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Editorial.

The Diamond Jubilee of the school was celebrated this year. Many things have altered since the "Higher Grade" was opened in 1890. We have exchanged the restricted view of West Park for the more expansive view of Barnes Park; we have forsaken the archaic names of Higher Grade and Collegiate for that of Grammar School; gone are many familiar wrinkled faces of staff. But Bedou—past and present—can still look back on the past sixty years of Bede with pride; gratitude and affection; pride—for its record and achievements; gratitude—for all that it did and does for us; affection—for all that it meant and still means to us.

This year, too, has seen the dedication and unveiling of the memorial organ in the school hall. It is with thankful hearts that we remember those worthy sons of Bede who fought and died for us in the defence of Justice and Freedom in both World Wars.

And we—the present generation at Bede—are proud that we are permitted to take the places of those who went before us. But what of us? Are we ourselves worthy of those traditions, which are of Bede? It does not suffice to be able to say that we "go" to Bede; nor, that we wear the school cap. Bede is not merely the name of the school; it is something living and vital. For WE are Bede. Bede must be the focal centre of our lives, foremost in all that we do, in all that we think, and in all that we say; indeed, we should mould ourselves, as we speak, to eat, drink, and sleep Bedeity, and even to die Bedeity. Bede should be for us the head and end-all of everything.

That great American—Abraham Lincoln—would probably have put it as living a life not only of Bede, but by Bede and for Bede. To put it in a nutshell—if such a thought be able to be put in a nutshell—Bede must be a very part of us. Then, and then only, can we look back, and give thanks; look forward, and take courage.

Feudalism is dead at last! After sixty years of benevolent despotism at Bede, a more responsible form of government in the form of a School Council, has drawn boys more fully into participation in the running of the school. We wish it every success in its endeavour to promote co-operation and the democratic spirit.

The school societies and activities are now flourishing again as much as they ever did. We welcome back into this fold the Boxing Club and Soccer Cricket, while the newly-formed Student Christian Movement has been received with mounting enthusiasm.

We offer our gratitude to the many Old Boys who have written to us, to all who have submitted contributions for this

issue, to our advertisers, without whose aid it would have been impossible to produce the publication in its present form, and to the members of the "Hedra" Committee for their generous advice and valuable assistance.

July, 1950.

THE EDITOR.

Notes and Comments.

The school extends a hearty welcome to the following new members of the Staff:—

Mr. D. McAllister, B.A. (Lond.), from King's School, Ely, as Senior Modern Languages Master;

Mr. C. J. Bell, B.A. (Lond.), to the Classics Department;

Mr. J. B. S. Twigg, M.A. (Dunelm.), to the English Department;

Mr. W. E. McClelland, B.Sc., (Manchester), and

Mr. R. Brown, B.A. (Dunelm.), to the Science Department;

Mr. A. Taylor, M.A. (Manchester), as Senior German Master.

We are sorry to say farewell to Mrs. A. Wilson, B.A., who has been in charge of the English Department and has been very popular with both boys and Staff.

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During the year, the following boys were elected to Open Entrance Awards at Universities:—

Arthur D. Lindset, to a State Scholarship in Latin and French, tenable at Durham University;

Gordon Rawson, to a State Scholarship in Mathematics and Physics, tenable at Manchester University;

Ronald F. Hutchinson, to a National Coal Board Scholarship in Natural Science and Mathematics, tenable at Edinburgh University;

Howard Allison was placed on the reserve list for a State Scholarship in Natural Science;

J. Brian Neilson was elected to an exhibition in Geography at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge;

B. T. Cairns was placed on the reserve list for a State Scholarship, and was awarded a readership of Pembroke College, Cambridge, in Economics and History;

W. Hirst was awarded a readership in Modern Languages at St. Catherine's Society, Oxford.

We are pleased to record the following successes of Old Hedrae:—

J. E. Harchough has been elected to a Fellowship at St. John's College, Cambridge, at the early age of 24 after a brilliant career as a Classics student.

Professor Sydney Goldstein, F.R.S., Head of the Mathematics Department of Manchester University, is shortly to take up a new post as Professor of Applied Mathematics at the College of Technology, Hull.

C. M. Dawson, who won a Scholarship in Classics at Cambridge University in 1929, has been appointed Professor of Greek at Yale University.

Air-Commander J. W. Moscar has been appointed R.A.F. Director of Works in Germany. He was awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

Lt.-Col. Marcus Lipton successfully contested the Bevin Division of Lambeth in the General Election.

B. Beck, King's College, Durham University, has won both the coveted Glover Medal and Travelling Scholarship of the Northern Architectural Association.

Arthur ("Baby") Lynch has recently been appointed assistant-producer at the Berlin City Opera House.

G. J. N. Whitfield, M.A., who gave the Speech Day address in 1945, has been appointed Headmaster of Hampton Grammar School, Middlesex.

G. Bell has been appointed Headmaster of Sherington County Mixed School, near Wigan.

Robert Kay, M.A. has been awarded his Ph.D. degree by Oxford University after doing research into the properties of the upper atmosphere.

David Huxford has had paintings exhibited by the Royal Society of British Artists, the London Group, the National Society of Painters, Sculptors and Engravers, and the Artists International Association.

W. S. Martin was elected to the Board of Directors of Sunderland A.F.C.

W. G. Thompson gained a B.A. (Hon.) at Trinity College, Cambridge.

D. D. Abraham gained his B.A. (First Class Hon.) at Balliol College, Oxford.

D. S. Holden has been elected to a Shaker Fellowship in Education at North-Western University, Evanston, Illinois.

T. G. Holden has been awarded first class honours in the finals of Cambridge University LL.B. examinations.

A. Peeters has been awarded a College History Prize at Caius College, Cambridge.

Flt. George E. Hobbs has received a letter of commendation for finishing first in his English Specialists' Course from the Commanding Officer of his Group at Ontario A.F.B., Illinois.

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North-Eastern Medical Tricommers success was:

Ian Miller (1st open trio, 1st trio under 17, 2nd piano quartet); W. Kruggs and I. Simpson (1st violin and piano duet under 17); W. Kruggs (1st trio under 17); W. Forster (1st Viola under 17); J. Wallace (2nd in open Viola).

Ian Miller and Dennis Gales were members of the trio which broadcast in the Children's Hour last August.

W. Storey is now a member of the National Youth Orchestra.

Congratulations are extended to:

Mr. E. C. Simpson, on his marriage last October.

Mr. A. Taylor, on his marriage in June.

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Lee, on the birth of a son.

David Brown (U.V.I.) finished second in the pole vault at the Public Schools' Sports held at the White City. He cleared 11' 8" and was invited to represent Northumberland and Durham.

Alan Williams (U.V.) did well in his first attempt in the Carolyn Cup Contest, an open road event held at Easter.

C. Crosswell, of Hylton Gallery Juniors, played centre-half in the Durham Youths' F.A. Team.

G. Hugel (U.V.) was a member of Sunderland Harriers' Team which competed in the open road races on Good Friday.

G. Pyburn (L.V.I.) played for Durham County Junior Lawn Tennis Team last season.

H. Wood, an old Bedon, was appointed by the F.A. as referee of the Stockport v. Liverpool F.A. Cup match.

Once again we congratulate the Hockey Team on winning the Weston Cup.

P. Spenser (U.V.) and C. Mountford (L.V.) reached the finals of the Durham County Boys' Doubles Tennis Championship for those under sixteen years of age.

Mr. J. A. Hutton was appointed captain of Sunderland second eleven Hockey Team.

Mr. D. A. Thompson was appointed chairman of the Organising Committee of Durham County Junior Tennis Championships.

R. Walker (L.V.I.) has been chairman of the Labour League of Youth and was recently elected first Prime Minister in Sunderland's Youth Parliament.

Our thanks are due to Mr. J. Kirk, Mr. Twigg, P. W. Grobb, the school orchestra and choir for the work they have done in school assemblies.

Mr. D. G. Walters wishes to thank the following boys who have acted as Readers at Morning Assembly during the past year: C. Barker, I. F. Cheslop, G. Pyburn, D. H. Thompson, R. E. Walter.

We also thank the following boys who produced "Bedon" posters: P. Robinson, C. W. Richardson, J. Curriek (L.IV.1), J. Howlands, H. Hord (L.IV.2) and T. D. Smith (L.IV.2).

On April the 24th the school attended an impressive service in Bishopwearmouth Church in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the opening of the school. The address was given by the Bishop of Jarrow (The Rev. John A. Burnham), The lessons were read by the School Captains of the Girls' and the Boys' Schools. The mixed choir was directed by Mr. J. Kirk.

A hard book is shortly to be published by the Education Committee to mark the 90th anniversary of Bede Grammar School. It will contain 82 pages on the history of the School and 32 pages of photographs.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following Magazines: Darlington Grammar School, The Northener, The Atlantic, and The Parnassian.

The "Bedeian" Committee this year consists of Messrs. H. T. Ayre, J. A. Harton, J. Smith, G. B. Thompson, A. Wilson and A. J. Storton (Editor), H. Gullis (sub-editor), F. H. Francis, L. T. Miller, G. Pyburn, B. Carr, I. F. Christie and R. E. Walker.

The Late Mr. T. H. Blyth, B.Sc.

It was with great regret that the school learned of the death of Mr. T. H. Blyth, on December 19th, 1949. Mr. Blyth was a member of the Staff from September, 1928, till his retirement in August, 1939, and during his forty-one years' membership of the Staff saw the School develop from the old Bede Higher Grade School to Bede Collegiate School and, after his retirement, to the present Bede Grammar School for Boys. His enthusiastic service to the School was severely tested at times through the periods of overcrowding and premises ill-adapted for their purpose. Great was his pleasure when the school buildings were completed in 1938. Both Staff and pupils were always impressed by the thorough and conscientious manner in which his duties were carried out.

In addition to his academic work, Mr. Blyth was keenly interested in many School activities. A keen sportsman, he played for Newcastle United and Durham University, and after his days as a player, was on the Football League list as a referee and linesman. He laid the foundations for the success of many of the School and Old Bedeians' Soccer Teams. It was due to his efforts that Games' Charge Masters, Games' Masters and Games' Rules came into being and a Games Policy shaped. As Chairman of the Games' Masters, he performed his duties with distinction.

One of the founder members of the Old Bedeians' Association, no gathering of old boys seemed complete unless "Tosh" was present. As Master of Ceremonies at many Old Bedeian functions, he contributed greatly to their success. After the 1914-1918 War, he assisted the late Mr. G. T. Ferguson in compiling the Roll of Honour, and in organising a War Memorial Fund, which culminated in the erection of the Moral Tablet and the creation of the Prize Fund.

Among other activities, Mr. Blyth was Treasurer of the Shipowners' Cup Competition, a Life Governor of Sunderland Boys' Orphanage, a prominent worker in the Savings Movement locally, for some time represented Fulwell Ward on the Town Council and many years a member of the Wearmouth Lodge of Freemasons.

He is survived by a widow, son, and daughter, to whom the School extends its deepest sympathy.

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" Let me Remember . . . "

At 14 I was a cynic. At 44 I am just a wee bit sentimental.

Although I proudly wore the Boole cap and was prepared to fight anyone who tried to snatch it in Silksworth Row on the way to the old school near Queen Terrace, I didn't believe in school traditions.

Masters like "Took" Blyth, Jimmy Wills and others used to emphasize how important was the influence of your school life for the rest of your days.

We used to scoff at that, possibly because kids at that age are natural rebels. We were wrong and I myself realized it one winter's day last year, when I went down to Forking Bridge, Haits., to watch schoolboys playing six-a-side soccer.

That brought back memories of School Certificate year. We had a bunch of mathematical diverts like myself in Upper V who nearly drove "Tommy" Agne mad. Out of the goodness of his heart he gave up his free Saturday mornings to teach us. The attraction for us was six-a-side soccer in the school quad for about an hour before and after the lesson.

The fun, lost and furious, was whisked at on condition that if any windows were broken we had to mend them. This was first-class training for keeping our "basher" ball on the face.

Thanks to Tommy's ability to drive a pin, with a feather, through a nine-inch steel plate (about the thickness of my skull as far as maths went) I actually got a Pass that, with Credits in English, History, Scripture, Drawing (the examiner must have been blind, for my Art was futuristic, but unfortunately without any future) and something else, enabled me to scrape through School Cert.

Jobs in those days in Sunderland were really hard to get. The slump was nearly at its worst. Prospects for boys leaving school were shocking. I knew what I wanted to be: a reporter.

For three months, with all the brashness of youth, I answered every advert, I could find, but the jobs were far too far away for my firm to sign for a Sunderland lad.

Suddenly an advert, appeared in the "Echo."

My reply was one of 600.

Three were chosen. They were the only three Old Boles to apply. That showed the importance of school.

The manager, Mr. Tommy Carter, asked the headmaster, Mr. G. T. Ferguson (good old "Fergi," here over the usual cynical of us were used when he swept through the quad) to recommend one of us. Much to my surprise, I got the verdict.

Later I discovered it was because the other two had failed School Cert.

Everyone said I was lucky. I got the job I wanted at a time when career jobs, apart from law, medicine, accountancy and teaching, were hard to break into. But luck had nothing to do with it.

