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# Editorial

As we have been attendant at Bode throughout the whole of the war-time period, and, consequently, with an innate tendency to austerity and perhaps even to 'ersatz,' we can justifiably claim to have witnessed radical changes both in constitution and decorum.

When as minors tasting the fruits of evacuation at Northallerton, severed from parental supervision for the first time, we recall how profoundly we were impressed by the staid dignity of the School, particularly the upper section. To youngsters in those days things bore an air of inspiration, and the VI. was magisterial in its seemingly genuine intellectualism. Then occurred the unavoidable series of lamentable catastrophes which happened in every community. Following the exodus back to Sunderland, the war seriously impaired staff stability, sporting activities, social life and the collective psychological attitude of the School. However, we are delighted to report to those who were acquainted with the former glory that reversion to pre-hostility status is being attempted.

As to the general character of the School, this will be determined by the dictates of recent Government legislation. The staff is again showing some degree of permanency and we extend a warm welcome-back to those who have served in H.M. Forces. All aspects of sport are now vociferously and actively supported, as achievements recorded will reveal, but scope is curtailed by inadequacy of field accommodation. Rejuvenation of dormant societies has commenced, and war-time complexes are gradually being shed.

Throughout this great transition, the "Bedan" has remained essentially the same in composition. For too long has dominance persisted with the aspiring 'libérateur' and the scientist making only an occasional squeak. In this 'atomic age,' science vitally concerns everyone, and is no longer food for the esoterics. In order, therefore, to present as true a perspective as possible, the proposed future policy is to encourage articles from our scientific, in addition to our literary, contemporaries. Thus it is hoped to stimulate an ever-increasing interest in the official School publication.

In conclusion, we express our sincere gratitude to all Bedans who contributed towards final Victory, and Good Luck to Bedans everywhere. May the School Roll of Honour be ever augmented by the successes of its worthy sons.

EDITOR.

July, 1946.

## Notes and Comments

Very soon after the "Bedan" last appeared in August, 1945, VJ-Day was celebrated while the School was on Summer vacation. Thus 1945 saw the end of hostilities throughout the world, with the unconditional surrender of our chief enemies, Germany and Japan. We receded the feeling of great joy and sincere thanksgiving felt by Bedans that our country had again survived the sudden onslaught of her enemies, and after a long, weary struggle, in which all played their parts, emerged victorious.

VJ-Day was celebrated by an extension of the Summer holidays, to Tuesday, September 4th and Wednesday, September 5th, 1945.

As a result of the Oxford Higher School Certificate Examination in July, 1945, F. White and D. D. Abrahams were awarded State Scholarships. In December, 1945, J. K. Mitchell was elected to an Exhibition for Mathematics at King's College, Cambridge, and F. Whidby to one in Modern History at St. John's College, Cambridge. Each Exhibition is valued at £40. In February, 1946, J. M. Low was elected to a Hume Lloyd Scholarship in Political Economy at University College, London, valued at £30. In March, 1946, D. D. Abrahams was elected to a Dorcus Scholarship in Mathematics at Balliol College, Oxford, valued at £100. These outstanding academic achievements reflect great credit on the last Upper Sixth of the war years.

To go into the involved method by which School holidays are now calculated and allowed would take up too much space. At first it was announced that the School would celebrate the winning of these Scholarships by having two days' holiday on May 31st and June 3rd, in addition to Ascension Day, May 30th. Soon news came from higher authority that we would then exceed our quota of holidays for the year. Eventually by a sacrifice of Ascension Day and a half-holiday on Race Wednesday, we were enabled to do honour to our Scholarship winners with holidays on Friday, May 31st, and Monday, June 3rd. It seemed a left-handed sort of compliment!

The early months of 1946 will long be remembered for the many serious illnesses suffered by the Staff. Mr. J. M. Footitt, Mr. L. Jones, Miss H. M. Craggs and Mr. G. A. Bradshaw, have been very ill. We are pleased to have Mr. Footitt, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Bradshaw back again at School. We are sorry that Miss Craggs is not yet able to return to duty, but we hope that she will be with us again in September.

The absence rate among the boys too, was high towards the end of the Winter.



Rev. D. G. Walters, B.A. (Swansea), L.Th. (St. David's College, Lampeter), was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Rev. J. W. H. Redfearn's resignation last Summer.

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Members of the Staff who have been on Active Service, began to return to duty at School in the Spring Term, 1946. First to return was Captain D. Vanstone, R.A., whom we congratulate on being Mentioned in Despatches recently. Soon there followed in quick succession Flight-Lieut. F. J. Gillespie, R.A.F., Corporal A. H. Marks, R.A.S.C., Aircraftman A. Wilson, R.A.F., and Flight-Lieut. G. MacKay, R.A.F. We welcome back these Masters, thankful that they have returned safely from their war-time duties.

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Mr. E. I. Johnston, who was active in so many fields of School affairs, left us in March to take up a post as Lecturer at the Teachers' Emergency Training College, at Sherstone, near Kidderminster. We hope that Mr. Johnston will be happy in his new surroundings, and that he will be most successful.

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Major A. Page, Green Howards (attached to the Gold Coast Regt.) visited School recently on demobilisation leave. He had just returned from Burma. We now hear that he has been appointed Lecturer in Music at the Teachers' Emergency Training College at Coventry, having been seconded by the local Education Authority.

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Mr. W. A. Brown, B.A. (Dunelm), and Mr. D. A. Thompson, B.A. (Dunelm), joined the Staff temporarily during the Spring Term.

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Owing to increases in numbers and to permanent posts not being filled during the war, seven Staff vacancies for September were recently announced. The following masters have been permanently appointed: Mr. C. J. Allen, B.A. (Dunelm) (French), Mr. J. A. Hutton, M.A. (Dunelm) (Maths), Mr. D. A. Thompson, B.A. (Dunelm) (General Subjects), Mr. A. Smith, B.A. (Lond.) (English), Mr. G. R. Watson, M.A. (Dunelm) (Classics), and Mr. G. B. Thompson, B.A. (Dunelm) (History). Mr. G. B. and Mr. D. A. Thompson are brothers, and all the new members of Staff are Old Bedians, except Mr. Watson. We welcome these new masters, and wish them happiness and success in teaching in their old School. One post, that of Senior French Master, remains to be filled.

Mr. G. Baron and Mr. W. D. Wall have resigned and taken up other appointments. Mrs. Chase resigned at Christmas, and Miss Horsfield and Miss Stephenson will be leaving in July. Miss Horsfield has been appointed to a permanent post at South Shields Girls' High School. We wish to pay tribute to those mistresses who have undertaken the arduous duties of teaching in a Boys' School in war-time, and to thank them for their services.

In July, we shall be sorry to say " Good-bye " to Mr. H. G. Bradshaw, Mr. W. A. Brown, Mr. W. E. McClement and Mr. R. C. Taylor, who have been temporary masters during the war. We hope they will have happy recollections of their colleagues, of the boys and of the School.

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Squadron Leader R. S. Taylor and Wing Commander S. E. Virgo, R.A.F., have not yet been released from the Air Force.

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During this School Year, the number of pupils attending Bede Boys' School has reached 700, a record total.

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There has been much building activity in the vicinity of the Dining Hall for many months past. A new Canteen Kitchen has been built, the most up-to-date of its kind, and extra seating accommodation is being provided in an extension of the Dining Hall and the conversion of the old Kitchen.

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At last some move is being made to provide playing fields befitting a School, the size and importance of Bede. Mr. Aitchison, Superintendent of the Sunderland Parks, has offered to put the fields in order as soon as possible, and his offer has been accepted by the Education Committee. Another year must elapse before play can take place again on our large field.

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The end of the Japanese war brought about the release of many Old Bedans held captive in the Far East since the fall of Singapore, February, 1942. We have been pleased to see several of these Old Boys at School and in town.

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The Editorial Staff consists of Mr. R. T. Ayre, Mr. G. Taylor, Mr. G. MacKay and K. Loach (Editor), T. G. Curry and F. Whidby (Sub-Editors), J. M. Low, H. W. Ord and J. A. Richardson.

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In the Competition (" Sunderland of the Future ") organised by the Sunderland Civic Society, an Old Bedan, Richard E. Orley ('36-'41) gained the First Prize of £20. Flight Lieut. E. G. Turner ('33-'39) gained Second Prize.

Mr. Fulton wishes to thank Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Cottam and family for the magnificent Silver Cup they have presented for Annual Competition in the Bedan Scout Troop in memory of their son, Flying Officer Hubert Weatherly Cottam, R.A.F., who was a member of Bedan Troop from 1931—1938. Thanks are also due to the parents and Old Boys who have presented many gifts of Scout uniforms, football and gymnastic clothing, books, etc.

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We think that Brigadier E. T. Williams, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., is probably the most distinguished and decorated Old Bedan who served in the recent World War. Brigadier Williams attended Bede from 1920 to 1922, when his father was Minister of the Grange Congregational Church.

Just before the war, Brigadier Williams was at Merton College, Oxford, and was called up with the Supplementary Reserve of Officers as a Second Lieutenant in the King's Dragoon Guards. He served in Libya before joining the Intelligence Staff at G.H.Q., Middle East. He went to H.Q., 8th Army, in July, 1942, and was Chief Intelligence Officer to General Montgomery during the successful operations in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was awarded the D.S.O. in 1943. Returning to this country at the beginning of 1944, he was promoted to the rank of Brigadier to head the Intelligence Staff of Field-Marshal Montgomery's 21st Army Group. He was awarded the C.B.E. and the American Legion of Merit in 1944, and was also mentioned in despatches. His most recent honour is the C.B.

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Flight-Lieut. G. Hall, D.F.C. and Bar, was recently awarded the American D.F.C.

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### Roll of Honour

In this issue of the "Bedan," we print the names of the 99 Old Bedans known to have given their lives in the second World War. It is the intention of the Old Bedans' Association soon to commemorate the gallant sacrifice of these Old Boys in a fitting memorial. The O.B.A. Committee is launching an appeal to all friends of the School for subscriptions to such a memorial, and Mr. R. T. Ayre has been appointed Hon. Treasurer of the Fund.

