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## Editorial.

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"Esprit de corps should be strikingly evident amongst Bedans—belonging, as they do, to a fine school, well circumstanced; and it is mainly for the purpose of fostering and cultivating this most desirable quality that 'The Bedan,' Bede School Magazine, has been started and now makes its first appearance."

These words, which represent the guiding policy of the "Bedan" to this day, are quoted from the Editorial of the first number, dated December 1898; the "Bedan" was therefore fifty years old in December, 1948.

In those faraway days the magazine was published on the first day of each of the following months, February, April, June, August, October, December, and cost, ye gods, twopence! When one remembers that each of those early copies consisted of sixteen or so pages, that had to be filled with contributions of one kind or another, one is filled with awe and respect for the enormous enthusiasm and industry Bedans displayed in those pioneering days.

At a time like this one may be permitted to look back and we have been privileged to see quite a number of issues of "The Bedan" published down the years and have noted with surprise and delight that as it grew mellow it never ceased to welcome what was new.

In retrospect we note one very interesting and important change in the contents of the magazine—to wit, the enormous amount of space the sports and society reports occupy today—reports which reflect the vastly increased range of activities that have grown up with the years. Life at school, it would appear, can be fuller and richer for the discerning than ever before.

We note too on turning the faded pages that the actual subjects used in the "Bedans" of those days seem charmingly similar to those of today—"Snowdon by Bicycle," "The Family Pot," "A Holiday Adventure," "A Trip to the Ruins of Ephesus."

We should like to take the opportunity in this, the Jubilee number of the magazine, of thanking all those who have contributed to the "Bedan" in the past. Their names are so many that even a list of them would here be impossible, but none are forgotten in the visionary toast we drink to them. Most of all we would remember with gratitude all those "Bedan" committees who have worked so faithfully on its behalf.

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If we were asked what was the most outstanding change in the last year we would say at once the reform of the School House

System. For a long time now it has been generally felt that the Eight-House System, with its pseudo-regional basis, whatever its merits may have been originally, was no longer satisfactory and ought to be abandoned. The adoption of a Four-House system, where the boys are arbitrarily allotted to the Houses in strict rotation in alphabetical order, from U.V.I.A. to III.4 has therefore been warmly welcomed on all sides. The advantages of the adoption of the four Houses—Durham, Hylton, Lamley and Raby—are many. In each House there is now a convenient number to deal with in competitions. Inter-House rivalry has been extended to the Gymnasia and Field Games in School hours. Moreover the larger numbers in each House allow of activities which would otherwise not have sufficient support within a House to succeed.

These remarks would not be complete without a word of grateful thanks to those who have made contributions to the present "Bedan" and also to the committee who have throughout rendered valuable assistance in preparing it.

We should also like to thank our advertisers whose assistance has enabled us to continue our publication in its present form.

To those who are sitting for examinations this Summer we wish every success. Though superficially perhaps less spectacular and romantic than achievement in other directions, it is nevertheless upon such results that the good name of the school and the ultimate success of the individual largely depend.

This is the season of leave-takings; and to all who are departing we wish the best of luck; and joy to those who are coming back again next year to carry on the traditions of the School.

July, 1949.

THE EDITOR.

#### Notes and Comments

We have to announce with regret that the following staff are leaving us:—

Mr. J. J. Darrant, who is to take up a Senior Chemistry post at Stockton Grammar School;

Mr. E. Lindley, who is to be Senior Modern Languages Master at Kettering Grammar School;

Mr. K. R. Morgan, who is taking up the post of Classics Master at King Henry VIII School, Coventry.

Mrs. Philip, who came to assist the English Department in December, 1948, left us at Easter when her husband took up an appointment at Retford. Our thanks are due to Mrs. Philip for her ready help in undertaking, at short notice, a formidable timetable. We hope she will be very happy in her new home.

When Mrs. Philip left the School, Mrs. Wilson, the wife of Mr. A. Wilson, Senior Classics Master, joined the staff at the beginning of the Summer Term to teach English.

We regret to say that illness has prevented Mr. George Taylor, our Senior English Master, from carrying out his duties at school since the end of November, 1949. We hope that Mr. Taylor will soon be well again.

We welcome Mr. R. C. Simpson, who joined the Physical Training staff this Term.

We wish to congratulate Mr. G. W. Lee on his marriage last December. We wish him and his wife every happiness.

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Former Bede Master, Mr. A. Herbert Dobbing, took up an appointment in September, 1948, as principal of the Friend's High School in Beirut, after 27 years association with the Friends' School, Great Ayton.

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Dr. Derek Tacchi, former Head Boy of Bede School and captain of the Rugby XV, last year received the degrees of M.B., B.S., at the convocation in Durham Castle.

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John Thompson, member of Bede 1931-38, took a First Class Honours degree in Latin and Greek at London University last summer. He headed the University's Latin list.

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Marous Lipton received the O.B.E. in the Honours List, 1949.

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C. M. Dawson, Associate Professor of Greek at Yale University, has been awarded the Medal of Merit by the Italian Government for his researches into the development of wall-painting at Pompeii and Rome. Mr. Dawson went up to Cambridge from Bede School in 1925.

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H. Alder, senior swimming champion of the School in 1920, has been elected President of the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers.

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J. M. Drummond, who left Bede School in 1922, has recently been appointed City Treasurer of Sheffield.

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F. Sutherland visited Sweden as a member of the gymnastic team that competed in the Lingiad (Olympic) Games.

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Captain W. E. Chapman, an Old Bedan, who is now Dock and Harbourmaster to the River Wear Commissioners, has been awarded the M.B.E.

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J. E. Bambrough has been elected by the University of Cambridge to the Henry Carrington and Beetham Durson-Roe Studentship for travel in Greek lands. He has also been elected

by St. John's College, Cambridge, to the Denny Studentship in Classics and the Sir Joseph Larmor Award.

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W. A. Hudson, an Old Bedan who was on the staff of Barrow Grammar School, was killed in an air raid during the war. A memorial cabinet to hold the school trophies, named after Mr. Hudson, has been unveiled in Barrow School.

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H. B. Williamson passed the final examination of the Law Society held last November.

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S. Wilson, an Old Bedan, and ex-goal-keeper for Bristol University, has been appointed Head Master of Monkwearmouth Temporary Mixed Grammar School. Mr. Wilson served in the R.A.F. during the war, and was twice mentioned in despatches.

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H. B. K. Entwistle, who played for the School and was a winner of the Reed Cup in Bede School Sports, recently played at right full-back for the Montreal All-Star team against Newcastle United.

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C. Elliott, who came to Bede School from South Shields in 1931, has been appointed Headmaster of the Technical School of Building in Newcastle.

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J. K. Mitchell ('46) has been awarded First Class Honours in Part I of the Mathematical Tripos, Cambridge.

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H. Holmes, an Old Bedan ('32-'38) has recently been appointed Chief Cashier of the British Embassy at Paris.

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Seven Scholarships have been gained this year:—

S. N. Curle was awarded a State Scholarship in Mathematics tenable at the Victoria University of Manchester.

R. Hamp gained a State Scholarship in National Science tenable at Durham University. Hamp was also elected to a Ministry of Education Open Science Award tenable at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London.

N. Dennis was placed on the reserve list for a State Scholarship in History and Economics.

H. Armstrong was awarded the "J. A. Kennedy" Memorial Scholarship, a leaving Scholarship, in addition to an Open Scholarship in Classics to Durham University.

E. B. Twiddle has been granted a Commonership at Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

J. H. Phinester was awarded a Commonership at Clare College, Cambridge. He was also elected to an open entrance

examination in politics at Durham Colleges Division of the University of Durham.

P. W. Batty has gained a Commenship at The Queen's College, Oxford.

The following Special Prizes have been awarded to Bedans during the past year:—

Old Bedans' War Memorial Prize was divided among S. N. Curle, R. Hamp and B. F. Bees.

Old Bedans' Association Prize:—R. Davis.

"G. T. Ferguson" Memorial Prize for Latin:—H. Armstrong.

"G. O. Wight" Memorial Prize for Modern Languages:—A. D. Linfoot.

"Charles Sturge" Prize for Modern History:—A. Pyburn.

Prize awarded for proficiency in French by the "Alliance Française":—J. D. Burnand.

J. Ferguson was selected last November by Major L. Pelham Kayll, Sunderland District Scout Commissioner, as the County's Sea Scout representative in the guard of honour for the Royal Command performance at the Empire Theatre, Leicester Square.

C. Hudson won first place in the ballet section of the North-East Coast Dance Festival in Newcastle last January. He also won second place for solo tap-dancing.

A. Williams won first, second and third prizes in the under fifteen National Art Competition organised jointly by Columbia Pictures and Raphael Tuck and Sons, Ltd.

At the Latin Recitation competition held again last year by the Northumberland and Durham Classical Association, A. D. Linfoot tied for second place.

G. H. Swalwell (U.IV.3) was placed first in the lower middle division of a National Scripture Examination.

G. Pyburn (U.V.1.) won the Durham County Junior Lawn Tennis title for boys under sixteen years of age, and with M. A. Naisbitt (U.V.2.) won the Junior Boys Doubles Championship.

G. Carr (L.V.2.) won first place in the boys section of the Cycling Proficiency Tests conducted by Sunderland's Road Safety Officer.

B. Christie (U.IV.3), W. J. Beattie (L.V.4) and R. Thompson (L.V.3), have played for Sunderland Boys' Cricket team this

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summer, and Thompson and Christie were selected to play for Durham County Boys' team.

D. Guines (U.IV.1) won the open violin championship at the North of England Musical Tournament, I. Miller (U.V.1) gained first place as a solo 'cellist, and W. Knaggs and I. Simpson (L.V.1) were given second prize for violin and piano duet.

D. Guines has been selected to play in the National Youth Orchestra, and W. Storey (U.IV.4) has been chosen as a reserve trumpet player for the same orchestra.

A. Sayers tied for fifth place in the Boys' Open Chess Championship held at Hastings, suffering only one defeat in the nine rounds. - He is to play R. Cohen (U.V.4) in the Final of the County Chess Championship, having defeated E. A. Little (L.VI.A.) in the semi-final.

Bede School Chess Team won the Durham County Grammar Schools Chess Championship.

Bede School won first place in the Durham County Grammar School Sports held at home on Saturday, May 29th.

B. M. Howey played at wing three-quarter for Durham County Public Schoolboys XV throughout last season.

J. S. Shearer played at forward in the last two games.

R. D. Eaton, B. Harrison and R. Smith played for Durham County Under 15 Rugby team.

Eaton was chosen as reserve for the England under 15 team.

In the Pole Vault Event at the Public Schools Sports Meeting at White City, London, D. Brow gained third place. D. Thackray was placed fourth.

Mr. D. G. Walters wishes to thank the following boys for their kind help in acting as Readers at Morning Assembly during the past year: R. E. Waiter; B. Shelton; J. H. Plimester; D. E. Ridler; C. Badger; T. Richardson.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Roy Hamp (1941-'48) in a boating accident on the River Wear at Durham on Saturday, June 11th, 1949. The sympathy of the whole school must go out to Hamp's parents and sister in their great loss.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following School Magazines: The Elizabethan, The Nor-Easter, The Nortonian, The Rotherfordian, The Skylark, and apologise for any inadvertent omissions.

The "Bedan" Committee this year consists of Messrs. R. T. Ayre, J. A. Hutton, J. L. Jolly, A. Smith, G. B. Thompson, A. Wilson and B. Carsa (Editor), R. E. Waiter (Sub-editor), D. P. Brow, I. F. Chrisop, and I. W. Joiner.

### Retirement of Mr. P. F. Fulton

The retirement of Mr. Peter F. Fulton after more than three decades of continuous service to the school has meant the departure of a great personality from our midst. Mr. Fulton, who joined the school in September, 1916, after twelve years' service in the Northumberland Fusiliers, left us at the end of April. During more than 32 years of service to the school he has been a universally popular and highly successful Games Master and Physical Training Instructor in spite of a grave disability resulting from a war wound received in August, 1915. For a few years he shared his duties between Bythope Grammar School and the Bede, but from September, 1919 he gave whole-time and continuous service at Bede. His record of service and devotion to the interests of thousands of Bedans who passed through his hands is one of which he can be proud. He it was who organised the first School Sports which are now one of the main social functions of the school year, but perhaps he will be remembered most for his untiring and enthusiastic work with the Bedan Scout Troup, which carried on throughout the war years, sometimes under very difficult circumstances. In recognition of his services Mr. Fulton was awarded the Scout Medal of Merit in June, 1948, and the Long Service Decoration in September last. In addition to these activities he has also been Captain of No. 1 Coy, 2nd (Cadet) Battalion of the Durham Light Infantry, a company which consisted of boys from our own school. Now he has left us, but the memory of kindness, his old-world courtesy, his unfailing good humour, his great recollections of Bedans of the past and his soldierly bearing will remain long with us. We all wish Mrs. Fulton and himself a long and very happy retirement.