It was the Bode first, and then its masters: Southwhite and Jarman (Jarman, I was a freckle in the musical comedy version of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' which they wrote for Speech Day round about 1924). "Tubby" Massey, memories of whose antics at full back for the Masters' Soccer XI against the school team still make me laugh when they crop into mind at the most unusual times—sometimes you couldn't tell which was the ball and which was Tubby; Tosh Hyth, who would always halt in the middle of a Geography lesson to tell you of his recent adventures with Newcastle United, but never in a Chemistry period; "Pappy" Willis, whose gruff humanity almost outbore my hostility to heat, light and sound; and, above all, Tommy Ayns, whose dogged perseverance welded the weak link in my armour.

Without the tradition of the Old School and the character of its masters I might have been propping up a lamp-post in Hylton Road.

So forgive me, just another Old Boy, whom you have never met, and possibly couldn't care less about, getting a wee bit sentimental about maths and six-a-side soccer in the quad.

TOM PHILLIPS,

Assistant Editor "Daily Mirror."

There have generally been Cairns at Bode. When the School was half as old as it is now my brother Herbert and I had been there for consecutive equal periods totalling two-thirds of the age of the School (I hope the Lower Fourth can work that one out). In 1913 they gave us a quarter day's holiday to celebrate the Silver Jubilee. I hope you get at least three-fifths of a day's holiday this year.

D. A. S. CAIRNS, K.C.

It is good to know that Bode is still going strong on the eve of its Diamond Jubilee. All of us who have been to the school will, I believe, look back on our years with pleasure and with feelings of gratitude for its influence in the formative years.

I do not think that in my days we were particularly well housed; I still remember a "temporary building" which had, I think, been in existence for fifteen years when I arrived, and appeared no less permanent at the time of my departure than at the time of my arrival; it was irreverently known as the "Tin Tabernacle." But we managed. Important as good buildings and noble surroundings are—and they are important enough to warrant constant striving after improvement—we managed because we had as our teachers men of strong—and varied—character, and of sound scholarship and learning; it was not their fault if we did not pursue our studies with the kind of intellectual passion that they put into their teaching of them.

We were, of course, "partial to balls, and the games that are played by their aid," and thought the opportunities of the pursuit of balls too infrequent; we "pursued them with violent kicks," we "hurled them at parallel sticks," we "delighted to smite them with bats," and there were even some who "served them with extolls of oats," though this was not an official school

activity. Nor, at that time, was the annual joint Christmas party with members of the girls' school next door (though I heard a rumour that it later became so, with consequent change of character). It was an official school assembly that we tore into tiny pieces many pounds of waste paper, which most of us subsequently sought at the dumps after two of us had, rather too sparingly, dropped them along the trail. But what really made the place, and gave it its outstanding character as a school, was that, although it was not residential, many of us spent most evenings there on one form of social activity or another—boxing, playing chess, debating, acting—I still have a curious photograph in which I appear as a frog ("Brok-kak-kak-kak, coax, coax! Green are our trousers and yellow our backs"). A grand time altogether. Long may Bode flourish.

Prof. S. GOLDSTEIN, F.R.S.

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"Sixty years! To a young boy just entering Bode School in 1929 that must have seemed an age. Certainly it is a long time to look forward to but equally a short time to look back on. Entering the school in 1909 as I did, at that time not even the most arid reader of John Yemassee or H. O. Wells would have visualised or prophesied the rapid and startling changes, and amazing historical events, which have taken place since that year. In that period the traditions of the school have been well founded and present members of the school can look back with pride on the past history of the school and the achievements of all Old Bodes, both in peace and war.

In the early years of its existence the school, as everyone knows, worked under great difficulties, and the present amenities and luxuries were only obtained after a long and dear struggle with a somewhat enlightened and parsimonious educational authority.

The School has fully justified the improvements in its conditions. Looking forward to still further improvements and fully conscious of the achievements of the past, I am sure all present pupils will strive not only to emulate, but to surpass, the successes of Old Bodes, whether in scholarship or sport, and further to develop and foster that spirit of good comradeship which is one of the most vivid and delightful memories of all Old Bodes of whatever age."

H. H. CRUTE,

Chairman, Old Bode's Association.

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The Bode had only recently attained its majority when I was first admitted in 1912.

It may not yet be as venerable as the distinguished Wear-side after whom it is named. Nevertheless, as one of a large number of Old Bodes who will be ever grateful for what the old school did for us, we recall with pride and affection Bode's record during the past 60 years. I am quite sure that it will continue to be a centre of light and learning in the years that lie ahead.

Lieut.-Col. H. LIPTON, O.B.E., M.P.

Many things have changed since I left Beis on a rainy summer's day in 1924—the School's location, its name, most of the staff. But I have always followed with interest the affairs and developments of Beis and have rejoiced to see that nothing fundamental has altered. The basic spirit and effort are what they have always been—long may they continue to.

J. GILLIS,

Dept. of Applied Mathematics,
Weizmann Institute of Science,
Rehovot, Israel.

It was in 1927-28 that I was Editor of the *Beis*, so that my memories are of the legendary period when the school occupied buildings "conveniently situated near the West Park," as the Prospectus non-committally put it. Let me reminisce. I recall a winter's afternoon in the Tin-tab, the atmosphere steaming with wet coats lying the corridor, and dim with pallid electric light; or the pandemonium of Speech Day "practices" in Room 22; or Speech Day itself at the Victoria Hall, especially that one with the Chorus of Frogs and Birds and the Elephant; or the Debating Society concerts ("Mike's Motor-bike" and "The Admiral's Brown") at the Subscription Library; or the General Knowledge Paper, and the whole school crowding into the corridor on the last day of term before Christmas; or reading the *Trachinotus* of Sophocles in a little cubby-hole next to the chemistry, where privileged persons did "private study." **THOSE DAYS**, and one is proud to have been a contemporary of the personalities, boys and staff, who were at the school then; proud too to greet the generation which now carries on the tradition twenty years after.

GEORGE SCOTT (1889-1958).

The Leaves of Autumn

Autumn comes with a browsing, gliding of the leaves,
They fall to the ground, their beauty, their colours will fade,
They will rot, daisy earth will take their decay.

Before this day,

When away

To harvest

They go:

I will walk over them, lying trustful on the ground,

Their crackling, clanking, is a sound beloved by all

Regardless of age.

To gather them up in piles to burn,

Children yearn.

They must appreciate

That a funeral pyre can be made of all desires

That beauty and simplicity, natural things, must suffer an
unnatural end.

The leaves of Autumn come tumbling down,

Red, mellow yellow, orange and brown,

They are wither'd. They curl

At the edges, drop from the trees and hurl
 Themselves to the ground.
 But all around those giant branches
 The cold north wind blow, so
 That the leaves will not immediately fall, land.
 They shall not have their way,
 And fall to rot.
 For thus the wind
 Carries the leaves along
 The bare branches: floating, hanging, swirling in the air as
 they go.

But even so
 They must fall,
 As we all must realize
 That thwarted desire
 And a fanned pyre
 Is our expectation,
 This, and rotation
 As we realize that, when in the spring of youth,
 Or in the summer of fulfillment of life,
 Some provision should have been made
 For Autumn.

D. LANGLEY (Lower Sixth).

Superstition

My broken leg caused me to have plenty of time for thought and one of the things I reflected on in this enforced idleness was superstition. I realized that it must be very old, but exactly how old it began? As most things arise from economic causes, I imagine it was something like this:

One day in the temple of Stonehenge, Kripp, the gloomy gatherer of the druids' taxes, came along to the Chief Druid's room. With his stone axe he tapped on the door and entered with a worried frown on his face. "Now look here, Chief," said he, "something will have to be done. We must balance the budget and close the dearness gap somehow. But funds are pretty low and Roman aid to Stonehenge can't last for ever. Besides the whole place needs renovating. We need a new sacrificial stone especially. There's a big chunk out of the present one where a novice stabbed a victim too enthusiastically. We just haven't the money."

"H'um," said Kinn, the head druid after a reflective pause, "I'll have to give this some thought. See me to-morrow after the morning sacrifice, Kripp, old man."

"Righto," said Kripp, walking out dejectedly.

Next day at the appointed time he found the head druid extraordinarily cheerful.

"Ah, good morning, Kripp," he said, "you said funds were going down—"

"They're down, chief," Kripp interrupted.

"Well then," said Alex, "we're going to invent superstitions."

"Super-who?"

"Superstition.—You know, belief in omens and what not. Let me see. We'll have unlucky thirteens and walking under ladders to start with—"

"Excuse me, I don't want to spoil your little scheme, but ladders haven't been invented."

"Well, don't just stand there—go away and invent them!"

"Yes, but," queried Kripp, "how will this raise funds?"

"Well, these omens portend bad luck and for a small consideration, you understand, we of the inner circle will take the bad luck away."

"Oh yes, I see," said Kripp, almost optimistic for once, "I'll get Dev to make all the arrangements"

That, of course, is only my way of thinking. Personally I'm not superstitious at all. What's that? My broken leg? Well, I was standing on the ladder about twelve rungs up to clear the spot and as I couldn't quite reach I stepped on the next one which wasn't there.

F. A. PEARSON (U.F.C.).

Profound Comments

School Heating.

"The pupil is concerned, not so much to admire the refinements of his surroundings, as to secure a place near the radiator."
—Times Educational Supplement.

The School Orchestra (New Bursak).

"I don't play accurately—anyone can play accurately—but I play with wonderful expression. As far as music is concerned, sentiment is my forte. I keep Science for Life."
—Oscar Wilde.

The Senior Prefect.

"Deep on his front engraven deliberation sat, and subtle care."
—Milton.

O.S.C. Candidates.

"Somewhere it seems to fill my head with ideas—only I don't know exactly what they are."
—Lewis Carroll.

Morning "Brusk."

"After the coffee, things ain't so bad."
—Kubler.

The Detention Book.

"Here are a list of the unpleasantest words
That ever blotted paper!"
—Shakespeare.

The Prefects.

"Infinite riches in a little room."
—Malthus.

The Unpopular.

"O bed! O bed! delicious bed!
That Heaven upon Earth to the weary head!"
—Hood.

School Dinners.

"In the past, it was her husband's mother whose cooking the bride had to fear. In the future, she may find that her first burnt offerings have to bear comparison not only with the dishes of her traditional rival, but with the dinners, also, of the Local Education Authority."

—*Times Educational Supplement.*

Staff Salaries.

"Remuneration! O! that's the Latin word for three-farthings."

—*Shakespeare.*

Room 29.

"Many will be far more ready to take in a pictorial presentation than to read a lengthy piece of writing."

—*Abdi Hale.*

The School Library.

"Child, do not throw this book about,
Rebuke from holy pleasure
Of marring all the pages out,
Regard it as your choicest treasure."

—*Rubie.*

The Staff.

"Youth should heed the older-witted
When they say, Don't go too far—
Now their sins are all committed,
Lo! how virtuous they are!"

—*Baech.*

The Duty Masters.

"Hell hath no limits, nor is circumscised
In one self-place; for where we are is Hell,
And where Hell is, there many we ever be."

—*Marlowe.*

The School Gardens.

"The agricultural population produces the bravest men, the most valiant soldiers, and the class of officers the least given to evil designs."

—*Pliny.*

The School Council.

"Democracy is on trial in the world, on a more colossal scale than ever before."

—*Dela.*

The Sporting Club.

"Do unto the other fellow the way he'd like to do unto you,
and do it fast."

—*Westcott.*

Debating Society Planks.

"*Demine defende nos,*
Contra nos metosus nos."

—*Asen.*

The School Hall.

"I shall prove it—as clear as a whistle."

—*J. Byron.*

D.A. or G.B.?

"In form and feature, face and limb,
I grew so like my brother,
That folks got taking me for him,
And each for one another."

—*H. B. Leigh.*

Sonnet

All night the snow has fallen, now it lies
 An untouched mantle covering the ground,
 And through the greying pall of leaden skies
 Sweeps low a bird, flying with grace profound.
 Against the snow the trees look black and gaunt
 With outstretched fingers reaching to the clouds,
 While palling mists the whitened valleys haunt
 And clothe the mountain peaks with hanging shrouds.
 The harsh outlines of roofs are soft and blurred
 By falling snow; and fabled haags of white
 Move gently, no disturbing sound is heard
 To shatter the sharp stillness of the night.
 The sun, alas, with man's despoiling hand
 This loveliness will vanish from the land.

CLASS POEM—LOWER V. ONE.

Panegyric

There is a depressing side to a Bede Grammar School education. In a Jubilee Edition of the "Bedeian" no doubt great emphasis will be placed upon the advantages of our education. Colleagues in preceding and succeeding pages will be praising the institution, its endowments in sport, its influence on character, its high standards in the Arts. Nevertheless let us not blind ourselves to the darker side of the picture. It has its own peculiarly depressing habit—one learns knowing all the jokes. When the drill sergeant fetches out the little class of ivory that for years has quelled the most insubordinate squad, when the university lecturer attempts to lighten the dullest parts of the syllabus with an anecdote, or when the Director begins his after-dinner speech with some experience ostensibly personal, the reaction of the Old Bedeian is to shudder and wish himself far away. "When I first heard that," he whispers to his neighbour, "I spilled the copper sulphate (or fell off the wall bar) with laughing."

