brings us to the beginning of a new epoch. Within a year the numbers had doubled and it seems the confidence of parents was again restored. The real period of consolidation however had yet to await the arrival of Mr. Dixon, as Principal in 1907. Before Mr. Dixon's appointment there had been as many as three Principals in nine years, and it was Mr. Dixon's regime of 23 years which built up the school, not perhaps so much in numbers which are, after all of secondary consideration, but in tone and spirit. Mr. Dixon was a man of commanding presence and personality, honoured and revered by boys and masters, and remarkably versatile in his attainments. In addition to his academic qualifications, to which he added a half blue for chess, he was, I am told, a member of the team which won the All India hockey tournament and a distinguished tennis player. He was also an accomplished Church organist and the trainer of the St. John's Church choir for more than 20 years.

It was during Mr. Dixon's headship that the chapel and infirmary were built, and in 1926, Horsman Wing, at a cost of 1½ lakhs of rupees, half of which amount was given by Sir Harry Horsman and his brother and half by Government. It was also during his time that the House system was started, credit for this I believe belonging to Mr. Lilley who was first assistant, and who also chose the names of the houses from the stories of Sherwood forest

which stir the heart and imagination of every schoolboy. You may ask how it is I know these details. It is because there entered the School on May 6th, 1911 a small boy not yet eight years of age who has been destined to play an important part in the fortunes of the school over the next half century. His name was George Thompson and after 48 years, 41 of which have been spent in the services of the School he is with us as First Assistant today. In these times when assistant masters are not unlike the cook referred to by *Saki* the novelist 'a good cook as cooks go, and as cooks go she went' a school may indeed count itself fortunate to have had over almost 50 years the loyalty and devotion of a man like Mr. Thompson. I should like here to put on record my own personal testimony and to say what an invaluable help Mr. Thompson has been to me over the past eight years. Through an early period of problems and difficulties, his faith and loyalty never wavered, though I am sure there must often have been much to try it. But above all I have come to know him as a wise counsellor and friend.

The numbers suffered a decline during an interim period between the resignation of Mr. Dixon and the appointment of Mr. Binns. Although they had been as high as 169 in the Jubilee year, they were only 119 when Mr. Binns took over in 1931. With Mr. Binns we come to the age of expansion. Mr. Binns was an indefatigable worker and all his time was devoted to the service of the school. Mr. Binns was an extremely efficient organiser and administrator, and at once directed his inexhaustible fund of energies to the all round development of the school. The director of Public Instruction of the time once described him to me as an educational dynamo, and it is largely due to the fact that he geared the place up to about 10,000 revolutions per minute that it is still ticking over as fast as it does. By all accounts the school of Mr. Binns' day used to go with the precision of an atomic clock. I remember once—it must have been in about 1943—asking the Governor's A.D.C. on Sports Day if he could tell me the time. Instead of looking at his watch he looked at his programme, and drily observed 'As the first lap of the mile is just finished it must be half a minute after quarter past four'. Mr. Binns quickly won the confidence of parents, and the esteem and respect of his pupils and numbers steadily rose. By 1935 the two hundred

mark was first reached, by 1937 the 250 and six years later there were more than 350 boys in the school. Buildings erected in Mr. Binns' time were the Art Room later transformed into a music block, and the block now dedicated to Alwyn Binns on the Dixon Wing flat. The chapel was extended and a new wing made to the dining room above which was built a new dormitory. Then over the whole enlarged dormitory area above the dining room, six class rooms were built which are at present serving the purpose of a dormitory. But the building of Mr. Binns' day of which we are most proud is Milman Hall in which we are now met. Probably not many hill schools can be so fortunate in their Assembly Halls, or in the gymnasium in which we shall have tea which forms the lower storey of this building. Mr. Binns left in 1947 by which time the standards of the school both in class and games had been raised to a high level.

Mr. Binns was followed by Mr. Lean whose association with the school both as master and boy goes back to the same period as that of Mr. Thompson. Mr. Lean came into his new office in the difficult days which Sherwood, in common with many Anglo-Indian schools, had to face after Independence. In 1947 the boys were for the most part Anglo-Indian and many of their parents were deciding to retire from their posts and settle in England. In the general exodus of those days there were no Anglo-Indians to fill their places, and Indian parents were still making up their minds whether these schools were well suited to the education of their sons. Small numbers meant low finances, and low finances affected standards generally just at a time when the recovery of the school depended upon attracting a new class of parents. However Mr. Lean kept things together during the difficult period, and the spirit of the school was maintained. When I had the privilege of taking over from Mr. Lean in 1951 the tide in the Anglo-Indian schools was already turning. I do not say it has yet reached the flood, but certainly one gets the impression that in all our schools it is already threatening to overwhelm the banks. There must be a right level in numbers to every school beyond which quality will be inevitably sacrificed to quantity. It may not always be easy to determine what that is. It depends partly upon the fees and partly upon resources such as accommodation and availability of staff. If the fees are high, numbers

can be relatively low, if they are medium, as in this school, then a good deal which seems desirable has to be sacrificed unless numbers are reasonably high. I think that we here shall find our right level to be about 500, with buildings, such as we now have, to accommodate all classes in two sections from IV to XI, with an average number through the school of 28 in each section. This process of dividing classes is at present complete up to X. Games, of course, are a problem in a hill school such as this. But we are now working to a time table whereby most boys can get three games a week and the swimming pool, when we can get the water, is an invaluable additional outlet for surplus energy.

Such then is a brief review of the fortunes of Sherwood College over the past ninety years. But let us remember, as I close this report, that it is not the numbers, nor the finances, nor the buildings, which are the determining factor in the life of a school but rather the faithful and dedicated service of its members. As one reads through close on a thousand pages of minutes one cannot but be conscious that Sherwood has had many devoted servants from Governors of the Province such as Sir Harry Haig whose interest and affection for the school continued until his recent death, to servants such as Parma the school carpenter and mistri who left last year after a service stretching further back than Mr. Thompson's earliest days. It is not easy to single out names but in our list we shall remember Bishop Milman our Founder, successive Bishops of the Province of whom we may specially mention Bishop George Westcott, Archdeacons of the Diocese whose work has always been closely linked with the school, Principals such as Charles Dixon and Alwyn Binns, and in addition two others—we have already referred to Mr. Thompson and Mr. Lean—two others, whose connexion with the school between them added up to more than a hundred years. In 1933 Mr. Taylor completed a period of fifty-nine years' association with the school serving as a boy and master for 47 years, and Mr. Chill completed a 44-year period in 1946 of which 37 years was spent in Sherwood which he joined as a boy in 1898. It is men such as these whom the school delights to honour, and for whose loyalty, integrity, and devotion we may give praise and thanks to God.

### GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

His Excellency the Governor began his speech by thanking the Principal for the invitation which had been extended to him and Mrs. Giri and said that it was an honour to be able to address the gathering.

He expressed his appreciation of the Principal's most interesting account of the history of the school and congratulated the College on having weathered the many hardships through which it had passed.

The Governor said that the boys of Sherwood College, as in all other schools of this type, were most fortunate to be able to obtain the excellent education and training that they did. He warned them however not to acquire a sense of superiority on this account and said that he hoped to see a levelling up of education all over India, thus bringing all schools to the standard that obtained in Sherwood College and similar institutions.

The Governor then talked about the place of English in India. He was convinced that English still had a great rôle to play, especially when internationalism as opposed to nationalism, was on the march. He was however of the firm opinion that Hindi should be the lingua franca of the country, with the regional languages playing an important part in the states.

His Excellency then turned to the rôle of the youth of the country. He declared that the older generation had realized the fruits of its efforts by securing constitutional freedom for India. Much however remained to be done, chiefly in the economic field. It was up to the youth of the country, he said, to work hard so that this freedom could be secured and the curse of unemployment could be wiped off the face of the country. It was therefore the prime duty of all young people to study hard in school and college so that they would be adequately prepared to assist in India's economic salvation.

The Governor cited the example of Germany and Japan, whose peoples, by dint of hard work and sacrifice had raised their countries from the ashes of destruction to the heights of prosperity.

He said that unless every man, woman and child was prepared to work equally hard, there was no hope for improvement in India. Wishful thinking, he said, could achieve nothing. Above all, every citizen had to be imbued with a sense of truth and discipline. Parochialism

had to give way to nationalism and every Indian had to work constantly for the sake of India. Without this endeavour, India was doomed.

He declared that he was confident that the boys of Sherwood College had achieved that sense of discipline and integrity which was so essential if they hoped to serve their country.

The ceremony concluded with the distribution of prizes by Shrimati Giri who then spoke a few warm-hearted words to the boys. Speaking as a mother, she expressed her deep love for boys, and evoked loud applause for a very touching gesture.

The guests then repaired to the Gymnasium

for an excellent tea before spreading out to various vantage points to witness the P.T. display organized and directed by Mr. F. G. Miller.

The display was as impeccable and smart as it always is, and Mr. Miller and the boys are to be congratulated on an admirable performance.

A brief thunderstorm threatened to ruin the House march-past, but the boys never faltered and kept marching through the down-pour with a steadiness that was a credit to them. They are indeed to be congratulated.

D. J. HOFFLAND

## Founder's Plays

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This year Sherwood College struck a new line when it announced, by posters, that on 1st June 1959, Founder's Plays would be presented by its boys. A few of us wondered how this new arrangement would work with regard to stage settings and lighting. But it was surprisingly gratifying to see the smoothness with which the show went on. It might have been a big three act play that took place on the stage before our eyes.

'Shivering Shocks' was a well chosen play, very suitable for a boys' school performance. Incidentally it was the one play that I have seen at Sherwood, where no glamorous girls figured. Perhaps I missed seeing a tough Sherwood guy dolled and dressed up as the fetching young heroine, all blushes and coy looks, who steals the scene, and often gets an award too.

This play called for he-man stuff! One could see that the boys got a terrific thrill enacting the play, while we in the audience enjoyed every minute of the acting. Brian Rice was a very distinguished looking young V.C. I picture him ten years hence one of the young members of our diplomatic service-guarding zealously some very important secret of state with the same calmness and poise as he showed when portraying Captain Dallas

V.C. D.S.O. Sudhir Chatterjee shows great promise. His performance as Kysh was most commendable. Donovan McIntyre who hitherto has been seen on the stage as a "lovely" showed that he was capable of heroism when the time came for it! The two crooks, Norval Prakash and Anil Verma, were not twisted enough in their crookery. They were rather gentlemanly in their villainy possibly due to the fact that the Principal and staff were seated among the audience—a subduing influence. Mervyn Spitz, on the other hand was entirely uninhibited. It was surprising that a lad as young as that could so successfully portray the part of a seemingly drunken man. Spitz is a talent actor, and gets the attention and sympathy of his audience.

The stage setting was just what it professed to be—a small, comfortable looking cottage sitting room. The lighting was pleasant, with no harsh glare and no forced high lights and shadows that so often mar amateur shows. The movements of the actors were easy and natural. Altogether when the curtain went down I felt, and I am sure many will agree with me, that I had really witnessed the laying low of two international crooks by the clever trickery of an Inspector of Police.

M. deSa

## हिन्दी नाटक (Hindi Play)

इस वर्ष शेरवुड ने अपनी परम्परा के विपरीत अपने व्यवस्थापक सप्ताह में तीन नाटक खेले जिनमें से एक हिन्दी नाटक भी था।

वैसे तो शेरवुड में अंग्रेजी के नाटक हर वर्ष उसके व्यवस्थापक सप्ताह में खेले जाते थे और वे अपना ही महत्व रखते थे; परन्तु इस वर्ष इस कालेज ने हिन्दी नाटक को भी वही महत्व प्रदान करके एक नई परम्परा चलाई। हम-लोग पहले भी एक हिन्दी नाटक खेल चुके थे परन्तु उसको उस समय इतना महत्व नहीं दिया गया था।

वर्षों से शेरवुड के अभिनेता अंग्रेजी के नाटकों में अभिनय करके अपनी दक्षता दिखलाते आये हैं; परन्तु इस वर्ष जब उन्हें हिन्दी के नाटक में भी अभिनय करने का सुअवसर प्राप्त हुआ तो उनकी आत्मा खिल उठी और बड़ी उत्सुकता से, "जीना इसी का नाम है" जो टाल्स टॉय के "What man lives by" का अनुवाद था, के अभिनय के लिये तैयार हो गये।

नाटक का प्रथम दृश्य सोनिया (विजय शुक्ल) और उसकी माता आइवानोवा (विजय साहनी) के वातालाप से आरम्भ होता है। सोनिया विचारी गीली लकड़ी से आग जलाने की चेष्टा करती है, कभी लकड़ी को तोड़ने का प्रयास करती है और अपने नन्हें हाथों से जब वह उसे तोड़ने में असफल रहती है, तब दर्शकों का ध्यान अनायास ही उसकी तरफ खिंच जाता है और वह अपने कुशल अभिनय से सबको मुग्ध कर देती है। परन्तु इसी बीच उसकी माँ आइवानोवा जब बोलने लगती है तो दर्शक उसकी कर्ण-कटु वाणी के कारण कुछ विरक्त से दृष्टिगत होते हैं। परन्तु सोनिया "वत् तरे की सील गई है" की आवाज से दर्शकों को फिर अपनी ओर आकर्षित कर लेती है और दर्शक उसकी इस आवाज को सुनकर हँसी से लोट-पोट हो जाते हैं।

वास्तव में नाटक का आरम्भ दूसरे दृश्य से होता है जब साइमन (राजीव श्रीवास्तव) माइकल नामक स्वर्ग-दूत (फरिश्ते, i. e. angel) को जिसकी अवस्था उस समय बहुत ही शोचनीय थी लेकर रंगमंच पर प्रस्तुत होता है। उस समय साइमन का अभिनय देखने ही योग्य था। साइमन बिल्कुल रूसी मोर्ची की तरह ही दृष्टि-गत होता था। उसके हृदय में दया थी और अपनी दया के कारण ही वह स्वर्गदूत अपने घर लाया था।

जब आइवानोवा ने स्वर्गदूत पर दया करके उसे खाना

दिया तो स्वर्ग-दूत की विचित्र हँसी देख कर आइवानोवा के मुख की धवड़ाहट की भंगिमा देखते ही बनती थी। अभिनय की दृष्टि से आइवानोवा का अभिनय भी बहुत अच्छा था। नाटक अपनी चरम सीमा पर उस समय पहुँचता है जब माइकल तीसरी बार हँसा। उसकी इस विचित्र हँसी को देखकर आइवानोवा बहुत चिंतित हो जाती है; क्योंकि उसकी हँसी के दो परिणाम वह पहले ही देख चुकी थी। इस समय उसके मुख पर किसी भावी आशंका के चिन्ह स्पष्ट लक्षित होते हैं। परन्तु एक पुरुष के लिये स्त्री-पात्र का कार्य करना बहुत कठिन होता है; और आइवानोवा स्त्री रूप में होते हुए भी अपने स्वर को स्त्रियों का सा कोमल बनाने में असमर्थ रही।