A. W.

### Ah, Happy Years!

My eyes are dim with childish tears,  
My heart is idly stirred,  
For the same sound is in my ears  
Which in those days I heard.

Wordsworth: The Fountain.

When we leave school it is usual to recollect and reflect upon our experiences during our stay. For my own part I think I have witnessed quite a change in the school. I joined Bede in September, 1942 at a time when the normal school daily routine was broken by air-raid alarms and the merciful siren often saved us from the torments of a French test. There was more life for Juniors in those days. The morning was regularly occupied in exchanging yarns about the air-raids the previous night and in telling "anglers'" tales of the pieces of shrapnel we had seen. A walk past Room 7 would have brought the amusing spectacle of some sixth former being manhandled, for unarmed combat, in its crudest form, was the sixth form craze at that time. How different from the more pedestrian habits of the present-day Sixth! Even the school building looked different, safety walls and concrete reinforcements were the order of the day, and the playing fields were devoted to "Potato Pete."

I can well remember my first impressions of society life; the platitudes and verbalisms and Bamfrough, Brien, Burnham and Co., in the Debating Society when the revolutionary resolutions of the society shocked the town; the wrangling and cattle-market scenes that inevitably accompanied the "dutch" auctions held by the Philatelic Society; the mysterious buzzing noises that used to issue from Room 9 while the Bee-keepers were in session; the serene insane expressions of the cross-country runners as they dreamed out of the gate and the worried frown of Mr. Johnston when they returned only to find that someone was "missing, presumed lost." What a great pity that society life has now grown so staid and that Juniors are denied the pleasures I once enjoyed. As a Junior I can also remember the hectic scrambles after afternoon school along the top corridor to the Library only to find that once more the elusive "William" book had evaded me.

But Junior life was not without its sad moments. I can recall the pained silence one morning with which the school heard the headmaster tell of the tragic loss of John Howard. Although I myself was only a fresher at the time I had already a deep admiration for Howard and I should like to think that my sixth form attitude was modelled on his.

Since those faraway days the school has been fast returning to that much heard-of pre-war normality. But to normality with a difference. The older members of the staff, who had grown to be institutions, are gradually leaving us one by one. We are no longer a Collegiate but a Grammar School, and two vital weeks of summer vacation have been lost.

Perhaps I am growing too nostalgic; but one last word to our younger brethren. You are fortunate in being members of a great school with a great tradition, be proud of your school, and I think I speak for my fellow older Bedans everywhere when I say that we have never regretted being at Bede, that we have enjoyed every moment spent here and that we owe a great deal to our old school.

P. W. BATTY (U.V.LB.).

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### A Picnic

Upon this theme  
I'll briefly touch:

Too far

To go

To eat

Too much.

W. MUNRO (L.V.S.).

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### Martial—Up-to-date

Lucy's teeth are white as pearl,  
Nancy's nigger brown,  
The one is on the National Health,  
The other's are her own.

ANON.

## Streetlamps

Down the deserted night-street  
Stretch the odd, old metal men,  
Guardians of the grimy gutter,  
And their old cracked voices flutter  
When the swirling breeze  
Sucks past their knees.

Thin high piping voices  
Rising and then dying  
With the wind that's softly sighing  
Round their dingy glassy faces  
Overlooking grimy places.

And they croon in queer chorus  
To the lazy listening night  
Until the steely shaft of dawning  
Clicks on cobbles, and the morning  
Drowns their melancholy lay  
In dreary din of day.

THE EDITOR.

## A try at least gains some points

Judging by the Editor's sad demeanor and the begging manner in which his confederates, the posters, inform Bedans of the urgent need for contributions one can conclude that there must be some reason for the lack of contributors. It is probably due to the fact that no one can find a subject. After much cogitation you consider the three possibilities:

- (1) Nothing—a blank page would obviously be unsuitable;
- (2) Something—which you may or may not know anything about;
- (3) Anything—in the form of something in which no one is interested or can understand.

You then take a pencil, a piece of paper (make sure you choose the right exercise book) and your thinking cap—the last will prove invaluable. Now, not to-morrow, but to-day, recline and think on any subject—and so you write "Oh! Mavis fair"—But no, you must write in the accepted school mag. style of unimpressive first impressions or deadly dull verse having no point. So you arrive at:

I have to write a poem or a ditty  
To please the editor's committee.  
It's easy to write some modern verse  
The lines can be long or even worse  
They can have no meaning at all.

Having exhausted these possibilities, we try a new theme, school discipline:

'Tis time we were able to sit or walk  
To play at football and chatter or talk  
Without being told to have some sense  
When using our gift of eloquence.

Never having written poetry before, this last rhyme appears to us a masterpiece. But perhaps you have heard of "Odd Odies" by Cyril Fletcher and, of course, "Lavender's blue, dilly, dilly," and so, not wishing to compete, you will probably abandon this venture and turn to another subject. Why not a book review? Likely books are "How to cheat a Prefect" by Miss A. Lyne or "Life through a detention room window," by the late A. Lott, and "Wanderings in the land of Milk and Honey" or "Was Hartley Shaw cross?" by Mr. Stanley.

Now, with our thoughts turning to humour, we search "Das Kapital" for a theme, for I myself always find Mr. Marx so amusing, especially on the screen. But what Bedam worthy of the name reads books? "By the way, did Crickbar get his 1000?" "Were all the Spidermen killed?" At last, here is the boy with my *joker de résistance*—"The Wizard." But even a book review would not be of any use. So try the last resort. Hence, "A few weeks ago I was privileged to be shown over a large glass works"—Oh, what does it matter? Contributions had to be given in last Friday, anyhow.

F. H. FRANCIS, U.V.1)

### Sayings of the Great

" . . . And now we have the inevitable school cup without any name in it."

"Now listen chaps: The bell, she 'as went,  
The Spring is come, the grass is ris,  
We wonders where the flowers is."

"Get out of my gym, son."

"Taisez-vous. I'm the only one here who is allowed to crack corny gags."

"Will you for goodness sake be quiet, old boy, or you might get me into a bad temper. I'm really a very meek person but . . ."

"Celeriter! Schnell! Vite! Pronto! This is the age of supersonic speed."

"Now if you think I'm going to put up with your talking, your very much mistaken—It's all in the book."

"Bah! Don't call me —, boy!"

"That's not a stroke, that's a blind stripe, boy!"

" . . . and I hope you will come back like giants refreshed."

"I mus' go and feed me tiddlers."

"Go-oo-d! Ooo-ood!"

"Keep on watching the signs of the times and you'll soon see the light."

"Nothing in this car works but the clock."

"Lights on, back bench."

"Why didn't you get them at break?"

"I may be wrong, but of course I never am."

"You geni-usses at the back!"

"You're half-daft,—both halves."

"Where's my cushion gone?"

"My dim and distant relation, Dr. Fu in China . . . ."

"Take a thousand words."

"Sit down suckers."

"We will show our appreciation in the usual way."

"Trick question—teh, teh!"

"Nay had you just open your mouth and bleat!"

"Dog! Daft brush! Don't turn your back on the audience!"

"Do all you can, and when you've done that one—try the rest."

"Mumm—mumm—mumm—gasfire!"

"You all know what I'm here for."

"Ah, yes—Well, it's not quite what I wanted."

"As soon as I can take hold of my hair at the back I know it wants cutting."

"Well, a bison is what you eat your porridge out of."

### Elizabetha Regina Nostra Delectissima

Never before had I felt quite so small as I did on that morning, the morning of the last Thursday in October, 1948. For two weeks I had enjoyed the unexpected liberties allowed to those in statu pupillari; but on this morning the spell seemed to have broken and I had found myself standing for two hours in a queue outside the Senate House.

Although queuing in itself presented little novelty, this proved to be no ordinary queue. My eyes had grown tired of the glaring scarlet of the hood of the Doctor of Philosophy three inches in front, and my shoulder blades weary at the poking of the mortar-board worn by the rather stubby M.A., slightly less than a quarter of an inch behind.

There were compensations however, I reflected, for he who queues in such company loses not a shred of his dignity. But not once did I relinquish my hold on the two papers held eagerly in a grimy hand and with the first forward shuffle came my chance to glance at them.

"Address by the Orator  
at the  
Conferment on Her Majesty the Queen  
of the  
Honorary degree of Doctor of Law."

and with a slightly more personal note,

"Admit one to the North Gallery."

The shuffle of feet became a scamper and the banisters of three flights of stairs had soon left their dust upon my hands. The promise of the second preciously guarded paper had been fulfilled, but to my dismay the first revealed itself in two pages of compact and unyielding Latin. "Unseen" had always been a problem, and this one promised to be an unseen par excellence.

It began "*Augustissima et serenissima . . .*" (but surely this couldn't be right, for as I have said, it was already the last Thursday in October); the key word was evidently "gloriamur" which might be a subjunctive and on the other hand might not. Fortunately I was saved from reading it through the prescribed three times for the hum of applause outside had risen to a roar, the huge doors of the Senate House were opening and a wave of greeting was beginning to thrill through the building.

Into a sea of waving arms paced the mace bearer, a man of similar mien, and apparently of similar function to Mr. Bumble the Beadle. The volume of cheering diminished as the Esquires Bachelors crossed the threshold. They too bore maces of less impressive proportions but giving no indication of their raison d'être either by their faces or by the subsidiary part played by them in the rest of the programme. The entry of the heads of colleges and professors brought the excitement to fever pitch. The scarlet and pink of the LL.D.'s and the scarlet and crimson of the D.Sc.'s, were balanced against the solitary cool crimson and cream of the Professor of Music.

A breathless silence lasted, broken only by the ring of steel heel tips on the chequered floor, as the procession took up its place. This silence was shattered instantly as on the threshold there appeared Her Majesty the Queen and the Vice-chancellor.

Together they paced down the aisle, the one robed in the scarlet and pink of her new degree and the other in the sweeping crimson and the ermine cape of his office. They reached the dais, and, as if by magic, the wave of applause melted to ripples, and within a few seconds they too had disappeared.

With a low bow the University orator arose, was led forward by one of the Esquires Bachelors and bidden by the vice-chancellor to commence. Apparently effortlessly the orator's booming voice flowed over the rich syllables of his Latin, an ease in delivery intended perhaps to cloak the pains of composition.

"Augustissima et serenissima princeps . . . . ."

. . . . O most famous and beautiful of sovereigns, since these words of mine cannot but fail to express the happiness and

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honour you give us by coming among us like this, I do not want to follow the example of our orator in the 16th century, who when he was asked to greet Queen Elizabeth, as I am now, went rambling on for half an hour . . . . *regius sermo per semihorae spatium fatigavit.*"

This promise was enthusiastically hailed but only very reluctantly kept. With just the suspicion of a smirk the orator proceeded (he had thought last night that that would raise a laugh). His facile Latin and unwarded wit pointed out that the King himself had for a few years shared in at any rate the lighter side of undergraduate life at Trinity, and that her Majesty's conferment was a fitting commemoration of the admission of women to full university membership. Now in one magnificent period he brought his speech to a close, a sentence which he had the decency to admit had been borrowed from an identical speech of 1864 and one to which my "translationese" could never do justice.

*"Ducenda mihi est ad vos omnes, ut honoris causa admittatur ad titulum gradus Doctoris in Iure.*

*Elizabetha, regina nostra delectissima quam Dominus Jesus protegat, et ad nominis sui gloriam nobis salvam et inoleum donet quam longissime."*

No translation was necessary to grasp the spirit of such a conclusion, and after it the simple speech of the Queen and the actual conferment came very much like water after wine.

In silence the procession left, headed by the Queen and the Vice-chancellor, leaving behind them a gloomy and barren senate house like a world that has lost its sun. The cheers outside grew fainter with distance as the scarlet ranks passed out into the blazing sunlight, through the crowd's on King's Parade and under the resounding peal of Great St. Mary's. Business in the market place passed as the royal procession passed on its way to the quiet courts and lawns of Christ's College. But in the august atmosphere of the Senate House the spell lingered, and not until we too had filed out into the open air did liberty and action seem to be restored.

ALAN PYBURN, Caius College, Cambridge.

### Expectation

In troubled times, not long ago  
We suffered many kinds of woe  
And murmured "Soon there'll be an end  
Of wearisome make-do and mend."

But Victory E Day came at last,  
And V.J. day has glided past  
Yet still I search for size four shoes  
Joining many futile queues.

All other sizes by the score  
But never can I find a "four."  
So here I end my tale of woe  
Waiting for my feet to grow.