We are constantly being informed at speech days and conferences, I have even heard it asserted at a wedding, that a sense of humour is an indispensable necessity for a full and happy life. And here at last we have trapped the Ministry of Education; in this respect at least we can cite the lack of a definite policy. How long does the Ministry expect Bede Grammar School for Boys to go on supplying its pupils with a sense of humour, without State assistance. If other schools were to set about providing a solution they would probably derive one called per week to "Humour" and read passages from Mark Twain. Our own solution, if a little more difficult to analyse, has been miraculously effective. The Life Force seems to have changed since the days when every little boy or girl born into this world alive was "either a little Liberal or else a little Conservative." Now when we look out on the world we see two different classes—people who behave as if they might have had

a Bede School Education, those who obviously could never have done so. Slow as the Old Bede is to apply the heavy witticism, he is the first to recognise that the brigand is unaware of the Colonel's presence, that the lecturer is giving last week's lecture, or that the Director has caught his turn-up on the chair and is standing bare-legged. It is when we are able to recognise the ridiculous that we really let down the honour of the school.

Too often I think we tend to regard our Venerable patron as something of a dead-weight cargo in this connection. When strangers remark "Bede School? Is that after the Venerable Bede?" we blush a deep crimson and murmur heavily that Sunderland produced Hulse Carter. This must be a sore trial to the old man, who really had quite modern views on education. Just as it always seems to me that Gregorius must have watched the Bede Scouts putting up the marquee when he wrote:

..... "What wert thou, unbroken, when they ruin,
Is greater than the whole world else beside."

as I think Bede must have seen model for his vision of Hell

"Where is no voice unless of bitter weeping
No face unless the face of torturers."

Might he not have gained the material for his ideal Heaven from the monastic common-rooms, a place where is "no night

To snatch the splendour of the gracious light
Nor narrow rooms, nor tears, nor tired old age."

He even seems to have had some prophetic gifts. "Some scholars" he writes in 684, "rejoiced rather to give themselves to learning going about from one master's cell to another. They were supplied with books for studies and teaching free of charge, and their masters saw to it that they were supplied with food day by day." Which goes to prove that Bede School led the educational world even in those days.

It is quite amusing to turn aside for a moment or two, in the pages of this issue, from discussing the spectacular achievements of the past, both of the school and of individuals, and to extend our thanks to the innumerable housewifely intentional and unintentional, sharp-witted and dim-witted who contributed to the bulk of the memories we have. Everything takes time of course. Samuel Butler marvelled that a chicken should be ready for all the uses of life in three weeks whereas he took three and twenty years to make a curate. It takes five years to make a Form the recognisable entity that a Form should be, and it is some time before the interplay of character fetches out honour at its richest. I suppose it could happen in any school that the Orchestra should begin the National Anthem in a variety of keys, a tragedy that occurred to us some years ago, as a result of different editions of the score getting ahead. Nevertheless, the same end of term concert saw a much more typical incident. Only at the Bede could two stall members of the Middle School rise to their feet in splendid isolation as a dress roll appeared to portend "God Save the King," suffering great mortification for their lack of attention as the Orchestra plunged into "Folk Songs of the British Isles." It was remarkable enough that on one occasion some one volunteered to earn money for the "Aid to

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Green?" Paid by selling jam and bread at a penny per slice. What is the really commendable feature of the incident however is that such widespread and sympathetic patronage should be forthcoming. On a later occasion we were dragged from a history lesson to hear a lady addressing us on the subject of "How to brew Indian coffee." The lady appeared to be astonished at the appearance of her audience, as the school was at the infirmary she volunteered. It was left to a succession of high minded souls following her address with a series of sober and apparently urgent questions, to complete the comedy. Such support is not always afforded to a speaker. Who can forget the roar which greeted one opening Swedish "Now boys, when you leave here what do you expect to take away with you?" Better still is the story which I have never heard capped by any boy, or school. It was in U.V.I., and a young master had rashly attempted to give us a "rough" idea of Einstein's theory of Relativity. It was "rough" to be sure. He was confounded and stupefied at every turn. Here words began to acquire less significance. At last he burst out desperately "You see everything's curved, that's what it is, everything's curved. When you look at the sky at night, you're not really gazing into infinite space, you're looking at the back of your own head—only its so far away you can't see it." This was too much. The boy in the front row put his face within a few inches of the face of the master, peered through his spectacles and burst out triumphantly "The back-o-my 'ead's gotta funny line on it."

No, we are not a school that is likely to produce bombastic rhetoricians, or philosophical critics. We might turn out the odd Sir Toby Belch, but we are responsible for no Malvolos. Not that the acquisition of knowledge is neglected. The Venerable Beak has left his mark upon the school—he has left it on a number of desks, several window sills, and probably half the desks. We can afford to look patronisingly upon our rival academies. Their desks go with a deafening, soul-destroying correctness, they put their marks in the dull places where one would expect to find them, they confound us to sing of "England's green and pleasant land," only in the appropriate seasons of the year. A number of students were recently invited to a dance held by the young ladies of a south country Training College, the entire proceedings of which were surveyed by numerous Vice-Principals, and a numerous committee of governors. One of the party who hailed from one of the most famous of our educational institutions remarked "Good Heavens, it's just like one of our school dances."—Step by step we learn to appreciate the past in the light of the present. Indeed Beak Grammar School for Boys has always seemed to concentrate more on the "Past Teachers," than on the "Lax." Why not celebrate the jubilee by quietly discarding the "Lax" altogether—what better motto could we have than simply "Past Teachers?"

I remember spending the Art lessons of one term laboriously copying and underlining the proverb "A MERRY HEART MAKETH A BENEVOLENT COUNTENANCE." I don't know that the task ever induced in me either a merry heart or a cheerful countenance, and save for a few merry countenances

of the calculator and I don't know whether it did in anyone else. A merry heart comes from having cheerful friends, and as our chains of friends pass more and more into the hands of unweaving officialdom, we should be glad that in our County Borough at least that chain always works out so efficiently and at times spontaneously.

B. F. REES.

Book Reviews

Haber and Deane (Algebra).—This is a story which lacks a love interest, in fact it lacks any interest for many people. However we cannot subtract from its merits when all factors are taken in their lowest terms. It gives a graphic description of two characters x and y who served the powers in a division, which figures in many a toll in the war against ignorance.

Chamber's Dictionary.—When I read this book I found the plot somewhat weak and lacking in coherence but there are fine examples of alliteration throughout.

S.O. Chemistry.—This is the tale of a Mexican, one Al Kaline who aids Communists in U.S.A. The F.B.I. agents under Blaney Litman, turn red when confronted with Al Kaline's chief agent, the mysterious H.C.L. The Communists have further success when the Bohemian steel magnates swing left when suspended because of a certain Mr. Paul. However it turns out that Al Kaline is a true blue and an F.B.I. agent and the Bohemian's swing back to the right as all magnates do when suspended. But not until all the Communists are rounded up, does Al Kaline say "A Vegueta Amigos."

Detention Book.—As yet I have not reached the plot but the cast seems exceptionally fine.

Godley and Siddons (Geometry).—The eternal triangle again, leading to the usual wreathangle. However by degrees the story comes round to a full circle and everyone finishes all square.

Kennedy's Primer (Latin).—The plot in this book is somewhat confusing. Although there is some love interest in the first conjugation, we are given a warning in the second. There are far too many whose comparisons and superlatives are far too frequent and irregular. The principal parts of the book provide however, some excitement although they are apt to lead us on the wrong lines, and far too many of them.

Lenny (Mechanics).—This is a useful handbook which tells that the friction which occurs with every marriage often leads to moments of great gravity in which couples must use all their energy to resist such impulses. The resultant of such a policy is to cause any tension which exists and quickly restore equilibrium.

Calverosa (Romances).—In this book the author employs English and much professional jargon but all credit is due to him for the way the combination acts. For effect he banks on the loan exchanges, in which the father checks his son for having a share in the robbery of some gold. Points which give this

story preference over others are limited, but all the same it is a capital story.

Robot (English).—This is a play the subject of which is familiar to all. In passing sentence, I can say the author had some object in mind as is seen in many of the verbal passages. But I cannot comprehend why the author allows the most tense moment to be split infinitively by a descriptive auxiliary with a passive voice.

F. S. FRANCIS (Lower Sixth).

To a Hawk

O keen-eyed watcher of the pine-wood close,
 In dark-patched pines your wary vigil keep,
 Many your victims are, and few your foes,
 You shed no tear for love, but raise to wing
 The sleek-throated songster, first of dawned day,
 But now, one blotch of scarlet midst the green
 One clank of leathers garland'd with dew,
 One little soul that passed away unseen,
 Do you not feel the pain that they have wrought?
 Do you not sense the doleful shades of death?
 Or are you safe within your princely feet,
 Where pine leaves cover your victims with a wreath,
 There wari-limbed hawkschen form its cranked crown,
 There dew, its only mourner sheds a tear,
 But there is One who greatly mourns its loss,
 To Whom all creatures, great and small are dear,

A. SPANNO (Lower Sixth).

After School

I thought I knew when school was out
 I'd have the grandest time,
 I'd swim and fish and fly a kite;
 To work would be a crime.
 I'd get a cart from old Bill Street,
 And then, I'd catch some wasps,
 But just as I was starting out
 I was stricken with the measles.

W. REYCE (Lower IV.2).

My First Term at Mill Hill School

I look back at my first term at MILL HILL as though it were a dream. A dream of excitement, drills, school-boy capers, dreaded tests, punishments—and hard work.

I suppose I was a typical new boy, full of questions and doing all the wrong things. I remember how on my first evening I stole away to the Music School to introduce, as it were, my violin to its new home. I remember hearing a distant bell and rushing back to my House, I lost my way and arrived late for supper.

My first real thrill was, of course, my first music lesson from Prof. Max Rostal. I arrived at his home in a very nervous condition. I was shown into a sitting room and waited and shuddered and waited. Someone was playing Bach in the next room. I listened. It could not have been anyone else but Rostal on his priceless Strad. I shuddered again and went on waiting.

After half an hour of this terrifying suspense, the door burst open and in came the maestro himself. He beamed at me and asked me, in his amusing Austrian accent, to go into the studio. In a matter of minutes we were the best of friends.

Thus I plunged into the ocean of work, hard work and nothing but hard work which the would-be violinist must endure.

In the school itself, one of the first things that puzzled me, and still rather puzzles me, was the relationship between first year boys (called "lags") and second, third and fourth year boys. One merely finds a second year talking to a lag, except when telling him to mind his own business, commonly rendered as "switch off, boy."

This gap between the years is widened by the existence of privileges. I find these privileges, which only seniors are granted, quite a nuisance, and I do not entirely agree with the system. Second year upwards are allowed to put their hands in their pockets, third year upwards to have their blazers unbuttoned and fourth year to turn up their coat collars. Imagine us poor lags not being allowed to do any of these.

I was very surprised to find that, next to my fellow lags, the House Prefects are the most friendly. They often come into the lags' dormitory, when we ought to have been asleep, and declared war on us with pillows and sometimes bats. These combats usually end in a few stripped beds, a few sore lags and a few sore prefects. But still the friendship lives on.

I was very much impressed by the fact that all line-ups, assemblies, games, punishments and the like are supervised by boys themselves and not by masters. Not content with just prefects, the school has House Prefects, School Prefects and Monitors. The House Prefects are the lowest; they only have authority in their respective Houses. School Prefects are higher and have authority anywhere in the school grounds. The Monitors are the highest of all and are regarded as almost non-teaching-masters.

The punishment system is very efficient. If a boy is caught doing wrong by a prefect he is not told, "Write out fifty lines 'I must not . . .'" and bring it to me at such and such a time." No, one word suffices—"Copy." He knows then that the following day a notice will go up in his House with his name and some line or other on it, with which he must fill a side of a sheet of paper and hand it in before 7.0 p.m. the same day. Do I hear you say "Not much!" Ah, but you must do the thing again if it is not neat enough and what is more, if you have ten of these copies in one half term, you are beaten and made to learn twenty lines of poetry every day for a fortnight. The beating, again, is not executed by a master, but by a Monitor. I was very impressed by this in more ways than one.

I could not possibly relate all the events of the term or even list them. I feel, however, that this short account would be incomplete without mention of the end-of-term hog and rag. For a week everyone collected food for the hog and at nine in the evening the great feast began. One and half hours later we waddled to bed, not feeling less engaging in the bottle which was bound to follow. Nobody felt like doing anything, so we lay and panted, exhausted by the wonderful task we had completed.

All was quiet for twenty minutes, then there was a scuffling in the corridor. The door had suddenly opened when the dormitory was filled with several yells. Nobody could see, just hear, hear the noise of bed-steads being overturned. Something brushed against my face, then a dark shape sailed gracefully through the open window and down into the night-my bed-clothes. The attack was so sudden and well planned that before we could do anything in self-defence, the door slammed and the mammals died away.

Similar attacks followed throughout the night and nobody slept very much.

It was certainly an exciting end to an exciting term. Exciting, in spite of the fact that with my friends were deciding whether to play tennis or have a swim, I, looked behind the double-door of my practice room, was wondering whether to practice the Kreutzer Studies or the Strick bowing exercises.

D. CHILKES (1946-1947).

Dawn

Shafts of gold
 Pierce the morning mist.
 As the sun
 Once more begins his daily journey
 Through the heavens;
 Casting away the dark,
 Chasing blanket of the dying night
 And bringing
 The heavenly mantle of the returning day
 A heavenly garment
 Peach pink,
 Encircled with shimmering gold
 With darts of palest green mingled
 With streaks of flaming red.
 This is the dawn.