नाटक के प्रधान पात्रों में साइमन और माइकल दोनों का अभिनय बहुत अच्छा था। परन्तु नाटक का नायक माइकल जो अधिकांश समय तक रंगमंच पर मौन धारण किये रहा, उसका अभिनय बहुत ही अच्छा था। माइकल का अभिनय बहुत कठिन था; क्योंकि जो पात्र बोल सकते थे उन्हें अपने भावों को वाणी के माध्यम से व्यक्त करने का साधन प्राप्त था। परन्तु माइकल (ओमनरायन) को अपने विचार हाव भाव के द्वारा ही प्रकट करने पड़ते थे। माइकल रंग मंच पर केवल एक बार ही बोला और वह भी उस समय जब नाटक समाप्त होने के निकट होता है।

उसने बतलाया कि वह क्यों इस संसार में आया था और वे तीन कौन सी सच्चाइयाँ थीं जो उसने इस संसार में प्राप्त की।

- (१) उसने जाना कि मनुष्य को अपनी आवश्यकताओं के विषय में जानना उसकी शक्ति के बाहर है।
- (२) उसने जाना कि मनुष्य इस संसार में सहानुभूति से जीवित रहता है।
- (३) उसने जाना कि मनुष्य के हृदय में प्रेम का निवास है।

उसने अपने इस भाषण के द्वारा दर्शकों को बड़ा प्रभावित किया; और अपने इस कुशल अभिनय के कारण 'वचन पात्र' भी प्राप्त किया।

लगभग सभी पात्रों ने अपने कुशल अभिनय के द्वारा नाटक को सफल बनाने में सहयोग दिया और हम लोगों को आशातीत सफलता मिली। परन्तु वास्तव में यह नाटक श्री सालवे के भगीरथ प्रयत्न द्वारा ही इतना सफल हो सका।

## The King's Pocket Knife

The Junior School proudly and successfully presented "The King's Pocket Knife", an opera by Enid Blyton and Alec Rowley.

The actors played their parts in the real spirit and depicted their respective parts in a very realistic manner. They put their heart and soul into it, so much so that the King (David Bennet) who was supposed to be a forgetful character, while acting his part became actually so forgetful as to misplace his pocket knife in his trousers instead of his coat pocket and even Pixy Bright Eyes (David McMahon) could not find it. The Monarch in his magic sleep had to take it out much to the amusement of the audience.

The nervous stammer of the gardener and the partial deafness of Long Beard (Daniel Testar) were a real source of enjoyment. The alertness of the Pages, who always tried hard to catch the ends of the King's cloak attracted the attention of the audience each time they moved. The Captain and his soldiers entered

in real formation befitting their parts. The Pedlar (David Atkinson) showed a real salesman's skill and even offered his advice to the King. The little fairies looked really cute as they entered with Pixy Bright Eyes and the stage seemed to be a fairy land. Even the Old Clothes Fairy (Neville Raymond) brought a bag full of Horsman wing assortments which was littered on the stage.

The play showed the pains-taking efforts of Mrs. B. Bentinck who directed the play. The melodious and catchy tunes were directed by Mr. C. Matthews and the singing was helped by Miss J. Bentinck. The beauty of the stage and the attractive setting showed the artistic efforts of Mrs. Tayler.

On the whole all taking part in the play and its setting put in their best and the whole get up was very colourful and appropriate, appealing to the audience and was very much appreciated.

S. LAL

## Sherwood Orators

We are grateful to Mrs. Reba Lewis, assisted by Mr. V. Dayal and Mr. D. deSa, for judging the elocution finals. Mrs. Lewis reports as below:

On June 6th, 1959, the elocution finals were held at Sherwood College as part of the entertainment of the informal concert held each year during Founder's Week. In this contest each and every boy did so well that the judges really felt like "executioners" in trying to pick out only one winner from each of the four divisions.

This feeling of inadequacy was particularly marked when the judges had to decide who was the "very best orator" in Division 4. These "orators" were all little boys and one could not help but be impressed by their courage in standing before 1000 enthusiastic visitors and speaking so clearly and so beautifully. The judges gave the first prize to D. Testar, but this was because they were instructed to pick the winner. Actually, the judges were agreed that all the boys in this division deserved commendation. So here is a toast to V. Bakshi, D. Bennett,

W. Calcuttawalla, N. Raymond, R. P. Singh and the winner, D. Testar.

In Division 3, there was also unanimity among the judges who felt that N. Kapur was excellent, although K. Rice came as a close second. The other two boys, K. M. Pant and R. McClenahan were very good indeed.

Division 2 presented a difficult choice as there were only two contestants. After much deliberation, the judges gave the prize to S. Shitole because he seemed to capture the essential spirit of Shylock and in a quiet way but with dramatic intensity, he made the audience realise the tragedy of Shylock's position in Venetian society. The judges wanted to express their appreciation of R. Dhawan's oration and to highly commend him.

In Division 1, the prize went to D. Duckett, but all the senior students in this group showed poise and understanding of their subject as well as ability to speak clearly. Thus congratulations to D. McIntyre, A. Murch and O. Narayan.

## The Informal Concert

A larger audience than usual turned up on June 6th for this concert and the elocution finals, but they were all somehow accommodated. Readers of this article who are or were in the Signals will share my delight when they learn that the concert began with the Choir's four-part rendering of "Begone Dull Care". This was followed by a jolly song, "The Pretty Creature". John Lewis and William Macfarlane, in their 2nd, and 3rd, year respectively of piano lessons, gave us proof of their progress in a tuneful duet. The two vocal trios by Messrs. Bentinck, Beaman and Matthews went over very well indeed. The slight uncertainty in "Drink, Puppy, Drink" was more than compensated by the confidence and aplomb which characterised "Little Brown Jug." Then, after a vocal trio, H. Vasi and Miss Dyson, to the piano accompaniment of Mr. Matthews, played an arrangement for two violins of a well-known Serenade. All Saints decided not to use the stage for their two songs and instead arranged themselves becomingly on and around the steps, and I am glad to say we managed to persuade them to repeat their second song.

After the elocution finals and Mrs. Lewis' short flight into Hindi, the concert was resumed with what was to me the most welcome

item of the evening—an Irish dance by eight boys of St. Joseph's to one of the Brothers' accordion accompaniment. This was very colourful and spirited, and I hope it is the precursor of many similar visits, with, perhaps, us paying return visits there.

The Horsman Wing choir, looking angelic (although I was assured that off-stage the resemblance to angels is non-existent!), sang three songs very sweetly. Michael McMahon and Donovan McIntyre played a piano duet, especially enjoyable to me as I remember my mother playing the same tune when I was a very small boy.

After many years enough old boys had turned up to make an item by them really worth-while, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed their verses of past Sherwood history, followed by the School Song (surprisingly well sung!).

The Choir returned to round off the evening with a song from Iolanthe and then—musically, the pièce-de-résistance of the concert—Mendelssohn's "In The Forest", both accompanied, needless to say, by Mr. Thompson, who is to be congratulated on once again having produced such a lively and well-assorted programme.

C.D.B.

## Hockey O.S.S. Vs. College

This year the Old Boys were able to muster a strong team led by G. Burge, and it was generally felt that the Present would be hard pushed to hold them.

It was soon apparent however that the boys were determined to let neither the experience nor the reputation of their opponents overwhelm them. They swept into the attack and had the Past defending furiously if not exactly scientifically. After the first few attacks had worn themselves out, play was transferred to the other end, and with A. Raza and G. Burge prominent in the attack, the Past had quite a few good tries, but Prakash in goal proved too good for them on the few occasions when the backs were passed.

Play swirled about in mid-field for some time, until, with characteristic dash, M. V. Singh, picked up a stray pass and speeding past the backs sounded the boards to put the Present one up.

Quite unperturbed, the Old Boys set about a task of reconstruction, but, thwarted by a combination of bad luck and Prakash in goal, their efforts went unrewarded. Then shortly before the half-way whistle, the Present forced a short-corner and off a pass from M. V. Singh, P. Patel scored with a crisp hit.

The Past came back from the limes quite refreshed and immediately moved with determination, with A. Raza always a trier. The defence rose to the occasion and the Present weathered the storm.

Eventually youth reasserted itself and after some rather wild bouts of passing, M. V. Singh tore through alone to notch the third goal.

The Old Boys, perhaps by now feeling the strain of too many cigarettes, began to wilt, and though they did make some sporadic raids, they were unable to penetrate the College's defence and when the final whistle ended the match, the Present had won 3-0.

D. J. HOFFLAND

## Football

### Past Vs. Present

The game, unlike those of the past, started with the past making a dash at our goal, and they would have been one up had it not been for Hussain, our back. After this attempt, the game steadied down a bit and the ball was kicked about from side to side. We were entitled to see some good hard kicking from Sohan Singh.

Suddenly, out of the blue, M. V. Singh got the ball, and had both Kapur, the back, and Yadav, the goalkeeper bewildered when he placed the ball neatly in the net.

However, the past were not deterred, and a minute later they forced a penalty off Shergill. Sohan Singh had the goalkeeper, Srivastava, flabbergasted, for, the ball went in one corner and the goal-keeper in the opposite.

Both the past and the present had a corner each after this, and though they were both good shots, they failed to materialise, as each goalkeeper was determined to keep it at bay.

Messrs Burge, Pant and Sohan Singh were the life of the game, and many a time they would have "put it in" had it not been for our good defence. However, a minute before half time, Hardial Singh got the ball which he sent on to Mr. Miller. The latter passed it to Sohan Singh, who had now come forward, and we were given a good display of an opposite corner shot. The score was 2-1.

In the second half Guha, with his excellent heading, together with M. V. Singh and Sheth, were often the source of anxiety to the past, but somehow or the other they never found the finishing touch. Shome, the centre forward, was making full use of his 150 lbs. and marked his man Mr. Burge well.

Five minutes after half time Mr. Miller got a good pass from deSa, and he flicked the ball neatly into the goal, to be congratulated warmly by all. An excellent combination of Mr. Burge and Sohan was going on now, and once or twice they were unfortunate to see the ball rebounding from the bar.

Iqbal Said, who was playing his best at wing, gave a good pass to Mr. Miller who, once more had the ball in the net, before the goal-keeper had a chance of knowing what was happening.

After this we were treated to a good display of football by both teams. The Present were determined to show that young blood would win the day, and the Past were just as determined that they should not.

Corner shots were good, and would swerve in nicely but they were always foiled by the goalkeeper. Mr. Miller once centred the ball to Hardial Singh, and the latter drove it nicely to the opposite corner of the goal. However, Srivastava with a magnificent dive had the ball in his hands before it could enter the goal. Once M. V. Singh and Rekhari got through to the goal but they were stopped by Yadav who was playing very well.

The whistle blew to see the score at 4-1 and we were all pleased at this result as the Past were by far the favourites.

The Past was represented by:—

R. Yadav, S. Kapur, G. Pant, Derek deSa, Sohan Singh, A. Murch, Hardial Singh, F. Miller, J. Burge, K. K. Khan, I. Said.  
Extraman: T. Said.

N. PRAKASH

## O.S.S. Cricket 1959

Shortly after 10 a.m. umpires Shome and Said walked on to the field followed by the O.S.S. The Present had won the toss, and had elected to field, but the O.S.S. asked Srivastava, the Present's captain, whether they could field instead. Vice-captain Guha was asked, and finally it was agreed that the O.S.S. could field.

Derek deSa opened from the Milman Hall end to McMahon. His first ball beat the

batsman, who just about managed to get his bat to the ball and succeeded in getting it just over silly mid-on's head. This made it quite obvious that the pace bowlers were going to be dangerous with the new ball. But with a straight bat the next ball was hit past the bowler for two runs, but one was declared short. deSa kept an excellent length, slightly over-pitched at times and more than once his balls were loose. In fact, one actually struck the



batsman a painful blow in the stomach. The last ball of the over was turned past the square leg umpire for two.

Hardial Singh then bowled to Sohal, and once in his first over the ball nicked the stumps, though not quite hard enough to dislodge a bail. Unperturbed, Sohal lifted him clean into the tennis courts for four in his next over.

Derek deSa gave way to Shome, who unfortunately came on at the wrong time, and each of his last three balls went for two. In his next over McMahon hit the ball straight past him for four, whereupon Shome deciding that something had to be done forced Sohal to raise the ball straight back to him. The opening partnership yielded 32 very valuable runs as events turned out, with Sohal out with 10 runs to his credit and McMahon not out with 18.

The newcomer Puri very uncertain, prodded at all sorts of balls, but somehow he managed to keep them away from the alert fielders. Meanwhile the score kept moving mostly with the aid of two's, before McMahon attempting to hit, was brilliantly caught in the outfield by Chatterjee, off the first ball of Yadav's sixth over. The score was then 54, McMahon out with 33 and Puri not out with 4. The last eight wickets crumbled for the addition of another 17 runs only.

Two more wickets fell at 54. P. Patel L.B.W. to Yadav and Puri in the next over nicked a catch to Kabir Khan off B. Singh. Once or twice Singh made the ball lift, and he got one to glance off Guha's shoulder to leg slip where the catch was made. A loud appeal came from the fielders and umpire Shome raised his finger. The O.S.S. sportingly recalled him, whereupon Guha square cut beautifully for two. However in the next over Shome trapped Srivastava L.B.W. and this time without any doubt. Three balls later McIntyre lost his leg stump to Shome, and in the next over Guha lifted a catch to mid off.

Hemant Patel, next in, bent down on one knee and turned the ball for two, but he too was also L.B.W. Chopra was caught and the very next ball lifted Rekhari's centre stump clean into the air and the innings ended for 71.

Guha opened bowling to Khan with a ring of fielders at the back, three slips, a fine leg, a leg slip and one long stop. Twice Khan lifted

him clean over slips' heads and so the long stop, Chopra covered them. Kapur who had managed a single, shuffled in front of the stumps and was out L.B.W. Next over, Khan, trying to repeat his previous performance was bowled by a yorker. Both these wickets had fallen to Guha. One more wicket fell before lunch, that of Yadav's who was run out by inches.