J. ALLEN (III.4.).

### Knightmayer (before O.S.C.)

#### Chapter I.

As I reclined on my pillow in the western sky, as the sun sank a ship was sailing across the sea said my farther it goes the deeper the sea saw Marjorie Daw and Uncle Tom Cobleigh and all the fun of the fair was her hair her eyes were blew the cold wind around the shed all its petals as winter drew nigh t was finished and I must be up at crack of pistol and boom of cannon the voice of the vicar, the preacher the teacher and all the fun of the fair was the whether to go or weather to stop.

(From hard to verse).

**Chorus:** Ting a ling, ting a ling, ting a ting ling. (To be chanted 3 times a day after Maths).

#### Chapter II.

The sun was sailing the ship was sinking the vicar was booming the canon was preaching and when I awoke my bicycle spoke and its head—

"Arise ! Awake the alarm's gone—it's ate a clock." (Moral —Watch your clocks !).

The bell was singing my heart was ringing ringing a wringing the washing my face and heating my break fast on the rocks—not a cent—the hound stood still tensed (just)—quivered—arrows—stood still—"Still stand horses on the village green" was my face the East where the sun was arousing to well I guess that's all I've got time for ever more next year. (Thank Goodness !—Editor).

K. H. SEARLE (1941-'0).

### Post Tenebras Lux An Tenebras Post Lucem?

The day was a Monday, early in October. A pleasant day, on which Nature, as is her wont in Autumn, was holding a remnant sale of Summer weather. I walked through a pair of tall iron gates whose blackness and strength balanced the softness and light grey of the stone gate-posts on which they were fixed; onwards, up a long straight drive whose fading beauty still bore traces of that glorious green, the symbol of life and energy, which only spring can give, and which the heat of the Summer sun soon darkens, making the trees, and indeed all living things, seem tired and listless.

At the top of the drive lay a castle, which was to be my home for more than half the next year at least. I entered by a side door; just inside, on the right, was a large green notice-board, with a list in the top left-hand corner. From this I discovered which rooms had been assigned to me: I was taken to them by another undergraduate. So began my life at University College, Durham.

The College of which I am a member is the largest and oldest of the Durham Colleges. It was founded in 1832, and at that time its buildings were Durham Castle and a few of the surrounding houses. However, the aftermath of the war has

caused so great an influx of students that now the first year undergraduates of the College are given rooms at Lamley Castle, near Chester-le-Street.

The remaining Colleges and Societies of the Durham division of the University are nine in number. Hatfield College is the second oldest, and is what may be termed a rather broad-minded institution, having a Morals Tutor as well as a Vice-Master. Though I am a University College man myself—I must concede that Hatfield has many advantages. It has no gates, and can therefore be entered at all hours of the morning with impunity. We of University College have not been so blessed by fortune in this respect at least. Durham Castle is of a design which makes entrance, when once the gates have been closed, a little difficult.

The Colleges of St. John and St. Chad specialise in the production of persons, and from the quantity and quality of their products we may be excused for assuming that they are intended for export. St. Mary's is the oldest of the Colleges which have women students in them officially at times other than between lunch and dinner. More I dare not say, since I am persuaded that the University of Durham suffers terribly from Poly-gynæcism. St. Hilda's, Nevilles' Cross, and the College of the Venerable Bede are inhabited, one gathers, by people who are certified and those who are not. The latter play a normal part in University life. St. Aidan's and St. Cuthbert's are non-collegiate societies. Members of the latter society may be often seen following the example of their patron by wandering about Durham looking for the "Dunces."

Thus the Colleges separately; as a body they appear to have been bitten by the modernisation-bug. At the present time a scheme is afoot to central-heat the Castle, Cathedral, Hatfield College and anything that gets in the way of the pipes, by one huge plant in Hatfield College. There has been some opposition to this scheme, which culminated in the removal of the cement-mixer. Work stopped for three days until the contrivance was brought to light, as rumour has it, from the depths of Hatfield's kitchen, where doubtless it had been put to good use by the cook. The plot was betrayed by a variety of gentlemen who can see infinite possibilities in a system of tunnels between the Colleges. Such men, I have no doubt, will go far.

In addition to the heating apparatus a building is being constructed at the back of Hatfield which resembles a pre-fabricated barn—which it may well be. At all events the design is art. A new St. Mary's College is being built opposite the Science laboratories. In its present state it looks as if it had originally been intended for F. W. Woolworth and Company. To the Science laboratories themselves a new storey has just been added, which may be said (metaphorically) to have been built of perques bricks with chemical fertilizers for mortar.

In the University of Durham a variety of accents may be found, and I am glad to be able to say that most of them are genuine. Oxford accents are predominant in the Newcastle division. I suspect that some Old Bedlans have been letting

themselves go. In a certain Greek play a lady, by name Electra, calls out what may sound like "Eh? Eh? Aye-aye! Aye-aye!" On reading this the Professor of Greek was heard to mutter that here was unquestionable proof that Electra came from Durham.

My lecturers in Classics have one marked difference from all three Classics Masters with whom I had dealings at School. Here they stop at the official time. By the way, if any lost soul is contemplating taking Classics at Durham, I must warn him to be prepared for LOGIC, which is like algebra and trigonometry combined and played according to the school rules—which, as I remember are many and varied, and for the most part as yet undiscovered.

A last word of advice may perhaps be given about matriculation. When Durham is finally and completely modernised you will have nothing to worry about. A huge conveyor belt will carry you down the Castle Hill. You will be swiftly, scientifically, hygienically wrapped in your gown and deposited on the High Table, untouched by human hands, where the Warden will stamp you "Matriculated." You will then be pushed into a chute which will deposit you at the College of your choice. If you come before this machinery is installed, and your name begins with a letter more than half-way through the alphabet, bring a vacuum flask and some sandwiches. And if you join the Newcastle division take a camp bed, a primus, and supplies for three days.

Well, all good things come to an end, and—which the proverb missed out (because, I suppose, it would be pointless with it in)—so do the bad ones. This is it.

H. ARMSTRONG,

University College, Durham.

### Monday Morning

You are just entering the palace with the lovely princess, when dulcet tones echo through the bedroom with the time-worn cry: "Get up, or you'll be late for school!" After repeated statements impatiently alluding to the fact that the time is half-past eight, it gradually penetrates a bemused brain that it is at least eight o'clock. You fling back the bed-clothes, being careful to avoid the sudden shock of the cold morning air and, limb by limb, emerge reluctantly from bed. A glance through the window satisfies your worst suspicions. It IS raining.

Progress has now reached fever heat. The necessity of a collar-stud and more than one sock are the only delay. You climb into your clothes and go brightly downstairs.

In the course of some innocent conversation, the routine interrogation begins. It goes something like this: "Have you cleaned your teeth?" (mother): "Well, I-er-um" (you): "Upstairs and do so" (mother). Mothers have to be humoured, so upstairs you go. A minute later you return to an empty room, your mother

having gone to the kitchen for sugar or some such thing. You grab your tea-cup and take a huge gulp before you realize that the tea is newly poured out and very, very hot. While you are sitting in an attitude suggestive of a newly-caught fish or an exhausted hound, in comes mother. "The tea's very hot," she says. Your reply is nothing but an agonised smile resembling the smile of the wrathful tiger and you fall to your breakfast. After a few ill-digested mouthfuls you glance at the clock. It says half-past eight. Half-past eight? You scramble to your feet, almost upsetting your tea-cup and "Where's my cap?" you ask. "Why, on the hall-stand," replies mother. You dash out to the hall-stand, fumble for what seems hours and then "I can't find it," you say. Mother comes and finds it in an idiotically simple place.

You are finally ready and free to go—to find the tram queue nearly a mile long and two grim prefects at the gate strangely curious to know your identity. Ah well, things could be worse. Or could they?

F. A. PEARSON (L.IV.1).

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### Impression

Dimly, on a half-drowned world  
 The early morning light sweeps down  
 Through clammy clouds that clot across the sky,  
 And a damp dank misty breath comes  
 Swirling, curling in the hollows of the fields.

Beside the road  
 Blackened barks thrust up bare bones  
 To spear the mist which sticks and stiffens  
 On their limbs and falls in wooden  
 Tears upon the water-weary wayside,  
 Drip, drip, dripping sobbing hulks.

And a slow chill heaving swirls and dies  
 Among the creaking squeaking carcasses  
 Wringing out their long lament.

Above the road  
 Across the cold coagulating sky a  
 Sudden feathered form drips by. Hear its cry:  
 "I wish to die, I wish to die;" but on it  
 Droops, still living in a washed-out  
 World of pops and pitter-patterings  
 And drips.

\* THE EDITOR.

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### First Scout Camp

The first day at camp the tenderfoot is thrilled, proud to think he is being given all the kit and tents to carry around while the more experienced scouts stand by and wink at one another knowingly. However, when he is told to collect wood, he begins to think someone is pulling his leg and on being given nearly all

the plates to wash he almost refuses, but, encountering the reproving glance of his patrol-leader, smiles innocently instead and hurries away.

The next morning, if his patrol is on duty, it is he who has to collect more wood to light the fire. After breakfast there are the porridge dimes and greasy plates to wash and after that, potatoes to peel and water to carry. It is only natural that a tenderfoot should want to chop wood at his first camp but he no sooner picks up the axe than a voice, apparently coming from nowhere, says, "Put that axe away! Tenderfoots are not allowed to use them."

After dinner the same thing happens again—he is presented with more dirty plates and dimes. Each time he receives the same reply, "We had that to do when we were tenderfoots."

When parents' day comes round and his parents ask, "Are you enjoying yourself? Are the other boys treating you kindly? Are you getting all the dimes and plates to wash and potatoes to peel?" he assures them that he is being treated very well, is enjoying himself immensely and that the other boys are doing their share of work, knowing that if he says anything else he will be dragged away home.

That night when he is enjoying a good tuck-in at the "grub" his parents left him, along come the rest of the patrol to inform him that all grub is shared in the patrol and their parents have not been so generous (another way of saying that they have eaten all their "grub").

So his life at camp goes on; a life of washing greasy plates and dimes and being cutely diddled out of his grub; but just wait till next year, he will make sure he is no longer a tenderfoot and he will know how to treat future unfortunates.

J. E. ROBERTS, (L.IV.1).

### By Air to Paris

I was, I own, more than a little apprehensive when I entered the Kensington Air Station in London one late afternoon in Mid-Summer, lest any of those nameless dangers which had flitted through my mind during the past few weeks should eventuate. However the bright summer day and the general air of matter-of-factness around me immediately dispelled all major fears.

In the air station my suitcases were weighed along with those of other passengers; then after a somewhat tiresome wait we were all ushered into a bus waiting outside, which conveyed us out of the City to Northolt Air Field.

Here we passed through the inevitable customs and had our passports scrutinized and stamped. The calm efficiency of all concerned, here and throughout the whole journey, contributed much towards our confidence.

Then that half-dreaded, half-desired announcement came over the loud-speakers:—"Passengers for Paris, all aboard."

You can imagine my excitement as I filed out with the others on to the air-field and into the plane—a two-engined Skymaster. I took my place beside a window and fastened my seat belt—a precaution which had to be taken by all while the aircraft was taking off. When everybody was on board, the aeroplane taxied to the edge of the runway, and after three practice bursts of its engines, began to move, quickly increasing its speed until the vibration of the wheels on the ground suddenly ceased and looking out of the window I saw that we were airborne, climbing steadily higher and higher.

As we flew serenely on I cast aside any fears which still remained and settled myself in the comfort of a B.O.A.C. airliner—even light refreshments were provided. Unfortunately a mist, caused by the heat, made it practically impossible to see the landscape, so that I didn't see the "White Cliffs of Dover" although I was fortunate enough to catch a glimpse of the English Channel and the French coast. During the journey I found that it was very difficult to make myself heard, presumably owing to the air pressure. This also caused a little pain in my ears when we were landing at Le Bourget, the air-port for Paris. However before we came down the pilot gave us a brief aerial view of Paris and the Seine. After the journey in the aeroplane which lasted about an hour and a half I stepped down on to terra-firma to enjoy an unforgettable ten days à Paris.

A. SHARE (U.V.I).

#### Apt. Quotations

##### The Rugby Fifteen.

" . . . the very image of war, without the guilt, and with only 25% of its danger." —Surtees.

##### The Duty Masters.

"Here comes a pair of very strange beasts." —Shakespeare.

##### A Prefect.

"A rooky, hollow-eyed, sharp looking wretch  
A living-dead man." —Shakespeare.

##### Before end-of-term Exams.

"This murderous shaft that's shot  
Hath not yet lighted, and our safest way  
Is to avoid the aim." —Shakespeare.

##### The School Running Track.

Hill and valley followed valley and hill. —Wordsworth.