Remond

Drip, drip, drip
 Gooe that wretched tap
 Will someone never mend it,
 Splash, splash, splash
 In the bucket which

No one ever wept;
 Clang, clang, clang
 In the jail
 Falls down the stairs
 Without a carpet;
 Bare, bare
 Are the walls
 Waiting to be papered;
 Curtainless
 Are the filthy windows
 Whittened to keep out
 The prying eyes of the neighbours
 Trying
 To catch a glimpse of the
 New arrivals.

C. BARKER (Upper VI.)

The Shrine of St. Cuthbert

The glory of Durham Cathedral lies not in slender columns and pointed arches, such as are found in York Minster, but in its simple solidity. The circumference of the pillars is almost equal to their height. These pillars seem to resemble trees growing down into their roots rather than aspiring upwards in prayerlike fashion. The towers, too, lack the aspiring grace of the spire of Salisbury, but stand like giant sentinels guarding the shrine of Saint Cuthbert. Doctor Johnson, describing Durham Cathedral, once wrote, "It owes rather than pleases, as it strikes with a kind of gigantic dignity, and inspires in no other praise than that of rocky solidity and indeterminate duration."

Thus the cathedral is a practical memorial to one who, from the simple and low life of a shepherd-boy, covered himself from the barbarous world of men to live only half a life on earth in order that he might live the other half in heaven. The cathedral is a faithful expression in stone of a life simple and stern, yet warm and loving to those who themselves loved virtue.

A legend that the saint was a "woman-hater" was believed with every stubborn and superstitious persistence in the Middle Ages. How far the rumour is true is not for people living in the twentieth century to say, for the story of the life of Saint Cuthbert has been repeated over and over again in the songs of minstrels so that it is very difficult to know the exact details of his character now. Probably the tale arose in Norman times out of a deep respect for Cuthbert; for the Norman idea of hellness was one of villosity and complete severance of the opposite sex. Nevertheless it is interesting to note that when Hugh Palmer, who came to the Bishopric of Durham in 1133, tried to hold a holy chapel at the east end of the cathedral in which women could worship God, the walls began to crack, and the whole chapel fell into disintegration. The spirit of Saint Cuthbert is supposed to have risen from its tomb in the chapel and done the evil work out of indignation that his shrine should be profaned by the presence of women. Bishop Palmer pulled down this chapel and built another one with a different name at

the west end of the church, over against the great West Door, the latter having since been blocked up. The New Altar Chapel was later built to replace Puley's failure.

Few people, walking along the south side of the nave, ever realize that at the east end of the aisle there used to be a rich chantry provided for by the munificence of one of the most famous men of mediæval Northumbria. In 1146, during King Edward III's absence in France, the Scots came to Durham and passed in combat with the English troops there. One night in October, the prior of Durham had a vision. He was commanded to take the cloth covering Saint Cuthbert's casket and stick it on a spearhead. He was to take this as a banner, accompanied by a party of monks, to Bedbald, near the scene of the battle which was to be fought there the next day. The prior did so, and the party took its prayer around Saint Cuthbert's banner, in sight of both armies. Another party of monks sang the Te Deum from the top of the campanile at the cathedral, and by some miracle the English army heard this song of praise, which encouraged them to fight harder. After a long battle the English won, and Lord Neville, one of the victorious English leaders, provided with his own money the niches named after him behind the High Altar in Durham Cathedral. Until the Reformation this screen glittered with hundreds of gilt and coloured statues of kings and saints. His kindness also provided a chantry just west of the "Pope's Door" in the nave of the cathedral for the perpetual offering of mass for the repose of his soul. This chantry, along with many other beautiful things in the cathedral, was destroyed by unscrupulous and selfish hands at the Reformation.

This, then, is Durham Cathedral—the shrine of Saint Cuthbert. Though the reforming and restoring hand has altered the cathedral immensely down the ages, yet it still stands, the structure itself having altered little since William de St. Carlisle began the great building in 1128. The followers of the two famous Utrawells have, consciously or otherwise, altered the cathedral so as to be more consistent with the rude and simple character of its patron saint. Wyatt, the early nineteenth century restorer has done his worst to rob posterity of the rich mouldings and carvings which were existed, but has also given the cathedral that stern beauty for which it is famous the world over. It only remains for me to give credit to the present Dean of Durham for making the cathedral lighter by the insertion of some modern stained glass in the windows at the west end of the nave, replacing the older, darker glass which existed there before. I am unable with my poor pen to give a word picture in full of the glory of Durham Cathedral; I have only given impressions of the great pile. But if Sir Walter Scott's lines, written in 1810, help to show you what a fascinating pleasure mine must be, my labour will not have ended in vain. I hope that you, my friend and schoolfellow, or whoever you may be, will go to Durham, if you have not been already, and marvel at the shrine yourself. Here is what Sir Walter Scott wrote of Durham Cathedral:

Grey towers of Durham

Yet will I love thy mixed and massive piles,

Hail Church of God, hail battle 'gainst the Scot,
 And long to raise thy venerable sides
 With records stoned of deeds long since forgot.

H. P. ANDERSON (Lower V. Three).

Conflict

See the high majestic breakers rolling,
 Flowering and churning o'er the shingly shore,
 Each one as it breaks, now swiftly shoaling
 Returns to the deep and is seen no more.

Again they break and yet again; still more
 Stretch out in never ending lines of crests
 Flashed with the foam of those that crash before
 As each the wellwound coast and cliff retreats.

Now 'twixt the green and slipp'ry stones they surge
 With purpose fixed, against the rocks they boom
 Pouring and splashing as they forward urge,
 Sweeping they plunge to oblivion and to doom.

All man's struggles, like the waves on the shore
 End as a memory, and nothing more.

F. HULL (Lower V. One).

You Pupils

During last term questionnaires were distributed throughout the school. The questions asked and the answers received were as follows:—

- (a) What is your favourite subject?
 Said 50% "Free Periods."
 20% "Lena Turner."
 20% "I hate one as bad as the other."
- (b) Who will win the Woodcock-Berold fight?
 50% "The one who wasn't knocked out."
 40% "The one with the more points."
 1% "I'm Looie as usual."
- (c) What political party do you support?
 40% "Conservative."
 10% "Liberal."
 50% Used their brains.
- (d) Do you approve of sex education in schools?
 70% were enthusiastic.
 25% "What is education?"
 5% "What is sex?"
- (e) Who is Chasen?
 60% "A man who tried sales over the Sky."
 30% "I can't hear anyone."
 10% "I am completely in the dark."

- (f) What are rhetorical questions ?
 80% "Questions with no answers ?"
 1% "Like, what has the Labour Government done for the country."
 1% "My exam. papers."
- (g) When do you like to get up ?
 54% "As late as possible."
 30% "Don't."
 30% "In another five minutes."
- (h) If a man was Thor, what would he be ?
 80% "God of Sunday."
 15% "Tilly for Treasoning."
 5% "Surely it should be 'If a man was torn . . .'"
- (i) What is the first line of your favourite hymn ?
 80% "Letters with a Gladstone inked."
 30% "We can sing full though we be."
 20% "Gladly, my cross-eyed bear."
- (j) What is "hors de combat" ?
 80% "War horse."
 3% "French."
 3% "Homesickness after watching boxing."
- (k) What do you do in your spare time ?
 80% "I play games."
 15% "What spare time ?"
 3% refused to answer.

F. H. FRANCIS (Lower Sixth).

The Sweet

Forever reading books and learning higher functions
 That we, ignoble oribbers all
 Cannot, will not, do not
 Hether to learn, the fundamental difference between
 X and Y, Active, Passive, Ideas
 That are parallel yet never meet
 And those not handled in,
 We will not try,
 They cannot make us
 But he, the wretched sucker after fame
 Takes home, devours, digests
 Food for his ever hungry brain.
 Takes what ?
 The whole inextinguishable lot
 The Sweet.

J. COOK (Lower V, One).

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 Threadbare suits and well polished shoes,
 Many trousers and well-worn collars,
 Socks slipping easy on an oily floor.

Young and old,
 All stretched together on bench and wall,
 Hot-breathing in smoke-filled atmosphere
 Of baritone and lay conversation, all day long
 Discussing the wide world as though it were their own.

(A. WRIGHT (Lower Sixth).

The Industrial Worker

I am the emperor of a kingdom of toil,
 Mine are the courts of iron and steel,
 Mine is the sky of mist and smoke
 Ruling the forests of derricks and cranes,
 The lakes of oil and the mountains of coal,
 My fortress, the narrow rows of slabs,
 With its towers of landing cranes,
 My herald is the screaming siren;
 My highway is the gleaming railway;
 My domain is the green of the field;
 My reality the black factory,
 Mine is the life of toil and sweat,
 I am the man with the calloused hands,
 I am the slave of industry.

P. BANKS, (Upper V. One).

Things we should like to know

Is it true that WXLXXXX came mailed?

Does scrap iron move according to the laws of economics?

Is the staff room now "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever" and has Mrs. W. been found for candidates?

How many of the staff are having lessons in ballroom dancing, and why?

Is it true that WXYXX's nickname is Cassanova?

Will the Rigger Team hire a goat to keep down the lush vegetation on their pitch?

Is it true that an Ark is being built in Room 4?

Does CXXXY now realize what happens when moving body towards immovable object?

JUNIOR XV, 1933.



Standing—G. SANDGREN, J. COOK, E. MITCHELL, W. HETTER, E. E. HANCOCK, W. H. HARRIS,
 W. H. BERRY.

Sitting—A. L. JONES, E. ROBINSON, F. BARRIS, J. W. BRIDGEMAN (Capt.), G. C. HOGG,
 A. CLARK, J. WAINFIELD.

On Ground—D. COOPER, A. COBBEN.

SCHOOL XV, 1933.



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 Sitting—E. THOMPSON, W. HARRIS, J. BRIDGEMAN, H. ROLEY (Capt.), A. L. DUNN, E. PLATT.

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ENGINEERING TEAM, 1926.



Standing—E. T. CLARK, G. DAVENPORT, W. HADLEY, L. STARR, W. S. A. TAYLOR
 Seated—R. COOPER, J. W. GALT, S. WILLIAMS (Capt.), S. WILSON, A. L. GUMBLE

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Standing—Rt. H. BERRY, B. JURY, E. WILKINSON, J. THOMPSON, B. SMITH, T. ALDRICH,
L. T. RUSSELL, O. WAGEL.
Seated—P. E. STONEY, E. E. WALTER, M. T. STOBBS, J. H. THOMPSON (Capt.), D. HUTTONWOOD,
E. W. BROWN, B. HARRISON.
On Ground—J. W. GARD, B. LEE.

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Standing—O. PROGRAM, B. TORREY, B. PLUMMER, E. MOBLE, L. S. THOMPSON, G. PENNEY,
G. HARRIS, J. J. MORSE, W. S. TAYLOR.
Seated—J. MURTA, F. S. JOHNSON, J. W. WARE (Capt.), R. SCORSE, E. L. FRANKLIN, O. BARRIS.

THE STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



Why have lights been installed in the Marston?

Are school caps too small for prefects?

Does the orchestra always play the same hymn as the organ?

Is it true that the cycle prefects are going to sell their tricycles?

Is it true that the Parks now have notices: "There are not, repeat, not, wild flowers"?

The Complete Helen?

He doth his homework in the train with the help of his friends.

He never putteth his nose in his cup.

He tryeth to dodge his detentions.

He dodgeth any master who hath given him lines.

He goeth to his form-room before the whistle is blown.

He "interesteth" a master who is going to test him.

He bringeth balls to school against the rules.

He rideth his bicycle in the school grounds.

He littereth the ground with ice-cream papers.

He throweth his human skins upon the ground.

He sticheth his chewing-gum upon his desk.

He asketh for a school allotment and then neglecteth it.

He remains in the fourth division.

A. CALBEN (Upper IV, One).

"Hecuba"—an appreciation

By way of introduction, I feel that it would be of some interest to the general reader to be taken "behind the scenes," so to speak, if such a metaphor may be permitted here, and to give him a glimpse of one of the many perplexing problems that face a schoolmaster in the normal course of his duty. If the task of reviewing the school play causes no little uneasiness, you may rest assured that the choice of a play calls for much higher qualities of courage and imagination. Whether the idea originated in the classics department or not, it was the producer's own decision, after passing in review other Greek plays that were so tempting but seemed inevitably or hopelessly for a school dramatic society to produce, to launch boldly into a production of the *Hecuba* by Euripides. The Classics Department had many misgivings. Would it be possible to engage the audience's attention in a drama so removed in conventions from the present-day stage and cinema? What of those long speeches, the absence of action so dear to the heart of the illa-producer, and above all what of the choral element? Would boys manage the parts of women characters with any degree of conviction—and we must remember that the leading character was the ex-queen of Troy? It must be left to the imagination to conjecture the doubts and anxieties that beset the producer and cast as the rehearsals got underway.