Shome and deSa played out the last few overs before lunch, but Shome was rather lucky. deSa took a two and a four before cooling down once more. On the last ball before lunch, Shome square cut it, but it was saved by inches from reaching the boundary. So Shome ran another and was three quarters of the way down the pitch when deSa told him to return. By now, McMahon had thrown the ball straight to the wicket-keeper, but with years to run Shome out in, Rekhari dropped the ball and removed the bails with his gloves. Hence they returned for lunch.

First ball after lunch, deSa square cut and ran, but the ball was returned like a rocket to the wicket-keeper, and this time there was no mistake. Shome was run out. Then Guha in a deadly post-lunch spell, got the wickets off both deSa, who was L.F.W. and Hardial Singh, who attempted a big hit and was bowled. McIntyre was introduced as a change bowler, and his first over was a maiden, but in his next over, he clean bowled B. Singh. It looked as though the end was near but the two Chatterjees in a stand of 18, brought the score to 62, before the elder of the two was L.B.W. to Guha. Solomon then nicked a catch behind the stumps, whereupon Srivastava leapt into the air, and shot out a hand, and the ball remained glued there. With the last man in and nine more runs to go, it seemed the Present were heading for victory.

Guha bowling slow, kept a good length, but Mr. Burge threw his bat with considerable luck and got two fours off it. One more run brought the scores level and then Mr. Burge lifted it over McIntyre, and the match was lost and won. Finally at 90, Srivastava disposed of Mr. Burge's off stump, and the game was over, with all credit to the O.S.S. even though the Present were hit hard by injuries, Puri and Patel being absent for the majority of the game.

M. McMAHON

## Hockey Notes 1959

Short though the hockey season is, we have generally quite a crowded programme, so we got off to a flying start this year soon after the opening of term.

With increased numbers on the Roll, there was an innovation in the Games Time-Table, and boys in the "C", "D" and "E" divisions had their matches in the afternoon in order to make way for the older ones to occupy the field in the evening.

There was regular practice for the First XI four times a week but this allotment is insufficient, and provision should be made next year for the team to play from Monday to Saturday inclusive. With regular fixtures against two of the local Colleges, this type of sustained practice has been long over due.\* As choice was extremely limited, selection of the First XI was not an easy task, and the best that could be done was to train individual players in particular positions—a procedure which achieved better results than what a continual reshuffling would have done. We fielded a comparatively young side but the boys possessed plenty of effort and made up, thereby, for their green years in the technicalities of good hockey. They defeated Birla Vidya Mandir by 3-1 but went down to St. Joseph's College with the score standing at 1-0. Our friends from across the spur had a much more experienced side with dangerous concerted combination among the forwards, and the fact that we did not lose by a greater margin redounds very much to the credit of our boys. We had an excellent opportunity to level score soon after half time, but Praful Patel swung out at the ball and threw away the chance that came to him.

The House Matches were keenly contested but there was too much evidence of wild hitting and long passing, and little constructive play in the entire series. Set Games were

a better medium of training than the inception last year of particular Houses playing on fixed days, for it is hardly possible for the younger ones to improve in the game when they are overawed by those who are older, physically stronger and faster than they are. Allen-a-Dale won the "A", "B" and "C" divisions to emerge triumphant in hockey this year, while Friar Tuck won the "D" division trophy with Robin Hood annexing the "E" division cup.

As this hockey article for the Sherwoodian will be the last one I shall write, I do wish to say that I have enjoyed coaching the College XI over the past five years. I have relished my work on the games field and hope that those whom it has been my privilege to train will carry away with them, as I shall, happy memories of a pleasant association outside the classroom.

### House Hockey—Score Sheet

Houses	A	B	C	D	E	Total	Position
Friar Tuck ...	1	3½	1½	4	3	13	2nd.
Little John ...	2½	1½	1½	3	2	10½	4th.
Allen-a-Dale ...	4	3½	4	2	1	14½	1st.
Robin Hood ...	2½	1½	3	1	4	12	3rd.

W. R. PRATT

\*A natural aspiration from a coach. But the importance of doing well against St. Joseph's must be balanced against the importance of giving adequate games to those not in the 1st. XI.

R. C. L.

## Hockey—Colts

This year we lost quite a large number of our experienced Colts, and the team had to be picked from a host of enthusiastic new comers. After the usual process of weeding-out had been completed, training commenced.

We played a number of local teams and were victorious in all the games. Against Birla, we were one down quite early in the game, but the boys fought back splendidly to

win (3-1). By this time, the team had welded itself into a unit and was playing a good game.

Against St. Joseph's, however, they fell to pieces altogether. The forwards seemed strangely unable to pass and were therefore unable to penetrate the quick tackling defence of our opponents. The half-backs did not move forward with the ball and their wild passes seldom found the forward line. More lamentable

was the inability of the full-backs to clear powerfully, with the result that most of the game was confined to our half.

The hero of the game was most definitely our goal keeper, Chatterjee, whose calmness saved

us from an overwhelming defeat. That we lost (1-0) by such a small margin was due solely to him.

D. J. HOFFLAND

## Football Seniors

When the senior football started, we had again lost seven of our last year's 1st XI players. After considerable shuffling, we had at last an idea of what the team would look like; and to our surprise and delight, its performance was excellent.

Almost as a final test of the efficiency of our team, we played Birla Vidya Mandir which is considered to be one of the best teams in Naini Tal. We had a real treat of seventy minutes of exciting football and refreshments afterwards. They are certainly hospitable. Here are a few points of the match, which I will not attempt to describe, as words—I feel—are quite inadequate to describe the thrill and excitement of the game. Within the first fifteen minutes of the game we lost our half back Popi Awatramani through a knee injury sustained while tackling an attacking forward. He was out for the rest of the match. So we were playing ten against eleven of Birla's. However, our boys played a spirited game to end the match in a draw, each side scoring three goals. For our team, M. V. Singh—our captain—scored all the three goals.

The St. Joseph's match was approached with high expectations in view of the previous records of the two teams. But August 13th

turned out to be the most dismal evening of the monsoon and visibility at the start was only about twenty yards. Later torrential rain cleared the mist, and though conditions were now improved for the spectators, they were even worse for the teams who were slithering about in puddles everywhere. Neither mist nor rain gave any hope for a game in which either side could show combination, and it was clear from the start that anything might happen. In the mêlée which followed St. Joseph's had the better of the play though Sherwood had some good attacking chances in the first half. As time wore on we realised we should be lucky to keep the game to a goalless draw, and indeed apart from R. Srivastava who played in goal with coolness and sure anticipation, ably supported at full back by A. Hussain and K. Rekhari, this could never have been done.

**Team:** H. S. Chimni; S. Barnabas, and M. V. Singh (Captain); O U. Khan, P. Guha and K. Shergill; N. Prakash, G. Ramani, K. Rekhari, A. Hussain (Vice-Captain) and R. Srivastava.

**Extra man:** S. Shome

*Reported by H. S. Sohal*

## Colts—Football

Not much outside practice has been possible this year. On August 6th Birla were met on their own ground for the first time. Their rather heavier and faster team—they fielded a "B" team—were too much for our boys and they won by five goals to one.

The match against St. Joseph's was played on August 12th on our ground. It was perhaps the most exciting game of recent years and the Colts played with great vigour and determination. Neal opened the scoring for Sherwood with a well directed penalty goal. A few minutes later St. Joseph's had their chance with a penalty kick but Dubey saved well. Though Sherwood pressed for most of the first

half they were unable to score again. The second half started equally, but after a while St. Joseph's did most of the attacking and eight minutes before the end scored after a 'knock-on' by Dubey. This was his one mistake in a match in which he played soundly and with a nice sense of judgment. St. Joseph's pressed hard for the remainder of the game but were not able to score.

G. Neal, R. P. Prasad, V. Gupta, A. K. Goel, A. K. Shukla, in addition to V. Dubey, deserve special mention. The other members of the team were M. S. Dhillon, R. Tewari, V. Chhitwal, V. Budhwar, and R. Razdan.

## Miscellaneous Competition Results

### GENERAL KNOWLEDGE COMPETITION

(5th September)

Senior			
1.	F. Kapadia	(66 + 5)	71%
2.	A. Verma	(62 + 5)	67
3.	R. Srivastava	(65 + 0)	65
	V. Shukla	(54 + 10)	64
	A. Wad	(53 + 10)	63
	K. Tewary	(52 + 10)	62
	V. Anand	(51 + 10)	61
	N. Prakash	(60 + 0)	60
	R. Stevens	(60 + 0)	60
	R. Dhavan	(49 + 10)	59

Junior			
1.	R. Obehrai	(68 + 0)	68%
2.	S. Barakat	(67 + 0)	67
3.	R. McClenahan	(57 + 10)	67
	P. Mitter	(61 + 5)	66
	P. Schunker	(65 + 0)	65
	B. Thakar	(65 + 0)	65
	K. Bakshi	(61 + 0)	61
	D. Mehta	(60 + 0)	60
	S. Mukerji	(50 + 10)	60
	D. Baxter	(59 + 0)	59

### HINDI PENMANSHIP

#### Seniors

1. Rajeev Srivastava
2. V. Chhitwal

#### Commended

1. R. P. S. Dhillon
2. M. V. Singh
3. Mahesh Patel
4. A. K. Goel

#### Juniors

1. S. Srivastava
2. K. M. Pant

#### Commended

1. S. Barakat
2. S. Motihar
3. K. Bakshi
4. R. S. Sidhu

### HINDI ESSAY COMPETITION

#### Seniors In order of merit

1. A. Arora
2. Om Narayan
3. H. S. Sohal
4. S. Negi
5. D. P. Goel
6. Vinod Gupta

## Hobbies Exhibition

A "Hobbies Exhibition" was held at Sherwood College on the 6th and 7th June. It was organized by the members of the Hobby Centre International of Naini Tal. The Exhibits included clay and plastic models, paintings, photographs, stamp and sport collections. The woodwork was also of a fairly high standard.

The Bishop of Lucknow who opened the exhibition at 2 p.m. on the 6th praised the work of the members and the "H.C.I." for the laudable efforts it had been making to encourage boys to develop their potentialities.

The Principal, an Honorary Member of the H.C.I. and Mr. F. B. Blomfield had been generous enough to help to make this exhibition a success.

Many visitors came to see this display. About two hundred parents and four hundred boys helped the H.C.I. with small donations.

A prize was given for the best exhibit, which was won by David Duckett, who had a large variety of exhibits of which the modelled head of Rommel and some paintings were of a very high standard.

Cub Reporter

## Swimming

Swimming this year has improved considerably with the appointment of Mr. Johnson, 800 metre ex Naval Champion, as a full-time swimming coach. The times are still slow relative to those of established swimming schools but considering this is only the third year of swimming, and that not five per cent of boys can swim on joining the school the general improvement is encouraging.

Most boys do not however realise how extensive and exacting competition training must be. A week's hard practice after a few months' pleasure bathing is of little use against a swimmer who has been daily practising a twenty length crawl over two or three months. In this S. Shitole set a standard which others would do well to follow. By rigorous training he reduced his time for the 500 yards to below nine minutes, a creditable effort for a boy of fourteen years who only learnt to swim two years ago. In the 500 yards event he was beaten by B. Meyer, a stronger and more experienced swimmer. Meyer's timing was 8 mt. 4 sec. and Shitole who was rather below form on the day was over half a minute behind. Shitole deservedly wins the Jowers' cup for the best trier.

B. Meyer who was Rex Ludorum in the Seniors is new to competitive swimming and should come on well. He is keen and has good stamina and physique. There are, however, faults in style which need correction if he is to

improve much upon his present times. Next year he would do well to start serious training in May or June. In the Juniors there was a better general standard though the best swimmer, J. Lewis, was slower in all races, a disappointing effort for a boy of thirteen who with developing physique ought to improve by two or three seconds each year. However Lewis has an easy style and managed to retain the Rex Ludorum cup in spite of his slackness in training.

The School has promising divers in B. Meyer, R. Kapur, and W. Azimi. It was impossible to forecast which of these three would win the Senior dive. On the day Meyer was just better than Kapur though both were below form. Azimi who had consumed a tin of glucose in the morning as a substitute for some months' of hard swimming training, was almost as green as the water by the time this event was held. To every one's surprise B. McMahon beat him for third place. If these boys train seriously from May next year they should reach a high standard and have a range of ten or twelve dives in place of the present four or five.

In conclusion we thank Mr. and Mrs. Pothan for presenting a house diving cup. In order to encourage diving, any number of boys in each house may compete, and the largest aggregate number of points from all divers decides the competition.

### RESULTS

#### Seniors.

100 yards Free Style:	1. B. Meyer, L. J. (Time 1 mt. 17 secs. New Record).
	2. A. Hussain, F. T.
	3. W. Azimi, R. H.
100 yards Back Stroke:	1. A. Hussain, F. T. (Time 1 mt. 35.8 secs.)
	2. Sung Sidh, A. D. (College Record 1' 33" B. Meyer Heats 1959)
	3. B. Meyer, L. J.
200 yards Free Style:	1. B. Meyer, L. J. (Time 3 mt. 17 Sec. New Record).
	2. S. Shitole, A. D.
	3. A. Hussain, F. T.
200 yards Breast Stroke:	1. B. Meyer, L. J. (Time 3 mt. 32.6 Secs.)
	2. N. Fratel, F. T.
	3. R. Lewis, R. H.
500 yards Free Style:	1. B. Meyer, L. J. (Time 8 mts. 45.4 secs. New Record).
	2. S. Shitole, A. D.
	3. M. McMahon, L. J.
400 yds Relay:	1. Little John.
	2. Robin Hood.
Diving:	1. B. Meyer, L. J. 138 points.
	2. R. Kapur, R. H. 130.5 "
	3. M. McMahon, L. J. 120.5 "

**Juniors. (Under 14 years).**

- 50 yards Free Style: 1. J. Lewis, R. H. (Time 39 secs.)  
2. C. Crocker, L. J.  
3. V. Dubey, L. J.
- 100 yards Free Style: 1. V. Dubey, L. J. (Time 1 mt. 37.8 Secs.)  
2. J. Lewis, R. H.  
3. I. Atkinson, A. D.
- 50 yards Back Stroke: 1. D. Singh, F. T. (Time 48.2 secs.)  
2. D. Kidd, F. T.  
3. C. Crocker, L. J.
- 100 yards Breast Stroke: 1. A. Bhowmik, A. D. (Time 1 mt. 50.2 secs. New Record).  
2. R. Mehta, L. J.  
3. D. Singh, F. T.
- 200 yards Free Style: 1. V. Dubey, L. J. (Time 3 mts. 26 secs.)  
2. J. Lewis, R. H.  
3. D. Kidd, F. T.
- House Relay: 1. Friar Tuck.  
2. Little John.
- Diving: 1. I. Atkinson, A. D. 102 points  
2. A. Shukla, L. J. 97 "  
3. J. Lewis, R. H. 92 "

**Beginners Seniors.**

- 25 yards Free Style: 1. N. Prakash, A. D. (Time 20.6 secs.)  
2. B. Rice, R. H.  
3. A. Singh, F. T.
- 50 yards Free Style: 1. N. Prakash, A. D. (Time 46 secs.)  
2. B. Rice, R. H.  
3. A. Goel, R. H.