##### The Biology Lab.

"Maggot pies and choughs and rooks brought forth." —Shakespeare.

##### The Coffee Room.

"The men and women drink and swear in their green corner." —R.L.S.

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**Punishments.**

And naught was left undone, which staff or voice  
Or looks or threatening gestures could perform.  
—Wordsworth.

**Pole-Vaulters.**

"I have no spur  
To prick the sides of my intent, but only  
Vaulting ambition."  
—Shakespeare.

**Soccer Team.**

"What are these  
So withered and so wild in their attire?"  
—Shakespeare.

**O.S.C.**

"Present fears are less than horrible imaginings."  
—Shakespeare.

**Homework on a Summer Evening.**

If it were done when 'tis done, then t'were well it were done  
quickly."  
—Shakespeare.

**Any Master, looking at any Form.**

"This is a sorry sight."  
—Shakespeare.

**A tram queue.**

"A trampling troop; I see them  
In one vast squadron they advance."  
—Byron.

**Schoolboy describing a caning.**

"There was something neat and high-bred, a quakerish  
elegance, about the rogue that hit my fancy on the spot."  
—Stevenson.

**Maths. Corrections.**

"I had the devil's own trouble to get the thing righted."  
—Stevenson.

**Top of the Form**

Why's he always top of the class  
Gaining distinctions where others pass  
Apparently earning his marks en masse?  
He works!

What's the secret of his success?  
What gives him that bit of finesse?  
I think the reason's more or less  
He works!

Why are his proofs concise and clear?  
Why don't exams, cause him to fear?  
I know the answer, I'll give it here,  
He works!

Why does he always win a prize  
And, gain esteem in Masters' eyes?  
You'll be right if you surmise  
He works!

V. H. KELLY (L.V.1).

### Some wonderful machines of our age

The era in which we are living is often called the "Machine age" and there is indeed great justification for this title. Everywhere are vast numbers of wonderful machines pounding tirelessly to ensure that we have the essentials and less-essential luxuries of life. It is only in a machine-less world that we would realise to the full how dependant we are upon them. It is not about the more commonplace machinery which surrounds us in our daily life and with which we are all fairly familiar that I wish to tell you, but about one or two of the more intricate ones which most of us are never likely to see.

A really fascinating machine to watch in operation is the one which ensures that your bottles of milk are ready for you on the doorstep every morning.

The dirty bottles from the previous day are placed on a moving belt which deposits them in the machine. They then pass through about a dozen washing and drying departments which treat the bottles with boiling water, chemicals, cold water and hot air. The bottles emerge bright and shining at the other end, where they pass along another moving belt under a succession of valves which automatically fill each bottle with exactly one pint of milk. They continue along the belt and the machine fits them with their coloured caps, whereupon they are placed in crates and slide down chutes onto the waiting lorries.

A less intricate but more imposing piece of mechanism is the printing machine. The type which I saw was a large model in operation at a stationary factory. The gigantic rolls of paper, some of them five miles in length, are fitted on equally massive spindles and fixed to the huge printing rollers. At the press of a button the machine starts with a powerful roar and instantly becomes a myriad of moving parts. The paper passes up to the quickly-rotating rollers where it receives the impression of the type. It is automatically cut into uniform size and stacked into neat piles by the same machine.

A machine which will gain universal interest is the one which makes money. Actually it is two complicated gadgets working in conjunction which produce the actual coins. They are stamped out of bars of cupro-nickel by powerful stamps and then receive the designs of both heads and tails simultaneously by the second machine which bestows the glittering coins in a most undignified manner into buckets!

A button-hole seems to us a very simple thing but on closer examination it reveals itself as not merely a hole in the cloth but a cleverly seen aperture. The machine which performs this operation is little bigger than a sewing machine and all the delicate mechanism is concealed. The cloth is inserted at the point where a button-hole is required and one appears as if by magic. Such is the speed of this piece of mechanism that the tailoring firm which owned this particular one had to pay royalties to the American patentees for every ten thousand button-holes!

These few machines are only a minute fraction of the huge number in operation to-day. As they continue to improve and

SCHOOL CELEBRITIES, 1943



Standing—R. WILLIAMS.  
(Cross Country Champion)

F. W. BATTY.  
(Scholarship)

A. JENSON.  
(Lumley House Capt.)

I. W. JONES.  
(Rugby Capt.)

H. T. STOBBS.  
(Durham House Capt.)

H. A. DAVIS.  
(Armsia Capt.)

I. F. CHRISTOP.  
(Bedon House  
Troop Leader)

Sitting—D. A. LIMPOOT.  
(Hyton House Capt.)

G. A. WHEALE.  
(Cross Country Capt.)

H. RIDLEY.  
(Raby House Capt.)

T. RICHARDSON.  
(Head Prefect)

B. CAROL.  
(Editor, "The Bedon")

D. A. HUTCHINSON.  
(Senior Assistant Librarian)

A. H. SHOTTON.  
(President Debating Society)

SCHOOL XI, 1964



Standing—D. H. THOMPSON, M. R. T. AYRE, E. LAHBERT, B. SPINDLEY, N. LEVITT,  
W. CLARKE, G. LINDLEY, E. HODGSON, M. P. F. FULTON.  
Seated—W. BEADPELL, H. RIDLEY, E. B. TWIDDLE, G. F. CRESWELL, A. L. DUMBLE  
(Capt.)

JUNIOR XI, 1964



Standing—K. SCOBIE, G. CHANDLER, I. SIMPSON, W. A. BEATTIE, P. JOHNSTON, D. BANCE,  
Seated—B. L. ALLEY, R. THOMPSON, G. CARR, N. HILDREW, J. WAKE, J. J. MORSE  
(Capt.)

SCHOOL XV., 1947



Seating—J. H. THOMPSON, H. S. GARD, F. PIPPS, P. RICHARDSON, D. BOLTON,  
M. T. STORRS, D. HUTCHINSON, G. A. COLLINSON, Ph. M. BERRY.

Scout—D. RANKIN, E. E. WALTER, G. A. HOWE, I. W. JOINER (Capt.), B. P. HUTCHINSON,  
R. M. HOWSE, J. D. BURMAN, H. A. DAVIS.

JUNIOR XV., 1947



Seating—W. BLITH, F. EVANS, G. E. FERGUSON, G. H. GREG, J. COOK, M. ATHEY,  
G. DAVIDSON, B. ELINGWORTH, G. MITCHELL.

Scout—A. L. JONES, J. WAKEFIELD, F. RUSSELL, C. H. SNOCKLEHURST (Capt.),  
A. CLARKE, A. DOBSON, B. T. CLARKE.

On Ground—D. HOGG, A. COWET, G. COOMBS.

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM, 1967



Standing—A. L. DUMBLE, E. PLACE, G. DAVIDSON, B. WILLIAMS, J. R. FEATHERSTONE, W. WILSON.

Seated—A. WILLIAMS, D. REDD, G. A. WHEALE (Capt.), J. S. A. COLLINSON, P. PHIPPS.

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA, 1967



From left to right—L. SIMPSON, P. SMURTHWAITE, D. GAMES, L. BOBSON, Mr. J. ERK, G. BANSON, J. WAKEFIELD, H. FOGG, R. DUFFELL, J. WALLACE, A. DUMBLE, P. RUSSELL, W. FORSTER, C. MCCREB, I. ARCHISON, G. HOPE, D. TURNER, W. STONEY, P. WEST, J. FERGUSON, D. LINTOTT, S. CARIS, W. KNAGGS, I. MILLER.

become more elaborate, we may eventually find ourselves sitting in a chair and pressing a row of buttons upon which our work will be automatically done for us!

B. POSNER (L.V.I.).

### Speech Days, 1949

This year the school once again suffered from a split personality, the Senior Speech Day being held on Thursday, February 18th and the Junior Speech Day one week later. The list of Scholarships gained in the past School year and the total of 104 gained since 1909 won the congratulations of the Headmaster and of the visiting speakers on each occasion, together with many encouragements to all to emulate such praiseworthy industry.

The speaker at the Senior event under the Chairmanship of the Mayor (Ald. Elen Johnston, J.P.), was Mr. J. Christie, of Messrs. A. Reynolds and Co., an Old Bodan, who has risen high in the engineering world.

Commenting upon the current necessity that each person should employ his abilities to the full, Mr. Christie declared that the present day lust for money drove many boys into "dead-end jobs." In the uncertainties of this world it was essential that every individual should choose the profession to which his natural aptitudes and talents were best suited.

At this Speech day musical interludes were provided by B. Carse (piano) and I. T. Miller (cello) as soloists and by the Orchestra.

The Speaker at the Junior Speech Day was Mr. J. S. Robinson, B.A., an Old Bodan from the "Higher Grade," who is now Headmaster of Chipping Norton Grammar School. The Chairman on this occasion was Councillor J. Carr Humphreys, O.B.E.

Mr. Robinson dealt at length with the reasons for the great increase in juvenile delinquency. He was confident that the principal causes were the unsettling influences felt by a child following parental quarrels. An uneasy home-life brought repercussions likely to prejudice the child's whole career. Boys in their early years were great idealists. When they left school they found themselves in a sinister and peculiar world and here it was that they were liable to succumb to the greatest of all dangers—cynicism. They must do their utmost to overcome this, the worst of all evils.

Braving the dangers of reminiscence, Mr. Robinson recalled one very human individual, Mr. G. T. Ferguson, Mr. Bradshaw's predecessor, who "from the Egypt of West Park had looked upon the Promised Land at Humbleton" yet had been destined never to enter it.

On this occasion the entertainment in the interludes came from the Orchestra, the Junior Choir and Dennis Gaines (violin). All gained well-merited praise from the Chairman.

D. T. CAIRNS and R. E. WATER.

### Durham House

The newly formed Durham House commenced activities after Christmas. The results obtained in the first term though not outstanding, showed great credit to all concerned, and should set a high standard, in winter sports, for future years.

These results would not have been achieved but for the enthusiasm of the House as a whole. Unfortunately this was marred by the lethargy shown by the upper school. If the initial enthusiasm is maintained the first term's achievement will be equalled and even surpassed in the future. It is hoped that by the time this is read, further successes will have been gained in the summer sports—athletics, cricket and tennis.

The most outstanding success obtained was in the cross-country section. The league competition resulted in Durham easily winning with eleven points out of a possible twelve. This was in the senior section and the junior teams added to this by gaining first place in the junior championship. In the Senior School Championship, Wheale, the captain, came in second and A. Williams third. Cowey, the junior captain finished first in the Junior Championship. Well done! These were very fine achievements.

The House finished second on goal average in the soccer tournament. The seniors, captained by Crosswell, did well, winning two out of three matches. The juniors, captained by Franklin were not very successful as they drew one match and lost two.

The rugby teams, after making a good start by winning one game and drawing two, fell away badly and lost the remaining matches, finally finishing third. The senior team was captained by G. A. Howe and the junior team by W. Howe.

The senior chess team, led by Share, played very well and tied for first place with Hylton, who became the eventual winners when they won a deciding match. The juniors did badly, drawing one game and losing two. On the aggregate of both Senior and Junior sections, Durham finished third.

In the Study Cup, the House was placed second. As everyone contributes to this cup the average ability of the House must be fairly high.

Finally the House Masters, particularly Mr. Ayre must be thanked. If it had not been for their energy and work, the organisation necessary for the running of the House would have been lacking. We are most grateful to them for the time they have spent on our behalf.

P. L. SMURTHWAITE, Hon. Sec.

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### Hylton House

The re-arrangement of the House System at the beginning of this year brought into being a Hylton House whose prowess is intellectual rather than athletic. We must not omit to mention



that our rugby captain and vice-captain have had their school colours awarded and renewed respectively and that the House's cross-country captain, who concluded an excellent season's performance by winning the Inter-House run, was also awarded school colours. It is admitted that the more consistent level of ability which is necessary for real success has not been in evidence. In both the senior and junior competitions we were placed third, fourth and third in the soccer, rugby and cross-country Inter-House final tables.

This disappointment has been to a large extent counter-balanced by our success in other directions. Our senior chess team, containing half of the school chess team which has won the Durham County Schools Championship, had little difficulty in carrying off the Chess Cup. The juniors did very well in finishing second in their section. The Study Cup, which is awarded to the House with the highest average form position, was won by us with a comfortable margin.

A film show, preceded by tea in the Dining Hall, was given one evening early in March, after school, and was attended by members of the House and also by masters and boys invited from other Houses.

The following were the officers elected for the school year ending in July, 1949:—

Senior:—

Soccer:—E. A. Little (Captain); D. Thompson (Vice-Captain).

Rugby:—R. F. Hutchinson; R. M. Howey.

Cross Country:—R. Williams; G. Pyburn.