What, now, of the actual production? As we may expect from the title of the play the leading character bears the main burden of the play and tribute must be paid to W. E. Knapp for standing up so courageously to his responsibility. Gestures and diction were not always coordinated to give significant emphasis to emotions and occasionally considering the magnitude of the task, the plight of the queen was conveyed overblowingly to the audience. As a foil to Hecuba, D. Langley provided a more feminine touch in voice as probably as the heroic but tragic daughter Polyxena. Perhaps, however, emotions could have been displayed between mother and daughter to relieve the anti-phal nature of Greek dialogue. The Euripidean Ulysses, regardless of past services and with a ready tongue to secure the interests of the victors, was well portrayed by I. F. Christian, whose clear voice in no small way contributed to his success in this role. The withdrawal of Ulysses with Polyxena in order that she may be sacrificed as Achilles' tomb is followed by the arrival of Talthybius, the herald, a character well beloved by the Greek audience, to announce Polyxena's fate. The venerable gait and posture and the singing quality of a rather thin but clear voice of I. Miller provided one of the high spots of the evening and the long descriptive speech was a joy to listen to. Of E. E. Walter, as Agamemnon one can speak less confidently; despite a flourishing entry, a noble retinue, a ringing voice and figure one felt that he was not thoroughly at home in the part; in particular, certain repeated mannerisms in his gesture were disconcerting. The tragedy reached a climax in a way that was probably felt unnecessary on the Greek stage; but if A. A. Shotton as the double-faced king Thronos does to add touches of realism to the play particularly after being blinded by Hecuba, we must admit that he provided an amazing and admirable tour de force where the general background was one of solemn dignity and heroic suffering.

The exposition was very engagingly delivered by H. Carr as the Ghost of Polydore, son of Hecuba, and D. Williamson as the attendant of Hecuba, surely and clearly supported her dejected queen. The young sons of Polyxena, P. Thackray and K. Halstead won the affection by their mature artist as much tragedy; one must commend P. Thackray also on his excellent escape.

The chorus presented a very serious problem, particularly as the roles in this play have little dramatic significance and one must regret to say that it was not a success; where significant phrases could have been stressed the point was often missed and the actions tended frequently to obscure instead of enhance the meaning. Perhaps to some extent the situation was relieved by the astonishing skill shown by G. Fraser of the Upper Fifth, in transforming schoolboys into Trojan ladies!

It would be impossible to pay tribute to all the many back stage men without whom such a splendid production would have been impossible. Mention should be made I think of the clever ghost effect at the beginning but the eagerness with which it was shown to be a "real" ghost drew the attention of the audience from an important speech.

Finally we must pay tribute to the vision and labour of the producer, Mr. Jolly and wish him no less success in future productions.

C.J.H.

Speech Days, 1960

Once again the school was obliged to have two separate Speech Days, the Senior Speech Day being held on Thursday, 5th of February and the Junior Speech Day one week later.

On both occasions the Headmaster and speakers were able to congratulate the school on a successful year, both in the field of study and in the field of sport.

The speaker at the Senior event was Air Commodore A. D. Gilman, C.B.E., under the chairmanship of Alderman E. Johnson, J.P. The Air Commodore stated "I am convinced that the spirit of youth to-day is as good as ever it was—the spirit which won us the Battles of Britain, El Alamein, and the Atlantic, is still there." "But," he added, "at times perhaps it is lacking a little in guidance." Votes of thanks were proposed by Councillor W. Foster and the Head prefect.

Musical interludes were provided by A. Hainbridge (soprano), the School Choir, Mr. J. B. S. Twigg (organ), and the School Orchestra.

The speaker at the Junior Speech Day was J. P. Tuck, M.A., Professor of Education, University of Durham, and the chairman on this occasion was Mrs. I. R. Humphreys, J.P.

Commenting on the new General Certificate of Education, Prof. Tuck said that, although it will be easier to gain a certificate, it will be more difficult than ever to get in a University. "Grammar Schools," he added, "are probably the most important institutions of education, and universities cannot exist without them."

On this occasion the votes of thanks were proposed by Mrs. Holley and the Head prefect, and the musical interludes were provided by the Orchestra, A. Densbury (soprano), the Junior Choir, and Mr. J. B. S. Twigg.

F.H.F.

The School War Memorial

The Dedication and Unveiling of the War Memorial Organ took place in the School Hall on Sunday, November 27th, 1949, at 5 p.m.

Those were present many parents and relatives of Old Boys who lost their lives in the Second World War and some who remembered the fall of the First World War. Representatives of the Old Boys' Association attended, together with many present Old Boys, members of the Staff, and friends of the School.

A simple and impressive Order of Service was arranged by the Rev. W. T. Hinkley, M.A., who also conducted the Service, assisted by the Rev. N. B. Scott, B.A. The School Choir and Orchestra led the singing.

Before the unveiling of the Memorial, His Worship the Mayor, Alderman J. Cohen, J.P., the Chairman, in a short speech, said that the Old Bedans' Association had decided in 1946 to attempt to complete the scheme, envisaged at the end of the First World War, to provide an Organ for the School Hall. He said that the Ceremony that day marked the successful culmination of the Association's effort to commemorate, in a fitting way, those Old Bedans, about 250 in number, who had given their lives in two World Wars.

Mr. E. S. Crute, L.B., Chairman of the Old Bedans' Association, then unveiled the Organ and Mr. H. S. Anderson, F.R.C.O. played an organ solo.

At the conclusion of the Service, the congregation filed past the Console of the Organ, which bears the names of the fallen.

R.T.A.

Durham House

This has been an outstandingly successful year for Durham House. Not only were the results obtained in the Inter-House competition exceptionally good, but there was a most welcome display of house spirit and enthusiasm by most of the members. This increased enthusiasm, which in many cases was lacking at first, showed itself in the excellent results and has been due largely to the leadership and example of Mr. Ayre and his colleagues, who have spent much time and energy on behalf of the House.

Last summer the House won the School Sports with 241 points; Freddie being Junior Champion. In the Inter-House competition during the winter the Seniors were highly successful, winning the Soccer, Rugby and Cross-Country competitions without losing a match and also captured the cross-country championship. This was a really splendid achievement.

The success of the Juniors was almost as great since they averaged second place in all the competitions, which included the winning of the Junior Cross-Country championship.

There is no competition with other Seniors or Juniors better and in only one were they as low as third. Six out of ten competitions were won. Well done Durham.

P. L. SMITHSWAITE, Hon. Sec.

Hilton House

Members of Hilton House have every reason to regard their efforts during last winter as being far from successful. True, it has been revealed that, in general, the house is comparatively lacking in athletic ability, but too many members have treated House matters with lethargic indifference. It is obvious that the same consistent level of ability which is necessary for real success has not been in evidence. In future years better results can only be obtained if the teams have the whole-hearted support of the non-playing members of the House.

The Senior Soccer team, captained by Little, with one other school player, Thompson, lost its three matches, all by narrow margins. On each occasion the team tired in the second half after usually leading at half-time. The Junior XI also failed to win a match.

There was a slight improvement in the Senior Rugby team when one match was drawn and two lost. The Juniors, however, played excellent football, and gained our only success when they were placed first in their section—winning two and losing one match.

The Senior Cross-Country team, possessing only Williams and Storey of the school team, was placed second to a powerful Durham House side. The Junior team unfortunately finished at the foot of the table, probably through lack of support. In the Cross-Country Championship, the House was represented by stronger teams, resulting in the Seniors and Juniors being placed second and third respectively.

The Senior Chess team could not maintain the high standard of play of last season and were placed third in the table. The Junior team won one and lost two of its matches.

These disappointments have been partly counterbalanced by our success in the intellectual sphere. The Study Cup, which is awarded to the House with the highest average position, has fortunately not left our possession since it was presented.

A film show, preceded by tea in the Dining Hall, and then games in the School Hall, was given as a Christmas party one evening in December.

The following were the officers elected for the school year ending July, 1930:—

House Captain:—E. A. Little, D. H. Thompson, R. Williams.

Senior:—

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

Rugby:—Hewry; Pyburn.

Cross-Country:—Williams; Pyburn.

Chess:—Little; Hirst.

Tennis:—Pyburn.

Cricket:—Little; Hildrew.

Athletics:—Williams; Storey.

Junior:—

Soccer:—Perry; Jackson.

Rugby:—Chapman; Pigg.

Cross-Country:—McClelland; Pyfe.

Chess:—Pruett.

Cricket:—Pigg; Brown.

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

G. PYBURN, Hon. Sec.

Lansley House

It is my unfortunate lot to have to re-echo last year's report in saying that the year's record is rather a mediocre one. If it were more than mediocre, it is in fact rather disappointing in most places.

There has been some lack of enthusiasm throughout, and, at least one cross country match, that against Durham, was forfeited by the House failing to turn out a team.

An average position of 3rd seems to have been achieved and only in Chess and Senior Rugby did the House rise above its usual mediocrity.

The Junior Chess team, under the captaincy of Joseph, L.I.V.I. obtained our only first place, while the Senior team led by D. Hutchinson, were led in their division, the net result being that the House won the Chess Championship. A considerable combined effort.

The Senior Ragger team finished second although they were seriously handicapped by losing their captain, Barnard, at Christmas. His place was, however, amply filled by D. Hutchinson, who led the team splendidly both in victory and defeat.

The Senior Soccer team was similarly handicapped by the losing of their captain, Chambers, at Christmas, J. Thompson (vice-captain), taking his place.

The House Christmas party, organised by B. Nelson and J. Ferguson, was a distinct success and was greatly enjoyed by both boys and staff.

The House's thanks may be extended to Mr. H. Wilson his colleagues for all the time and energy they have given to the running of the House during the past year.

The following were elected officials for 1948-1950:—

House Captain: Nelson; Secretary: Cook; Rugby Captain: Barnard (Hutchinson, acting) and Rowland (Junior); Soccer Captain: Chambers (Thompson, acting) and Hampton (Junior); Cross Country Captain: Ferguson and Nelson (Junior); Chess Captain: Hutchinson and Joseph (Junior); Tennis Captain: Ahmad; Athletics Captain: Hutchinson.

J. W. CASH, Hon. Sec.

Ruby House

Last season was one of continuous success with five first places. This season has provided a complete anti-climax, Ruby House Members being able to claim the distinction of winning only one trophy, that for Junior Soccer.

Results:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
Soccer, Senior	3	2	0	1	8	5
Soccer, Junior	3	2	0	1	12	1
Ragger, Senior	3	1	2	0	32	20
Ragger, Junior	2	1	1	0	26	17
Cross Country, Senior	3	0	3	0	—	—
Cross Country, Junior	3	2	0	1	—	—

The only outstanding team in the Junior Soccer Team, which for the second year in succession came first in its section. The team showed the right spirit and well deserved its victory. Outstanding among the players were the Captains, T. Robson, L. Thompson and J. Reid.

Their Senior counterparts were unfortunate in finishing second on goal average to Durham House, though the actual game against that House, Kaly had won. With a nucleus of five of the School 1st XI, H. Bailey (Captain), J. Dumble, W. Clarke, R. Ferry and E. Thompson and excellent support from the remainder, the team produced some fine football.

The Senior XV, though winning its first game by a large margin, was handicapped by a long list of injuries to its members which made selection of a complete team almost impossible. E. Eaton deserves credit for his leadership in rallying together a team in the face of indifference from the Senior Members of the House. Spirit among those who did play was not lacking; C. Brackelmont though still in the U.13 category, did outstandingly well at scrum-half, while B. Smith and J. Tompkins excelled in the three-quarters.

The Junior XV after last year's impressive aggregate points score of 60—it could do no better than to win one of their matches. Leading members of the team were G. Williams (captain), G. Knott and McDonald.

In the realm of Cross Country Running, the failure of the Senior Team was rendered more noticeable when compared with the fine effort of the Junior Team. A. Dumble, the Captain had depressingly poor support and only once was able to field a team. The Junior Team, led by G. Rendell maintained the high standard set in the preceding year, winning two of their matches, and also coming at the head of their table. In the Annual School Championship the Juniors once again showed the necessary spirit and provided sufficient runners to finish second in the Junior Championship. The Seniors raised any latent prospects of victory by fielding only six runners, a very poor reflection upon the enthusiasm of the majority of the Senior members of the House.

In the Chess matches, the story was, as last year, of the teams thoroughly enjoying their games but being just unable to win their matches. J. Christian, the Senior Captain and House Secretary and H. Harris, the Junior Captain, however did have the necessary support.

In the report of last year, it was stated that too many members had treated House matters with lethargic indifference and that comparably good results could only be obtained if the teams had the whole-hearted support of the remaining members of the House. This forecast has been only too well borne out by the results of this year. While the initial enthusiasm over the new House system has dwindled among the Seniors, the Juniors continue to lead the way and therefore merit much praise; one can only hope that their interest will remain, as they progress through the School.

in education"—defeated (Master's Debate); "That Philately is an idle pursuit"—defeated (Inter-debate with the Philatelic Society); "That the British Commonwealth and Empire could provide a third force in international politics"—carried (India Cup Debate); "That Liberty is worth less without economic security"—defeated (Bi-Annual Cup Debate); "That good looks will achieve more than good deeds"—carried (Inter-debate with Girls' School); "This house regrets the passing of the craftsman"—carried (Officers' Prize Debate); "That democracy is an ideal form of Government"—carried (Bi-annual Cup debate).

The India Cup Debate, adjudicated by Mr. R. Crute, was won by A. Shore. Mr. G. A. Bradshaw adjudicated at the Bi-annual Cup Debates which were won by P. Barry and D. Langley. D. Langley also won the Officers' Prize Debate on the adjudication of Mr. C. J. Bell.