**Beginners Juniors.**

- 25 yards Free Style: 1. M. S. Dhillon, R. H. (Time 24.6 secs.)  
2. R. Kohli, R. H.  
3. J. G. Patel, F. T.
- 50 yards Free Style: 1. R. Mehta, L. J. (Time 54.3 secs.)  
2. S. Kamath, L. J.  
3. A. Chuckerbutty, F. T.

**Horsman Wing.**

- 25 yards Free Style: 1. D. Bennett, L. J.  
2. S. Sachdev, L. J.  
3. D. Pathania, L. J.

**Trophies.**

Senior Rex Ludorum (Presented by Mr. Anwar Said.) B. Meyer.  
Junior Rex Ludorum (Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Walton) J. Lewis.  
Best Trier (Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Jowers) S. Shitole.  
House Diving Cup (Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Pothan) Little John.  
House Cup (Presented by Mr. M. M. Goel) Little John.

**House Positions.**

1. Little John 239 points.  
2. Friar Tuck 221 "  
3. Allen-a-Dale 173 "  
4. Robin Hood 151 "

## Senior and Junior Essay Competition

Miss Murch was good enough to act as judge this year. She had a long and difficult task in selecting the winners from about a hundred and fifty competitors. From my reading of the entries I do not think any earlier competition has been more difficult to judge,

and especially was this so of the Juniors with twelve or more essays competing for top place. We thank Miss Murch for the very thorough and careful attention which she has given.

R.C.L.

## Senior Essays

More than half the boys wrote on "Should animals be used in Scientific experiments?" Most wrote in the affirmative, but eight impassioned little essays denied the right of man to use animals in this way. The essays bore the mark of a common source, so were mostly tedious reading and showed little originality. Those in favour should realise that often animals are used unnecessarily and sometimes with callous cruelty. On the other hand those against should take into consideration a remark from one essay, "People hunt animals for food and skins which...are a temporary factor. Besides animals being used for the benefit of one person, they could easily be used in a way which will be beneficial to all" (M. S. Bedi IX A). Two other boys point out that the use of animals and ducks for meat, is not usually considered cruelty to animals.

There is a tendency in the essays as a whole to generalise, dogmatise, to take sides, as in a debate, instead of looking all round a subject as Mr. Slater said last year should be done. Thus, some essays begin, "In my opinion" and "Thus we see"... "We have thus proved." .... This was specially noticeable in the essays on, "Variety is the Spice of Life", and "Self-Confidence". After all, the spice of life is not life itself, as some essays suggested. Boiled vegetables are dull without spices but they sustain life. And one's aim and ambition can surely be set a bit higher than on self-confidence, useful as it certainly is. I may point out that not only is self-confidence a spur to knowledge, but also knowledge itself brings self-confidence. In an accident, who would have more self-confidence, a trained nurse who happened to be in the crowd or a bystander, knowing nothing of medical things? This suggests that self-confidence is a by-product of the quest for knowledge.

Of the essays on Cargoes, one boy wrote quite well but did not realize that the term *cargo* is restricted to transport by ship and recently by air also. Another boy's essay bristled with interesting facts, from the Plimsoll line to early Phoenician trading, from

pirates and smugglers to U-boats attacking cargo ships in the war, but his material was badly sorted and full of mistakes in spelling and composition.

The boys writing on "The Influence of Geography on History" mostly failed to understand the subject and wrote on its influence on occupations. One young boy wrote "History teaches us about the old princes....and if we knew no Geography, then we would not have known where the princes lived," which is hardly to the point!

The best essay was O. U. Khan's (XI). He really understood his subject, though his arguments were not always very sound.

I should like to have seen a set of essays from the Senior boys which was entirely unprepared. It would have given more scope for originality and would have made the judgment easier and fairer.

### Results of Senior Essay Competition

1. H. S. Sohal. XI—A well-reasoned argument for Central Intervention in Kerala.
2. F. Said. XI—An amusing dissertation on 'Castles in the Air'.
3. N. Prakash XI—A well-written essay on 'Self-Confidence'.
4. Om Narayan Xb—A gripping account of one 'Castle' in the Air.
5. S. Chowdhury XI—The most reasonable of the essays on animals being used for Scientific purposes.

### Commended:

- M. Meyer IXb—An ingenious interpretation of aeroplanes as Castles in the Air.
- A. Verma Xa—A well-written, but not very consistent, essay on 'Variety is the Spice of Life'.
- J. Rasul Xa—A clear and sensible essay on animals for Science.
- M. Sewanaku IXa—Another thoughtful essay on Kerala.
- S. Barnabas XI—A well balanced essay on 'Variety is the Spice of Life'.

## Junior Essays

The essays in this group gained in spontaneity from the fact that the subjects were only given on the spot.

Here the most popular subject was 'A Visit to a Zoo'. We were taken to Zoos at Calcutta, Lucknow, Delhi and even to one at Nairobi in B. E. Africa, though the last essay was mainly about the journey to and from India. The essays which were commended showed careful observation of the animals seen, and gave interesting details and were not just lists of animals. You will be sorry to hear that in one Zoo small boys were allowed to feed the lions through the bars of the cage, and one small boy in so doing was dragged by a lion through the bars and all but came to a gory end! One boy's essay, although it consisted mainly of one long breathless paragraph for three and a half pages, was commended because of some striking observations, "The lion was pacing to and fro and roaring in a kingly manner....and seemed to say 'Don't my cubs look very nice?'" "The baby bear was moving about on uncertain feet".

There were some thrilling stories of Tim the Shepherd's dog, who saved his master's life. Only those were commended when the adventure sprang from the everyday life of the shepherd. For instance in one otherwise well-written essay, the shepherd takes his dog for a row on the sea and the boat capsizes. This had nothing to do with a shepherd's life. There was a good deal of really good imaginative writing. After all, Tim did save his master's life, so a little melodrama was called for!

I should like to reassure boys who are thinking of going to England, that nowadays there are no dangerous animals; they were exterminated long ago! We had several panther hunts in England during, 'The most enjoyable Week away from Home'.

I suppose one cannot expect accurate background from such young boys. Penguins are not found on the west coast of Scotland, only in Antarctica, and you cannot go for an afternoon's swimming on the beach at the seaside if you live in London. Some of the essays were obviously 'tall tales' and not simple accounts of actual week ends. We had 13 yr. olds shooting tigers!

The Fairs were full of excitements, including ghost trains and palmistry. The Exhibition

were mostly lists of exhibits but a few avoided this by going to Joyland and telling of their adventures there. Nearly all were accounts of the two big Delhi Exhibitions in 1955 and 1958.

It has been fun reading these essays, but not so much fun judging them, as on the whole they are so good.

### Results of Junior Essay Competition

1. P. Schunker VIIa—A well-written, selective essay on 'A Visit to a Zoo'.
2. P. Schaffer VIIIb—Very well-written, but not altogether to the point.
3. A. Koshal VIIa } Two thrilling adventures
4. S. Najeib VIIa } of Tim and the Shepherd.

### Commended

#### Visits to the Zoo

Gautam Mitra VIIa  
P. Mitter VIIa  
H. Nazar VIIb  
K. S. Gill VIb  
A. K. Sen VIIb  
Eyoub Khan VIIb  
J. B. Jaggi VIIb

#### Stories of Tim and the Shepherd

K. Bakshi VIIa  
R. Obehrai VIIa  
N. Joshi VIIa. Very good for his age.

#### Visit to a Fair or Exhibition

P. Mansukhani VIIa. Very good for his age.  
D. Baxter VIIa  
J. Stevens VIIa

#### The Most Enjoyable Week

M. Mani. Very good for his age VIb  
Ian Atkinson VIIa  
Pushpinder Singh VIIb

#### Special Mention

M. P. Singh VIIb was the only boy who wrote showing he was sorry for the animals kept in zoos.

A. B. Shastry VIb a delightful account of Christmas week, but alas! He spent it at home and not away from home.

Altogether an entertaining and freshly-written set of essays, among which it was very difficult to select the best of the 72.

W. A. MURCH



## Senior Prize Winning Essay

H. S. SOHAL Class XI Age 15½

### **"President's rule in Kerala was justified by necessity"**

On August 3, President Rajendra Prasad dissolved the communist ministry of Mr. Namboodripad, in Kerala. Kerala is now under the direct central rule of Dr. Rajendra Prasad. This move was somewhat expected because the state of affairs in Kerala was not at all satisfactory.

There were murmurs of dissatisfaction, slight murmurs long ago, but two months ago people really expressed their dissatisfaction. It all started on June the 1st, the day when the Education Bill was passed in Kerala. Certain rights of the Principals of private institutions were taken away. To follow up, the Agrarian Bill too was passed. This act took the land away from the rich and gave it to the landless mob. The opposition to the Government upheld that the land was not given to the poor but to the communists. The climax of dissatisfaction was reached with the passing of the Industrial Act. The actual effect of this law was to control the freedom of the mill owners to control the internal affairs of their mills.

The Opposition, however, levelled many more charges against the Communist Government. It said that the State funds were used for party gains. The State treasury was being emptied upon the communists. They gained influence, not by their deeds, but by the State's money.

The Opposition also stated that promotion in Government offices was not gained by ability or experience but by recommendation from the communist party workers. Communist people were raised to high posts overnight. Not only that, the police was ordered by the Government to favour the communists. In many cases communists were acquitted while the non-communists were sentenced in the same circumstances. There was no law and order in the State. Justice was not carried out. In one case a certain accused, Vasu Pillai, was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, but he was a communist and so, a week later, was seen in the staff car instead of the grave.

The Communist Government looked upon the Opposition with the air of conquerors.

When the public started the picketing of Government offices and schools, it was because the Government would not answer the charges filed against them. The situation rapidly deteriorated. The Communists still treated every one as ones who had been defeated. In order to disperse unruly mobs, they opened fire. Police did not use less drastic methods. In the firing at Ankumali, sixteen people died and forty-three were injured. Finally, answering this charge, the Government said that this was due to an accident!

In the Government schools, communist ideology was taught to children. They were taught, not to believe in God, to distrust Congress, Jan Sangh, and Praja Socialist Parties. Not only did they use propaganda through schools and colleges but they also used mean and underhand ways to get rid of the members of the Opposition. Political murders were arranged. In one case a car accident killed one leading opposition leader. The driver was a communist and was released after two weeks' imprisonment. Difficult members of the Opposition were thus dealt with.

The Opposition charged the then reigning communist Government with completely anti-democratic actions. It was felt throughout the nation that life and property in Kerala was unsafe, there was no security and people lived in constant fear of their lives.

The majority of the population wanted the Government to resign but as the communists made it clear that they would hold office till 1962, it was necessary for them to resolve to take direct action against the power. Picketing of offices and schools started. Lawlessness and injustice, spread over the state. Day by day the situation deteriorated but the Communist Government still did not change its policy. Plantation labour attacked the owners and since the labour was communist they went scot-free and plundered the fruit orchards.

The Government tried their utmost to stop the true situation from leaking out. Spy rings were formed who kept an eye on the files and forged figures and reports till finally on 3rd August the President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, dismissed Namboodripad and dissolved his ministry, to put an end to this unhealthy reign.

He was fully justified in dismissing the Government, under the act of the Indian Constitution. The disturbance increased to such an extent that it was only right that the Central Government should take over. After a four-hour debate in the Lok Sabha this decision was

finally made. Though the Congress Government did not like to do it, they were forced by the circumstances to act as they did. Indeed, it was only due to extreme necessity that the President had to take this drastic step to abolish the Communist Government of Kerala.

## Junior Prize Winning Essay

P. SCHUNKER Class VIII Age 12

### A Visit to a Zoo

On Saturday after Dad came home from office, he told us that we were going to go to the zoo.

As we arrived at the zoo, we bought our tickets, and we also bought some nuts for the monkeys. The first place we decided to go to were the monkeys, there were tiny ones, big ones, fat ones, frisky ones and thin ones, but they all seemed jolly. There was a scuffle when we threw some nuts to them, but it was all settled when a huge male monkey came into the scene.

Next we visited the elephants, there were four of them, there were two big elephants, a male and a female and there were two small ones who, apparently were the children of the two big elephants. We offered them each a piece of cane-sugar which they took very gladly, and in return trumpeted.

Next we visited the lions, who growled when we approached them. They were having their meal and so we never stayed there for long.

Next we visited were the peacocks and peahens. They made an awful noise when we approached them, because, they had just been caught. As we were walking away from their cages, my sister caught my attention; she had seen a peacock dancing. When we looked in the direction in which my sister was pointing, we were all amazed to see that a peacock was dancing in front of us, and for a moment we thought that the bird had been sent from heaven, to please us. After a minute or two we realised that the bird was a real one, and that it was dancing to please its mate. We could not miss photographing such a spectacular happening, and so we did so.

It was getting late, and so we decided to go home and recall the happenings of the day.

## Marathons

Despite the enforced change of route the Marathons were run on 26th September with the usual clock-work precision, apart from one hitch. The course was the same distance except for B Division's which was about three hundred yards shorter. It was a fine afternoon—rather warm with some sun. The unusually good weather, with the usual cocoa and buns, enhanced the social occasion.

E and F Divisions of Horsman Wing started the Marathons followed by D Division of Dixon Wing. The rest of Dixon Wing then followed according to schedule.

B Division arrived very tired with an exhausted Randhawa coming first. There was some excitement here for not only was it a close finish but a new record appeared to have been established by 1 min. 10.5 seconds but the officials decided that this was impossible.

C Division came next with Atkinson collapsing at the Finishing Post.

A Division were in good form but there was some confusion over the assessment of points after the first twelve. Barnabas was first, much to the boys' surprise, and Srivastava almost tied with him. Much greater efforts had been made in this and the other races with one notable exception.

Doubtless the new points system had its teething troubles but its value was apparent. All races were seriously contested and Sister MacLeod was quite busy. The Marathons finished earlier though the results could not be announced then owing to the subtraction of points for late arrivals. Mr. Rekhari enjoyed his busman's holiday.