Chess:—E. A. Little; R. M. Howey.

Tennis:—P. Richardson; G. Pyburn.

Cricket:—E. A. Little; R. F. Hutchinson.

Athletics:—R. Williams, D. Thackray.

Junior:—

Soccer:—K. Scorer; J. Morse.

Rugby:—M. Attey; G. D. Chapman.

Cross Country:—G. Mitchell; G. Perry.

Chess:—P. Hull; T. Patton.

They join me in thanking Messrs. C. G. Lister, T. A. Hunter, G. W. Lee, E. M. Maccoby, D. A. Thompson and J. A. Mason for their services.

A. D. LINFOOT (Captain).

### Lumley House

The record of the winter activities is something of a mixture containing a disappointing preponderance of mediocre results.

Energetic and enthusiastic leaders have not been lacking and in the lower school the response has been good with a fine

show of house spirit. The seniors, unfortunately, can lay no such claim and in the cross-country especially, enthusiasm was so low that on one occasion the necessary six runners were not forthcoming and valuable points were lost. The endeavours of Ferguson and Hutchison in the cross-country must not go unrecognised. We can only hope that their example will be followed by others in the forthcoming season.

The senior soccer and cross-country teams have been weakened by the leaving of Tweedie, while the senior rugby team has been hampered by the early leaving of Bittlestone and Blearer. Rugby claims the most successful season with second places in both senior and junior sections. The junior chess team registered our only first with 13 games won and 5 games lost. The House looks forward to the time when, matured in the game, they will repeat the win in the senior section.

The House owes a great debt to Mr. H. Wilson and his colleagues who have given much time and energy to the welfare of the House during this initial term of life.

Finally we would remind all House members that to them, as members of a new community, falls the task of creating a new tradition worthy to stand in future years.

The following were elected officials for the year, 1940:—  
House Captain, Jamison; Secretary, Neilson; Soccer, Tweedie and Johnston (Junior); Rugby, Burnard and Cooke (Junior); Cross Country, Tweedie (Ferguson acting Captain) and Johnston; Chess, Hutchinson and Philp (Junior); Tennis, Neilson.

J. B. NEILSON, Hon. Sec.

### Baby House

Members of Baby House have every reason to regard their efforts during last winter as being completely successful. True, it has been revealed that, in general, the house is comparatively lacking in intellectual ability. Nevertheless, assuming a materialistic attitude, we may say that this is an insignificant factor when compared with our other achievements.

Records:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pos.
Senior Soccer ...	3	2	1	0	4	1	1st
Junior Soccer ...	3	2	1	0	9	1	1st
Senior Rugby ...	3	2	0	1	33	15	1st
Junior Rugby ...	3	3	0	0	61	0	1st
Senior Cross Country ...	2	2	0	0	—	—	2nd
Junior Cross Country ...	3	2	1	0	—	—	1st

The most striking record is that of the Junior XV. Chief scorer and inspiration was Templeton, the scrum-leader. Other outstanding members of the team were Brocklehurst and Russell (captain and vice-captain, respectively) and Clarke, B. T.

The Senior XV under the experienced captaincy of Joiner did reasonably well. Possessing only three regular school players in Joiner, Waiter and Rankin, it lacked spirit and played as a group of individuals.

The Senior and Junior Soccer teams both worked well under Ridley and Wake respectively. They had within their ranks a few school players who set the standard and were instrumental in producing some interesting games of football. For the Senior team, Stoker and Lindley, and for the juniors, Brocklehurst, Pinkney and Christie were the outstanding personalities.

The Junior Cross-Country team tied for first position with Durham. The leaders were Dobinson (Captain), Rendall and Brocklehurst, possessing as they did the leading averages. The Senior team under Dumble though lacking material did not lack enthusiasm. The latter asset was however missing on one occasion when a team could not be raised and points were forfeited.

During the Summer Term, the House Tennis Team, captained by Joiner and containing most of the School team, experienced no difficulty in winning the House Championship.

Only in the realm of Chess was the success achieved elsewhere not maintained. Notwithstanding, Chrisop (Senior) and Christie (Junior) had much enthusiastic support and whether losing or winning the players enjoyed their games.

Results during this year have been good, but unfortunately it must be emphasized that the success has been obtained through the live enthusiasm of a few to whom must revert all the credit. Too many members have treated House matters with lethargic indifference. In future years comparable results can only be obtained if the teams have the whole-hearted support of the non-playing members of the House.

To conclude, it should be mentioned that Head Prefect, J. H. Phinester, was initially Captain of the House. When he left school, however, his place was taken by H. Ridley.

Thanks are due to Messrs. F. A. Jenneus, D. G. Walters, A. Smith, J. Kirk, A. Wilson, C. J. Allen and J. Corr for their services to the House.

R. E. WAITER, Hon. Sec.

### Sixth Form Society

This first year of the Society began with an ostentatious flourish and ended with a success which exceeded all expectations.

Our first meeting was addressed by Lord Eustace Percy, which was certainly an ambitious beginning; but the audacity was rewarded by a stimulating dissertation and discussion on the qualities required by the University of its students and the attendance on the part of both Staff and Sixth was good.

But apparently this was a mere flash in the pan since at both other meetings of the Christmas Term the committee felt more than a little ashamed on introducing the speaker to his miserably small audience.

The first meeting of the Spring Term fared no better. The speaker had obviously spent much time in research in preparing



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the very provocative and (for the faithful) reassuring paper which he read on the intellectual basis of the Christian Faith. Unfortunately, 90% of the Sixth's professed atheists failed to attend to defend their cause.

In desperation the committee sank to the level of holding a popular session. But even the resulting highly entertaining and instructive lecture and demonstration on Hypnotism failed to attract any considerable attendance.

So, a general meeting was held. It was here suggested that an effort should be made to hold meetings in more congenial surroundings.

As a remedy, we engaged a room in the Barnes Hotel for our next meeting and Roy Davis, last year's Head Prefect, was invited to talk on "The Aims and Ideals of Education." He presented plenty of material for thought and excuses for discussion (or argument) and long after the meeting-proper was adjourned, bi-racial groups continued to hold forth on pet philosophies.

The final meeting of this term is to be incited to discussion by a paper on Democracy in Schools on which a Commission of Society members has been engaged.

Our grateful thanks are due to the gentlemen who have so willingly given their services as speakers during our first year. They have been, in chronological order:—Lord Eustace Percy,—"The qualities required by the Universities of their students"; Mr. E. A. Horsman—"Modern English Literature"; Professor H. E. R. Highton—"Power Politics"; Rev. G. W. Purdy—"A Presentation of Christian Belief"; Mr. W. J. Badsey—"Hypnotism"; Mr. R. Davis—"Aims and Ideals of Education."

Finally all Bedans entering the Sixth Form next year are invited to join the society and I have no doubt that those full members who, this July, become Old Bedans, will need no invitation to return when they can.

P. RICHARDSON, Hon. Sec.

### Senior Debating Society

The Senior Society has had two fairly successful sessions. A high standard of speaking was maintained but greater support from all the Upper School is needed to restore the society to its pre-war standing.

The motions debated were of a controversial, political, topical or serio-comic nature. Included among them were:—"This house advocates equality of sexes"—defeated (Inter-debate with Bede Girls); "That Britain would benefit more from Western Union than by retaining her Empire"—defeated 48-2 (India Cup Debate); "This house believes that honesty is the best policy"—defeated (Masters' Debate); "That U.N.O. can be no more successful than the League of Nations"—defeated (Alec-Ferguson Cup Debate); "That social and political institutions have failed to keep pace with material and technical change"

—carried (Officers' Prize Debate); "That radio drama cannot be recognised as a successful medium of dramatic presentation"—defeated (Inter-debate with Drama Club).

The Airey-Ferguson Cup Debate, adjudicated by the Headmaster and the India Cup Debate adjudicated by Mr. J. E. Steel were both won by A. A. Shotton. The Officers' Prize Debate, adjudicated by Mr. J. A. Mason was won by A. Share.

The society has had as guests at inter-debates, the Bede Girls' School and the Boys' Drama Club, while the society was in turn entertained by both the Fulwell and Grangetown Community Association Discussion Groups. The Masters' Debate proved to be the most popular, in which Messrs. Lister, Mason, Smith and G. B. Thompson took part.

Prominent speakers in the last two sessions included Messrs. Batty, Brow, Phinester, Reid, Ridler, Share and Shotton.

The Debating Society Concert after many years' absence was once more presented this year before an audience of more than 250. Its success was due largely to the guidance of Mr. Moore. The Society wish to thank him for yet another year's services as Master-in-charge and Treasurer.

A. A. SHOTTON and A. SHARE, Hon. Secs.

### Junior Debating Society

The Junior Debating Society under Mr. J. A. Hutton, has had two successful sessions. The attendance was good, but the same could not be said of the general standard of speaking, which could certainly be improved.

Among the subjects discussed were:—"That Britain's spirit is not what it used to be" (carried); "That Seaburn could be converted into a holiday resort" (defeated); "That the bicycle is a better invention than the motor-car" (defeated); "That the Dick Barton programme does more harm than good" (defeated); "That atomic energy is proving a devastation to humanity" (defeated) and "That electricity is a better domestic fuel than gas" (carried).

The Freshers' Debate adjudicated by Mr. G. B. Thompson was won by Hammerton. The subject was "That this house favours co-education in schools" (defeated).

Other events of interest included:—

A balloon debate entitled "Six men in a boat"; a party at Christmas; a concert organised by A. Bainbridge and joint meetings with the Senior Debating Society.

Main speakers for the two sessions were Messrs. Bainbridge, Frazer, Goudge, Hargreaves, Hazell, Longstaff and Pye.

A. L. HARGREAVES and N. H. PIGG (Hon. Secs.).

### Bede Philatelic Society

The Bede Philatelic Society had another successful year despite the lowering of attendance towards the end of the Spring Term. The programmes included illustrated talks by all members of the committee, auctions, displays and quizzes. There were several competitions which were won by Messrs. C. Nelson, G. D. Sutton and T. Caslaw.

In December we had our annual party which was a great success and it is hoped to have a trip during the Summer Term.

Members who have served on the committee during the past year include Messrs. R. E. Waiter (President), T. Caslaw, K. M. Robson, C. E. Goudge and M. B. Seery.

Finally, the Society wishes to thank Mr. Harrison and Mr. Durrant, who have devoted much time in our interests and Mr. Foutis for the good selection of stamps which he so kindly gave us.

T. CASLAW (Hon. Sec.),

### School Music

This year we had no school concert as we had decided to incorporate our talent in the concert sponsored by the Old Bedans' Association for the War Memorial Fund. Mr. Robert Easton, the eminent Bass, himself an old Bedan, was the main attraction and the school provided the rest of the programme.

The choir and orchestra performed two pieces from the Elgar "Bavarian Highlands." The presence of several of the masters in the tenor and bass sections provided that balance and confidence which means so much to a young choir. The boys' voices also sang two Hebridean songs, the "Cockle Gatherer" (with piano accompaniment) and the evergreen "Road to the Isles" (with orchestra) which were also well received.

We were extremely fortunate in having Mr. Edgar Lindley as our solo pianist. Although handicapped by a poor instrument, he roused his audience with his performance of the impetuous B minor Rhapsody of Brahms and charmed them with his sensitive playing of the Debussy "Chor de Lame" and the fickle "Souvenir de Vienne" of Cyril Scott.

Dennis Gaines has made a name for himself locally as a solo violinist this year and many wondered how good he would sound on this programme. His playing of the colourful Massenet and Kreisler pieces was very attractive and in the finale of the César Franck Sonata with Beverley Curs showed that musical quality necessary in Chamber Music. From these young musicians we expect great things in the future.

The orchestra played Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusic," the Finale of the "Clock" Symphony by Haydn and finished with the "Boulevardier" of Frederick Curzon.

Mr. Robert Easton lived up to his reputation as a very great Bass singer. We should feel proud that he was once a pupil of this school.

J.K.

### The Ascent of F8

We have come to expect good things of Bede Drama and once again, in company with its hero Ransom, it climbed high in this play by Auden and Isherwood. The play marks an attempt to re-introduce the poetic into modern drama and, in spite of the jarring notes of contemporary slang, has at times an almost lyrical quality. The theme deals with problems of modern civilisation, the frustration of human endeavour, the oppressive life of the tawdry suburban estates, and the search of the idealist for impossible perfection. There is too the conflict between the life of glory and action and the life of contemplation and knowledge; and there is the ultimate revelation of the hidden psychological motives which underly each individual's conduct—the other story which does not meet the eye. The building up of characters from such an analysis of motives makes for constricted types; they do not seem to exist in their own right but, as a construction from intellectual premises, to have stepped out of the pages of a text-book on psycho-analysis. They tend to lose the conviction of reality not because the motives adduced are false but because they are over-simplified and do not represent the fruits of the author's observation and insight. In consequence; casting becomes one of the producer's main headaches, for it is essential for the actor to fit naturally into the part if the play is to have its full dramatic force and its satire strike home.