"Folklore's Feast" was the title of a talk given to the Society by Mr. J. Kirk, who illustrated his subject with actual recordings of this work of William Walton.

Inter-debates have been held with the Fulwell Community Association, the Philatelic Society and the Girls' School. The latter proved to be the most popular meeting—if popularity can be judged by attendance.

While on the subject of attendance, may we appeal to all members, past and present—who are still attending school—to make an extra effort in the coming session to be more regular in attendance. To "Juniors" who will enter the society next session may we offer a hearty welcome.

The annual meeting of the Society was held again this year, when we visited Burnard Castle.

A mock Election was held during the winter session and J. W. Cash, the Conservative "candidate" was returned with a large majority.

It is hoped to produce the annual next term and we look forward to the usual grand support from the school.

Prominent speakers in the last two sessions were Messrs. Bainsbridge, Barry, Campbell, Harrell, Hargreaves, Kelly, Langley, Clowson, Stone and Shotton.

We would like to thank Mr. G. T. Moore for yet another year's service as Hon. Treasurer and Master-in-Charge and for the guidance and help which he has given to the society, willingly.

W. H. CAMPBELL, and D. LANGLEY, Hon. Secs.

The Junior Debating Society

The Junior Debating Society has held two fairly successful sessions. The attendance was not exceptionally good, and the standard of oratory was not so high as it has been in former years. Prominent speakers were Messrs. Baine, Aidsbridge, Levine, Morris, Hope and Williams.

Among the subjects discussed were, holidays, homework, Southern Illustrations, corporal punishment, co-education, rationalisation, road safety, cinema clubs and blood-sports.

The Freshers' Prize Debate, adjudicated by Mr. Bell, was won by a third-year, Levine, of U.IV.

We must also give thanks to Mr. Hutton, for acting as master-in-charge during the two terms.

B. C. AMEY and C. W. NEWBICK, Hon. Secs.

Bole Philatelic Society

The Society has had another successful year. Attendances were better than last year, though they dropped during the second session. We would like to see more support from the senior members of the school in the coming session.

Some of the talks given by members of the Society during the year were:—

- “Improving your collection”;
- “The stamps of European countries and their colonies”;
- “Great Britain and her commemorative stamps”;
- “Stamps with peculiarities”;
- “The stamps of New Zealand”;
- and
- “Stamps of Historical Interest.”

Displays, auctions, quizzes, and competitions were also included in the programme.

An inter-debate with the Debating Society resulted in the defeat of the motion: “That Philately is an idle pursuit.” The annual party, which was held in November, was enjoyed by all. This year we saw the re-introduction of the annual outing. We visited Harvard Castle, Middleton and High Force.

During the year the following members have served on the committee:—Messrs. K. M. Robson, T. Cadlow, D. Chapman, M. B. Scary, J. M. Wilson, E. Howey, A. G. Armstrong and D. Wightson.

The Society's thanks are once again tendered to Mr. Harrison for his help and guidance throughout the past year.

K. M. Robson, President.

School Music

The choir and orchestra worked hard this year for the two speech days and the Annual Concert. The Concert was held on one night only and was well attended. One would have thought, however, that a school of this distinction would have been enthusiastic enough to fill the hall on more than one night for such an occasion.

The Junior Choir were successful in their excerpts from Benjamin Britten's “Censurory of Cards,” quite a heavy undertaking, and their other items, but as usual the Male Voice Choir stole the show. It is, I think, a good thing that the strong silent element in our school should break their silence with such

beneficial results. This choir has grown in strength since the concert and those interested will be heartily welcomed. All we ask of them is that they put their weight and attend regularly. The present members do both magnificently. If we had the same enthusiasm for choral singing among the Juniors as we have among the Seniors, our numbers in the Junior Choir would swell. There seems to be a growing tendency amongst the younger boys to sit back and enjoy the benefits of this school, instead of joining in from the start and helping where they can. The over-faithfuls who put up such a good show are to be congratulated, but where are the first years?

The orchestra has lost Dennis Quinn, who may yet bring fame to this school with music, and Peter Williams our colourful flautist. We shall also be losing old stalwarts like H. Curran, J. Ferguson, I. Simpson, P. L. Stewart-Smith and J. C. Wallace, who have done so much for us in the past, but next year will bring to the orchestra several new enthusiasts, not all youngsters. The woodwind section should be very strong with flutes, three clarinets, alto saxophone and bassoon. During the past year the orchestra has played very efficiently with growing confidence and it should be recorded that five of its members, W. Foster, W. E. Knapp, I. T. Miller, I. Simpson and J. C. Wallace, won eight medals at the recent North of England Tournament at Newcastle. They are a credit to their school and their tutors the Misses Elton, without whose excellent tuition there would be no string section in the orchestra.

The arrangements for the concert were in the experienced hands of Mr. H. Wilson, to whom the school accordingly owes a debt of gratitude.

The musical element in the school is very keen, but why is the rest of the school lacking in enthusiasm when the Annual Concert comes round? J.K.

School Library

The Committee for this year has been as follows:—Master-in-charge: Mr. Bell; Staff Members: Messrs. Jennings, Walton, A. Wilson, H. Wilson; Senior Assistant Librarian: D. Hutchinson; Assistant Librarians: F. H. Pearce, G. Pebody, A. A. Shotton; Library Assistants: D. W. Atchison, P. Banks, H. C. Johnston, D. M. Sagar, J. W. Young, J. M. Young. During the year we were sorry to lose the services of A. A. Shotton, who had other pressing commitments and his place was taken by D. W. Atchison. C. Pickering was then elected to become a Library Assistant.

During the past year the Library has improved its usefulness to the school, because of several changes, which have been introduced by Mr. Bell. Several new periodicals have been bought to help in this venture; the library has been kept open during the dinner-hour as a reading room for the Sixth Form; and more elementary non-fiction books have been transferred to a special Junior Section.

Stocktaking this year—one of the many arduous tasks heavily faced by the assistants—showed that the Library was still lacking in more popular and up-to-date books. The increased grant, however, for which we are very grateful, has enabled us to make many additions to all sections of the Library but particularly to the Junior Section. As a result loans increased from \$20 in the Autumn Term to 1,100 in the Spring Term.

We now possess some splendid equipment for the repair of books and it is hoped that we shall be able to attract a few boys to specialise in book repair work and to help us with that side of library work.

The committee now has other alterations in mind for the improvement of the library including that of using the old method of issuing books, in use in the Public Library; the committee also wishes to express their thanks to several members of the staff and of the school, who have donated books and rendered other assistance.

D. HUTCHINSON (Senior Asst. Librarian).

Boys Chess Club

The popularity of this Society has increased further during the past year as is shown by the regularly large attendances. Moreover it is very pleasing to see the great enthusiasm for the game prevailing throughout the school and this especially applies to the competitions. The Open Knock-out Tournament had so many competitors that it was not possible to complete it before the end of the season and it had to give way to the House matches. In the second year of the competition Lonsley House was awarded the cup, with Durham House a close second. The only inter-school match was against Gossett Grammar School, which the school won by 5½ to 1½. No other matches were played because the Durham County Schools' Championship was abandoned. The Society is again indebted to Mr. A. Wilson and Mr. G. B. Thompson for their services to the Society. We hope to see even more pawn-pushers next term.

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A book prize is offered for the first correct solution in writing received by A.Q. of the following problem composed by C. W. Hildesford, a former Beck master.

White (8 pieces): King at QK1, Queen at KK4, pawns at Q12, QK3, QK5, Q5, K2 and K3.

Black (4 pieces): King at Q58, Knight at QK3, pawns at Q15 and QK5.

White to move and mate in three.

A. SHARE (Hon. Sec.).

Boys Scouts

The past year has been one of unsettlement and change for the troop, and this may well account for the fact that we are

unable to commence this report by saying, as we have done for the past three years, that "this has been the most successful year in our history."

After assisting us at Summer Camp, Mr. C. O. Lister at the end of Autumn term felt himself unable to carry on as Scoutmaster and resigned. This job was then taken over by Mr. D. McKelvie, whilst at the same time we were glad to see a quickening of interest in the troop from the Staff as Mr. J. B. Twigg and Mr. E. Brown joined the troop as assistants. Unfortunately, shortly after these changes were made there was a steady decline in membership from the 58 or so to which we have been used to the low figure of 30. This drain away has now been stopped and though numbers in each patrol are lower than before, we now have a waiting list for entrants.

The Senior troop, after taking in a number of over 15's in January, has not been able in consequence to have steady recruitment of members from the troop, and its activities are somewhat hampered by lack of numbers. Several of the members are now of Rover Scout age and could we but find a Leader a Rover Crew could be established.

Though the training this year has been intermittent, so that we no longer have any First Class Scouts in the troop, we have continued to enter for the Local Association competitions. The junior troop were second in the 1949 Vaux Shield and Stansfield Richardson Cup Competitions and 4th in the Kayll Cup Competition events and the Seniors were third in the Alan Patterson Trophy.

This year has seen the establishment of a Group Committee formed of Parents, Scouters and members of the school Staff. The committee should help to provide an element of continuity when Scouters come and go, and we hope that its members will also feel responsible for the general well-being of the Group, without interfering in technical training. To this end they have been responsible for the holding of three money-making efforts this year, benefiting the troop fund to the extent of £58.

We have been pleased to see several old scouts during the year, home on leave from the Services or down from the University, including Roy Davis and Wren. H. Philpotts, now in the Army, is helping to run a troop in Cyprus. Ken Howard, released from the Navy, is back with us once more. As the troop has been in existence now for 29 years, there must be many old members who now have no connection with Scouting, and yet perhaps appreciate its aims more than ever. The B.P. Guild of Old Scouts was formed two years ago and the primary purpose of the members of the Guild is to keep alive the spirit of the Promise and Law in their own lives and to carry it into the life of the community in which they play a part. Any old scouts of the troop who are interested in forming a Section branch should get into touch with Mr. P. F. Fulton at 29 Tudor Grove.

For the rest of the year —? A kaleidoscope of events and memories occur to us: Summer Camp in the Oberolds, and the Special Service arranged for us by the local parish, a magnifi-

cant bridge across the River Till which became the wonder of the village, the 21st Birthday Party in February and a truly excellent cake, the fire in the Senior hut, the building of a canoe which floated wonderfully, but upside down, the magnificence of Caedmon Sweet song at the Seniors' Koster camp when it rained incessantly for four days and now the plans for Summer camp in Teesdale and the Seniors who are taking part in a boat for the master of Lock Ness organised by the Oxford University Rover Crew.

Not our best year perhaps, but we've enjoyed it!

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

Boys Drama

Since last year we have made some technical improvements. Windows have been fitted in the roof space so that heavy beams can be hoisted above the stage with less effort and anxiety. We have converted the lighting switch-gear so that it is now silent in operation. The sound equipment is still giving us trouble but we hope to have it ready for the next show.

We have an excellent team of back stage workers, and two younger boys have agreed to be responsible for the Mabel Stage, which is an important factor in our preparation and planning.

We have read some interesting modern plays since our production of *Herodias*, and hope next year to present a worthwhile but less heavy play. Unfortunately we have suffered great losses in our acting strength. We look forward to our younger members to shoulder these responsibilities. J.L.J.

Student Christian Movement

An offshoot of the World Student Christian Movement has taken root in the school. It is primarily an association of Christians who have the additional link of being students. To study the Christian faith, to try to understand and live the Christian life in school and outside is our aim in the Senior school. All who profess this interest and willingness are welcome to join in our activities and meetings. Although the group at Bodo has just been inaugurated this term, it seems that wide latent Christian sympathy and interest in the School was waiting to be quickened. The general programme has been to hold at least one meeting fortnightly and to invite prominent outside speakers to lead discussions on topics suggested by the boys.

Members who have served on the committee during the past term include Messrs. D. G. Walker (Chairman), O. Fyburn (Hon. Sec.), C. Barker, U.S., D. Langley, L.S., P. Banks, U.S., H. P. Anderson, L.S., A. Cairns, U.S.

The Committee takes the opportunity to thank the following speakers:—

Rev. H. M. Ince, B.Sc., "Science and Christianity."

T. Wilson (Gold Coast), "Christianity in Darkest Africa."

B. Kain (Lecturer in Mining at Technical College), "Religion in Industry."

Rev. E. H. Pater (Tenth Chapter), "International Christianity."

Rev. H. Hammond (U.S.A.), "The Mighty Niagara River."

Rev. C. G. Coy—(1) "The Indian Village" (2) "The House of Vision."

The average attendance at these meetings has been sixty members.

G. PYBURN (Hon. Sec.).

[I should like to pay tribute to the work of the Secretary, G. Pyburn, and of the remaining members of the Committee during this year, while the support I have received from Messrs. C. J. Dell, J. M. Fustin, J. L. Hutton, F. A. Jenkins and H. Wilson have all been contributory factors to the growth of the Society. It is obvious that our meetings are filling a long-felt want in the school and enabling the boys to have a new insight into Christianity and the power of the gospel of Christ.—D.G.W.]

Association Football—1st Eleven

The first eleven has completed another fairly successful season, winning the majority of their games. Although only three fixtures had to be cancelled because of adverse weather conditions, four others were replaced by cup-tie engagements.