R. A. BERY

## Marathon Runs—1959

'A' Division		House points
Barnabas, S.	F.T.	15
Srivastava, N.	A.D.	14
Parekh, S.M.	F.T.	13
Jain, I.	F.T.	12
Chandarana, J.	L.J.	11
Mani, S.	A.D.	10
Fratel, N.	F.T.	9
Sewanaku, M.	A.D.	8
Neal, G.	F.T.	7
Kumar, S.	R.H.	6
Shergill, K.S.	L.J.	5
Sandhu, K.S.	R.H.	4
Plus points:	A.D. 14, R.H. 17, L.J. 19, F.T. 12.	
Minus points:	A.D. 2, R.H. 2, L.J. 3, F.T. 3.	

'B' Division		House points
Randhawa, A.	A.D.	15
Gill, J.S.	L.J.	14
Khan, J.R.	A.D.	13
Sahota, K.S.	R.H.	12
Patel, H.	L.J.	11
Shitole, J.	A.D.	10
Goel, A.	F.T.	9
Kumar, R.	F.T.	8
Arabi, H.	R.H.	7
Singh, Pushp.	A.D.	6
Massey, J.	F.T.	5
Mehta, R.	L.J.	4
Plus points:	A.D. 6, R.H. 10, L.J. 4, F.T. 7.	
Minus points:	A.D. 3, R.H. 1, L.J. 4, F.T. 3.	

'C' Division		House points
Tewari, R.	A.D.	15
Patel, R.	A.D.	14
Singh, G.	R.H.	13
Dubey, V.	L.J.	12
Desai, K.	F.T.	11
Arora, D.	A.D.	10
Atkinson, A.	A.D.	9
Daniels, L.	R.H.	8
Sood, R.	A.D.	7
Dalal, D.	L.J.	6
Patel, M.G.	F.T.	5
Singh, K.P.	A.D.	4
Budhwar, V.	A.D.	3
Patel, H.C.	L.J.	2
Nandlal A.	F.T.	1

'D' Division		House points
Singh, Sukhdev	L.J.	15
Patel, P.H.	F.T.	14
Shukla, A.	L.J.	13
Bakshi, R.	R.H.	12
Sen, A.	A.D.	11
Mani, M.	A.D.	10
Rane, Y.	F.T.	9
Singh, Darshan	A.D.	8
Joshi, N.	F.T.	7
Vaid, B.	L.J.	6
Sabharwal, A.	R.H.	5
Moddie, B.	A.D.	4
Chowdhry, A.	A.D.	3
Hafeez-Imam	R.H.	2
Nayyar, R.	L.J.	1

Marathons	House points			
	A.D.	R.H.	L.J.	F.T.
'A' Division	44	25	32	65
'B' Division	47	28	29	26
'C' Division	62	21	20	17
'D' Division	36	19	35	30
Total	189	93	116	138

## Points counted towards the Athletic Shield

A.D.	R.H.	L.J.	F.T.
8	4	6	12
12	6	8	4
12	8	6	4
12	4	8	6
44	22	28	26

## Inter-House Athletic Sports September 12th, 1959

The Athletic training this year was greatly hampered by a very wet September. There were very few dry evenings for the boys to do any intensive training for both field and track events. This resulted in our standard not being as high as in previous years.

There were, however, two new records set up. Sukdev Singh of Little John set up a new record for the 400 metres D division with a timing of 73.2 seconds. R. Srivastava of Robin Hood broke the Hop-Step and Jump record of the A division set up by B. Forbes in 1946. He jumped a distance of 40 feet 5 inches, 4½ inches more than the existing record. His achievement would have been much better if he had had the opportunity for more intensive practice.

The open relay is a very popular event of our Athletic meet. This year we were disappointed that St. Joseph's were unable to send their team as their runners were down in Delhi. The old boys of last year's School Certificate class ran against us but were beaten.

At Sherwood the visitor's race is invariably

won by important personalities, and this year was no exception for the Revd. Kenneth Anand (Bishop elect of Amritsar) and Mrs. Anand won the event.

We were very happy to have with us Colonel and Mrs. Hafecz-Imam as our guests of honour. Mrs. Hafecz-Imam very kindly consented to distribute the prizes. Allen-a-Dale won the Inter-House Athletic Shield with Little John coming second.

The Colonel in his brief talk commended our athletes and remarked that there were many very promising boys who with intensive and systematic coaching should reach very commendable standards. The very welcome announcement of a holiday by our guest of honour was greeted with loud cheers from the School.

We are grateful to Mr. Barret for sending the Police Band to play for the March-past and also for the use of a gun to start our races.

My sincere thanks to all the members of the Staff who so willingly gave up their evenings to help in running off the preliminary heats and for all their help on Sports Day.

### RESULTS

#### Dixon Wing

A Division	1st	2nd	3rd	Time or distance
100 Metres	Barnabas, S. F.T.	Steward, I. R.H.	Chimni, H.S. L.J.	12.5 secs.
100 Metres Hurdles	Vasi, H. L.J.	Arora, A. A.D.	Dang, B. F.T.	17.8 secs.
200 Metres	Barnabas, S. F. T.	Ramani, G. F.T.	Dang, B. F.T.	25.9 secs.
400 Metres	Husain, A. F.T.	Barnabas, S. F.T.	Ramani, G. F.T.	56.3. secs.
800 Metres	Mani, S. A.D.	Srivastava, N. A.D.	Khan, O. U. L.J.	2 min. 25.7 secs.
1500 Metres	Srivastava, N. A.D.	Mani, S. A.D.	Murch, D. F.T.	5 min. 8.3 secs.
Broad Jump	Srivastava, R. R.H.	Hussain, A. F.T.	Vasi, H. L.J.	18' 10½"
High Jump	Srivastava, R. R.H.	Barnabas, S. F.T.	Ramani, G. F. T.	4' 8"
Hop-Step and Jump	Srivastava, R. R.H.	Vasi, H. L.J.	Prakash, N. A.D.	40' 5" (new Record)
Shot Putt	Hussain, A. F.T.	Srivastava, R. R.H.	Singh, M. V. A.D.	27' 6"
Discus Throw	Sandhu, K. R.H.	Guha, P. A.D.	Shome, S. R.H.	68' 1½"
4 x 200 Relay	Friar Tuck	Allen-a-Dale	Little John	1 min. 56.4 secs.
4 x 400 "	Friar Tuck	Allen-a-Dale	Little John	4 min. 26. 2 secs.
4 x 100 "	Friar Tuck	Little John	Allen-a-Dale	...
Medley Relay (A,B,C & D Div.)	Allen-a-Dale	Little John	Robin Hood	1 min. 59.7 secs.
B Division				
100 Metres	Khan, J. R. A.D.	Pushpinder Singh A.D.	Prasad R. L.J.	...
100 Metres Hurdles	Prasad, R. L.J.	Pushpinder Singh A.D.	McIntyre, D. R.H.	19.3 secs.
200 Metres	Khan, J. R. A.D.	Randhawa, A. A.D.	Pushpinder Singh A.D.	28 secs.
400 Metres	Randhawa, A. A.D.	Khan, J. R. A.D.	Pushpinder Singh A.D.	62.3 secs.
800 Metres	Randhawa, A. A.D.	Khan, J. R. A.D.	Sahota, K. S. R.H.	2 min. 33.3 secs.
1500 Metres	Randhawa, A. A.D.	Gill, J. S. L.J.	Khan, J. R. A.D.	5 min. 32.4 secs.

B Division	1st	2nd	3rd	Time or distance
Broad Jump	Prasad, R. L.J.	Khan, J. R. A.D.	Randhawa, A. A.D.	15' 10½"
High Jump	McIntyre, D. R.H.	Randhawa, A. A.D.	Gill, G. S. L.J.	4' 5"
Hop-step and Jump	Pushpinder Singh A.D.	Khan, J. R. A.D.	Randhawa, A. A.D.	32' 6½"
Shot Putt	Khan, J. R. A.D.	Randhawa, A. A.D.	Pushpinder Singh A.D.	26' 5½"
4 × 100 Relay	Allen-a-Dale	Robin Hood	Little John	51.1 secs.
4 × 200 "	Allen-a-Dale	Little John	Robin Hood	1 min. 54.6 secs. (New Record)
4 × 400 "	Allen-a Dale	Robin Hood	Little John	4 min. 26.2 secs.

C Division				
100 Metres	Tewari, R. A.D.	Dubey, V. L.J.	Singh Gurmeet R.H.	14.8 secs.
200 "	Tewari, R. A.D.	Dubey, V. L.J.	Daniells, L. R.H.	31.4. secs.
400 "	Tewari, R. A.D.	Patel, R. A.D.	Dubey, V. L.J.	71 secs.
800 "	Tewari, R. A.D.	Sood, R. A.D.	Dalal D. L.J.	2 min. 52.5 secs.
Broad Jump	Tewari, R. A.D.	Daniells, L. R.H.	Dubey, V. L.J.	13' 4½"
High Jump	Singh, K. P. A.D.	Boezalt, R. L.J.	Daniells, L. R.H.	3' 11 ¼"
Hop-Step and Jump	Tewari, R. A.D.	Srivastava S. F.T.	Dubey V. L.J.	28' 7½"
4 × 200	Allen-a-Dale	Robin Hood	Little John	2 min. 9.5 secs.
4 × 100	Allen-a-Dale	Little John	Robin Hood	...

D Division				
100 Metres	Singh, Sukdev L.J.	Moddie, B. A.D.	Rane, Y. F.T.	15.6 secs.
200 "	Singh, Sukdev L.J.	Chowdhry, S. A.D.	Bakshi, R. R.H.	33.7 secs.
400 "	Singh, Sukdev L.J.	Chowdhry, S. A.D.	Shukla, A. L.J.	73.2 secs (New Record)
4 × 200	Little John	Allen-a-Dale	Robin Hood	2 min. 17.4 secs.
4 × 100	Little John	Friar Tuck	Allen-a-Dale	...
Broad Jump	Singh, Sukdev J.L.	Pant, K. R.H.	Singh, Darshan A.D.	12' 8½"
High Jump	Shukla, A. L.J.	Pant, K. R.H.	Gill, C. S. F.T.	3' 10½"

Richardson Cup - Total of Individual Events:—A.D.

Inglis Cup for Team Events ... A.D.

Rex Ludorum 'A' Division. Barnabas, S. F.T.

'B' Division. Randhawa, A.S. A.D.

'C' Division. Tewari, R. A.D.

'D' Division. Singh, Sukdev L.J.

Outstanding Record Breaker - Srivastava, R. R.H.

Presented by Sri P. Chandra.

Obstacle Race - M. K. Patel.

Open Relay - Sherwood College, 2. O.S.S. (Old Boys)

Visitors' Race - Revd. and Mrs. Anand.

Inter House Athletic Shield Won by -

A.D. 574 points.

L.J. 374 "

R.H. 298 "

F.T. 270 "

## Horsman Wing

E Division	1st	2nd	3rd	Time or distance
200 Metres	Nanda, S. A.D.	Jaggi, V. K. L.J.	McMahon, D. F.T.	32.4 secs.
100 Metres	Nanda, S. A.D.	Jaggi, V. K. L.J.	Shah, C. A.D.	15.6 secs.
High Jump	McMahon, D. F.T.	Pathania, D. S. L.J.	Khan, J. M. L.J.	3' 9"
Broad Jump	Nanda, S. A.D.	Shah, C. A.D.	Pathania, D. S. L.J.	13' 4"
Cricket Ball Throw	Pathania, D.S. L.J.	Kaul, A. F.T.	Patel. A. F.T.	145½'

F Division				
100 Metres	Testar, D. R.H.	Clair, R. S. L.J.	Sen, A. K. A.D.	17 secs.
75 "	Testar, D. R.H.	Clair, R. S. L.J.	Sen, A. K. A.D.	12 secs.
High Jump	Atkinson D. A.D.	Mehra, A. L.J.	Mann, H. S. F.T.	3' 5"
Broad Jump	Hooda, V. F.T.	Singh, J. R.H.	Rana, D. F. T.	10' 10"
Cricket Ball Throw	Singh, R. P. R.H.	Sandhu, S. S. L.J.	Kullar, D. R.H.	132'

G Division				
75 Metres	Patel, C. F.T.	MacFarlane, B. F.T.	Patel, J. K. R.H.	13.5 secs.
50 "	Patel, C. F.T.	Patel, J. K. R.H.	Jaggi A. K. R.H.	10. secs.
Cricket Ball Throw	Patel, C. F.T.	Patel, J. K. R.H.	Khan, M. Y. R.H.	125'

H Division	1st	2nd	3rd	Time or distance
75 Metres	Narayan. L. F.T.	Patel, S. L.J.	Luke, J. L.J.	15 secs.
50 "	Singh, M. F.T.	Singh. J. R.H.	Chand. P. F.T.	10.6 secs.
<b>K.G.</b>				
Special Race				
50 Metres	Singh, Bhup. A.D.	Awatramani, S. L.J.	Calcekal, M.	11 secs.
<b>Relays</b>				
4 × 100 E. Div.	A.D.	L. J.	F.T.	66.1 secs.
4 × 75 F. Div.	R. H.	A.D.	L.G.	55.5 secs.
4 × 50 G. Div.	A.D.	F.T.	R.H.	
Rex Ludorum E. Division - Pathania, D. S. L.J.				
Rex Ludorum F. Division - Testar, D. R.H.				
Inter-House Shield: 1. A.D. 117 points. 3. F.T. 114 points.				
2. L.J. 116 points. 4. R. H. 94 point.				

R. BENTINCK

## Cricket First XI

On the fine sunny morning of October 19th Sherwood's captain, Srivastava, tossed up with S. Kumar, St. Joseph's captain. Srivastava, having won the toss, decided to bat.

Puri and Sohal, Sherwood's openers, went in amidst the cheers of the whole school. Puri faced Oscar, their opening bowler, with confidence and after the over no runs showed on the board. The next few overs were to prove disastrous. Sohal played a ball from Pereira on to his stumps, dislodging a bail and was out. H. Patel was the next man in, but as luck would have it, he was injured off a fast ball. Play was stopped for about five minutes, after which he came back from off the field and avenged his hurt by square cutting a ball for two runs. It seemed as if he were really going to punish the bowling, but here again luck played its part and he was out in the same manner as Sohal. A few minutes later Puri was walking out, having been caught in the slips by Arklie, who had missed him a little while before. The score board read 8 runs for 3 wickets—a disastrous start. Now all depended on the remaining batsmen.

Our luck—or rather grim determination—played its part. Miraculously the situation changed. P. Guha, our vice-captain, and a good batsman stayed at the wicket for two hours, scoring 33 valuable runs. After Sri-

vastava was out, McIntyre went in to delight us with fine strokes all round the wicket. At last, when our innings closed, he was not out, having scored 33 runs. The score board read 120 runs for 10 wickets, so we were in a fighting position and our hopes rose high.