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### Summer, 1946

Now do I rest with heart oppressed,  
 A-bed, awake, alert.  
 Outside the rain descends from clouds  
 Which like some shroud o'erhang the earth,  
 Silent, forboding, a northern night,  
 It is in truth a Summer's night.

D. HUGILL (U.VI.)

## These you have Loved, No. 2

(Last year the happy possessors of the "Bedan" Magazine, were permitted to read an account, direct from Harvard, of what happens in any staff room. This year we repeat our 'popular personalities' formula, by giving you an intimate report of a scene in a prefects' room. Last year to avoid giving any masters portrayed a superiority complex, we disguised their names, beneath the titles of the newspapers they read. To avoid offending those prefects who cannot yet read, we have decided this year to name the characters by the books they are studying).

[The time is break and milk-drinking is in progress. The prefects have not yet ascertained the true use of straws; the foolish are using them as split pea shooters, the sophisticated (i.e., the remainder) believe them to be free gift (one per bottle) cigarette holders. On the board are sketches of maniacs, in their wildest postures, headed tenderly "Last Year's Sixth." Figures are grouped round the room, suggesting the seven ages of man. A small boy enters seeking the lost property office].

Outline of Geology—Well!! (This reply, so unfitting from one whom the boy had been led to worship as a public benefactor from first acquaintance, unnerves him. He looks round hastily for the door, but can't see it, and making for the window knocks a desk over).

Odes of an Unknown Poet (with an Appendix)—Now, look here! Just pick it up! What d'you want?

Boy—Please have you found a—

O. of U.P. & A.—Ask him! (He points to youth at the back who, having just joined the Junior Conservatives, is practising the tenor line of "Land of Hope and Glory," and making an awful hash of it).

Boy—Please, have you found a . . .

L. of H. & G.—In there . . . (Points to cupboard). (Boy opens it, and a pile of cheap merchandise falls out).

O. of U.P. & A.—Now, look here, I'm tellin' you, put those things back!! (Boy puts them back nervously, then gets them out systematically, but forgets what he came for)—That's the sixth bottle of milk you've had this morning, man. I'm tellin' you, it's too much, I'm tellin' ya, man.

Worms—Food for Thought (spasmodically)—Is it—oh—is it. I'm controlling the car queue to-day.

Godfrey and Siddons Book 4—Let me be Horatio to-day, Cecil!

Little Women—Oh, I thay!! (pause for breath). You were Hawtho to yethderday.

O. of G.—Oh! you can stand at the gate tomorrow morning.

L.W.—I thay!! (pause for breath). What are we thuppoethed to do there. I've often wondered.

W.F. for T.—Oh! to—er—show people the way in, I expect.

L. of H. & G.—I always thought we were supposed to keep people out, till I was told we were there to clear a way for the motor bikes. (To dismal child still looking in cupboard)—Have you found it? What was it?

Boy—A sock.

L. of H. & G.—Oh! what a pity—we had a shirt collar, all last week, but it turned out to be mine. Come back next week, we're expecting a tie then, Cecil's just lost one. (Boy makes his escape). Little beat!!! In a few years I can see him on the Dance Committee.

Manchester Guardian—I say, you chaps! Did anyone hear Kachaturian's Piano Concerto last night? Jolly thrilling, I thought. Smashing middle movement, I thought—Soloist uses his hands on the pedals, and his feet on the keyboard. Thunderingly, jolly well interesting, what?

(Vague looking youth, moves nervously round the door).

Youth—Is the Editor of the *Bedan* in, please?

W.F. for T.—Oh! yes—oh! is he—oh! yes—me!

Youth—'Av got a contribution!

W.F. for T.—'Ave you—oh!—very good—er—very good.

Youth—It's hopeless like—a mean—

W.F. for T.—Is it, oh! well—we'll see—er—we'll see.

Youth—Well—a-mean its not exactly hopeless.

M.G.L.S.—I say, is it anything like Chekov's cradle song—rattling good piece of literature, I think. Oh! I say, you chaps, Chekov's cradle song!—rattling good! Jolly good what, I say (He bubbles away to himself).

Youth—'A mean its quite good in parts, like, not bad, like.

O. of U.P. & A.—Oy. Listen hear! It's my turn to have the chair this period, I'm telling yuh.

O. of G.—Oh! let people get on with what they're doing. Twist!

Youth—Thu's one smashin' bit. I can't quite remember it like, but it's like . . . . .

O. of U.P. & A.—Hey! d'you fellows realise its time we chucked the people out of their rooms?

L.W.—I thay (pauses for breath). Why do we throw people out of the clabeth?

O. of G.—Oh! its a sort of game, isn't it. See how many people you can get out before someone rings a bell.

O.U.P. & A.—Well, I'm telling yuh man, we're supposed to see they're all downstairs in time to come up again.

Youth—D'ye think its the best entry you've got, ay, d'ye think it's the best y've got?

W.F. for T.—Well—er—you can't rhyme 'look' with 'stuck,' you know.

Youth—Yuh can rhyme 'glue' with 'do' can't yuh?

W.F. for T.—Well, I mean—er—that all depends—er—

Youth—Well, that's half of it right, anyway!

L.W.—I love throwing people out, don't you, Thethil?

O. of G.—Well, I like giving them bits of my homework to copy out for lines better!

L.W.—I got three boyth and a milk-cwase out yetherday, and to-day, I'm going to throw and throw and . . . .

(Bell goes for the end of break. That lessons are starting can be deduced from the fact that lines of chairs are moving past the door.

Everyone looks sulky and says "Oh, bother." They climb down from the desks and tables, each takes shyly a photograph of Ellen Wilkinson from his wallet and gazes at it with misty eyes, then with clenched fists they proceed to the library).

B. F. REES (U.VI).

### The Panacea of Nature

THE confused pattern of an urban existence frequently has a derogatory effect upon the sense of *joie de vivre*. The sentiments of utter frustration predominate, and there is pathetic inward yearning for simplicity—and adventure.

It was about Easter when this variety of mental septicæmia prevailed in the writer. The vitiated atmosphere of school and town, due to a promiscuous melée of noxious odours issuing from factory chimneys, chemistry laboratories and divers other establishments with an olfactory notoriety, had invoked an importunate desire to escape from it all, in favour of the relative purity and intrinsic beauty of the Pennine Uplands of Westmoreland. The 'Call of the Wild' could not be satisfied by modern artificialities of the larger communities. Unnecessary bustle and jarring noises all contributed towards depression, and so to avoid perversion, a visit to these renowned slopes was undertaken.

Duften nestles cosily, if rather unevenly, among the Pennine foothills in the fertile Eden Valley. The tranquility and the modest solemnity of the place are instantly perceptible on arrival. The stimulating qualities of the soft caressing breezes merged with the attractive topography of the village and its precincts induced a somnolent feeling of contentment almost upon impact. Harmonising with the alluring scene, the inhabitants completed this rural picture. The euphonious twang, rising and falling with a meticulous emphasis upon final consonants, traversed the ether in language so entirely devoid of grammatical correctitude, yet so delightful, that one almost wished that these linguistic traits were the general rule. Into this situation the writer was transported, and here was found refuge, from the normal frenzy of ordinary existence.

When the local weather-wise ancients augered favourably upon that critical factor—"Aye, wither 'ull be fine; there's a white 'elm a-blowing to-day"—the opportunity was taken to tramp to the redoubtable Cauldron Snout. Here are found many rare species of plant life, the most notable of which are the highly-prized Spring Gentian, Yellow Mountain Saxifrage, and Bog Sandwort, the latter comparable in its value to the British Botanist with the Philatelist's "Black Mauritius."

The route to this celebrated locality of Upper Teesdale wound up the outer slopes of the hills, and the rough initial cart track gave way to a verdant carpet of springy turf as the ascending path approached the plateau above. The bracing air, the rugged contour of the hills, quickened the pulse, and the sense of a supreme power was felt as though emitted by the enveloping heights. Soon, a sheep-fold was reached, and the smooth resilient track was succeeded by a rocky terrain which

still maintained the acclivity. On the right was a deep gully, terminating abruptly in an almost perfect stone-grey basin. The sight of this barren, bleak gill provoked an involuntary shudder, since the sides precipitated most steeply, and the symmetrical form was so unexpected that it appeared to be evidence of human caprice rather than natural phenomena. Its hard grey features contrasted vividly with the colour mosaic of the low-lying land beyond it. A playground for sheep with their newly-born pure white lambs scattered haphazardly is its only use for man. Flinty crags tower above the 'Nick' and afford hospitality to hawks which can often be seen hovering above, while the 'Nick' itself is the haunt of scavenging foxes and multitudes of rabbits.

The way now leads over typical fell country. A lattice-work of moorland streams with their low gurgling, combined with the swift torrents from higher up, added to the difficulty already occasioned by frequent stretches of distasteful bog-land, usually distinguishable by the emerald green of their deceptively attractive vegetative mantle. One was impressed by the intense solitude, the vastness of uninhabitable space, and it was with pleasure that man's feeble control over nature was realised.

Clouds were beginning to gather as a large beck was crossed, and the pace was quickened. After about three hours, the objective became visible, and with great expectancy the remaining distance to this august spectacle was traversed. A mighty cataract of tea-tinted water leaped madly down the awful fall, its monotonous roar stifling all other sound. With considerable embarrassment the jubilant river was waded by making an indiscriminate series of tatters from rock to rock.

Once upon the far bank, a frantic search was commenced to capture some worthy prize. The sky had now assumed a grey canopy of water-bearing clouds. However, loathe to abandon the search, a deeper penetration along the river bank was made. Rain quickly spoiled further plans, and so reluctantly operations were abandoned, and all attention was focussed upon the return journey to avoid a drenching.