J. Dawson, as Ransom, a sort of mythical T. E. Lawrence, has previously given competent performances in minor roles but never did we expect such control of voice and action as he displayed in this leading part. His sense of speed of diction, the fine timbre of his voice, and a quality of aloofness and gentleness contributed largely to the success of the play. In the difficult soliloquy of the opening scene by his clear denunciation of the fiasco of life he set the standard for the whole production. From Shelton and Hansen we have learned to expect both a knowledge of stage technique and a feeling for character. The former, the irresponsible restless neurotic, flirting with fear, hopped around the stage like a sparrow in its natural environment, while the latter, courting power and prestige, maintained a ponderous dignity and hollow pomposity as if to the manner born. The rest of the mountaineering party were equally well cast. "Play-the-game" Shawcross (R. E. Walter) clinging to the rules and ritual of the old school, he struck a note of real tragedy in his death; B. Cress achieved a touching degree of pathos in his fatal search for the rare botanical specimen; and A. A. Shotton, the doctor, remained suitably disconsolate in his rotundity.

In the limited space of their genteel suburban home Mr. and Mrs. A. were dreary, ever so dreary. With a drab appearance and a well sustained monotony of flatness of utterance Chrisp and McMann produced the pervading atmosphere of emptiness and disillusion, of tawdriness and oppression brightened only by flashes of transient exaltation as they go off for a week-end spree or follow the progress of the national hero. A husky voice added poignancy to the desperate cry, "Can we never have fun?" but



was perhaps a sad warning that another actor is ending a successful series of female rôles. The symbolic character of the mother, the most difficult part in the play, was handled by W. E. Knaggs with appropriate simplicity and grace. In her first appearance to persuade her son to make the ascent she was a fine portrait of a mother, dominating the stage, exactly right in deportment, looks and speech but in the final mystical scene where her personality should tower above the rest her words were not always so clearly audible. The Abbott (N. T. Stubbs) also marred the good effect of his solemn entry and dignified appearance by a tendency to race through his long and philosophic discourse as if anxious to leave the limelight as quickly as possible.

The Press, the Military and the Ruling Class, caricatures rather than live persons, were well represented by M. D. Bell, H. C. Johnstone and G. J. Fraser although the restricted nature of their parts introduced something of pantomime humour into their appearance. The Chorus did not always synchronise sufficiently with each other nor did they integrate closely with the action of the play. They were at times obscured from the view of the audience and did not always carry the conviction that they understood the meaning of their own words, although one particularly pleasant voice was audible above the rest. The Announcer (P. Richardson) was very happily cast, his speech polished and his crooning courageous.

The high quality of the acting was made effective by the originality and the ingenuity of the production. The deft use of the stage-boxes with their sudden revelations of suburban aspirations or B.B.C. commentary, the raucous cries of the newsboys and rapid and realistic changes of scenic effects added speed and excitement to the main action. The most dramatic moments, the meeting of the brothers, the revelations of the Abbott's crystal, the deaths on the mountain, and the final symbolic scene of the mother's victory were staged delicately and impressively.

This was a play to remember and one worthy of the traditions of Beds Drama.

A.W.

#### School Library

The Library suffered a great blow when Mr. Watson left at Christmas. Fortunately Mr. Morgan stepped into his place and has proved a very capable successor.

The committee now consists of:—Master in Charge, Mr. Morgan; Staff members, Mr. Jennens, Mr. Wailes, Mr. A. Wilson and Mr. H. Wilson; Senior Assistant Librarian, D. Hutchinson; Assistant Librarians, F. Francis, A. Hood, G. Pyburn, and A. Shotton; Library Assistants, D. W. Aitchison, P. Banks, H. C. Johnstone and J. W. Young.

Books issued during the Summer Term, 341; Autumn Term, 328; Spring Term, 427.

The Junior Fiction section of the Library is still badly depleted due to the war years. As this is the section in most use

it was decided to expend the bulk of last year's funds on replenishing it with books by popular authors. This was very successful but the poor quality of the material does not indicate a long life.

The Senior Fiction and other sections are not so badly stocked as to merit the lack of interest shown by the Middle and Upper schools. The Senior Fiction in particular, is up to date but least used.

Stocktaking was carried on throughout the year, Young and Aitchison being most conscientious in this respect. Little book repairing was possible owing to delay in receiving certain materials.

Our thanks are due to Mr. G. Thompson and Mr. Footitt who donated many books and to Mr. Hunter for magazines and repairs.

D. HUTCHINSON, Senior Asst. Librarian.

### **Bede Chess Club**

The Club has had another successful year, especially in the Durham County Schools' Chess Tournament. In this competition, the team composed of Messrs. Little (Captain), Howey, Chrisbop, Hutchinson, Birnheimer, Cohen, Middleton and Share won all its matches and thus became Champions for the first time. Four of our members represented the County against Northumberland. The attendance at meetings has been good. Unfortunately the tournaments were not completed, but the winners (from present positions) were:—Senior: Little; Middle: Olwang; Junior: Baines.

A House Chess Tournament which was for the first time incorporated in the house competitions, was won by Hylton House with Lumley House 2nd, Durham 3rd, and Baby 4th.

The Chess Club wish to thank both Mr. A. Wilson and Mr. G. B. Thompson for their services during the past session. We should like to take this opportunity also of expressing our gratitude to Mr. W. B. James, who has presented a handsome cup for the House competitions.

A. SHARE, Hon. Sec.

### **Bedan Scouts**

The year 1948-49 is proving to be an eventful one, which is perhaps as well, as 1949 is the 21st year of the troop's existence. Though old scouts of former years may raise an eyebrow and snort maybe, at the conceit of Youth, we feel that this year has been the most eventful and successful of them all.

The 1948 Summer Camp was held at Great Ayton, in North Yorkshire and here the troop was successful in winning the Dryburn Cup. This Trophy is awarded for general excellence in Scouting and Camping and is competed for by troops from the

whole of County Durham. Shortly after returning to school, six members of the troop gained second place in the Local Association camping competition for the Stansfield-Richardson cup at Sharpley. Scouts of the troop have been under canvas most week-ends of the season, and indeed, for two days at Christmas. Easter this year, again saw the Seniors in camp. This time at the village of Milfield a few miles south of the Scottish Border in Northumberland. Our pleasant stay in this village was enlivened by gentle exercises . . . climbing the Cheviot, hiking to Bewick along the coast, and surveying the River Till, so that a suitable bathing place for Summer Camp could be found. We were pleased to have with us for this camp, both Roy Davis, now at Oxford, and Ken Howard, spending a few days leave from the Navy. This Whit saw every Patrol away at individual Patrol camps with many "first-timers" who, having tasted camp life, are now eagerly awaiting the summer camp. This will be held at the scene of our Easter expedition and will also serve as a base for the Senior Scout Patrol to work from in their exploration of the Border country.

The enthusiasm of the Senior Scout Patrol, which was formed early in 1948, seemed to die rather miserably after the Great Ayton Summer camp. Prior to the 1949 Easter camp a new scheme was drawn up whereby all boys in the Upper V. were invested as Senior Scouts and since these boys were, in the main, the patrol leaders of the existing troop, new patrol leaders were appointed. D. Eaton succeeded I. Chrisop in the important job of Troop Leader. Thus on the 26th April the Robert Falcon Scott Patrol of Senior Scouts was formed with J. B. Lillie as A.S.M. Prior to this and indeed at the present time great activity is going on in the senior scout hut north west of the school gymnasium. It is hoped that this activity will prevent the hut from being used as a haven of rest for homeless children, goal-posts, and half bricks and that it may achieve an air of respectability.

During the winter we had our usual Birthday party in October, and Parents' Evening in March. The Spring term saw Patrol Leader T. G. Mitchell gain his King's Scout Badge and Bushman's Thong, and two other Scouts, H. C. Johnstone and M. Richardson gained their First Class Badges. P. L. Mitchell was chosen as one of the King's Scouts to attend the St. George's Day parade at Windsor Castle as a representative of Durham County.

In April of this year the founder of the troop and our Skipper for the last 21 years, P. F. Fulton retired from School and from Scouting. The troop will miss his participation in active events but not his counsel, for he promises to be on hand for any advice we need. His successor as S.M. will be C. G. Lister, who, though a stranger to scouting, has already made his presence felt and who is helping us to justify our claim to be the best and most useful School Society.

J. B. LILLIE, A.S.M.

I. F. CHRISHOP, T.L.

### Bede Drama

We have not produced an experimental play since 1938 when Mr. B. L. Johnston gave us a highly successful version of the "Insect Play," so "The Ascent of F.B." was a welcome change from the more usual type of play. It was not an ideal choice, but offered fewer difficulties than "The Adding Machine" for example, which has dated less.

Our greatest technical obstacle was to make and light a sky-cloth. A firm was found willing to supply Bolton sheeting, but proved very obtuse about giving it to us in the dimensions we asked for. It was finally erected, the right shape, properly cyclotted and considerably soiled, three days before the first production. The lighting rehearsals were therefore far less adequate than we hoped for.

We are trying to improve our sound and lighting equipment, and we will welcome boys interested in the technical side as well as new actors.

J.L.J.

### Association Football—1st Eleven

We began the season 1948-49 in disappointing style losing several games in succession, though frequently by only narrow margins. Although the team was almost the same as in the previous season, our players did not work well together. When a winning team was eventually found we were successful in most of the remaining games.

For the first time, the XI entered for the Tyneside Grammar and Technical Schools cup. We reached the semi-final comfortably but went no further than that. The team was deservedly beaten by Heaton Grammar School, at Heaton, under gale conditions. A bus-load of supporters travelled through with the team so it was not through lack of support that the team lost.

Next season, prospects are fair. We expect to have Dumble, Cresswell and Levitt—our half-back line, with us, but most of the others are leaving.

We have at last lost the services of Twiddle, who has played five seasons on the 1st XI and has been Captain for three of them. He is now in the R.A.F. and all the team join me in wishing him the best of luck.

New Colours were awarded to Badnell, Cresswell, Dumble. Colours renewed to Ridley, Twiddle and Levitt.

G. LINDLEY, Hon. Sec.

Record:—

P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals	
				F.	A.
21	9	9	3	51	44

		Goals	
		F.	A.
1948.			
Sept.	18—Byhope (away) ... ..	1	4
"	22—Bede College (home) ... ..	2	3
Oct.	2—Byhope (home) ... ..	2	4
"	9—Houghton (home) ... ..	1	2
"	16—Jarrow (away) ... ..	3	4
"	30—Bishop Auckland (away) ... ..	2	6
Nov.	13—Houghton (away) ... ..	3	3
"	27—West Stanley (away) ... ..	5	1
	* Cup Match.		
Dec.	4—Darlington (away) ... ..	5	0
"	11—Heaton (away) ... ..	2	0
"	18—Gosforth (home) ... ..	3	0
1949.			
Jan.	15—Blyth (home) ... ..	5	0
"	22—Houghton (home) ... ..	2	2
	* 2nd Round Cup.		
Feb.	5—Houghton (away) ... ..	4	2
	* 2nd Round Cup re-play.		
"	12—Darlington (home) ... ..	0	2
"	19—Spennymoor (away) ... ..	1	1
"	26—Heaton (away) ... ..	0	2
	* Semi-final Cup.		
Mar.	5—Byhope (home) ... ..	3	2
"	9—Bede College (away) ... ..	0	4
"	19—Byhope (away) ... ..	4	1
"	26—Spennymoor (home) ... ..	3	0

\* Tyneside Grammar Schools Cup Match.

Chief scorers were:—

Tweddle (18), Thompson (11), Beadnell (11), Ridley (5), Hodgson (2), Reid (1), Stoker (1), Clark (1).

Players and appearances were:—

21—N. Levitt, A. Dumble; 20—H. Ridley; 19—E. Tweddle; 18—E. Hodgson; 17—E. Lambert, W. Clarke, W. Beadnell; 16—C. Cresswell; 14—B. Spendley, D. Thompson; 11—G. Lindley; 8—D. Storey; 3—J. M. Stoker; 2—E. Little; 1—D. Reid; 1—J. Vetch; 1—Vickery, T. Thurlback.

SPENDLEY (Goalkeeper)—

Took over from Storey when the latter left school midway through the season and has developed into a most reliable goal-keeper.

LAMBERT (Right Back)—

Although he lacked size and weight, his good sense of positioning made him a steady defender.

LINDLEY (Right Back)—

After his fine displays during the previous season, he has been rather disappointing.