It was these latter games that were the highlights of the season, and after close struggles in the earlier rounds, the team deservedly won through to the final tie. This match was played at Coburns Park, Newcastle, and although the School was beaten by the odd goal in five, they certainly provided the three packed bus loads of supporters with plenty of first-class entertainment. Constructive football was played at a furious pace and was worthy of a better fate than it received.

Throughout the season the team has blended well together, and, especially in the latter half, they have produced an attractive brand of football. Positional changes were necessary when Crosswell and Stokes left the School, but with the exception of occasional slight injuries, the team has been fortunate to turn out the same players for nearly every match.

Bailey has now completed four seasons with the 1st XI, the last of these as captain. He has filled this position admirably and has been the mainstay of the attack. We wish him, and his colleagues, who are taking the Higher School Certificate this year the best of luck.

Nearly all the team will be leaving school and the prospects of a good season next year are not very bright, although some members of the Junior XI look promising, and should, in a couple of years, provide a highly efficient combination.

Colours were reserved to Bailey, Levitt and Double and awarded to Clarke, Ferry, Little, Place and Thompson D.

Records:—

					Goals			
	F.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Goals	
	22	12	8	2	66	45	F.	A.
Sept. 12—Washington (home)	4	2
" 24—Jarrow (home)	7	2
Oct. 8—Eylhope (home)	0	4
" 12—Bede College (away)	0	3
" 15—South Shields (away)	5	2
" 20—St. Aidan's (home)	5	1
Nov. 3—Bishop Auckland (home)	2	4
" 12—Rothbarford (home)	2	0
Dec. 3—Houghton (away)	3	2
" 7—Durham Colleges (home)	5	2
" 17—Bishop Auckland (away)	5	2
Jan. 14—Tynemouth (home)	4	0
" 29—Hoadergate (away)	3	0
Feb. 4—Darlington (home)	2	3
" 11—Chester-le-Street (away)	1	2
" 18—Heaton (home)	3	1
" 25—Jarrow (away)	2	2
Mar. 1—Bede College (home)	1	2
" 4—West Stanley (home)	4	4
" 11—West Stanley (away)	6	0
" 25—Houghton (Cup Final)	2	2
April 5—Darlington (away)	1	2

* Tyneside G.S. Cup ties.

The following have represented the School this season (goals scored in brackets): H. Bidley (Captain) (30), N. Levitt (2), W. Clarke (2), A. Donible (6), E. Ferry, D. Thompson (9), E. Place (5), K. Little (8), N. Hildrew, R. Gooderick (7), E. Thompson (25), C. E. Crosswell (3), J. M. Stoker (3), R. Irving, I. Simpson, D. Moore, A. Victory (1), G. Peburn, G. Carr, F. Francis, T. Thriftback.

Second Eleven

The Second XI had a poor season, playing eight matches of which one was won, one drawn and the rest lost.

E. PLACE, Hon. Sec.

SOCCER PERSONALITIES

HILDREW (Goalkeeper):—

Though often in difficulties with high crosses from the wings due to his lack of miles, Hildrew has had a moderately good season after a shaky start.

PLACE (Right Back):—

Although his positioning and kicking were good his tackling was often uncleaned. Had a very good season both as right back and centre forward and the only regret he can have is that he lost his back just before the Cup Final and he was unable to play.

CLARKE (Left Back):—

His tackling in emergencies was excellent and the lack of length in his kicking was more than offset by his positioning, especially in the goalmouth.

DONIBLE (Right Half):—

Shared the season uncertain and slow but improved towards the end when his strong tackling and accurate passing were again apparent.

PERRY (Center Half)—

Coming into the center half position when Crosswell left after only a few games, Perry immediately settled down. His tackling and kicking are first rate though he tends to get defence before attack with the result that wing halves and inside forwards had more work to do.

LEVITT (Left Half)—

Like Donahoe he was rather shaky at first and found difficulty in positioning himself correctly, but towards the end of the season his quick tackling and strength in developing attacks was excellent.

SIMPSON (Utility Half Back)—

His strength lies in his ability to tackle and pass accurately, but he will need some experience before he acquires the strength and confidence of the regular half-back.

THOMPSON (R.) (Outside Right)—

This grand team player has an accurate if not extremely strong shot, but the chief feature in his play is his accurate pass along the ground to the inside forwards.

LODGEWICK (Center Forward)—

Although originally a back, Lodgewick was played at center forward in an emergency and in spite of his lack of speed showed sound ability to place the ball just out of the goalkeeper's reach.

LITTLE (Inside Left)—

Has been a constant source of danger throughout the season because of his clever ball control and shooting. His well-thought play has enabled him to work many openings both for himself and for the other forwards.

THOMPSON (L.) (Outside Left)—

His clever kicking and crossing of the ball has suffered through lack of length in kicking, but his speed often opened out the defence for the other forwards. He has a habit of scoring goals when most urgently required.

H. RIDLEY (Captain).

RIDLEY (Captain and Inside Right) —

A great forward player and very capable captain who set a good example on and off the field: a skilful forward with a fine shot, he often sought openings for his team by his quickness in seeing an opportunity. — (F. F. J.)

Under 15 Eleven

We began this season with two objects in view. The first and most important was to enjoy some good games of football. This object was completely achieved. The second aim was to win as many games as possible. How far we succeeded in this can be seen from the following results:—

P. 20 W. 7 D. 9 L. 7 G.F. 27 G.A. 27

These results should have been better as in several games we were the superior team but either drew or lost. The main reason for this was first the inability of the inside forwards to score regularly—only 9 goals being scored from the three inside positions in 20 games—and secondly our failure to find a really first-class goal-keeper. Surely there must be one in such a big school. The backs, half-backs and wing forwards were always the mainstay of the team.

Wake captained the team well and played well in whatever position he occupied. Sidney and Thompson also developed into very good players.

The following boys represented the School, the number in brackets indicating the number of games in which they played:—J. Wake (25), K. Steyer (20), F. Johnson (20), G. McInnes (20), J. Morse (18), B. Sidney (18), L. Thompson (18), D. Banks (17), K. Noble (15), T. Robson (14), B. Franklin (14), D. Pickney (6), G. Perry (5), J. Hoad (4), J. Martin (4), D. Hanco (3), J. Walker (2) and P. Borer (2).

Goals were scored by McGahan 31, Sower 6, Johnston 5, Banks 5, Selvey 2, Frey 1, Bond 1 and Thompson 1.

We congratulate Franklin and Hobson on representing the School in Sunderland Boys' Tosses and hope that further honours will come to them next season. We have missed them on several occasions this year especially in the important quarter final Cochran Cup game against Harrow, but a School as big as Bide should always be able to turn out a good team in spite of these difficulties.

Finally may I compliment all boys who represented the School this year for their conduct both on and off the field of play.

R.T.

Under 13 Eleven

Captain: J. Huley. Vice-Captain: A. Hindmarsh.

Secretary: J. Plampton.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
18	8	4	4	88	21

The team has had a very enjoyable and successful season. In all, 25 boys have played in matches and the chief goal scorers were: Huley (10), Finch (3), Bennett (3), Smith S. A. (3), Hindmarsh (3), Hall (2), Brown, Huley, Pullan, Miller K., and Lovrick. Huley has been our main goalkeeper. Some of the team also played in the under fourteen team which reached the final of the Duncanson-White cup competition. A high standard of sportsmanship and an excellent team spirit have been evident on all occasions. The team owes much to the able captaincy of Huley and the advice and encouragement of Mr. Lee, Mr. Kirk and Mr. A. Wilson.

Senior and Middle School Rugby, 1948-49

The Senior XV began their rather relaxed fixtures list very well this year, but, owing to injuries and bad play on several occasions, there was a lapse just before Christmas. At this stage several of the more experienced players left school including J. D. Barnard (Captain), G. A. Collinson, G. A. Howe and R. Honey. As a result of these changes the play was somewhat disjointed when matches were resumed, but by the end of the season the team had settled down and produced good, constructive play which no doubt would have been improved by one or two extra games.

Selfishness ruined many promising moves in the back division, though D. Hutchinson was a very thrustful centre, and later in the season E. Smith proved himself to be a very able deputy to G. A. Collinson in the centre.

On the whole the forwards lacked co-ordination and method, though N. T. Stobbs was a very powerful scrum leader and ably supported by R. D. Eaton and B. Harrison.

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B. D. Eaton is to be congratulated on being selected as reserve for the Durham County Public Schools' XV. This is even more meritorious when we recall that last season he was on the County Under 15 team.

The Second XV fixture list was also reduced because numbers were being picked for the First XV in the latter part of the season. Outstanding members of this team were Hutchinson in the forwards and Walks at stand-off.

The Under 15 team captained by C. H. Brookshurst began the season badly but towards the end a vast improvement in the play had been made.

Among the forwards Atter, Cook, Ferguson and Mitchell were always prominent, while Hogg and Russell shined up well in the back divisions.

Eleven of this team played in the newly formed Sunderland Schools XV, and their success in reaching the final of the Durham County Competition was due in no small measure to splendid displays by Hutchinson at full-back and fine goal-kicking by Atter.

The Home matches were again on a larger basis with teams of fifteen-a-side, but on account of lack of enthusiasm and skill, the majority of the games in both Senior and Junior Competitions were very scrappy. Durham won the Senior and Baby the Junior Competitions.

We should like to thank all members of the Staff who have accompanied the various teams on their away fixtures.

Finally we should like to thank Sunderland Cricket and Football Clubs for the use of their ground during the earlier part of the season.

Records:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.	A.
1st XV	12	8	2	0	120	90
2nd XV	7	4	2	1	102	78
Under 15's	8	3	6	0	80	204

Individual scores for the 1st XV were:—Hutchinson 58, Storey 41, I.e.g., Hurstley 21, S.e.g., Witherington 20, I.e.g. 1p.g., Smith 20, I.e.g., Stobbs 20, Thompson 20, Almond I.e.g., Collinson, Harrison, Lee, Storey, 21 each, Pyburn 20, I.e.g., Burnard, Cook, Hogg, Howe, Miller, 11 each.

Captains were renewed to J. D. Burnard and R. E. Wether, and awarded to:—G. A. Collinson, B. D. Eaton, D. Hutchinson, N. T. Stobbs and J. H. Thompson.

Junior School Rugby, 1949-50

The School Junior XV, under the captaincy of W. Howe, made rather a shaky start to the season, but soon settled down to give some very promising displays.

The backs combined well, possessing in G. T. Chapman and D. E. Richardson two forceful three-quarters, who received excellent service from W. Howe at stand-off half.

Though the pack as a whole played well, the outstanding player was Wedgwood who proved to be a very strong runner, but he must learn to put more of his weight into base and not across.

Record:—

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
14	8	6	0	200	89

Amongst the boys who played for the Under 15 team, Barber, Foster, Lavery, Richardson, Willis, Wickart showed up well in a promising set of boys while Robinson, when he learns the game, will be more than useful with his weight.

Record:—

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
13	6	7	0	189	127

J. H. THOMPSON, Captain.

Cricket—Senior XI

Senior cricket has been revived this season after a lapse of ten years. E. A. Little was elected captain and H. Hidley was elected Secretary. Our first match was cancelled because of adverse weather conditions, and although several others were arranged, only one has been played at the time of going to press. For this match we visited Chester-le-Street Grammar School, and after a very closely contested game, the School XI was defeated in the fifth ball of the last over. On this occasion, the school was represented by E. Little, K. Mintoington, B. Christie, J. Double, N. Hildrew, R. Sharpe, H. Patsy, H. Hidley, K. Salway, D. Jolly, H. Harrison and E. Goodrick (twelfth man).

It will not be possible to recommence Home matches until next year because of the poor state of the wicket. Two practice wickets have been held, however, and regular net practices have been held during the luncheon intervals throughout each week.

We would like to thank Mr. H. C. Simpson for the guidance and help he has given to the team, and those members of the Staff, who have supervised net practice.

E. A. LITTLE (Captain), H. HIDLEY (Hon. Sec.).

Junior XI

1949.

We had a most successful season in 1949, our first since the War, winning 12 out of the 17 games played, two being abandoned owing to rain. We won the East Division of the Schools League and qualified to meet Beby in the Semi-Final of the Swan Cup.

Results in Swan Cup matches:—

Semi-Final: Beby (Beattie 3—1, Thompson 4—18) 54; Beby (Hypkin 12) 55—2.

Final: The first game was abandoned with Diamond Hill 0 for one in reply to our 45. The replay took place on the last morning of term. We batted first and lost seven wickets for

only 12 runs. Harrison saved the side with 25 runs, helped especially by S. Figg, and the total was raised to 53. Beattie again bowled well taking 4 wickets for 9 in 15.3 overs. In the absence of Thompson, Figg and Williamson bowled at the other end.

Christie and Thompson played for the County and Beattie and Williamson, with the former two, played for Sunderland Boys.