Not anxious to face the hazardous river crossing again, the perpendicularly inclined cliff, its nakedness hidden by patches of heather and ferns clinging tenaciously to their cheerless stations, were scaled and tracks were set for the bridge spanning the river above the 'Snout.' The long journey back was contemplated with trepidation, and self-reproach was mechanically registered for temerarious indiscretion. Eventually after a strenuous battle against the new howling rain, the isolated sheep farm, passed a short time previously, was gained. Welcome hospitality was extended to the wet and hungry individual who staggered heavily into the kitchen, and after re-fuelling with sandwiches and tea, again braved the elements.

By this time the rain had turned to snow, and there were no signs of abatement. In two hours darkness would fall, and this did not engender a pleasant reverie. Because of obscured paths and reduced visibility, progress was deliberate, and opposed by the angry tempest, seemed very slow. Fortunately, cairns and stakes served to indicate the correct track, for without them morale would undoubtedly have been impaired. The grim yet strangely pleasant struggle proceeded. The risk of sudden obliteration or dissolution seemingly occurred

at every fresh attack. Despite superficial discomfort an ecstatic radiance glowed within. Epics of exploration and discovery could now be dimly appreciated. What unparalleled moments these pioneers and adventurers must have had! How those unrecorded inexpressible moments in which the soul is pierced by an irresistible stream emanating from the superb beauty of the scene which might have been transported from the very courts of heaven itself, can be envied.

Yes, gone was the morbid load which had marred the peace of mind, but, however much the spirit was enjoying it, the flesh was not. At last the vaporous outline of the 'Grill' was discerned, and the protruding crag was rapidly negotiated; then down into the steaming valley, through the scudding clouds. Within a very short interval after returning, a change of clothing and a diligent having soon transformed a dishevelled appearance, and the writer was once again ready to align himself with the respectable.

THE EDITOR.

### History—the Easy Way

[or, Why so many take Science]

**I** MAY as well make it quite plain at the start that this treatise is not addressed to the low-brows or scientists; it is directed to the intellectual stratum of those who are concerned with the serious things in life, and not to the intelligencies of those who show what appears to me to be an unbalanced interest in the frivolous gambols of news and neutrons, or the errings and strayings of misguided parabolas and hyperbolas. This leads me naturally to the origin of the phrase 'drawing a red herring (*arrivus conversentius*) up the garden path'; unlike many of the phenomena of natural history, this is of comparatively recent growth, for it derives from the habit of the shadier members of a certain political group (who wore black habits, to exhibit, by contrast, the comparative purity of their thoughts, words, and deeds,) of telling bed-time stories about Russian bogies (*bolshi bogus*) who 'went about the country' planting coal-Tsar bombs, made of pitch-and-cess, in the most harmless places. The phrases 'pitch-and-cess' and 'they wore shirts as black as pitch,' and my reference to the 'shadier members' are all due to the fact that the latter are wont to recline in the obscurity cast by the oak trees round the many pitches on which their accomplices indulge in those curious antics known as cricket, a freak of nature useful in two directions: to the Englishman in that he can refer to anything as being not, the worst insult he can apply to any person, place or thing; and to the foreigner as a perpetual reminder of the less reputable episodes of his own history. These cricket pitches are each approximately three acres in area, allowing for variations of latitude, longitude and the state of the weather, and including in this general category such differences as are exemplified in the famous aphorism coined by 'that Heavenly Grace': 'As bead is to opal, so Bede is to Oval,' thus bringing us directly to the next branch of my topic—social and economic history.



That well-known President of the U.S.A., Mr. Mustrow, acting under the provisions of the renowned Mundane Doctrine (propagated in 1066 by the celebrated Red Indian philosopher, Mahatma Gander) which will be known to all my readers—'Never in the history of human business did so few interfere in so much that was not their own'—acting, as I say, under this magnificent banner, Mr. Mustrow sent a letter in 1492 to Queen Victoria suggesting that each Irish labourer should be given 'three acres and a cow'; this policy, cribbed by Gladstone and embodied in his, as yet unpublished, Land Act, was enacted with the intention that the labourers should use the three acres to grow oats to be exported as liquid porridge, via the Suez Canal to the American State collective farms ('reservations,' as they were wittily termed) where Red Indians were permitted to grow complacent and wheat.

The letter, made into two-ounce loaves, with 'A present from Siam' stamped in the top left-hand corner, were exported to Ireland via the Arctic Circle, where they were fed to the cows (second generation) in order to make them produce milk which the Irish turned into cheese and sold to the English as Gorgonzola; profits were shared by the labourers and the American Government. In passing, it might be mentioned that this system (Land-Cheese) was the foundation of all modern 'political economy' (a stupid phrase, as it is anything but).

As it happened, a similar plan had been put into effect by Edward the Ever-ready (no connection, electrical or otherwise, with the battery of the same name) in 45 B.C. shortly before the visit of Julius Caesar (alias one Errol Fling, who, unarmed and single-handed (being unarmed, he wore his hand on the back of his head, where it was ready to raise his Panama Hat to Queen Boadicea) subjugated the entire island of Britain so thoroughly that thousands still flock to the ancient shrines or llynnethemae (modern spelling cinemas). To get back to Edward the E. — he decided to parcel out the land into three-acre lots, one for each family, and these have since been known as the three R's—one to pay the Rent, one to keep the River from the door, and the third to save the household from Ruination. Each man's land was known as his 'Doom,' and the phrase, 'his Doom is sealed' originates from the signing of the Domesday book by every recipient, with a seal showing a head and hands above a wall with the inscription: 'Quid? Non pauperes?' the motto of St. Chad. The three words 'Doom,' 'Doom,' and 'Dome,' are all corruptions of one word, 'haddeok.' These three D's and three R's must be clearly distinguished from the three F's outlined in Forster and Balfour's 'Teachers' Redside Book'; these are—philosophy, philanthropy, and philately, which anyone who wants to be someone in the educational world is strongly advised to avoid at all costs.

Thus it is clear, from even the slightest acquaintance with history, that there is a 'motif triplex' (eternal triangle) running through the ages from the Three Blind Mice to the Big Three (i.e., from bad to worse) and the Four Freedoms, of which one, Freedom of Speech is of negligible value, so long as writers like myself are permitted to occupy valuable paper-space.

F. WHIDBY (U.V.I.)

By the Banks of Allen-Walters

(Extract from a Guide Book)

**I**N Gristdale, although the broad-belt of red fern so well-known in previous years is now only to be found in other regions, the air is still bracing, and round the crags, the blackberry is as thick as ever.

The moor remains the same, and is at this season, a mass of brown. Although the chase has ceased to play any part in the life of this region, the hunter in his distinctive garb may still be observed. The route cannot easily be obtained from a Bradshaw, but if you ask the way managing to get there is very easy. There is no need to bring an umbrella or mac., clement weather being the order of every day, and anyway, we possess two tailors, one at least, skilled in providing for the manual worker. You would be well advised to take a cab, for if you go on foot, it will prove very tiring. Although the driver has left to take up another appointment a jolly ride can still be had with no waits, and consequently no questions asked."

Name withheld for obvious reasons.

### Bede Dances

**W**ITHIN the last school year the school has seen many school dances at school dances arranged for, by and at the school ; prices have been kept well within the means of scholars and staff, and the profits have gone to many noble school activities, like athletics, or to charity ; altogether they are quite frugal affairs (the dances, not the charity) though perhaps surplus 'vegetation' like parasites (people who get in through the windows), weeds (just weeds), flowering plants (wallflowers), and soft fruits (gooseberries, etc.) could be eradicated thus improving them (the dances) if that is possible, for although I say it myself, they are pretty good now . . . N.B. : My trumpeter is striking for shorter hours . . . talking of trumpeters reminds me our dances get only the best bands (complete in their own dinner jackets), moreover many local dignitaries have attended, including mayors, members of the cloth, and members of the 'Celtic fringe.' Furthermore, a patrician figure, in what looked like a white night-shirt, was once encountered in the corridor during a war-time dance, who said he was the Venerable Bede, but was probably only a patrolling fire-watcher.

My topic is a major aspect of the school activity little touched on. It may interest some of our Old Boys ? Again, it is perhaps the first advertisement ever published in this Magazine !

I hope the Venerable Bede will accept my apologies for referring to him because he seems to be dragged into nearly every edition. May he rest in peace henceforth !

P.S.—The thanks of the whole school should go to the Bede Dance Committee who produce such nice dances. Thank you.

H. W. ORD (U.VI.)

## By Air to Brazil

**I**T was the crowded shop windows that made me think of the smallness of the world we are living in. That may sound strange, but when I say that the shop windows were in Recife, Brazil, and I had left England, where I had not seen such sights for years, just seven days ago, it may not appear so unusual.

It was a cold morning just a week before, when I left the shores of England, and boarded a B.O.A.C. flying-boat, and my last sights of England had been on the drive from London to Poole. The countryside seemed lifeless and bare, and gaunt trees were silhouetted against a grey sky. On board the launch, taking us out to the flying boat, the wind was bitterly cold and the sea reflected the sombre sky. Winter had not released its grip on the land; yet as we circled above the harbour, before heading south, the earth below seemed brighter and green patches shewed here and there, as if just waiting the arrival of spring.

My last sight of this country was a lonely headland with waves breaking at its foot and the distant streamer of smoke from a train hurrying westwards.

My first realization that time and distance can be so reduced as to become really vague, was when we landed at Lisbon 2 hours 40 mins. later. Here, there were neon signs, and streets crowded with people enjoying the cool of the evening.

In Veneda Avenue, I gazed in shop windows filled with chocolates, fruit and wines. I bought a carton of cigarettes and found I could have had a thousand more had I wanted them. A five course dinner made this even more of a dream world.

Three hours later, as we flew steadily south, I was still wondering if I'd actually been there.

Spain was a twinkling of lights, and dark mountain tops sticking through a surrounding collar of clouds, far below us. Cadiz, Gibraltar and Ceuta seemed to pass in quick succession. That night we slept in comfortable bunks whilst the aircraft flew at a high altitude where it was not bumpy.

At day-break, we were over the Sahara, the waste of sand looking like a gigantic beach, and it was most interesting to see this desert give way to the green stretches of Senegal, and that in turn to the thick forests of Gambia.