CLARKE (Left Back)—

Successfully turned to that position when the defence was having a bad spell. Controls the ball well and can kick a good length.

DUMBLE (Right Half)—

Has played well throughout the season. Being young and enthusiastic he should do well in the next two years.

**CRESSWELL (Centre Half)—**

He has been a tower of strength in the defence. He is good with his head. A keen tackler and can always be relied upon to use the ball to the best advantage.

**LEVITT (Left Half)—**

Like Lindsey he also has been rather disappointing compared with the previous season. We hope he returns to his best form next year for he is a powerful wing-half.

**BRADNELL (Outside Right)—**

When given the right support he is a dangerous winger, for he possesses speed and a good right foot shot.

**THOMPSON (Centre Forward)—**

His lack of height did not prevent him from scoring goals as he always seemed to be at the right place at the right time. Unfortunately an injury kept him out of the game for a few weeks when he was playing at his best.

**KIDLEY (Inside Left)—**

Has had another successful season. A most popular and enthusiastic player.

**HODGSON (Outside Left)—**

A very clever ball player who would do better as inside forward or wing-half as he lacks the dash for a winger.

**FWEDDLE (Captain, Inside Right)—**

*Several School Soccer well during the five years he has been associated with the School XI. Set a fine example on and off the field. Often delighted spectators by the way he could outwit three or four defenders in succession by surges and side-step and then shoot with devastating power to give goalkeepers no chance.*  
(R. F. A.)

**2nd Eleven**

The record is:—

		P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals					
		9	1	7	1	F.	A.	Goals			
								F.	A.		
1948.											
Sept.	18—Ryhope II (away)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2		
Oct.	2—Ryhope II (away)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4		
..	30—Bishop Auckland (away)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7		
Nov.	18—St. Aidan's G. S. (home)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1		
..	27—St. Aidan's G. S. (away)	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	7		
Dec.	4—Darlinton II (away)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	6		
1949.											
Feb.	12—Darlinton II (home)	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6		
Mar.	5—Ryhope II (home)	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	4		
..	19—Ryhope II (home)	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1		

**Under 15 Eleven**

This was another disappointing season for the Under 15 XI. Experiments were made in an attempt to blend individuals into a team but no great success was achieved. Carr at centre-half and Hildrey in goal were the most consistent in maintaining a high level of play. Johnston played several times in the latter part of the season for the Sunderland Boys' Team.

The following played during the season (numbers in brackets indicate goals scored):—B. Alfely, D. Banks (1), W. J. Beattie (2), G. Carr (1), G. H. Chandler (1), J. Dent, E. Hambleton, N. Hildrew, P. Johnston (4), R. McCabe, O. McGahan, J. Morse, J. C. Musgrave, K. Noble, E. Peacock (2), T. Peacock, D. Piskney, T. Robson, K. Scorer (1), I. Simpson, R. Thompson (9), J. W. Wals.

Results of matches:—

		Goals
		F. A.
1948.		
Sept.	18—Camden Square (away) ... ..	2 2
Oct.	2—Villiers Street Tech. (home) ... ..	1 4
"	16—Ryhope Modern (home) ... ..	2 0
"	28—Silksworth Modern (away) ... ..	1 6
"	30—Ryhope Grammar (home) ... ..	4 3
Nov.	6—Murton (away) ... ..	1 3
"	13—West Park Central (away) ... ..	0 0
"	20—Easington Colliery (home) ... ..	2 2
"	27—Seaham Modern (away) ... ..	0 1
Dec.	11—St. Aidan's Grammar (away) ... ..	1 2
1949.		
Jan.	15—Murton (home) ... ..	2 5
"	22—Ryhope Modern (away) ... ..	2 2
"	29—Silksworth Modern (home) ... ..	0 2
Feb.	5—Ryhope Grammar (away) ... ..	0 0
"	19—West Park Central (home) ... ..	2 1
Mar.	5—Seaham Modern (home) ... ..	0 4
"	15—Villiers Street Tech. (away) ... ..	0 2
"	19—Camden Square (home) ... ..	0 0

F.A.J.

### Under 13 Team

This team was formed this season for the first time and played in the Sunderland League in Division F. Throughout the year they displayed a keen sense of sportsmanship, avoiding unnecessary display, and finished third out of ten teams. There has been keen competition for places and twenty-nine boys in all played in the team during this season. The top goal-scorers were Holev (III.3.) with 9 and Thompson (L.IV.2) with 7. Much of the credit for this year's success must go to B. Franklin (L.IV.1.) for his able captaincy.

J.K.

### Senior and Middle School Rugby, 1948-49

The senior XV has been rather unlucky this year as there have been many injuries and several members of the team left school during the season. As a result of this, team play was lacking on many occasions although the side played well as individuals. The forwards were often at fault, especially in the scrummaging, and the half-backs and three-quarters were somewhat erratic in their play.

Strong running on the wing by B. Howey led to many scores; H. Davis and J. Shearer (forwards) played well in the open as did A. Howe in the line out.

A bad lapse in the middle of the season, partly due to injuries, played havoc with the record.

Congratulations to B. Howey, who once again played for the Durham County Public Schools XV in all its games and J. Shearer, who played in the last two.

The Second XV fixture list was extended still further but owing to calls for the Senior XV the side never settled down into a well-balanced team. Special mention should be made of Backhouse (scrum-half) and Wilson and Miller (forwards) who played consistently well.

The Under 15 had quite a successful season, R. Eaton being a tower of strength in the forwards and B. Harrison a great opportunist.

Eaton, Harrison and R. Smith were chosen to play for the Durham County Under 15 team. Following the County games, Eaton played in the International Trials and was chosen as reserve for England. He is to be congratulated on this fine performance, for he is the first Bedou to gain this honour.

The House matches were played on the league basis with teams of fifteen-a-side. Despite the greatly increased numbers of boys in the re-organised houses, the Rugby played was not of a very high standard. Raby House won both the Senior and Junior Championships.

We should like to thank all the members of staff, especially Mr. G. B. Thompson, who have accompanied the various teams to their away fixtures.

Finally, we should like to thank Sunderland Cricket and Football Club for the use of their Rugger pitch.

#### Records:—

		Goals					
		P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
1st XV	...	19	11	7	1	234	196
2nd XV	...	13	8	4	1	166	126
Under 15's	...	11	7	4	0	127	102

Individual scores for the First XV were: B. F. Hutchinson, 5 t., 20 c.g., 3 p.g. (64 points); Howey 14 t. (42 pts.); Joiner, 4 t., 5 c.g., 5 p.g. (37 pts.); Richardson, 6 t. (18 pts.); Davis and Burnard 5 t. (15 pts.); Shearer 3 t., 1 d.g. (12 pts.); Thompson, D. Hutchinson, Collinson, Phipps, Stubbs, Rankin and Bolton 1 t. (3 pts.).

Colours were renewed to: R. Howey, I. W. Joiner, and J. S. Shearer, and awarded to: R. Hutchinson, H. Davis, R. E. Watter and D. Rankin.

I. W. JOINER (Captain).



### Junior School Rugby

An extremely mild winter enabled the School Junior XV to complete a full fixture list and although the results were not as good as the previous season, a very enjoyable time was had by all and the team gives every promise of settling down into a XV worthy of the best traditions of the school.

The biggest handicap of the team throughout the season was their lack of weight. Only on very rare occasions were the forwards able to compete with the opposing pack on equal terms, while the backs were invariably smaller and lighter than their opposite numbers. The weakest spot in the team has been at full back and although numerous players were given their chance, the position has not been satisfactorily filled yet.

The actual record of the "Under 14" XV was:—

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
18	10	6	0	211	190

Scorers:—Brookhurst (Captain): 1 d.g., 3 p.g., 4 c.g., 7 t.; Attey: 10 c.g., 3 p.g., 3 t.; Cook: 10 t.; Illingsworth: 7 t.; Corwey: 5 t.; Russel (vice-captain): 4 t.; Blyth: 4 t.; Dobinson: 3 t.; Jones: 3 t.; Ferguson: 3 t.; Hogg: 2 t.; Wakefield: 2 t.; Hall and Coombe: 1 t.

Towards the end of the season three newcomers Greig, G. Davidson and Evans considerably strengthened the pack and they, together with Illingsworth, Attey, Cook and Dobinson, who always played a very hard game, should form the nucleus of a very strong pack next season.

### School "Under 13" XV

No fewer than forty different boys played for this team during the past season and although it gave an opportunity for every boy who wanted to play for the School to do so, the numerous changes undoubtedly affected the rhythm of the team and jeopardised their winning more games than they actually did. Although nine games were lost during the season, five of them were lost through the odd converted goal or try, and the team as a whole for their age, played very attractive rugby and thoroughly enjoyed their games.

A great deal of the success of the team was due to the captain, W. Howe, who not only set the team an inspiring example by his own play, but also proved to be a grand leader on the field and for his age kicked some remarkably fine goals.

In the threequarter line G. D. Chapman was undoubtedly the danger spot and he and D. R. Richardson formed a pair of formidable wing three-quarters. The forwards, due to frequent changes, rarely were able to play as a pack but the outstanding performers throughout the season were Wedgwood, C. H. Allen, Stocks, Figg, Cuddeford and G. B. Knott, who proved to be an inspiring pack leader.

The team record was:—

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
16	7	9	0	128	104

Scorers:—W. Howe: 5 p.g., 4 v.g., 5 t.; G. D. Chapman: 8t.; J. Wedgwood: 7 t.; D. Richardson and G. Knott: 4 t.; C. H. Allen: 2 t.; N Pigg, O. Williams, J. Allen, Cuddiford and Noble: 1 t.

D.G.W.

### Tennis

The highlight of this season has been the running of house matches, but lack of support from certain players considerably lowered the standard of some of the games. Raby house won the championship.

The School team has had great difficulty in obtaining fixtures, and so far, only three matches have been played. The team was successful against Bede Girls' School and Wellfield, but lost to Newcastle Royal Grammar School by five matches to four.

The last fixture of the season is a return match with Newcastle Royal Grammar School, on July 2nd

I. W. JOINER (Captain).

### Gymnastics

Extra gymnastic classes, which have been held throughout the year, have been subdivided into two separate courses, each for a different award.

In the Intermediate course, boys develop a sense of style and a correct grounding for work in the gymnasium. Once this award is gained boys may join the advanced class.

Boys who have gained their advanced award are encouraged and helped to qualify for their Instructor's Certificate.

The following boys hold the School Advanced Gymnastic Award:—F. Storey, K. Witherington, K. Douglas, J. Featherstone, D. Fambely, G. Ranson and N. Levitt.

H. A. Davis and G. Watt hold the advanced award and the Instructor's Certificate.

On March 8th a party from the school travelled to Newcastle to see a demonstration of Gymnastics and indoor athletics by the Carnegie College "Lingard" team.

H. A. DAVIS (Captain of Gymnastics)

### Cross Country Running

The year 1948/49 has been one of quite considerable success.

Since the team was not at full strength, the first two matches were both lost, but after this rather shaky start the Club settled down to a steady training programme and of the remaining eight matches only two were lost.

Of the year's fixtures, the hardest were those against Newcastle R.G.S. and Durham School. The first match against the R.G.S. resulted in a draw, while in the second the team was beaten by the narrow margin of three points.

Our heaviest defeat was suffered at the hands of Durham School, our consolation being that R. Williams ran a brilliant race to be first man home.

Results of the season's fixtures were:—

Bede College—Lost	...	...	40—38	Home
Durham Colleges—Lost	...	...	50—28	Home
Univ. College—Won	...	...	35—45	Away
Ryhope Grammar—Won	...	...	37—47	Away
Newcastle R.G.S.—Draw	...	...	30—39	Home
Newcastle R.G.S.—Lost	...	...	41—38	Away
Ryhope Grammar—Won	...	...	24—60	Home
Durham Colleges—Won	...	...	29—50	Away
Durham School—Lost	...	...	54—28	Away
Bede College—Won	...	...	37—41	Away

Played 10; Won 5; Lost 4; Drawn 1.

Officers elected at the beginning of the season were G. A. Wheale (Captain), G. A. Collinson (Vice-Captain), J. Wallace (Secretary).

R. Williams has proved to be the exceptional runner this season and after quickly settling down, he ran a number of well judged races to finish in a high position for the School. The team as a whole deserves praise for exhibiting a fine spirit of sportsmanship and matches have been won by running as a team and by purely unselfish running.

Colours were renewed to Wheale (average 1.9) and Collinson (3.1) and were awarded to R. Williams (2.6), Dumble (2.9) and Davidson (4). Place, A. Williams, Reid and Phipps deserve mention for a season of steady running.