Leading averages:

	BATTING				
	Inns.	N.O.	R.S.	Runs.	Aver.
Hipkin	14	1	31	122	8.72
Beattie	14	2	45	112	8.72
Figg, S. H.	6	3	10 ⁶	55	7.50
Williamson	12	0	25	54	7.50
Harrison	10	2	29	57	7.12

	BOWLING				
	Ovs.	M.	Runs	Wkts.	Aver.
Figg, S. H.	22.5	9	24	10	2.40
Beattie	184.1	71	137	50	2.74
Thompson	82.4	36	120	28	3.58

The following boys represented the School during the 1949 season:—B. Williamson (Captain, 18), B. Thompson (Vice-captain, 14), M. Atter (2), W. J. Beattie (16), W. Dyth (8), W. J. Bond (3), C. H. Brockhurst (17), B. Christie (17), B. Harrison (10), S. Hildrew (17), G. Hipkin (15), G. Day (9), H. G. Low (3), J. Murgrove (2), S. H. Figg (9), T. W. Figg (2), K. Scorer (4), J. Wake (16).

1950.

We were very late in making a start this season owing to the state of the School fields and no results are at hand at the time of going to press.

Webster was chosen to play for Durham County against Yorkshire at Hall. Webster, Williamson, Scorer and S. Figg have been selected for the Sunderland Boys team this season. Figg seems to be our most successful bowler, while Wake, P. Williamson, Scorer and Howe are batting well.

A.S.

Teams

Practices commenced at the beginning of the term when sixteen boys were given a trial for the School Teams. Only two of last year's team remained at School, but the vacancies were successfully filled by four members of the Upper Fifth. Before half-term a School Singles Championship was held, and it is hoped that the final will be played before the term examinations. The House matches will be played in the remaining fortnight.

The School Teams has had great difficulty in obtaining fixtures, on account of expenses and shortage of home courts, and so far only four matches have been played. The team was

successful in both encounters with Bode Girls' School, beat Tyrone High School, drew with Newcastle Royal Grammar School, but lost to a powerful Bishop Auckland team.

The last two fixtures are against South Shields High School, and a return match with Newcastle Royal Grammar School.

The School was represented by:—

First Pair: G. Pyburn, I. F. Christie.

Second Pair: T. Almond, P. Spence.

Third Pair: M. Richardson, C. Mountford.

Davidson, Dunbar and South have also played this season.

School Colours were awarded last year to I. W. James, P. Richardson, G. Pyburn, and I. F. Christie.

G. PYBURN (Captain).

Athletics

Public Schools' Sports

This meeting has become so overcrowded that the organisers have issued an urgent appeal to all schools to confine their entries to really able athletes. Accordingly this year we sent only Brown who had already exceeded 30 feet in pole-vaulting. This would have gained him first place in 1947, 1949, or 1950, but this year he was second. Lyons, the winner cleared 19' 9" and was really a first rate performer. Here nevertheless deserves warm congratulations both on his performance and on his long devotion to the event. Brown vaulted for Northumberland and Durham in their triangular contest v. Durham University and Catterick Sports at Durham on Saturday, May 19th, and was the event for them.

Durham County Grammar School Sports

We went to Spangmoor on Saturday, June 19th, for this meeting we had a weakened team and were placed 6th. Bishop Auckland was first place. J. Pharopton taking part in a competition for the first time won the junior high jump at 4' 2".

N. Thompson a first year boy was 2nd in the junior 100 yds., another promising youngster. Hagel was 2nd in the mile which was won at 5 mins. 10 secs.

G. Carr was placed 2nd in the High Jump with 4' 11".

Rosely Cap

Six schools took part in this contest for the 100 yards, 100 yards hurdles, and the long jump. Only the top three (3) teams were placed, and as we were not in this group we do not know our position.

Tynedale Grammar School Sports

We were placed 6th (a tie) in the senior competition and 5th in the combined Intermediate and Junior. 14 schools competed. Hagel ran very well and finished 2nd in the mile which was won in 4 mins. 40 secs., while N. Thompson again did very well and raised hopes of a great future.

Weston Cup

The School won the Weston Cup for the sixth year in succession at South Shields High School, on Monday, 19th June. The race is a relay each runner doing 400 yards. K. Williams ran strongly in the first leg and gave a lead of about 12 yards to Tompkins. He and Davie inspired the lead and Hagel running last came in over 20 yards in front of the other schools—James, South Shields, Deane Adams, and Marjeth Grammar Schools. The time, 3 min. 49 1/5 sec., was the second best in the series—an excellent performance especially when the runners had to make their own pace.

School Sports

In this edition of the Echoes it is hoped to include a duplicated report on the results of the School Sports, to be held on July 19th.

Cross-Country Club

The 1924-25 season has been the most successful since the resumption of running after the war. The season opened with the House League, won by Durham. It was unfortunate that Durham's points should have been gained by the opposing teams forfeiting the matches.

The school team had eleven fixtures, of which 9 were won and two lost. After Christmas home matches were transferred to a new course over Tunstall Hills. Although scores of 25-45 and 25-47 against Bede College II and Houghton O.S. suggest outstanding successes, the victory over Durham School is, perhaps, the most noteworthy, since it was against this school last season that we suffered our greatest defeat. The general standard of the team was so high that no individual was certain to beat his team mates; Davidson or Hagel usually led the team home, although J. Williams did on two occasions beat both. A keen rivalry existed throughout the season, between L. Stacey and A. Conroy, who is only fourteen years old.

Colours were removed to B. Williams (captain), G. Davidson, and J. Davie; and new awards were made to J. Williams (vice-captain), G. Hagel, A. Conroy and L. Stacey.

Our thanks are extended to Messrs D. A. and G. B. Thompson, and all other masters who have assisted in the running of the Club.

The results of the season's fixtures were:—

1924.

Nov. 16—Bede College II—Won	...	21—46	Away
.. 20—Kyrhaga O.S.—Won	...	22—50	Away
Dec. 7—Durham College II—Lost	...	31—24	Home

1925.

Feb. 1—St. Cuthbert's Coll.—Won	...	25—45	Away
.. 8—Kyrhaga O.S.—Won	...	30—45	Home
.. 15—Bede Coll.—Lost	...	41—39	Home
.. 22—R.G.S. (Newcastle)—Won	...	25—51	Home
Mar. 1—Durham Coll. II—Won	...	33—45	Away
.. 8—R.G.S. (Newcastle)—Won	...	35—48	Away
.. 15—Durham School—Won	...	36—41	Home
.. 22—Houghton O.S.—Won	...	21—57	Home

Matches played 11; Won 9; Lost 2; Drawn 0.

The Inter-House Cross-Country League was once more quite successful, although there was some lack of support in the winter competition, with the result that Durham Section won all their matches without missing. The final placings were:—

1, Durham, 10 pts.; 2, Babby, 6 pts.; 3, Lonsley 4 pts. and Hylton 4 pts.

The House Championship, with its usual large numbers of entries was run on 29th March, 1950. Davidson won the hand-fought senior event in 20 mins. 12 secs. B. Franklin won the junior event in 14 mins. 30 secs.

The House placings were:—

(1) Durham, 540 points; (2) Hylton, 538 points; (3) Babby, 501 points; (4) Lonsley, 473 points.

Durham House won both the senior and junior events.

The individual placings were:—

Senior:—1, G. Davidson (D.); 2, A. Williams (D.); 3, L. Stacey (H.); 4, G. Hapel (D.); 5, Dundee (R.); 6, Hutchinson (L.); 7, Krupp (H.); 8, Dent (H.); 9, Cash (L.); 10, Ferguson (L.).

Junior:—1, Franklin (D.); 2, Smith A. (D.); 3, McDonald (H.); 4, Noble (R.); 5, McClelland (H.); 6, Richardson (L.); 7, Pyke (H.); 8, Everett (D.); 9, Cooke (R.); 10, Young (D.).

J. W. CASH (Hon. Sec.), B. WILLIAMS (Captain).

Gymnastics

Extra gymnastic classes, limited to boys who have already obtained their Intermediate Award, have been held this year for those wishing to proceed to the Advanced Gymnastic Award. The following boys have so far achieved this award this year: R. Sidney, A. Smith and K. Paine. At last Speech Day the Instructor's Award was received by T. Richardson and G. F. Watt and the Advanced Award by N. F. Wilson, T. G. Etherington, D. Rogers, L. Armitage, A. Vickery, D. Richardson and B. Garner. These classes, which have been held continuously since 1938, aim at improving style and producing the finished gymnast.

R. SIDNEY and G. DAVIDSON, Captains.

Boxing

The Boxing Club has met each week during the past year under the supervision of Mr. P. J. Gillespie and Mr. D. A. Thompson, to whom we are grateful for their unflinching enthusiasm and encouragement.

Interest has been fairly well maintained, and most of those who attend regularly are from the Middle and Lower School; this augurs well for the future of the Club.

A high standard of performance was not expected, particularly during the first year, but all boys have been taught the rudiments of boxing, and it is hoped that next year will see a steady improvement in the general standard.

The first School Boxing Tournament to be held since 1899 is planned for the end of term. Both age and weight are considered in dividing the various Championships. Entries have so far been received from the following boys:—

F. Hanson, A. Smith, J. S. Ferguson, U.V.I.; F. Stacey, T. Greenfield, G. Cohen, L.V.I.; R. Cooper, H. Harrison, G. Hopkins, E. Spencer, U.V.S.; G. Loffhause, U.V.A.; W. S. Minnis, J. Kirk, L.V.I.; T. Good, F. Lavery, III.A.

F. STOREY (Captain).

(When the Boxing Club was reformed it was clear that a very great deal would depend on the first captain. Captain, for the future of the Club would be dependent on his personality, willingness and enthusiasm.)

We wish to thank F. Stacey, L. V. I. A., for the help which he has given. He has proved to be a very successful and a most popular Captain.—S.A.F. P.S.S.)

Old Boys' Association

"It has been suggested that an Organ for the Assembly Hall of the 'new' Bide School would be a noble and particularly useful form of Memorial. Doubtless it would, but is it reasonably likely to be attainable?"

We read a paragraph in a circular letter from the Headmaster, calling for a meeting of Old Boys, Governors, parents of present or past pupils and other persons interested, to be held in the subscription Library Hall (near the new Y.M.C.A.), Pancratt Street, on Thursday, March 25th, 1909.

It was to be the third aim in raising funds for a Memorial to those Old Boys who fell in the 1914-19 War. The first aim was accomplished—the memorial tablet that now hangs in the entrance hall of the present school. The second target was also reached—the foundation of an Annual Old Boys' Memorial Prize.

On Sunday, 27th Nov., 1909, the third aim was fulfilled, and before a large congregation the War Memorial Organ in memory of those Old Boys who fell in both Great Wars was unveiled by the Association's Chairman, Mr. R. E. Crute. The Old Boys who assisted at the ceremony were Rev. W. T. Hinkley, Rev. W. B. Scott and Mr. Robert E. Anderson, organist. The event was undoubtedly the highlight of the year for the Association.

The Annual General Meeting and Winter Re-union was held at Morge Cafe on Friday, 16th Dec., 1909, and at a subsequent Council Meeting a small Social Committee was elected. This Committee already hopes to break new ground this coming winter by holding three Soirees in addition to the usual annual functions. The first of these will be held early in October. Freshers are also being put out regarding an Archery Club and a Golf Day.

The Annual Dinner Dance, held at the Bay Hotel, Seaburn, on Friday, 7th January, was again a great success and an even better attendance is expected for next year's dance at the same place on Friday, 6th January, 1911.

On July 1st, the Summer Re-union will be held at the School and this year the activities will be confined to the after-

noon. After a cricket match, an athletic display, ice-cream and "pop" and a yarn around the tea-table it is hoped that nearly a 100 members, families and friends will have had a good time.

The reports of the Badminton, Hagger and Soccer Clubs speak for themselves but I do wish it to be known that there is a welcome awaiting every new member whether he has just left school or "strayed" for the past year or two. And if there is no club within the Association that fits your interests then come along and help me to organise such an activity.

G. T. HALSTED, Hon. Sec.

Hon. Treasurer's Report

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. H. T. Agno), reported at the Annual General Meeting of the Old Bedans' Association, on Dec. 16th, 1949, that the War Memorial Organ Fund had a small credit balance after all expenses had been met. He also reported an increase in income from subscriptions to the Association and a credit balance of £30, £10 more than in the previous year.

London Association of Old Bedans

Mr. Brian Suggett has taken over from Mr. F. McGinness the secretaryship of the London Association. He asks all Old Bedans to let him have the names and addresses of those resident in the London area whom they have reason to believe have not contacted him.

His address is:—

13 Woodburn Crescent,
Whitton,
Tottenham,
Middlesex.

Old Bedans' Clubs

The Badminton Club had a very successful 1949-50 season, losing narrowly in the final of the Joseph Cup. New members will be welcomed by the Secretary, D. A. Thompson, 22 The Elm Way.

The Soccer Club will next season have as its Secretary Frank Lawson, School House, Herules Road School. Early this year the Club suffered the loss of its Chairman, Mr. Dyth, and at the Annual General Meeting held on 4th May, 1950, elected Mr. Pollan to fill this position. The 1st XI has had a very successful season in the S.E. Amateur League, finishing 8th. More members are urgently needed, however, to strengthen the 2nd XI ranks.

The Hagger crowd, under the able guidance of Mr. Berry, has had a very successful second season. Increased membership enabled two XV's to be fielded, the 1st XV winning 20 matches out of 28 played, and the 2nd XV 12 matches out of 23. The 2nd XV were unlucky to lose the final of the Shield Competition. Mr. P. Barlow, Wyngarth, Sanderford Road, Clevedon, the efficient and lively secretary, will be pleased to hear from Old Bedans wishing to join the Club, as an even stronger fixture list is arranged for next season.