At Bathurst, coming down to sea level from the 11,000 feet at which we had been flying, the heat was most uncomfortable; none of us had changed from the thick clothes we'd left England in.

We had a pleasant interval for lunch and a most welcome shower, then off again, now heading west, over the Atlantic. For fifteen hours we flew steadily over the ocean, and shortly after dawn the next day, came down at Belém, on the muddy waters of the Amazon. Here, practically on the Equator, the heat was intense, and this, with the native fishing boats drifting on the river, and the palms and thick jungle at the banks, made the thought that England was but 26 flying hours away seem grotesque.

Later, flying over the luxurious valleys of Guiana, past Cayenne and Devil's Island, made us realize that we had arrived at another Continent.

At tea-time, that same day, I was sitting on the sun-porch of the Queen's Park Hotel, Trinidad, just 50 hours since leaving England, my erstwhile transport having left again for its long flight to the United States.

I spent a pleasant 36 hours in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and the surrounding district. The luxurious and exotic flowers and the vivid green of the tropical verdure, the distant hills shimmering in the heat, were the antithesis of the English countryside, I'd just recently left. Then at 5 a.m. next day, I boarded the Pan-American Clipper at Piarco Aerodrome and left on the long flight to South America. We kept to the coast route, and landed only long enough at each place to enable us to stretch our legs in a walk once round the plane.

Georgetown, Paramaribo, Cayenne and then at Belem again. On to Marahas, Ceara, Natal, Recife, Barnanas, Maceio, and Bahia, arriving at last at Rio de Janeiro, 18 hours after leaving Trinidad. The beautiful harbour and city was a wonderful sight. The tall buildings reminded me of New York skyline, and the blue water was dotted with craft of all kinds. Over on Corcovado Peak the great statue of Christ seemed to encompass the whole city within His outstretched arms. The statue is 160 ft. high, and stands on top of a hill.

It was carnival time in Rio, before Lent, and the streets were crowded with bands and brightly dressed people singing and dancing. Streamers floated down from overhead windows and there were flags and coloured lights everywhere. The carnival lasts the full week before Lent, and is celebrated over all Latin America.

Only a week previous, the flying boat 'Starlight' had landed at Rio, taking only 36 hours on the whole flight from England. So impressed by this magnificent performance were the Brazilians that several said that many more people would be induced to visit Europe if they could travel so quickly.

Again, I had but 36 hours in Rio, then I managed to secure a seat on the Linhas Aeras Brasileiras plane going north to Recife. I say managed, for the Brazilians are very air-minded, and do most of their travelling that way, resulting in the planes usually being booked up.

Again at 5-30 a.m. I left Rio on this flight, stopping only at Bahia, the journey taking 8 hours, and by lunch time I was in Recife. I landed there almost exactly a week after leaving England, having flown some 6,000 miles in that time, and visited seven countries and three continents. I might call it an extremely busy week.

I would like to express my admiration for the men who run these long air routes; for the efficiency with which the machines are handled and inspected; for the perfectly served meals when flying thousands of feet above the earth, and the great care and attention shewn to their passengers. They are combining to make air travel the quickest and most attractive means of transportation in the future.

W. ALLINSON (1931-1936).

## Life on a South Sea Island

WHEN I learned that I was to be sent to the island of Ping Chan in the South China Sea, as a sort of governor, chief of police, and Lord Mayor, all rolled into one, I had, I confess, a feeling of trepidation. Looking after some 2,000 Chinese with only 14 men at my disposal would be no easy task, I thought. When I arrived in April, however, my fears were quickly dispelled. Laughing natives met us, and ferried our gear ashore. Half the population seemed to be watching our arrival and they were all very friendly. Later I discovered that the people were pleased to see us because we afforded them security against pirates and the like.

Pirates, by the way, are quite common in this part of the globe, and still sail the traditional wooden junk with the old muzzle-loading cannon on deck. This may sound antique, but the pirates are very determined characters, and raided this island only a short time ago, doing much damage.

Ping Chan is about two miles long by one mile wide, shaped like a dumb-bell with a village in the narrow bit. This village is the centre of social and business activity and consists of a few score low stone houses with crazy roofs of tile, tin, or thatch.

There is one main street about six feet wide, which is shared by shopkeepers, pedestrians, pigs, dogs, and chickens; walking along the main street is a major operation. One has to try to avoid open drains and sewers, acknowledge the greetings of the populace, avoid standing on stray animals, and ward off friendly attacks by crowds of children, who are all after chocolate and sweets—all at the same time. Also, of course, this must be done with some dignity, otherwise we 'lose face.'

The fishing community, who number some hundreds, live in their boats in the bay. As some of these craft are only fourteen feet long, and as Chinese families are usually large, you can see that domestic upheavals must be avoided at all costs. I have seen as many as six people living on a craft of fourteen feet. Babies were tied on to the backs of the older children.

It is said that the British soldier is our best foreign ambassador. Certainly it didn't take our men very long to make friends with the natives.

It is surprising, too, how easily the language difficulty was overcome. The men can not only make purchases, but can haggle over the price very effectively.

This is important in a land where 50 per cent. is put on the real price of everything, and even small items of a few cents. are argued over for long periods. The children were, as always, the first to make friends, and the adults coming to us for medical treatment soon became familiar with our ways.

My most difficult moment was when I had to preside over a meeting of the village elders. This group of men is responsible for running the village and corresponds to the town council. Unfortunately, as is usual in China, nobody will accept responsibility for anything, and they are excessively polite. At my first meeting, I asked, as representative of the British administration, if there was anything I could do.

The reply was typical. A bearded elder gave a flowery speech, in which he began by saying that there was absolutely nothing wrong in the village, and it was really too kind of me to inquire—but there were one or two little points. His 'one or two little points' covered a hundred and one subjects ranging from a grant for the village school to a new public lavatory, and included a minor request to D.D.T. the whole village. Thereafter I was very careful about inviting their opinions.

Now we have settled down here and enjoy it very much. Recently the complete detachment was invited to dinner by a member of the community. We went along at 8 p.m. and did not finish eating until 9-30. During this time we consumed 12 courses, including sparrows, boiled frogs and rice—all with chopsticks, too.

Peculiarly enough we all enjoyed the food tremendously, and quickly discovered that the liquor we were being offered was genuine brandy. Fourteen men can move a lot of liquor in 90 minutes, and I'm afraid we didn't particularly care what was in the last three or four courses.

Well, it's a long way from dear old Sunderland out here, but life has its compensations. I wonder for instance how many Worsiders could take up a large bunch of bananas, stroll out on to the beach, and eat them, bathing in between times in the warm sea? Because that is just what I'm going to do now!

Lieut. A. TATE, M.C., R.M. (1936-1941).

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'Sunderland Echo.'*

### The Debating Society

The past two sessions have been fairly successful. The Upper School gave more support but more speakers are still needed. Many varied motions have been debated, and specimen debates, among many others, have been given to the Civic Society and the Round Table. Some of the motions debated were:—

1. "That this house views with disapproval the Nation's plans for Education." Bi-annual Cup Debate. (Carried 30-1).
2. "That this house favours the shortening of school holidays, together with the abolition of homework." (Carried 38-12).
3. "That this house believes in ghosts." (Defeated 39-19).
4. "That this house believes in a short life and a merry one." Freshers' Prize Debate. (Carried 20-16).
5. "That modern youth is degenerate." Specimen Debate. (Defeated 54-6).
6. "That this house believes in the Nationalization of Industry and Transport." (Defeated 17-15).
7. "That this house thinks that the popular press is an insult to the general public." (Defeated 18-8).
8. "That the present examination system is unsuitable as a test of real ability." Bi-annual Cup Debate. (Carried 18-17).
9. "That the end justifies the means." Officers' Prize Debate. (Defeated 20-7).

SCHOOL XI., 1945-46



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K. AMBROSE. K. MINTA. H. CAPLING. Mr. W. E. McCLEMENT.  
K. LOACH. J. N. PYBURN. H. MILNE (Captain). M. HIBBERT. C. W. MILNER



H. REED, J. STEWART, W. H. ASKEW, D. RANKIN, R. E. WAITER, J. S. FERGUSON,  
I. F. CHISHOP, D. STORRY, MR. M. BERRY,  
G. PYBURN, D. BROW, J. L. JACKSON, I. W. JOHNSON (Capt.), D. HUTCHINGS,  
H. S. ORD, W. G. WAKE,  
J. THOMPSON, G. A. COLLISON.

SCHOOL CELEBRITIES, 1945-46



R. Y. ALMOND (Rugby Capt., Prefect)	J. N. PRIGGS (Cross-Country Capt., A. C. C. Champion, Prefect)	H. MUIR (Soccer Capt., Prefect)	R. DAVIS (Pres. Debating Society)	G. B. HUNTER (Pres. Debating Society)
F. WAINER (Scholarship, Librarian, Prefect)	D. D. ABRAHAM (Scholarship)	J. M. LOW (Head of School, Scholarship)	J. K. MITCHELL (Scholarship)	K. LOSCH (Editor "Reflex" Prefect)





MR. P. A. JENNINGS. A. BUTTLESTONE. R. THOMPSON. A. BUCKLEY. A. HILL.  
N. LEVITT. G. LINDLEY. W. BEADNELL. T. THURLBICK.  
N. WOOD. A. TELLINTIER. R. KIRKALDY (Capt). J. M. SPOONER. A. L. DUMBLE.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, 1945-46



E. B. TWIDDELL. C. W. MILBURN. R. N. DUMBLE. D. A. ROCK. G. T. LEWIS.  
R. PATON. E. T. ALMOND. J. N. PETERS (Capt). G. R. FREEMAN. K. MURTA.



E. M. LOW, R. PATON, A. STOKER, W. A. LINDLEY, G. WOOD, J. MURPHY, J. S. SHEARER,  
 R. F. HUTCHINGS, E. DAVISON,  
 H. CROSS, N. DENNIS, R. HAMP, F. W. FINNEY, E. Y. ALMOND, J. M. LOW, E. M. HOWEY,  
 J. D. BURNARD, E. STEPHENSON, (Capt.)