The newly instituted Cross Country League proved quite a successful enterprise, being run on the principle of the first six men in each team to count. Two points were awarded for a win, one point for a draw and no points for a lost match. Final placings were: Durham House 11 points; Raby a close second with 9 points, while Hylton and Lumley were third and fourth respectively.

The House Championship had its usual large number of competitors. R. Williams won the Senior event by a large margin in 20.17 minutes. A. Cowey a very promising Junior, won the Junior event in 14.10 minutes.

The House placings were:

(1) Durham (2) Baby (3) Lunley (4) Hylton

The individual placings were:—

Senior:—1, R. Williams (H.); 2, Wheale (D.); 3, A. Williams (D.); 4, Dumble (R.); 5, Collinson (D.); 6, Hagel (D.); 7, Hutchinson (L.); 8, Place (D.); 9, Lindley (R.); 10, Reid (D.).

Junior:—1, Cowey (D.); 2, Greenman (H.); 3, Dobinson (R.); 4, Johnston (L.); 5, Bendall (R.); 6, Coulthard (D.); 7, Robson (L.); 8, Goudge (D.); 9, Brocklehurst (R.); 10, Blyth (L.).

The Cross Country League and Championship have served to reveal new talent and consequently the coming season may be regarded with optimism.

G. A. WHEALE (Captain).

### Junior Cricket

After ten years break we have again entered the Swan Cup Competition and have done very well by winning the East Division, with Villiers Street Tech. School runners-up. Beattie has proved to be our steadiest bowler and has been able to bowl unchanged in most games; at the other end R. Thompson has been most successful, supported by Hildrew, Blyth and N. Pigg. The batting has been erratic and only Hildrew and Hipkin could be depended upon to score, though Beattie, Williamson and Harrison have also done quite well. Williamson, Christie, Thompson and Beattie have played for Sunderland Boys this season, while the last three have also represented Durham County.

	P.	W.	L.	Runs.	W.	Aver.	Runs	W.	Aver.
Swan Cup ...	10	7	3	480	87	4.94	423	93	4.55
Friendly matches	3	3	0	283	23	10.14	107	31	3.45

The following boys have played this season:—D. Williamson (Captain), R. Thompson (Vice-Captain), M. Atkey, W. J. Beattie, W. Blyth, W. J. Bond, C. H. Brocklehurst, B. Christie, R. Harrison, N. Hildrew, G. Hipkin, S. Iley, H. G. Low, J. Musgrave, N. H. Pigg, T. W. Pigg, K. Scorer and J. Wake.

A.S.

### Athletics Club

#### 1 Public Schools' Sports

This year we entered four boys for the above sports: Brown and Thackray in the Pole Vault, Beadnell in the Long Jump, and Williams in the Mile. There were 57 competitors in the Long Jump, which was won at 21 feet; Beadnell who jumped 19' 6" was not placed. Williams had his first experience of running against trained milers, and was sixth in his heat of thirteen runners. It was perhaps a mistake on his part to take the lead

in the third lap, but he gained valuable experience. In the Pole Vault there were 22 competitors, all of whom were from Public schools except our two boys. It was won at 10 feet by Hendy, of Kelly College, second was Bryce, of Oundle, and third was Brow, who vaulted 9' 6". Thackray was placed sixth with a vault of 9' 6", as he unfortunately failed at a lower height. The meeting was held this year at the White City, and our boys greatly appreciated the ideal conditions and equipment—a great contrast to our own primitive arrangements.

### 2 Durham Country Grammar Schools' Sports

After a most enjoyable and exciting afternoon's sport Bede finished first in this competition held this year at our own School, on Saturday, 28th May.

The whole team is to be congratulated on its fine display and excellent result.

#### Results:

1. Bede, 220 points.
2. Bishop Auckland, 192.
3. Henry Smith, 180½.
4. West Hartlepool, 176½.
5. Hookergate, 167½.
6. Ryhope.

Winners of Open Events in our team were:—

- D. Thackray, High Jump.
- D. P. Brow, Long Jump and Discus.
- W. Beadnell, 220 yards.

Bede Relay Team gained 2nd place, the runners being R. M. Howey, D. P. Brow, H. Davis and W. Beadnell.

#### Results of Sports Day, 21st June, 1949.

100 yards:—

Junior: 1, Franklin (D.), 12.5secs.; 2, Cook (R.); 3, Wedgwood (H.); 4, Fyle (H.).

Middle: 1, Davie (L.), 11.2secs.; 2, Templeton (R.); 3, Harrison (D.); 4, Carr (D.).

Senior: 1, Beadnell (L.), 10.6secs.; 2, Howey (H.); 3, Lindley (R.); 4, Bolton (R.).

220 yards:—

Junior: 1, Franklin (D.), 29.4secs. (new record); 2, Cook (R.); 3, Phayer (D); 4, Robson (R.).

Middle: 1, Davie (L.), 24.6secs. (new record); 2, Templeton (R.); 3, Harrison (D.); 4, Miller (R.).

Senior: 1, Beadnell (L.), 28.5secs. (new record); 2, Lindley (R.); 3, Hutchinson (L.); 4, Clarke (R.).

440 yards:—

Junior: 1, Franklin (D.), 65.8secs.; 2, Rendall (R.); 3, Malough (H.); 4, Cook (R.).

Middle: 1, Davie (L.), 59.7secs.; 2, Dent (H.); 3, Cowey (D.); 4, Goudge (D.).

Senior: 1, Beadnell (L.), 56.2; 2, Hutchinson, D. (L.); 3, Cresswell (D.); 4, Lindley (R.).

880 yards:—

Junior: 1, Rendall (R.), 2mins. 43.2secs.; 2, McKelland (H.);  
3, Harris (R.); 4, Hindmarch (D.).

Middle: 1, Cowey (D.), 2mins. 24.2secs.; 2, Williams (D.); 3,  
Dent (H.); 4, Smith (R.).

Senior: 1, Hutchinson (L.), 2mins. 18.8secs.; 2, Ferguson (L.);  
3 Hagel (D.); 4, Dumble (R.).

1 mile:—

1, Hagel (D.), 5mins. 15secs.; 2, Ferguson (L.), Col-  
lins (D.) (dead heat); 4, Davison (D.).

Shot:—

1, Stubbs (D.), 34ft. 5in.; 2, Brow (D.); 3, Bidler  
(L.); 4, Joiner (R.).

Discus:—

1, Brow (D.), 91ft. 6ins.; 2, Burge (H.); 3, Crosswell  
(D.); 4, Huntley (R.).

Javelin:—

1, Brow (D.), 117ft. 1ft.; 2, Hutchinson (L.); 3, Ran-  
son (D.); 4, Wilson (R.).

Long Jump:—

Junior: 1, Franklin (D.), 13ft. 7ins.; 2, Cuddiford (D.); 3,  
Harris (R.); 4, Robson (R.).

Middle: 1, Templeton (R.), 16ft. 1ins.; 2, Davis (L.); 3, Eaton  
(R.); 4, Carr (D.).

Senior: 1, Beadnell (L.), 18ft. 6ins.; 2, Crosswell (D.); 3,  
Featherstone (H.); 4, Rankin (R.).

High Jump:—

Junior: 1, Haswell (L.), 4ft.; 2, Robson (R.); 3, Plumpton  
(L.); 4, Fyle (H.).

Middle: 1, Carr (D.), 4ft. 8ins.; 2, Templeton (R.); 3, Tre-  
with (H.); 4, Eaton (R.).

Senior: 1, Thackray (H.), 5ft. 3ins.; 2, Bolton (R.); 3, Gibson  
(R.); 4, Crosswell (D.).

Pole Vault:—

1, Thackray (H.), 9ft. 6ins. (new record); 2, Ranson  
(D.); 3, Featherstone (H.); 4, Johnstone (D.).

Reed Cup. Open High Jump Competition:—

1, Thackray (Bede), (5ft. 4ins. (new record)); 2,  
Bolton (Bede); 3, Bremner (Jarrow); 4, Patterson  
(Stanley).

Individual Championships:—

Junior: Franklin (D.)

Middle: Davis (L.).

Senior: Beadnell (L.).

House Championship:—

1. Durham ... 241 Points

2. Baby ... 229 ..

3. Lumley ... 189 ..

4. Hylton ... 170 ..

### Old Bedans' Association

The efforts of the Association during the past year have again been directed towards the achievement of our War Memorial target of £1,000. The fund has now reached £850 which means that nearly £500 has been raised in the last twelve months. The specification for the organ was approved by the Association and the Education Committee at the end of last year and the organ is now ready for installing in the School Hall. This will be done

during the summer vacation and the opening ceremony will probably take place at the beginning of October.

A successful Winter re-union and annual meeting was held in the Barnes Hotel, on 17th December, 1948, when it was agreed that an additional office of Chairman should be created. Mr. Richard B. Crute was then unanimously elected the first Chairman of the Association in appreciation of his services over a long period of years.

The Annual Dinner Dance was held in the Bay Hotel on Friday, 7th January, 1949, and was the Association's most successful function for many years. The dancing by candlelight added to the gaiety of the occasion. The profit of £12 was donated to the War Memorial Fund.

On Saturday, 5th February, 1949, Mr. Robert Easton gave a recital in the School Hall supported by the School choir and orchestra and other artists. The hall and gallery were well filled and as a result a further sum of £35/11/2 was added to the Memorial Fund.

The Old Bedans' A.F.C. and R.F.C. have been reformed and had fairly successful seasons. The Badminton Club had another successful season but new members would be welcomed. A knock-out chess competition is also in progress.

The Annual Summer Reunion was held at the School on Saturday, 25th June. In the afternoon there was a cricket match between an over 30 XI and an under 30 XI. The over 30's won. The Flannel Dance in the evening, however, was poorly supported and any suggestions as to the form of the Summer Reunion next year will be welcomed.

The membership of the Association including Honorary members is now about 250, but several members have not yet paid their subscriptions for the current year. I would appeal for all Old Bedans to give increased support to the Association and its activities during the coming year.

W. CRUTE, Hon. Sec.

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#### London Association of Old Bedans

We in the London Association of Old Bedans are most anxious that boys leaving the School and coming to the London area should get into touch with us. Although it is only in this way that our strength can be kept up, we have in recent years been unfortunate in our efforts to attract new members.

We are a very free and easy group; we do not even have the formality of a subscription! All we ask is that the boys concerned should write to me so that they can receive invitations to the functions (usually two) which we hold each year.

G. F. McGUINNESS, (Hon. Sec.),

108 Goodheart Way,

West Wickham,

Kent.

### Old Bedans' R.F.C.

The Old Bedans R.F.C. was formed in September, 1948. S. Richardson was elected captain, but owing to his University career G. B. Noble took over in his place. A good team spirit was developed and, with improvement being made throughout the season, the club had reason to be well satisfied with the results achieved. A. Bittlestone at full-back, G. B. Noble and J. L. Jackson in the "Threes" and T. Smith, R. Hamp, B. Tindle and F. S. Lawson in the forwards played well throughout.

The record for the season was:—

Played 21, won 11, lost 9, drawn 1, with 281 points for and 182 against.

The loss of R. Hamp was felt most keenly by the members. His place will be difficult to fill but the sporting way in which he played is an excellent example to all.

At the General Meeting of the Club held on June 24th, it was decided to run two teams in the coming season. Practice will commence in September. Officers elected were:—President: G. A. Bradshaw, Esq.; Vice-President, H. C. Hogg, Esq.; Chairman: M. Berry, Esq.; Hon Secretary: P. Barham, Esq., "Wingarth," Sunderland Road, Cladon, near Sunderland; Hon. Treasurer: W. Mowbray, Esq.; General Committee: Messrs. T. Smith, J. L. Green, G. Bulmer, B. Tindle and I. W. Joiner.

The Secretary will be pleased to hear from any Old Bedan interested in the game.

M.B.

### Old Bedans' A.F.C.

The club has completed its first season since its post-War re-formation and seems likely to go from strength to strength. About forty Old Bedans have played for the two teams which participated in the North-Eastern Amateur League, Divisions 1 and 2. Next season we are competing in the same leagues and hope to produce teams which will improve on this season's records.

We need more and more players, especially young players who want to play good class football in a strictly amateur league. There are two regular teams and there is no reason why casual fixtures should not be arranged when we can raise another team.

Thanks to the kind co-operation of the Headmaster and the school we have a good playing pitch and excellent changing accommodation. We are hoping to get a mid-week meeting place for training and social activities.

Practice games will be held before the season opens and notices as to dates and times will appear in the "Echo."

There must be many O.B.'s who would like to play even if they are unable to play regularly. The only qualifications for participation are membership of the Old Bedans' Association and keenness on the game.

Turn up and play—

J. G. SWIFT,

129 Ryhope Road,  
Sunderland.