After lunch, St. Joseph's opened their innings. They started badly, Oscar being 'yorked' by Srivastava for a single run. Manuel, their next man who came in, saved the situation by scoring 26 fast runs. Finally, Srivastava bowled him. St. Joseph's were in a comfortable position, but now found runs hard to get.

After tea they started playing for a time draw. Here, for a certain lack of strategy, Sherwood could have won. Somehow our captain did not find anyone who could unpeg the stumps, so bowled a little too long, but did not give away many runs.

After another hour, we were certain they could not beat our score, but they were doing all they could for a time draw.

Sherwood tried frantically, even to the extent of tempting them with loose balls, but we could not dismiss the two "stickers". At the end of the game they were 74 for 4 wickets—and drew the match; a disappointment for Sherwood.

H.S. SOHAL

## Colts Cricket

The Colts match against St. Joseph's was played on the 17th October, two days before the Senior's match, at Sherwood College. Having won the toss, St. Joseph's took the field at 10:15 a.m. M. H. I. Khan and A. I. Khan opened the Sherwood innings. Much was

expected from these brothers but it was shocking to see M. H. I. Khan back in the pavillion, off the third ball of the day with no score on the board. The next man in was Gurmeet Singh. Bad fielding and dropping of catches helped both Singh and Khan to pull the score

to 23 before the latter snicked one into Barnett's hands behind the stumps, off Oscar. Then the captain, Chhitwal, joined Singh but he left after a single had been added to the total score of 24 for 3. K. Sahota was next to join Singh, but in trying to take a single, Singh was run out for 16. The score board showed 26 for 4. Sahota too was soon bowled for two. The next two, McIntyre and Goel, quickly settled down to the bowling of Bhargava and Oscar. They were joined in a big partnership and pulled the score to 45 for 5. The runs started flowing in at a steady pace. This caused Barnett to bring on his spinners, Jagtar Singh and Rana. The former proved to be more accurate while the latter's short-pitched balls were often sent to the boundary. Jagtar Singh's leg-breaks caused Goel to play back on to his stumps. Goel scored a creditable 11. R. Kumar left at the same score of 60 for 7. Soon McIntyre was declared LBW to Jagtar Singh for the top score of 22. The score board showed a total of 62 for 8. Our last few batsmen managed to push the score to 73 for 9. Lunch was taken at this stage. Only 6 more runs were added to the lunch score before our last batsman was caught for 5, Budhwar remaining unbeaten with 6. The whole side was all out for 79. Jagtar Singh was the St. Joseph's most successful bowler, taking the last five wickets for a mere 8 runs. Surely this was the highest score recorded by a Sherwood Colts team in recent years but by no means respectable for a side of which more was expected. Often our batsmen were careless.

Sherwood took the field with Chhitwal operating to Agarwal and Chinni Krishna, the St. Joseph's opening pair. The batsmen were steady and runs came very slowly. Then finally a good length ball by McIntyre had Chinni

Krishna declared leg before wicket. Soon Jagtar Singh was caught and bowled by McIntyre for 4. The score board read 21 for 2. Rana too was bowled by McIntyre for 2. McIntyre's steady pace and length had helped him to gain all three wickets. Gollener, a good player of St. Joseph's, started scoring by nice drives and square-cuts while at the other end Chhitwal clean bowled Agarwal off his pads for 12 runs. Next ball Nyss was bowled before he had opened his account. The score was 35 for 5 when Barnett joined Gollener. He had scored 8 runs when he was clean bowled by McIntyre. Bhargava was the next man to join Gollener for the heroic partnership. The pair was well set and runs were scored freely. Chhitwal brought the first bowling change at 61. He made a big mistake by not changing the bowling earlier. The teams went in for the tea interval when the score was 65 for 6. After tea, Gurmeet Singh was brought on from the Milman Hall end. The pair easily passed the Sherwood score with a hook by Bhargava off McIntyre. When the score was 84, Gollener hit one high into the air off Gurmeet Singh and R. Kumar at mid-on took a well judged catch. He had scored 29. Bhargava too followed in the same manner, with his own score of 16. The rest of the batsmen managed to pull the score to 98, thus winning by 19 runs. Although we lost, the game was played in a good sporting spirit. McIntyre and Chhitwal were the most successful Sherwood bowlers, each taking 4 wickets for 36 and 33 runs respectively, but Sherwood's fielding was not up to standard.

To sum up it was a hard-fought game with an exciting finish.

GURMEET SINGH

## Class 8A Picnic to Patwadangar

On Sunday, October 4th, we were up very early though breakfast was at the normal time. The weather was not at all as we would have liked, but this did not discourage us. After breakfast we missed inspection, collected packet lunches and bought some pakoras from the tuck shop, and then hurried down to the bus-stand where a special bus was waiting for us. Some of us felt as if we were going home, but it was only a short journey of about five miles to Baldiya Khan which was soon reached, and

from there we had to walk about a mile and a half to Patwadangar, where Dr. Lall met us. He took Dr. Lewis and Mr. Beaman off, and we were left to play.

First we went to the fish-pond, where we had a "whale" of a time feeding the fish and ourselves at the same time. Then we found a playground with slides, a see-saw, and a small merry-go-round on which we played happily. After a time Dr. Lall collected us and showed us the guinea pigs, rabbits, and white mice.

Some of us could not bear the smell of the room and some were very sorry to see these quaint creatures who would some day die for our sakes, but most of us enjoyed playing with them as we were allowed to pick them up.

Then we were shown how smallpox vaccine is made. They first shave the fur off the belly of a calf and then with a fork with many sharp prongs they scratch this shaved part, which after a week is covered with blisters. These blisters are scraped off and are stored in a room at  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$ . From here this pulp (as the blisters are now called) is taken and ground and mixed with ether to take out the bacteria. We were allowed to go into the  $-10^{\circ}\text{C}$  room, but not for long.

After seeing all this, we were taken to see how anti-rabic inoculations are made, on the way seeing Sherwood between the hills, as the clouds had lifted. We saw how a sheep was injected with rabies in the brain by drilling a hole in its head. Dr. Lall told us that after we went he was going to remove the brains of twenty or thirty sheep; some of us wanted to stay to watch but others felt sick even at the

thought and considered it was cruel. We saw one of the sheep which had been injected and it was a sickening sight as it could not use its limbs properly. We felt this was rather a grim process but realised that if this were not done millions of people would die from dog-bites.

Some of us now returned to the slides and merry-go-round, and others went to the Institute Club to play table-tennis and carrom. Soon we were all called to a very good tea provided by Mrs. Lall. As all good fun must come to an end, we now had to leave. Dr. Lall had kindly let us have the Institute bus to bring us back and we all piled in after warmly thanking Dr. and Mrs. Lall for such a nice time. On the way back we "howled" songs, one of which we had all heard in "The Inn of the Sixth Happiness", and we made a lot of noise. Hurrying up the hill we got back just in time for tea, although as we had already had a nice one, we had little appetite for a second. We told our friends who had not come all about it, and they felt sorry they had not joined us on this most interesting and enjoyable picnic.

## The Class IX Picnic to Sat-Tal

On the 8th October at 8:30 a. m., thirty-nine boys and class IX B's form master, Mr. Hakeem, set off for an overnight picnic to Sat-Tal. We had to pass Bhowali, seven miles from here and then on to Sat-Tal, three miles from Bhowali.

After a pleasant walk we reached Bhowali arriving there in two hours, thus escaping the sun. After having our lunch at eleven a.m. we left for Sat-Tal at twelve o'clock. We passed rushing streams with miniature waterfalls and beautiful scenes of distant hills during this most interesting walk. After half an hour or so, leaving the motor road we walked on the state road, reaching the "Flower Mead" at Sat-Tal, where we had to spend the night, in another half hour.

Some boys started playing rounders with a stick and a tennis ball which one of them had brought. After a game which lasted for fifteen minutes half of them went down to the Panna lake. This lake is quite different from the Bhim Tal lake where many people live and where there are hotels and restaurants. This lake is serene and quiet with no sign of life around it whatsoever.

The clear blue water of the lake invited the boys for a swim but as they were not allowed to swim they manfully resisted the temptation and went boating instead. There were two big boats which could each hold eleven people. The only trouble was the absence of oars so the boys found planks and rowed the boats with them. Then some boys brought oars from a cottage called "The Ashram" and from then on the rowing was much easier.

Soon we went up to the "Flower Mead" for tea which consisted of tea, buns and raw guavas which three boys, Guha, Bilimeria and Budhwar, had brought quietly from an orchard.

After tea boys collected wood for a bonfire which we were to have at night.

Night came, but the bonfire was a failure as the wood was damp, so we went and found comfort in dinner. This was cooked well and we went to sleep well satisfied with the picnic.

Early next morning some boys went down to the lake for boating, and carried on boating for one and a half hours. It was very enjoyable for it was early morning and the breeze was cool.



Having by then very healthy appetites we had breakfast at 8 a. m. and being filled again went down to digest our food with the help of rowing. Mr. Hakeem accompanied us this time and there waged open war between the two boats on the lake. Catapults appeared like magic and boys started shooting 'jammy medlars' at each other. No one was hit for all the shots were aimed at the boats or near them.

At last we set off for Bhowali at 10:30 a. m. in order to have our lunch there and then leave by the one o'clock bus for Naini Tal. Reluctantly we turned our backs on a most beautiful and quiet spot and trudged away mournfully towards Bhowali from whence we came back to Naini Tal.

K. TEWARY AND Y. K. MIRA.

## Music Examination Results (Pianoforte)

Intermediate	...	J. Duckworth	79%	Merit
Junior	...	E. deSa	81	Merit
		S. Mani	79	Merit
Preparatory	...	R. Borthwick	79	Merit
		W. Macfarlane	76	Merit
First Steps	...	N. Raymond	85	Honours
		J. Lewis	79	Merit
		D. Bennett	79	Merit
		P. Mansukhani	78	Merit
		R. Beg	68	Pass
Initial	...	A. Mehra	86	Honours
		J. Raina	85	Honours

## The Choir Picnic

That the choir became unusually excited on October 29th, let no one doubt, for it was the day of the choir picnic. The easily excited trebles awoke at three o'clock, only to realise that breakfast was not to be had till four and a half hours later. Gradually the rest of the choir cast off their drowsy sleep, and after having a filling breakfast trooped down to the bus terminus.

Soon after arriving at the bus terminus, we knew that we were going to Khairna. We packed ourselves into two buses, and very soon the buses got rolling, and after about an hour and a half of singing and catapulting we arrived at our destination. We came out of the buses looking not half as green as our mascots, Fido, Peter and Bessy. After surveying the land Mr. Thompson, the choir master, decided to have an early lunch. We filed up to the dak bungalow, and soon the bearers had got a delicious lunch ready. Aaron, who had starved himself for two days before hand now ate a lion's share; the rest ate a good lunch of chicken and cutlets; and then settled down to game of 'catching'.

Soon after lunch we went down to the river where we wasted no time in changing into our

trunks, and having a dip. After swimming for a while, we came back to the bank, and buried ourselves in the sand. D. McIntyre and Marshal were buried right up to their necks. While some were in sand, others were fishing, and Testar and company were busy trying to float on a log of wood. After swimming to exhaustion point we went back to the dak bungalow for tea. While Testar and company were half drowning in the river, the basses and tenors were enjoying a 'swig' of beer. While waiting patiently for tea, some of the more adventurous went and slaughtered two lizards, and M. McIntyre killed a four and a half foot snake.

After tea Mr. Thompson returned to the days of his youth by having a few shots with a catapult; and he and Robin Kapur had a fine contest which the former won. After roaming around for about half an hour it began to rain and while it was still drizzling we ran down to the buses and packed ourselves back for Naini. The buses were soon homeward bound and M. McMahon started off a 'jazz session' and soon everyone was singing merrily. The journey came to an end all too

quickly and we soon found ourselves trudging up the hill to school.

On our arrival at school the Principal kindly allowed us to have hot showers at once,

and after supper see a film named 'Escape from Fort Bravo'. This was a fitting end to another glorious choir picnic.

R. STEVENS AND THE MURCH.

## Senior Debating Society

Although this year, like previous years, we had very little time at our disposal, yet we managed to hold some very interesting meeting. Our first session was solely devoted to the election of the office-bearers and then we went on to the house competitions.

Our meetings were conducted according to the new system, which was introduced last year, and it proved to be very successful.

There was a very lively competition this year, especially on the night of the final debate, which was between Allen-a-Dale and Little John. Excitement reigned throughout the house as Mr. Bentinck read out the results. Little John was unanimously declared the winner, and, I think, it owes its present position to the effort of Mr. R. Dhawan, who convinced the house by his reasoning power.

The results were as follows:—

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

Teams:—

L. J.	A. D.	R. H.	F. T.
1. R. Dhawan	1. Om Narayan	1. R. Srivastava	1. G. Awatramani
2. S. Ali	2. M. V. Singh	2. D. McIntyre	2. D. Murch

In the end, I would like to thank Mr. Bentinck, Mr. Hakeem and the judges, for their help and guidance. I am also grateful to the Marshalls; Messrs G. Awatramani, P. Patel, H. Vasi, and P. Bafna; and in particular I want to thank my assistant, F. Said, and all the members of the house, for making this year's senior debates a success.

Om NARAYAN

Secretary

## Junior Debating Society.

The following office bearers for the Junior Debating Society were elected on the 31st July, 1959 in Milman Hall under the Chairmanship of Mr. Bentinck.

Secretary:—Pushpinder Singh

Marshalls:—P. Schunker, S. Motihar, S. Barakat and B. S. Thakar.

The first inter-house debate was held between Allen-a-Dale and Friar Tuck and the topic under discussion was "Village life is better than Town life". Allen-a-Dale spoke for the motion and was declared the winning house. Next, "Cricket is better than football" was discussed between Little John and Robin

Hood, in which Little John spoke against the motion and was declared the winning house.

For the third placing, Friar Tuck and Robin Hood discussed, "We lead a better life than our ancestors". Robin Hood was placed third. The Final debate for the first and second place between Allen-a-Dale and Little John was very exciting. The topic which was discussed with solid arguments was that, "A Teacher is more useful than a Soldier". Allen-a-Dale spoke for the motion and under the unanimous decision of the judges Allen-a-Dale was declared as the winning house.

The following were the speakers for their houses:—

A. D.	L. J.	R. H.	F. T.
Principal Pushpinder Singh	V. Dubey	S. Motihar	D. Mehta
Subsidiary A. Bachchan	C. Meyer	R. Kapur	P. Schunker

Thus we ended another interesting session of the Junior Debates for the year 1959.