10. "That this house believes that respectability is the curse of civilisation." 1,000th Meeting. (Defeated 102—75).
11. "That modern art is retrogressive." (Defeated 18—7).
12. "That only the good can be happy." (Defeated 17—8).

The Bi-annual Cup Debates adjudicated by the Headmaster were won by J. Jacobs and R. Davis. The Officers' Prize Debate was won by J. Jacobs, with Mr. G. Taylor as the adjudicator. The Freshers' Prize Debate, with Mr. J. A. Hutton as adjudicator, was won by I. McDowall.

The outstanding event of the year was the Society's celebration of its 1,000th Meeting, at which many notabilities including the Mayor, were present.

A mock By-Election returned R. Davis as a Wearside Nationalist; and a mock Parliament passed a "Stabilisation of Schools Bill." A balloon debate was held and 'the man in the street,' impersonated by C. Slater, was the survivor.

Prominent speakers in the last two sessions include J. Carmel, R. Davis, I. Greenwald, G. Heilpern, J. Jacobs, I. McDowall, C. Slater and P. Thatcher.

J. JACOBS, Hon. Sec.

R. DAVIS, Hon. Sec.

### School Debating Society's 1,000th Meeting

THE 1,000th Meeting of the Debating Society was held on Friday, 22nd February, after 40 years of continued activity since it was founded in the Autumn Term, 1905, by Mr. Reginald Airey, then Senior English Master at the School. To celebrate this event, the meeting took the form of a special debate in the School Hall, which was open to the public, and to which Old Bedans and prominent citizens of the town were invited.

The President, Mr. R. Davis, welcomed His Worship the Mayor, Coun. J. Ritson, and then gave a short résumé of the Society's history, mentioning some of the old members and traditions. Particular mention was made of Dr. Sturge, who was Treasurer from 1918 to 1932, and of Mr. G. T. Moore, whose intimate association with the Society is well known.

The Mayor then thanked the Society for its welcome, and the meeting proceeded in the normal manner.

The Minutes, which the Secretary, Mr. J. Jacobs, had been polishing up for a week were read, and the Poet Laureate, Mr. C. H. Slater, produced his usual effort. At question time, after the first ice had been broken, questions came rolling in and with the variety of motions at Private Business motion time it was with difficulty the President calmed the House when the allotted five minutes had expired.

But better things were in store and the main business of the evening was arrived at—a debate on the subject that "Respectability is the Curse of Modern Civilisation."

The main speakers, both of whom had travelled up from London for the occasion scanned their papers and Lt. Col. Marcus Lipton, M.P., commenced for the Proposition.

In a challenging manner, he asked how many of our Great Men were (or had been) respectable, and told us we were living our lives under the strain of petty conventions, and we would be much better off if they were abolished.

Mr. D. A. S. Cairns, barrister, for the Opposition, pointed out that his friend, Col. Lipton, was reckoned to be a respectable man, and asked why he was wearing a collar and tie if he did not believe in Respectability.

The motion was seconded by Mr. G. G. Armstrong, an old member, and the Opposition by Mr. C. H. Slater, Senior Committee member.

Mr. G. Taylor, speaking from the house, told us that his ultimate aim of respectability was to become a town councillor. Other speakers included Mr. Stewart, Mr. M. W. Burnham, Mr. A. Brien, Mr. H. W. Ord, Mr. H. Merskey. Mr. G. T. Moore summed up from the house, and the two main speakers closed the debate.

The house then divided upon the motion, which was defeated by 102 votes to 75, and the motion of adjournment was moved at 9-15 p.m.

R. DAVIS, Hon. Pres.

### Bedc Drama

IN the Autumn Term we read 'Dr. Knock,' 'Noah's Ark,' 'A Steem in a Tescup,' 'The Midsummer Night's Dream,' 'Is Life worth Living?' and 'The Man with a load of Mischief.' Then our producer, Mr. Johnston, began to prepare for a public production of 'Aams and the Man.' After many weeks this was abandoned because the books were not available, and instead 'Androcles and the Lion' was cast.

At this point Mr. Johnston's mantle fell—rather a long way—on the shoulders of the present producer, who decided to add 'X = O' to the programme, as the Shaw play is so short. This was committed to the Juniors.

We were very glad to have the help of Mr. Blumer—an old boy—with the scenery. In all he produced five settings for us, and it was generally agreed that they were of a high standard.

Our most important advance was the design and building of compartment footlights and top-lights by Eric Harris. These were wired to give three-colour lighting independently controlled, which will be a valuable technical help at the disposal of the Club, although not really called upon for this year's plays. We aim to have more spots and floods, a traverse curtain, and rails to render the backcloth mobile. We have been presented with a twin-turntable record-playing unit, and for a reasonable outlay this should give us sound effects of considerable flexibility.

Some of our actor-members attended a Drama School organised by Theatre Workshop—a very capable group of people devoted to drama, and full of ideas and enthusiasm. We are trying to arrange for them to visit Sunderland next December, and if this is possible, it will be a most valuable opportunity of learning all aspects of dramatic art.

The consensus of opinion is that our best actors are Hugill, Williams, Hansen, Shelton, and Aitkin, all of whom are to be with us next year, but we are glad to have the support of a large number of others—there were thirty parts this year—and we welcome the support of all who would like to help either in acting or in the many other branches of essential work.

We hope to make our next production 'The Merry Wives of Windsor.'

J.L.J.

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### Music Club

During the past school year, the Music Club has begun meeting with pre-war regularity, and programmes have been larger than was possible in war-time. In addition to the general programmes, which were representative of most of the great composers, special meetings were devoted to opera, and to works for solo pianoforte. Meetings were suspended during the Summer Term, but will be resumed in September.

The Club's thanks are tendered to those members of the staff—Mr. Jolly, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. Johnston—and of the School, who aided by the loan of records. In addition we should like to thank Mr. F. T. Rees, Hon. Sec. of Sunderland Gramophone Music Society, who entertained the Club at his own home, with an interesting and varied programme.

F. WHIDBY (Hon. Sec.)

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### School Library

At the beginning of the school year, obstacles to normal activity existed in the form of a failure of the supply of fiction tickets—which was overcome by temporary expedients, until the arrival of a large new stock in Spring Term—and of the necessity to close certain sections of the Library to enable the completion of stock-taking undertaken at the end of Summer Term. However, these difficulties overcome, issues were soon in full swing again, and, in addition, certain minor improvements were effected, in connection with which we have to thank Mr. Harrison, Mr. Hunter, and Mr. H. Wilson, for their co-operation.

The number of books issued in Summer Term 1945, was 505, and in the Autumn and Spring Terms of this School year, 483 and 249 respectively, excluding volumes borrowed by the staff and Sixth Form. Officials during the School year were as follows: Sent. Asst. Librarian, F. Whidby; Asst. Librarians, A. Johnson, T. Williams; Committee Members, R. Collins, T. C. Nelson, D. Tweedle, V. C. Candlish, F. W. Finney, J. N. Pyburn, E. M. Low, K. Davison, J. K. Willis, R. C. Leach, K. Searle.

F. WHIDBY  
(Sent. Asst. Librarian).

## S.C. 749 "The Bedans"

THE first post-war year has seen a great decline in the previous interest taken in the Club. The Committee, although hampered by this lack of interest, have endeavoured to provide interesting discussions and lectures in the few meetings which have taken place during the past year. In addition to these discussions, a Library has been formed from books contributed by members of the Club, of which forty copies are at present on loan.

The Club's recent affiliation to the Air League of the British Empire has resulted in the receipt of monthly copies of the official League organ, 'Air Affairs,' all of which have been distributed to Club members.

In order to encourage the Club's sporting interest, a Hockey team was formed of Senior Club Members, at the beginning of the Easter Term. Three matches were played with Bede Girls 1st XI. Results—

Feb. 9th.	S.C. 749	(1)	v.	Bede Girls 1st XI.	(0)
Feb. 15th.	S.C. 749	(0)	v.	Bede Girls 1st XI.	(1)
Feb. 27th.	S.C. 749	(2)	v.	Bede Girls 1st XI.	(0)

The annual Competition for the "Wilson Trophy" took place on May 24th, when the winner was R. Martin for the second year in succession.

The Committee elected for the year 1945—46 consisted of:—

*President* : Mr. G. A. Bradshaw.

*Vice-Presidents* : Mr. J. C. A. Grisdale, Miss T. Stephenson.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mr. R. C. Taylor.

*Hon. Secretary* : J. N. Oliver.

*Hon. Librarian* : W. Hugill.

*Chairman* : R. M. Wilson.

The Committee are once again indebted to Mr. R. C. Taylor for his help and supervision during the past year 1945—46, and wish to express their thanks.

J. N. OLIVER (L.VIa)

Hon. Sec.

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### "Bedans" Scouts

THE Season successfully commenced with a troop camp at Middleton-in-Teesdale. Because of the bad war-time transport facilities a camp had not been held recently, and as a result only the older members of the troop were at all experienced. This difficulty was, however, overcome by the hard work of the Officers and Patrol Leaders, and by the response given by the troop, all of whom seemed eager to learn. The fine weather facilitated competitions in signalling, stalking and other scouting activities.

Progress was not limited to outdoor instruction. The parent's evening, held on the 15th of February, was a brilliant success. It even exceeded last year's show, and was highly commended by many parents and scouters. It was more varied in character, than those usually held, and in it there was an exhibition of country dancing.

School dances have been a speciality this year. We held several dances of the usual type, and one old fashioned dance. This dance was very well attended, and at it we were very pleased to see several parents and Old Bedans, and hope that we will see them again at any future scout dances.

The usual annual birthday party was held in the School Hall in October, and a good time was had by all. It was the Troop's 17th Birthday.

The progress of the troop in indoor scouting work has been up to its usual high standard of excellence. An electrician's class was again held by Mr. H. G. Bradshaw, and an ambulance class by Mr. Hunsley. These were very instructive and the results were quite good. The troop this year has been working very hard, and expectations for numerous 1st class scouts in the near future, are very high.

We were very sorry to lose K. Loach and D. Hugill, and their invaluable services and their offices as T.L. and Secretary have been filled by E. M. Low and I. F. Chrishop respectively.

C. H. E. Simpson, recently demobilised from His Majesty's Forces, is heartily welcomed back to the troop. As an old A.S.M., he has taken over the duties of leading the recently formed Senior Scouts. He has been active in this branch of Scouting, and also in the parents' evening, where he filled in the intervals with excellent entertainment.

Although none of our members were at the recent demonstration in London, we are looking forward hopefully to the coming Jamboree in Holland.

As a direct result of the Summer Camp, a Senior Patrol has been formed. This was suggested so that the older members could more easily further their knowledge of scouting. The junior troop felt their absence very much at first, but now new leaders, just as efficient, have arisen from the troop. Now the Seniors are totally independent of the rest of the troop, although they occasionally take part in the latter's activities. Their activities have been numerous, and have covered many spheres of interest between hiking and attending council meetings, and so to end the Season we have got a keen and flourishing Junior Troop and an efficient small Senior Scout Patrol.

E. M. LOW  
(Troop Leader.)

#### Association Football First XI.

THE Senior XI. started the first post-war season in fine style, only losing one match during the first term. The team continued to play in this fashion during the latter half of the season, a further two matches being lost. There was no difficulty in raising a team at the beginning of the season, for there were nine regular members of last season's team available. Some difficulty was found in filling the right back position, due to Earwile leaving at the end of the Christmas term, but apart from this the same team played together most of the season. Owing to this fact, the eleven has shown remarkable cohesion and team work under the captaincy of Milne, who was honoured by being selected to play for the County team in the F.A. Youths' Championship. On account of this he was unable to turn out for the School XI. on several occasions.

Because of difficulties of transport during war-time, it had become the custom to obtain four fixtures with certain of the schools in the immediate area, in order to obtain a full fixture list. During the late season, however, it has been possible to arrange matches as far away as Bishop Auckland and Spennymoor.

The School XI wishes to thank Mr. W. E. McClement for the great interest he has shown in their play, and to express their appreciation of the valuable guidance and coaching he has so unremittingly given during the years he has been on the staff.

The following have represented the School this season:—

*Goalkeeper* : K. Murta.

*Backs* : H. K. Entwisle, K. Ambrose, D. A. Rock, D. Joss, B. Hall, L. Waugh.

*Half-backs* : H. Milne (Capt.), K. W. Leach, R. Dumble, M. Hibbert, L. Waugh.

*Forwards* : J. N. Pyburn (Vice-Capt.), C. Milburn (Sec.), E. Tweddle, G. MacDonald, M. Hibbert, H. Capeling, G. Freeman, L. Davis.

*Scorers* : E. Tweddle (28), C. Milburn (19), J. N. Pyburn (13), H. Capeling (10), G. MacDonald (6), M. Hibbert (4), H. Milne (3), G. Freeman (2), K. W. Leach (1), R. N. Dumble (1).

Colours were renewed to H. Milne, J. N. Pyburn, K. W. Leach, M. Hibbert and awarded to R. N. Dumble, G. MacDonald, K. Ambrose, K. Murta, E. Tweddle and C. Milburn.

		F.	A.
Sept. 15, 1945.	—v. Jarrow (away)	5	0
" 29,	—v. South Shields (home)	5	1
Oct. 6,	—v. Rutherford Coll. (away)	3	1
Nov. 3,	—v. Ryhope (away)	2	2
" 10,	—v. Houghton (home)	10	0
" 17,	—v. Spennymoor (away)	2	0
" 24,	—v. Ryhope (home)	0	1
Dec. 8,	—v. Houghton (away)	5	0
" 15,	—v. Bishop Auckland (away)	2	2
" 22,	—v. Ryhope (home)	5	1
Jan. 12, 1946.	—v. South Shields Marine School (home)	3	0
Feb. 2,	—v. South Shields Marine School (away)	5	0
" 9,	—v. Bishop Auckland (home)	1	2
" 23,	—v. Spennymoor (home)	8	0
" 27,	—v. Bede College (home)	5	2
March 2,	—v. Durham Johnston (home)	6	0
" 5,	—v. Bede College (away)	1	2
" 23,	—v. Durham Johnston (away)	9	2
" 30,	—v. Jarrow (home)	5	0
April 13,	—v. South Shields (away)	7	0

Our record is:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals.	
					F.	A.
	20	15	3	2	89	16



## Personalities

### MURTA (GOALKEEPER)—

Murta has proved a safe and reliable goalkeeper, but, owing to his lack of size, he has not been so dominant in the goalmouth as in dealing with individual shots.

### ENTWISLE (RIGHT BACK)—

Although his positional play and kicking were occasionally at fault, his exceptional speed and keen tackling enabled him to recover and save many dangerous situations.

### ROCK (RIGHT BACK)—

Rock came into the team when Entwisle left, half way through the season. After a shaky start, he settled down as a steady and vigorous player.

### AMBROSE (LEFT BACK)—

His lack of speed has been adequately made up by his excellent sense of position and extremely long and accurate kicking. The defence all through the season has been very reliable, and a good understanding existed between the full backs and the goalkeeper.

### LOACH (RIGHT HALF)—

He improved steadily throughout the season, but the strength of his kicking could be improved. His ball control and distribution, particularly on a heavy ground, made him a great force in attack.

### DUMBLE (CENTRE HALF)—

His tackling and kicking are first rate, but he is inclined to put defence before attack, and this has consequently given the inside forwards and wing halves more work to do. He has played many excellent "police-man" games.

### MILNE (LEFT HALF)—

We cannot praise too highly the sportsmanship, co-operation and playing ability of Milne, this year's School Captain. With a year's experience as Captain at the beginning of the season, he led his team well, and has the satisfaction of knowing that it played the best football and achieved the best record since before the war. Fast and energetic, he has always been a power in developing attack, but his loveness in this part of the game has sometimes led him out of position and weakened the defence. In School games, he played at left half most effectively, although he is naturally a right-sided player, and it was at right half that he played all his games for Durham County. He represented England against Scotland in the International N.A.B.C. match in May, 1946. [R.T.A. and W.E.McC.]

### MILBURN (OUTSIDE RIGHT AND SECRETARY)—

Together with Pyburn and Loach, he has proved himself part of one of the most dangerous wings in Durham County School Soccer. His speed is a great asset, but his shooting could be improved.

### PYBURN (INSIDE RIGHT AND VICE-CAPTAIN)—

Pyburn has been the general in attack, but at times he has tended to play to the right too much. His ball control, passing and shooting are very good.

### TWEDDLE (CENTRE FORWARD)—

He has a powerful and accurate shot, but his lack of speed has lost him many opportunities of scoring goals. His penalty kick taking is to be commended.

### MACDONALD (INSIDE LEFT)—

His ball control is excellent, but his play would be improved if he parted with the ball more promptly. His shooting although not exceptionally powerful is very accurate.

### HIBBERT (OUTSIDE LEFT)—

Although his natural position is wing half, he has adapted himself to the wing forward position. His shooting is very powerful, but his effectiveness as a winger would be improved if he did not tend to delay his centres.

### CAPELING (RESERVE FORWARD)—

Capeling is of great value as a utility man, especially as an inside forward. His ball control, shooting and constructive work are good.

This year's team has employed tactics which depended upon complete understanding between the several departments. The half backs' ability to break up opponents' attacks and initiate attacks for their own forwards, the combination between them and the backs in defence, and the all-round team spirit has made the season the most successful for many years. The team greatly appreciate the interest taken in them by the members of the staff.

H. MILNE (Captain)

## Second XI.

It was found possible to arrange a few fixtures for the Second XI. against the Junior Technical School, Monkwearmouth Central, and Ryhope. It would have been possible to obtain more fixtures, but for the fact that there was only one playing field for both Soccer and Rugby, and it was not often that the field was vacant.

		Goals.	
		F.	A.
Sept. 29, 1945.—v. Junior Tech. (home)	_____	5	1
Nov. 3, —v. Junior Tech. (away)	_____	2	1
Nov. 10, —v. Monkwearmouth Central (away)	_____	13	1
March 30, 1946.—v. Ryhope Grammar (away)	_____	5	2

The Second XI. was represented by:—

S. English, R. Stephenson, D. Jose, D. Rock (Capt.), H. Young (1 goal), G. Freeman (6 goals), L. Waugh, H. Chappell, (6 goals), H. Capeling (3 goals), L. Davis (2 goals), S. Harding (2 goals), R. Steinberg (2 goals), E. McConnell, A. McKeever (1 goal), C. Foster, E. Taylor.

				Goals.	
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
4	4	—	—	25	5

C. W. MILBURN (Hon. Sec.)

## Junior XI.

The Juniors have had another successful season, and reached the Final of the Cochrane Cup Competition for the first time since 1943. Though beaten 1—0 by West Park Central at Roker Park, the team put up a very creditable display, and there was little to choose between the two teams, the vital goal coming in extra time. The strength of the team has lain in the defence, which has proved very steady all the season. The forward line—smaller and lighter than usual—has found goals rather difficult to get. Wood, at inside-left, has worked the ball well and provided many openings for his colleagues. Stoker, the centre-forward, though young and small, has developed during the season and should do well next year. Kirkaldy, the captain, has been a tower of strength at left back, and played a particularly fine game at Roker Park. Buckley, the goalkeeper, played for the Sunderland Boys' team in the English Schools' Shield games against East Durham, South Shields and Stockton. Levitt was selected as reserve for these games. With Stoker, Dumble and Bell available for another year, the prospects for next season are encouraging.

## Schools League (Div. A.)—

Goals.