In the end I would like to thank Mr. Bentinck, Mr. Hakeem and the Judges for their help and guidance.

PUSHPINDER SINGH  
*Secretary*

## Tennis

There was a sudden craze for tennis this year, and before I had quite realized it, forty members were already enrolled. Sixteen members were juniors and the rest were seniors.

We started off with the match against the Old Sherwoodians. D. Goel played Kabir Khan and I played Mr. Burge, but unfortunately both of us lost. However these defeats were avenged when Hussain beat Mr. Duckett, and our doubles (D. Goel and M. V. Singh) beat their doubles (Raza and Chatterjee).

In the Junior Handicap Tournament, McMahon and A. Goel met each other in the finals. It was a good match, but A. Goel became slightly flustered and therefore lost. There are, however, some boys amongst the juniors, who (if they continue practising) are bound to grow into first-class players. I must

commend H. Patel (who won the cup for the most promising player) and V. Chhitwal for the remarkable improvement they have made during this year.

In the Senior Handicap Tournament, Hussain and M. V. Singh fought their way through to the finals. The match between Hussain and M. V. Singh was not a closely contested match as Hussain was definitely the superior player. Both these players reached the finals in the Ware Cup Tournament also, and once again the result was the same. The Principal kindly consented to present the cups.

Before I end I must thank Mr. Llewelyn, A. Goel and Hussain for all the help they gave me during the year.

OM NARAYAN  
*Secretary*

## House Notes

### ALLEN-A-DALE

Both Prakash and I were disappointed to leave Friar Tuck, the house we had spent ten years in; but we soon found our place in Allen-a-Dale. We were determined to make the house try its best, and were sure that with the full co-operation of the house, the Cock House stood well within prospects.

At the moment when I write this, there is but one event left and on this rests our position for Cock House. Billiards will be the deciding factor, and in it we have such hopes as Chowdhury and Prakash, who are indeed wizards of the cue. Efficiency too is left but in it, with our luck, we should maintain our place of third.

One thing I must say, that this year the whole house started off in high spirits, and thought that even if we did not become Cock House, there was nothing like trying. Our

Juniors started off poorly in Hockey, but due to the budding players we possess, we were not a little surprised when we found ourselves placed first in Hockey—we had managed to come first in the A, B and C divisions.

We were very doubtful of Football, and though we tried our best, we suffered a reverse in it and thus came last. In Swimming, we fared miserably, and had it not been for 'fish' like Atkinson and Sung Sudh we would not have come third. I may mention that while we were coming first with a wide margin in Boxing, this sport was abolished.

In Marathons Allen-a-Dale has always kept pride of place, and this year, for the tenth time in succession, Allen-a-Dale kept up the tradition. We also secured first place in Athletics, and it was mainly due to boys like J. R. Khan, Randhawa, Moddie and Tewari that we were

able to come first with a big lead. 'Muscleman' Mani also deserves special mention for he has taken an active part in house activities.

We suffered a bad defeat in cricket in all divisions, in spite of the resistance we offered. I am pleased to mention, however, that we always took defeat in the right spirit. In Tennis and Debates we did well by coming first in both.

Perhaps the event that was like a balm to hurt minds and solace to us was our studies. Whenever we were disillusioned, we referred to the notice board and the sight of our coming first in both Sharma and Study always revived our spirits. Here I would like to make special

mention of S. Chowdhury, Om Narayan and Nazar who have helped the house with their fertile brains.

In concluding I would like to congratulate the house for doing so well. More especially would I like to thank our House Master, Mr. Tewari. I hope to leave the house to see it fighting to success next year, and keeping up its never-dying spirit with the proud motto—'Never Give In!'

MOHAN VIR SINGH

(House Captain)

NORVAL PRAKASH

(Prefect)

## Little John

"One For All and All For One". A fine motto, and one that I am proud to claim we have lived up to. Captaining Little John has been a pleasure to me due to the willing co-operation of my house boys, and house prefects Obaid Khan and Hatim Vasi, who proved real corner stones on which to rely for support.

Our first Inter-House game was Hockey. We had a seemingly strong team, but had to suffer the humiliation of last place. This was a hard knock, but I am glad to say that we all bore it with a smile, and determined to do better. Our determination was, however, rewarded, and we came first in Soccer. This was a very welcome change, which stimulated our efforts. Here I would like to thank the ace players of the house, O. Khan, K. Shergill, K. Rekhari, M. McIntyre and H. S. Chimni for their brilliant display in both Hockey and Soccer. M. McMahon and Sheth, were also a great help.

I would especially like to congratulate 'Bobby' Meyer for winning the Swimming Rex Ludorum. It was largely due to his, and Dubey's efforts that we came first in House Swimming.

We came first with Allen-a-Dale in the Inter-House Debates. This position was gained largely due to the efforts of R. Dhawan, whose fluent speeches won us the Senior Debates. Although Little John is reputed to have the brains, we only managed to come second in Draughts, and so far we are coming second in 'Studies' and third in 'Sharma'.

In Athletics we came second, but it was pleasing to see that Little John went down fighting. I wish Sukhdev Singh, our promis-

ing Junior Athlete, the best of luck, and hope that he will continue to take a keen interest in this sport. I would also like to thank Vasi for his efforts in Athletics.

Though our 'B' team did not do so well in Cricket, our Junior and Senior teams, made up for the deficiency, and we came first. Here I would like to congratulate M. McIntyre for winning the only distinction cap in Cricket presented this year, and hope that he will be still more successful next year.

I am very pleased to see that Little John has gained sufficient lead in Efficiency, and without doubt will win the coveted Efficiency trophy. This will largely help us in becoming Cock House.

I would like to thank Mr. Theophilus, our house master, who has always taken keen interest in the house, and who has been a source of inspiration in all our house activities. I would also like to thank Mr. Bery, our ex-house master, for his keen interest in the house.

I am proud to say that at all times Little John has displayed truly inspiring team work and sportsmanship. Remember Little John that it is not so important whether you win or lose, but how you play the game, and I hope that you will always endeavour to 'play the game'.

Most probably we will be Cock House this year, and I hope that you will always strive for that position.

You have my heartfelt wishes for your welfare. Thank you for everything my friends!

SHARIQ ALI

(Captain)

## Friar Tuck

### "NO ONE CAN SEPARATE US"

In the beginning of the year I was rather depressed when some of our senior boys were transferred to different houses. This was a blow to the house for with the help of these and a few other boys, we became 'Cock' House last year.

We did surprisingly well by coming second in the Inter-House Hockey tournaments. Our seniors won through with comparative ease as we had both the school's colts and senior Hockey captains. In this sphere, G. Neal, S. Puri and S. Barnabas seemed to be the most prominent players, anyway we cannot condemn ourselves because we played with the "never give in" spirit.

In Football we were placed third. This position was largely due to our juniors who lost all matches. We had a few promising juniors who tried very hard.

We had many good boxers from last year and I am sure we would have done well, but we were very unfortunate as this competition was not completed.

In the literary activities, the house faced shocking results. We came last in the Debates, Sharma and Study cup; this showed that Friar Tuck was not such a studious house. I must mention R. Kumar who topped his class throughout the year. The efficiency showed better results for we came second. Our house was very efficient throughout the year and I am sure we could have come top, had it not been for the carelessness of a number of juniors. Here I would like to thank the House prefects

who helped in achieving this position. We did surprisingly well in "draughts" and here we were placed first; here Friar Tuck showed their worth.

We did well in Swimming by coming second. It was in this sphere that our juniors showed their talent. D. Kidd, Sarstedt and the back-stroke champion, R. Singh were our best swimmers. The outstanding seniors were Dang, R. Puri, Fratel and Farrukh Said.

We were placed last in Athletics; this was rather disappointing for S. Barnabas, Dang, G. Ramani, and I were in the school relay team. I must congratulate S. Barnabas for winning the senior Rex Ludorum.

We have a lovely house banner this year; we owe our thanks to Mrs. Taylor who took great pains in painting a new one for us.

I would like to thank Mr. Abraham, our house master, who has taken great trouble in coaching our teams in many competitions. I would also like to thank S. Barnabas and G. Ramani, my assistants, who gave their full co-operation and valuable advice.

We have come third this term, but perhaps our coming third did not matter for it is the spirit in which we have worked together that matters. The house made an all-out effort bearing in mind our motto "No one can separate us".

May the House have better luck in the future.

A. HUSSAIN  
(House Captain)

## Robin Hood

At the beginning of this term when the whole house assembled once more to face together the ups and downs of the coming year, it was with deep seated sorrow that Srivastava, Sohal and I found out that we were a weaker lot on the whole than other houses, although we possessed fairly good juniors.

With the new system of house competitions which was introduced this year, we did fairly well against the other houses in hockey. With help of our juniors we came third, remaining close on the heels of Friar Tuck, who came second.

Football followed and had not our senior and middle sections given a poor account of themselves we would surely have come first. Anyway we should be thankful for what we receive, and I must thank my juniors, like Chhibber who was wizard with the ball. It is on their heads that the laurels of attaining second place rests. R. Srivastava, among the seniors, kept the goal perfectly.

Swimming, Debates and Draughts followed but as we did not have many good Swimmers, Debaters and Draughts players we had to remain content with coming last, third and last respectively.

Our coming third in Athletics was quite a surprise to me. It was only due to the efforts of the whole house that we managed to do fairly well. Among the juniors R. Bakshi and O. Hafeez-Imam are praiseworthy. The seniors proved a worthy lot by winning most of the field events. R. Srivastava, I Stewart, and K. J. Sandhu are the main people to be thanked. R. Srivastava in one of his gallant efforts broke the school Hop-Step and Jump record, which had been running for seventeen years. Gulzar too needs special mention for his untiring efforts.

Cricket followed soon after and we did very well by coming second. Our thanks go to R. Srivastava, H. S. Sohal, P. Patel and D. McIntyre.

At the time I write these notes, we are contesting with Allen-a-Dale for the Sharma Cup. This shows that we are a hard working

lot, but our results in efficiency are so bad that I have to contradict what I said earlier.

So far we are fairing badly in study even though we possess such brains as H. S. Sohal.

Mr. Beaman's advice on house matters throughout the year was of invaluable help to me, and I must thank him on behalf of the house for all the trouble he has taken. I must also thank my prefects, R. Srivastava and H. S. Sohal who have been an asset to the house, and the house in general for what they have done throughout the year.

Keep remembering the house motto boys. 'Stet Fortuna Domus',—'Let the fortune of the house stand'. Always do this, try very hard and I am sure success will some day come your way.

Wishing you all a bright future.

SHUSHANTO SHOME  
(House Captain)

## Old Sherwoodian Notes.

Gerald Burge (1929-36) has won the Indian Police medal for distinguished and meritorious service. Mr. and Mrs. Burge and their children were welcome visitors to the School in June, and Mr. Burge was appointed Secretary of the O.S.S. at the annual meeting. Mr. Burge is one of the few active links with the Sherwood of Mr. Binns' day. He has sent us an article through which he hopes to contact some who can share his memories of those times.

V. K. Vasudeva (1950-55) has won the President's Gold Medal at the Military College, Dehra Dun.

Derek de Sa (1949-54) has headed the list for his first professional examination in medicine in the Punjab University.

Ranjit Singh Randhawa (1946-53) has passed top in Delhi University in M.A. history, and Mohan Singh (1951-58) has passed first in the All India U.P.S.C. examinations.

Ravinder Dayal (1943-53) visited us this year having just returned from Oxford University where he was studying as a Rhodes Scholar. He has been working in Naini Tal as an Assistant District Magistrate.

Errol Hennan (1946-49) and his wife paid us a visit in June. They had hitch hiked from England, the journey taking about a year. When they left they were planning to go on to Malaya and possibly to make a round world trip.

Ian McInnis (1953-56) and Geoffrey Vance (1948-56) wrote in September from France where they were on a cycling tour.

Sohan Vir Singh, Pradeep Chandra, Inderjit Khanna, Tariq Said, and Ramesh Yadav have joined St. Stephen's College, Delhi. Mathai Joseph is studying engineering at the Delhi Polytechnic. They have all visited us during the year.

S. B. Mathur (1952-57) left India on September 9th for America where he is taking a business administration course in the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

Jeffrey Walton (1953-57) is at St. Edmund's School, Canterbury. His cousin David Montebello (1954-55) is at the Trinity School of John Whitgift.

R. K. Mehra (1949-53) is studying Mathematical statistics for his M.Sc. in Lucknow University.

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Major S. N. Sharma (1932-42) writes from a 56 A.P.O. address. He gives news of several Old Sherwoodians with whom we have lost touch. Trevor Barnard (1932- ) is now a journalist in England, Abrar Ahmed (1935-42) is a doctor in Pakistan.

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David Crann (1941-47) writes from 84 Mackie Street, Victoria Park, Perth, Western Australia. He says there is a flourishing colony of twelve or more Old Sherwoodians living in Perth.

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Several recent Old Sherwoodians are making their home on the seas. Keith McMahon (1949-58) is an apprentice aboard 'S.S. Nurangi' and wrote an interesting account of his visit to Ceylon. Donald Brown's (1952-58) travels have already taken him to Ceylon and Yugoslavia. John Davies (1953-54), having ended his apprenticeship, hopes to take his second mate's ticket in England shortly.

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Pravin Parekh (1954-57) writes from Leeds University where he is taking a B.Sc. course with a view to studying engineering.

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John Barnes (1949-56) is now working in Nuffield's Exports Ltd., Piccadilly, London.

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We congratulate Leon Kerr (1949-55) and Jeanine Wright, formerly a member of All Saints' School, on their engagement.

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The following Old Sherwoodians visited the School during the year. B. Awatramani, M. U. Ahmed, Z. Ahmed, A. Bachchan, S. S. Bajwa, G. Burge, P. Chandra, A. K. Chatterjee, M. Chatterjee, S. K. Chatterjee, V. Chowdhry, R. Dayal, D. deSa, R. Dhawan, E. Henan, M. Joseph, H. L. Kapur, S. Kapur, G. U. Khan, K. K. Khan, M. A. Khan, M. U. Khan, I. Khanna, S. Kumar, D. MacFarland, A. Murch, R. Murch, S. Negi, I. Said, T. Said, A. Sayal, S. Shome, Birender Singh, Hardial Singh, S. P. Singh, S. V. Singh, E. Solomon, C. Stark, Roger Terrill, R. Yadav.