		F.	A.
Oct.	6.—West Park Central (home)	1	1
"	27.—Monkwearmouth Central (home)	2	2
Nov.	10.—Junior Tech. (home)	3	1
"	24.—West Southwick (away)	7	0
Dec.	1.—Morton (home)	0	1
"	8.—Ryhope Grammar (home)	2	0
"	22.—West Park Central (away)	4	0
Jan.	12.—Monkwearmouth Central (away)	1	0
Mar.	16.—Morton (away)	1	0
"	30.—Junior Tech. (away)	4	0
April	4.—Ryhope Grammar (away)	0	2

## Cochrane Cup—

Dec.	15.—Monkwearmouth Central (home)	2	1
Feb.	9.—Ryhope Grammar (home)	1	0
May	6.—Morton (Roker Park)	1	0
"	7.—West Park Central (Roker Park)	0	1

## Victory Shield—

Mar.	9.—Chester Road (home)	5	0
April	6.—Ryhope Modern (away)	1	2

## Friendly Games—

Sept.	22.—Junior Tech. (home)	1	0
"	29.—Whitburn (away)	2	1
Feb.	23.—Newcastle Tech. (away)	2	2
Mar.	4.—Newcastle Tech. (home)	4	0
"	23.—St. Cathbert's Grammar (away)	2	0

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
22	15	4	3	46	14

The following boys played during the season :—W. Beadnell, A. Bell, A. Birtlesene, A. Buckley, A. L. Dumble, R. Kirkaldy, N. Levitt, G. Lindley, E. A. Little, G. Miller, B. A. Spendley, J. Sinker, A. Tallintire, T. E. Thurlbeck, R. Thompson and N. Wood.

F.A.J.

### Senior Rugby XV.

At the beginning of the School year, the following Officials were elected :—E. Y. Almond, Captain ; M. W. Burnham, Vice-Captain ; J. M. Low, Secretary.

Unfortunately, at the beginning of the season it was found that the majority of last year's experienced players had left us, and it was necessary to draft several very young players into the team. Indeed, this deficiency in weight, size and experience has been noticeable throughout the year. Notwithstanding their severe handicap in weight, E. Stephenson, R. F. Hutchinson and A. Stoker came directly from the Under 14 XV. to the Senior XV., and have played consistently and well throughout the season. Shearer, Burnard and Howey, although shaky at the beginning of the season, improved distinctly as the season progressed, and in Burnard, now more confident in himself, we have an efficient scrum-half.

The second blow to the team came when Mr. E. I. Johnston left us half-way through the season. Fortunately, however, Mr. W. A. Brown stepped into his place, as coach, and has prevented any deterioration of our performances—in fact the second half of the season saw the team improve greatly.

The Vice-Captain, M. W. Burnham, also left us at Christmas, but his place as hooker has been amply filled by R. F. Cross.

Of this season's games, undoubtedly the worst was against Henry Smith School (away), while the best was against Sunderland Second XV. but constant changing of positions, which probably will be profitable in the long run, has caused the play to be hesitating and uncertain in some matches.

Summing up it must be acknowledged that this season has not been a very successful one. Yet a sound team of younger players has been built up, that should be formidable next season.

The team has been picked from:—

*Full Backs* : N. Dennis, R. Hamp.

*Backs* : E. Y. Almond, E. Stephenson, R. F. Hutchinson, R. Paton, J. D. Burnard, E. M. Low, R. W. Howey, J. Coxon.

*Forwards* : A. Stoker, G. Wood, W. A. Linsley, J. Mushens, J. K. Mitchell, K. Davison, M. Wake, J. S. Shearer, P. S. Lowson, F. W. Finney, M. W. Burnham, J. M. Low, T. C. Nelson, R. F. Cross.

## FIXTURES

		Points.
		F. A.
Sept.	29.—West Hartlepool S.S. (away)	0 23
Oct.	6.—Newcastle R.G.S. (home)	9 6
"	10.—Acklam Hall G.S. (away)	3 26
"	13.—Dame Allan's S.S. (away)	3 27
"	20.—Henry Smith's S.S. (home)	19 11
Nov.	10.—Newcastle R.G.S. (away)	5 3
"	24.—A. J. Dawson G.S. (away)	3 27
Dec.	1.—Dame Allan's S.S. (home)	0 29
"	8.—South Shields H.S. (home)	3 19
"	15.—Senior Technical College (home)	16 6
Jan.	12.—Darlington G.S. (away)	5 36
"	26.—Henry Smith's S.S. (away)	0 26
Feb.	16.—Darlington G.S. (home)	6 28
"	23.—Senior Technical College (away)	8 9
March	9.—Tynemouth (home)	12 0
"	16.—South Shields H.S. (away)	5 3
"	30.—Acklam Hall G.S. (home)	0 28
April	6.—Sunderland 2nd XV. (away)	6 6
"	13.—West Hartlepool S.S. (home)	5 9

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
19	6	12	1	108	322

We would also like to give our thanks to the governing body of the Sunderland Cricket and Football Club for allowing us to make use of their Rugger pitch.

J. M. LOW, Hon. Sec.

### Middle and Junior School Rugger

This year in order to give boys in the Middle School a chance of keeping in touch with the game, an "under 15" team was introduced. Under the Captaincy of J. S. Shearer, the side had little chance of settling down owing to senior calls weakening their playing strength, and a short fixture list. Better prospects present themselves for next season.

The "Under 14", led by I. W. Joiner, rapidly developed into a well-balanced side. The forwards often overplayed their opponents and consequently gave many opportunities for the halves and threes to open out the game, which was done very successfully.

Eight of this team were chosen to play in the North v. South County Trial, and the following were selected to play in the two County games against Cumberland and Northumberland:—I. W. Joiner and D. Brow (forwards), J. Thompson (half-back), J. L. Jackson and D. Hutchinson (threes). I. W. Joiner was made Captain of the County XV.

Following the two County games, I. W. Joiner, J. L. Jackson and D. Hutchinson played in International Trials. The first named just failed to represent the School on the England side against Wales, but he has the satisfaction of being the first Bedon to reach the Final English Trial, whilst J. L. Jackson and D. Hutchinson are also to be congratulated in going beyond the first to the second Trial.

These constitute good records for the School. It was not surprising, however, that these calls for representative and trial games affected the record of the team.

The "Under 13" team under J. Stewart showed some improvement towards the end of the season. Ten of their number are available for this team next year, but, unfortunately for the "Under 13," they will be required for the Junior XV.

The records of the three teams were:—

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.
Under 15	9	2	7	60	196
Under 14	20	13	7	302	152
Under 13	9	1	8	20	182

The House Competition was run as a knock-out tournament. Some good games resulted, the best being the junior semi-final between Roker and Chester. The finals curiously enough were between the same Houses, Chester and Seaburn. Seaburn Seniors playing well throughout, beat Chester Seniors, but the Junior result was reversed, a win by Chester being well deserved.

The results were:—

Seniors.	Durham	0	Hendon	3	} 1st round.
	Barnes	13	Wear	0	
	Grange	0	Seaburn	30	
	Roker	3	Chester	13	
	Chester	9	Barnes	5	} Semi-finals.
	Hendon	0	Seaburn	13	
	Seaburn	15	Chester	3	} Final.

Juniors.	Chester	8	Barnes	0	} 1st round.
	Durham	9	Wear	0	
	Hendon	0	Seaburn	16	
	Grange	0	Roker	19	
	Roker	8	Chester	13	} Semi-finals.
	Durham	6	Seaburn	11	
	Chester	17	Seaburn	0	Final.

M.B.

### Cross Country Running Club

The Cross Country team has had a much more successful season this year than last, mainly due to the increased support of the Senior School. Our success was due to the strong, consistent running of J. N. Pyburn (Captain of the team), and G. Freeman, backed up by very good team work. We were particularly pleased to beat the Durham Colleges team in our two fixtures with them, and were disappointed in only being able to draw with our old rivals, Darlington Grammar School.

The Annual Inter-House cross country race attracted more runners than usual in the Senior event, there were 42 starters. This developed into a tussle between the School's two best runners, Pyburn and Freeman; and in a very exciting finish the former won by a few yards.

The first four home in the Junior race had to be disqualified, because of their having unfortunately taken a wrong turning. These four boys were G. Pyburn, Cash, Baxter and Williams. The Junior champion, therefore, was Grey.

The Club was very sorry to lose Mr. E. I. Johnston at the beginning of the season but Mr. Jolly consented to run the Club.

I would also like to thank those boys who have shown their interest in the Club by acting as markers for our home fixtures.

The following boys have represented the School this season:— J. N. Pyburn (Captain), G. Freeman, T. Lewis, R. Dumble, D. A. Reck, E. Y. Almond, C. W. Milburn, K. Murta, R. Paton, E. Tweddle, R. Murdy, A. Collinson.

Colours have been awarded to J. N. Pyburn, G. Freeman and E. Y. Almond.

The results of the team are as follows:—

R.	W.	L.	D.
6	3	2	1

v. Durham Colleges.	Won	—	—	—	38—44
v. Durham Colleges and Ryhope G.S.	Won	—	—	—	37—51—97
v. Durham School.	Lost	—	—	—	65—40
v. Newcastle R.G.S.	Lost	—	—	—	35—43
v. Darlington G.S.	Drawn	—	—	—	39—39
v. Ryhope G.S.	Won	—	—	—	28—55

The results of the Inter-House Competition are :—

1, Barnes ; 2, Seaburn ; 3, Wear ; 4, Grange ; 5, Roker ; 6, Hendon ; 7, Durham ; 8, Chester.

Individual placings are as follows :—

Senior :—1, J. N. Pyburn ; 2, G. Freeman ; 3, R. Dumble ; 4, D. A. Rock ; 5, R. Murdy ; 6, A. Collinson ; 7, E. M. Low ; 8, D. Hutchinson ; 9, E. Tweddle ; 10, J. McBay.

Junior :—1, Grey ; 2, Britton ; 3, Peacock ; 4, Chancellor ; 5, Cooper ; 6, Pennal ; 7, Witherington ; 8, Hazel ; 9, Tynmouth ; 10, Greenwold.

E. Y. ALMOND, Hon. Sec.

### Twenty-Fourth Annual Athletic Sports, 1946

100 yards :—

Senior : 1, Mitchell (S) ; 2, Milne (S) ; 3, E. Y. Almond (B) ; 4, Hamp (W). Time : 10.4 secs.

Middle : 1, Howey (B) ; 2, Shearer (B) ; 3, Davis (C) ; 4, Hutchinson, D. (D). Time : 10.7 secs.

Junior : 1, Beadnell (R) ; 2, G. Pyburn (S) ; 3, Vickery (C) ; 4, Davis (C).

220 yards :—

Senior : 1, Mitchell (S) ; 2, Milne (S) ; 3, Hamp (W) ; 4, E. Y. Almond (B).

Middle : 1, Davis (C) ; 2, Stephenson (H) ; 3, Hutchinson D. (D) ; 4, Howey (B).

Junior : 1, Beadnell (R) ; 2, G. Pyburn (S) ; 3, Miller (D) ; 4, Cash (R).

440 yards :—

Senior : 1, E. Y. Almond (B) ; 2, Wimpenny (G) ; 3, Hamp (W) ; 4, Armstrong (D). Time : 54.6 secs. (new record ; previous record, 54.8 secs.)

Middle : 1, Davis (C) ; 2, Murdy (W) ; 3, Hutchinson, R. (G) ; 4, Hutchinson, D. (D) ; Time : 57.4 secs. (new record ; previous record, 58.0 secs.)

Junior : 1, Beadnell (R) ; 2, G. Pyburn (S) ; 3, Miller (D) ; 4, Witherington (S). Time : 63.9 secs.

880 yards :—

Senior : 1, E. Y. Almond (B) ; 2, Wimpenny (G) ; 3, Wright (C) ; 4, Armstrong (D).

Middle : 1, Davis (C) ; 2, Murdy (W) ; 3, Stephenson (H) ; 4, Hutchinson, D. (D).

Junior : 1, Beadnell (R) ; 2, G. Pyburn (S) ; 3, Dumble (B) ; 4, Baxter (R).

1 mile :—1, E. Y. Almond (B) ; 2, Lewis (G) ; 3, J. N. Pyburn (S) ; 4, Rock (H). Time : 5 mins. 4.1 secs.

High Jump :—

Senior : 1, Milne (S) ; 2, Carruthers (S) ; 3, Hirst (S) ; 4, Finney (R).

Middle : 1, Thackray (G) ; 2, Gibson (R) ; 3, Tanner (C) ; 4, Kirkaldy (W).

Junior : 1, Vickery (C) ; 2, Witherington (S) ; 3, T. Almond (H) ; 4, J. M. Stoker (S).

## Long Jump :—

Senior : 1, Milne (S) ; 2, Hirst (S) ; 3, Finney (R) ; 4, Hamp (W) ;  
Distance : 18 ft. 7½ ins.

Middle : 1, Davis (C) ; 2, Hutchinson, D. (D) ; 3, Murdy (W) ;  
4, A. Stoker (H). Distance : 16 ft. 1 in.

Junior : 1, Vickery (C) ; 2, Carr (H) ; 3, Davie (C) ; 4, Slawther (W) ; Distance : 14 ft. 9½ ins.

Shot :— 1, Milne (S) ; 2, Hamp (W) ; 3, Mushens (B) ; 4, Finney (R). Distance : 30 ft. 6 ins.

## Discus :—

1, Finney (R) ; 2, Hamp (W) ; 3, Howard (S) ; 4, Milne (S).  
Distance : 103 ft. 8 ins.

## Javelin :—

1, Hibbert (S) ; 2, Young (C) ; 3, Hutchinson, R. (G) ;  
4, Davison (B). Distance : 142 ft.

## Sack Race :—

Senior : 1, Hirst (S) ; 2, Rock (H) ; 3, Oliver (G).

Middle : 1, Davis (C) ; 2, Ranson (B) ; 3, Ferguson (R) ;  
4, Thompson (S).

Junior : 1, J. M. Stoker (S) ; 2, Thompson (W) ; 3, Featherstone (C) ;  
4, Hildrew (W).

## Inter-House Relay :—

1, Seaburn ; 2, Grange ; 3, Chester ; 4, Hendon. Time :  
45.8 secs. (new record ; previous record, 49.2 secs).

## House Championship :—

1, Seaburn 70 ; 2, Chester 46 ; 3, Roker 34 ; 4, Barnes 32 ;  
5, Wear 22 ; 6, Grange 21 ; 7, Durham 14 ; 8, Hendon 13.

## Individual Championships :—

Senior : 1, Milne (S) 22 ; Almond (B) 18.

Middle : 1, Davis (C) 22 ; 2, Hutchinson, D. (D) and Murdy (W)—  
tied with 8 each.

Junior : 1, Beadnell (S) 22 ; 2, G. Pyburn (S) and Vickery (C)—tied  
with 12 each.

The Games Charge Masters have decided that the 'records' reported above should only be regarded as 'best performances', not records, owing to the strong wind prevailing.

## Herbert Reed Memorial Cup Schools' Invitation High Jump Competition :—

- 1, Boyd (Rutherford College) ; Height 5 ft. 1 in.
- 2, Carruthers (Bede) ;
- 3, Milne (Bede) ;
- 4, Elliott (South Shields High School).

Two days before the Sports, the School Relay Team retained for Bede, the Westoe Cup, at South Shields High School's Athletic Sports, in the Schools' Invitation Relay Race (4 x 440 yards).



### Athletics Club

We have extended our activities this year by beginning with hurdles practice. This difficult technique calls for much hard work in the gym, in order to attain the requisite suppleness of the hips, so that the number of boys who persisted became very few. More outstanding was our pole vaulting class. We obtained bamboo poles last Summer, and are gradually building a set of steel uprights, meanwhile the Local Authority has been good enough to provide a good pit and run-up, which makes a valuable addition to our facilities. Next year we hope to add a further run-up track on the other side for long jumpers, so that it will then cater for all forms of jump. We hope soon to finish with the present small shallow pit and the improvised apparatus. So far we have had to carry out the planting box each day, embed it, and bring it back after each practice. It says much for the keenness of the boys that they were willing to undertake all this, for the sake of this difficult event.

The high jump class has continued as usual; Thackray and Gibson have progressed notably here, and Carruthers continues to do well. Some of our members were asked to represent Northumberland and Durham A.A.A. in their match against Durham University, namely, Carruthers and Thackray in the high jump, Milne in the long jump, Thackray and Hutchinson in the pole vault (this is the first time that Northumberland and Durham A.A.A. have had representatives in this event). Carruthers tied for second place with a jump of 5 ft. 5 ins., which is a very creditable achievement at his age. The School has entered for the Milecarian Trophy, which is intended to encourage Athletics in Grammar Schools, but the age limitation cuts out many of our best athletes.

J.L.J.

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### Old Bedans' Association

*President* : Mr. G. A. Bradshaw.

*Hon. Sec.* : Mr. H. Simpson.

*Hon. Treasurer* : Mr. R. T. Ayre.

At a meeting of the Association, held at the School on the 27th March, 1946, it was decided that a War Memorial to Old Bedans who lost their lives in the late War should be a major objective of the Association, and the following Appeal Committee was appointed :—

Messrs. G. A. Bradshaw (President), H. Simpson (Hon. Sec.), R. T. Ayre (Hon. Treasurer), T. H. Blyth, R. R. Crute, T. E. French, R. Grimes and W. Nimmo.

It was agreed that an appeal be made for £1,000, and that the War Memorial might possibly take the form of an Organ, to be placed in the School Hall, together with a Wall Tablet, similar to the one erected after the first World War, commemorating the names of the fallen.

A public appeal for funds will be launched very shortly. It is felt that this honouring of the fallen will lie very closely to the hearts of all Old Bedans, and those wishing to do so may forward donations for the Fund to Mr. R. T. Ayre, 7 Broad Meadows, Sunderland, now, by whom they will be gratefully acknowledged.

The Hon. Treasurer desires to remind O.B.'s, who have not paid their subscriptions for 1946, that they should do so without delay.

H. SIMPSON (Hon. Sec.)

### Old Bedans' Badminton Club

Mr. M. I. Joseph (Hon. Sec.) wishes to report the resumption of the Badminton Club at the School, and asks Old Bedans for their support in reviving the successful Club of pre-war days. The new season will begin in September, on Thursday evenings, and anyone interested should get in touch with Mr. Joseph either at 4 Union Street, or at his home address, 31 Humbleton Park, Sunderland.

## Roll of Honour

1939-1945

James G. Bart.  
 Robert Beadnell.  
 Magnus K. Bens.  
 John Beomfield.  
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 Stanley Brown.  
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 John Croisdale.  
 Charles G. Crosby.  
 Joseph Curle.  
 David Davis.  
 Gerald J. Davis.  
 Ronald Ditchburn.  
 George Downes.  
 Charles W. Duck.  
 William T. Elliott.  
 Ronald G. Fewtrell.  
 Lancelot E. Forster.  
 Frederick Garbutt.  
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 Stanley Grayton.  
 Wyndham Greenwood.  
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 Jonathan Kinnair.  
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 Cyril McCree.  
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 Sidney G. Mathews.  
 Ronald Maycock.  
 Lawrence Mellentin.  
 Ralph G. Miller.  
 Peter C. Morris.  
 Ronald Nelson.  
 John D. Nesbitt.  
 Walter Nichol.  
 John L. Oliver.  
 Ronald Parkinson.  
 Alan Pattison.  
 Eric Pattison.  
 Alan Potts.  
 Robert Powley.  
 William A. Radcliffe.  
 Arnold Raine.  
 William T. Raine.  
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 Arthur S. Riddell.  
 Arthur D. Ridley.  
 Ernest W. Royal.  
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 Henry W. Talbot.  
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 A. Derek Walton.  
 Alan E. Warriner.  
 Charles Watson.  
 Ronald Welch.  
 William Westerby.  
 Magnus White.  
 W. Eric Wilson.  
 Stanley Winberg.  
 Albert Wotton.  
 Richard E. Wyldie.  
 Daniel S. Young.

Sydney Young.