## "Boys of the Old School"

A few days ago, in reminiscent mood, I found the time to look through several old copies of the 'Sherwoodian'. There is no better form of mental relaxation than to lose oneself amongst the happy pages of boyhood memories, for schooldays, surely, are the happiest of one's life.

2. Whilst leafing through the school magazine of 1930, I came across an article I had written on the Confirmation Service held at St. Nicholas' Church. Some pages later, was a list of the prize winners on Sports Day, containing a host of once familiar names. The great athletes of that year—Gerry Green, (A.D.) Jack Grange (L.J.) and Denis Lean (F.T.)—all sportsmen of class, carrying proudly the Sherwood colours against all opposition. There were other names amongst those athletes, all familiar, but now no more to be heard of or seen, even on the occasion of Founder's Week, the time when old boys gather in large numbers, in happy fellowship under the ægis of their alma mater.

3. I have been fortunate enough to be present at Sherwood for Founder's Week, for

two successive years, 1958 and 1959, but as I mentioned in my article in the 'Sherwoodian' of last year, the number of the older 'old boys' present was negligible. The 'old boys' of recent years come in large numbers, but not the fellows of our time.

4. This year, however, I was gratified to meet at least two old boys of the 1936 days, Hira Lal Kapoor and Ezeikel Solomon, and both of Robin Hood, our Robin Hood, the house we were always proud of and still are, the House whose banner we chose, whose crest we drew, whose motto we selected, the House we stroved to victory the first year the Cock House Cup was presented—1934—the House we shall love always and defend—"Stet Fortuna Domus!"—May the Fortune of the House Endure".

5. Hira, Solie and I—what a reunion that was—what yarns we swapped, what rollicking memories we revived, and how wonderfully happy we were to be reunited, our only regret being that there were not more of us old timers to share those ineffable moments of happiness.

Let Hira and Solie speak for themselves and let me also join them to express my own feelings of this get-together. It gave us new life, new strength, a new outlook combined with a solid determination to do our best to contact our older schoolmates, to persuade them to revisit Sherwood, the Sherwood that reared us.

6. Hira and I made quite a few sojourns into the leafy past of Ayarpatta, scouring every nook and corner, every 'Pug-dundi' and short-cut, searching painstakingly for relics of the past, reliving moments of fun on Ayarpatta rock, on the Picnic Grounds, Python Valley and Beetle Hill, listening to the all familiar sounds of birds, animals and insects in symphonic unison. We lay on Beetle Hill gazing upwards through waving pines at the azure blue of heaven above and white fleecy charioteers rushing across the sky in gay abandon. We had rolled back the carpet of time, oblivious to all earthy distractions; we were back in school lazifying on a bright Sunday morning, waiting for the lunch bell to ring, to send up its resonant peals to us along Ayar's slopes, to beckon us down to School and into the arms of the master on duty!

7. Founder's Week was another grand success and what a whale of a time we all spent, young and old. We old boys were able to show the youngsters that we were made "of sterner stuff" and put it across them in the Past versus Present series this year. We felt terrible about it though, and decided that next year we wouldn't be so harsh with the lads! We held the O.S.S. dance at Milman Hall and next year, we propose preceding it by the Old Boy's Dinner which we are determined to revive.

8. In my article last year, I had painted a lucid picture of Sherwood and all that she stood for, to try and rouse the old boys who read it into returning to their school on the occasion of Founder's Week. I take this opportunity to make yet another similar appeal. I shall also,

in my capacity as Secretary of the O.S.S. for 1959-60, be circulating a personal appeal, not only asking old boys to come to Sherwood in June but also to join the O.S.S. and help swell our funds. Not so many years ago we received terrific support, and when I write 'terrific' I mean 'TERRIFIC', from old Sherwoodians of Kharagpur. Surely some of those old Kharagpurians are still there; Gerry Green for instance and Charley Harben. If the old boys of Kharagpur want to know about how we celebrated Founder's Week in June 1959, I would request them to contact Mr. Sushil (Peachey) Kapoor, one of the younger old boys whose address is 120-B, R. K. Hall, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur. Let Peachey tell you just what we did and how we did it.

9. Remember, old Sherwoodians that 'D.B.' is still ours. Just come back once, fellows, and you will want to come back always, thereafter. She still stands aloof, supreme in all her reigning majesty, this Sherwood. This school whose walls have protected us, whose corridors we romped through, whose playgrounds we have won and been beaten on and whose chapel we have prayed in. Everything is there still.

10. In the gathering dusk, the old boy whose keen ear is attuned to the mystifying sounds of the past, hears an ominous rumble in the distance. The rumbling continues, slow and steady, permeating through the recesses of his memory and then he remembers the throaty sound of her voice, calling out to him in the fast disappearing twilight of yesterday, and he shouts back defiantly into the darkness:

Rumble on, you stubborn old rock  
'Echo Hill' by name,  
Old Sherwoodians know you well  
Your face will slowly change.  
But Sherwood will outlive you long  
Unending is her fame.

—GERRY BURGE

## Farewell Concert

"You will get five House points for not turning up for concert practice," roared Mr. Thompson, and though Jack looked sullen, one could be certain that he would do his best on the 30th. That was the day on which the farewell concert was held at Milman Hall at 4 p.m.

The girls from All Saints arrived beaming with excitement—knowing from experience that

they would be the target for a couple of amorous jokes.

There were four pianoforte items during the show. The two McMahon brothers began the first with a nervous introduction which resolved into a well-known, lively piece. Then the choir gave us a beautiful rendering of "Wanderlied" and a variation on nursery rhymes. Class VI could not make up their



minds whether to bow or not, so there was an awkward hesitation before they recited in clear, distinct tones "The True Story of Little George Washington".

Class VII (the prize-winners), sang a going-home song very sweetly, indeed. This was followed by another pianoforte recital given by four little boys from Horsman Wing, who, I gather, played for the first time without pushing each other off the piano stool! "That horrible din," they announced, "was created by D. Antia, R. Beg, A. Mehra and J. Raina."

The Horsman Wing Choir sang "The Skye Boat Song" and "Whispering Hope" remarkably well. Mr. Matthews' painstaking work was obvious in their tuneful, two-part rendering of these songs.

Class VIII gave us a most amusing item which consisted of witty doggerels concerning certain boys in the class. This was followed by a pianoforte duet given by Raymond and

Bennett who played exceedingly well. We had two more delightful items from the choir. "The Discovery", "Comin' thro' the Rye" and "Sherwood" were most enjoyable. Class IX next entertained us with a comical item called "The Sherwood Stew". This was followed by two songs sung with great feeling by Mr. Bery.

Class X appeared in two sections as opponents ready to "have it out". They slandered each other in a hilarious song sung to the accompaniment of D. Duckett's accordion. deSa and Duckworth's piano duet was most pleasing, and the prefects' item was greeted with tremendous applause.

This year's concert was slightly different. To encourage variety and originality, the Principal offered a prize to the class which was the most outstanding. Class VII were the proud winners of a delicious cake.

S. DYSON

## Prize List

(Prizes for 1959 to be presented on Speech Day 1960)

### Recitation:

Div. 1	D. Duckett
Div. 2	S. Shitole
Div. 3	N. Kapur
Div. 4	D. Testar

### General Knowledge:

Senior	F. Kapadia
Junior	R. Obehrai

### Hindi Essay:

A. Arora

### Essay:

Senior	H. S. Sohal
Junior	P. Schunker

### Hindi Penmanship:

Senior	R. Srivastava
Junior	A. Srivastava

### Class I :

Scripture	M. Salim
English	P. Padia
Arithmetic	P. Padia

### Class II :

Scripture	Chander
English	S. Abbas
Arithmetic	P. Motwani

### Class III :

Scripture	I. Gill
English	B. Macfarlane
Arithmetic	K. Cheema
Hindi	S. Nanda

### Class IV A :

Scripture	S. S. Sandhu
English	M. Joshie
Art	H. M. Patel
Arithmetic	B. K. Sen
Hindi	S. S. Sandhu

### Class IV B :

Scripture	R. Clair
English	H. Mann
Art	H. Mann
Arithmetic	R. Clair
Hindi	S. Lalli

### Class V A :

Scripture	C. Roberts
English	D. Bennett
Art	Harcharan Singh

Arithmetic	G. Pandey
Hindi	G. Pandey

### Class V B :

Scripture	N. Raymond
English	N. Raymond
Art	Jamal Khan
Arithmetic	P. S. Bajaj
Hindi	M. M. Shankar

### Class V C :

Scripture	Jatinder Singh
English	R. Tewary
Art	N. S. Khan
Arithmetic	Darshan Singh
Hindi	C. Shah

### Class VI A :

Scripture	K. J. Patel
English	S. Mukerji
Art	Sukhdev Singh
Maths	N. P. Patel
Science	R. S. Sidhu
Hindi	B. P. Goel

<b>Class VI B :</b>	Scripture English Art Maths. Science Hindi	B. Vaid B. Vaid B. Vaid B. Vaid M. Mani B. Vaid	<b>Class VIII B :</b>	Scripture English  Art Maths. Science Hindi	S. Motihar Pushpinder Singh R. Tewari S. Motihar S. Motihar Pushpinder Singh
<b>Class VII A :</b>	Scripture English Art Maths. Science Hindi	G. Mitra P. Mitter G. Mitra G. Mitra G. Mitra K. Pant	<b>Class IX A :</b>	Scripture English Art Maths Science Hindi	M. Sewanaku R. Mehta I. Stewart Ashwani Laul Ashwani Laul R. Mehta
<b>Class VII B :</b>	Scripture English Art Maths  Science Hindi	M. P. Singh V. Mohindra L. Daniells Sungsidh Viravaidhya H. Nazar A. K. Khanna	<b>Class IX B :</b>	Scripture English Art Maths Science Hindi	K. Tewary K. Tewary V. K. Shukla K. Tewary K. Tewary Y. K. Misra
<b>Class VIII A :</b>	Scripture English Art Maths. Science Hindi	L. Awatramani A. Koshal M. S. Dhillon C. S. Gill B. Thakar D. Arora	<b>Class X A :</b>	English Maths. Science Hindi	A. Verma N. Srivastava A. Verma A. Arora
			<b>Class X B :</b>	English Art Maths Science Hindi	Om Narayan S. Mani P. Maker P. Maker A. K. Goel
			<b>Class XI</b>	To be decided on S. C. results	

## Class Prizes

### Class

<b>I</b>	Ist	P. Padia	2nd	M. Y. Khan	3rd	F. Salem
<b>II</b>	Ist	S. Chander	2nd	P. Motwari	3rd	F. Abbas
<b>III</b>	Ist	S. Nanda	2nd	K. Cheema	3rd	Kirit Patel
<b>IV A</b>	Ist	A. K. Sen	2nd	S. Sandhu	3rd	B. K. Sen
<b>IV B</b>	Ist	R. S. Clair	2nd	H. Mann	3rd	S. Chakerwari
<b>V A</b>	Ist	G. Pandey	2nd	A. Mehra	3rd	K. M. Patel
<b>V B</b>	Ist	N. Raymond	2nd	P. S. Bajaj	3rd	D. B. Patel
<b>V C</b>	Ist	R. Pawar	2nd	N. S. Khan	3rd	Darshan Singh
<b>VI</b>	Ist	B. Vaid	2nd	M. Mani	3rd	R. Sidhu
<b>VII</b>	Ist	G. Mitra	2nd	S. Pandey	3rd	H. Nazar
<b>VIII</b>	Ist	S. Motihar	2nd	R. Obhrai	3rd	A. Koshal
<b>IX</b>	Ist	R. Mehta	2nd	A. Laul	3rd	K. Tewary
<b>X</b>	Ist	O. Narayan	2nd	P. Maker	3rd	A. Verma

House Study Cup:	..	Allen-a-Dale	Rex Ludorum		
Sharma Cup:	..	Allen-a-Dale	Division A	..	S. Barnabas
House Efficiency:	..	Little John	B	..	A. Randhawa
House Hockey:	..	Allen-a-Dale	C	..	R. Tewari
Division A	..	Allen-a-Dale	D	..	Sukhdev Singh
B	..	Allen-a-Dale	Inglis Cup for Team Events:	Allen-a-Dale	
C	..	Allen-a-Dale	Richardson Cup for Individual Events :	Allen-a-Dale	
D	..	Friar Tuck	House Marathons:	..	Allen-a-Dale
E	..	Robin Hood	House Debates: Senior	..	Little John
House Football	..	Little John	Junior	..	Allen-a-Dale
Division A	..	Friar Tuck	Best Speaker: Senior	..	R. Dhavan
B	..	Friar Tuck	Junior	..	Pushpinder Singh
C	..	Robin Hood	House Tennis:	..	Allen-a-Dale
D	..	Little John	House Draughts:	..	Friar Tuck
E	..	Robin Hood	House Billiards:	..	Robin Hood
House Cricket:	..	Little John	Kendal Cup for Dramatics:	..	M. Spitz
Division A	..	Little John	Quince Cup for the most Promising Actor	C. Chatterjee and V. K. Shukla	
B	..	Friar Tuck	Principal's Prize to College Captain:	S. Ali	
C	..	Robin Hood	Spitz Prize (for integrity & Service):	G. Awatramani	
D	..	Little John	Cock House:	Little John and Allen-a-Dale	
E	..	Friar Tuck			
House Swimming:	..	Little John			
House Athletics	..	Allen-a-Dale			

## Cock House 1959

	Hockey	Football	Cricket	Athletics	Efficiency	Study	Sharma	Swimming	Draughts	Tennis	Billiards	Debates	Points	Position
FRIAR TUCK	8	6	6	4	8	4	4	4	6	4	2	2	58	4
LITTLE JOHN	4	12	12	8	12	6	6	6	4	3	3	5	81	1
ALLEN-A-DALE	12	4	4	12	4	12	12	3	3	6	4	5	81	1
ROBIN HOOD	6	8	8	6	6	8	8	2	2	2	6	3	65	3

## Additional College Notes

We congratulate Mr. Bery on his appointment as Headmaster of the Junior School, St. Paul's School, Darjeeling. Mr. Bery has been teaching History for the past four years and has been the producer of the Founder's Plays and sub-editor of the magazine. Mrs. Bery, who will be going as an assistant on the Staff, has ably helped Mr. Bery in his activities.

Mr. F. Miller has been appointed P. T. I. at St. Joseph's College and Mrs. Miller will be leaving with him.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bloomfield will be arriving in mid-January from New Zealand to take up teaching posts here. Mr. Bloomfield is an M. A. from Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand.

Mr. G. Sullivan, who was Welter-Weight Champion in the Navy for five years (1953-7) will be our new P. T. I. next March.

Mrs. Lall will be leaving us to teach at St. Joseph's College.