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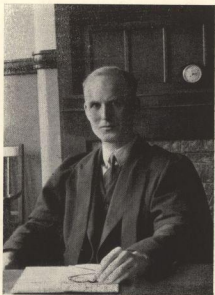
A few months ago I became the third Headmaster of this School, a School which has now been in existence for over sixty years. Throughout these years, it has functioned as a centre of learning, it has provided, in a small field, a place for serving an apprenticeship in citizenship, fitting boys for the larger world outside, it has attempted to train boys not merely to earn a living but to live a life.

Through its doors many thousands of boys have passed, boys who are now scattered in many parts of the world, boys who have entered a variety of occupations, but boys who, wherever they are and whatever they are doing, have this in common, that they once belonged to this school, that they once played a part in shaping its traditions, in writing its history, in moulding its character, in preserving its name.

This is a school which stands on the side of Humbledon Hill, standing firm in its foundations, holding its head proud and high, bathed in Summer in sunshine and standing four-square in Winter to all the elements which may surge around it. It is my hope that these things will be reflected in the character and quality of the boys present and of the future, that this school will continue to produce boys who can, in like manner, stand firm with their feet firmly rooted in the land of their birth, boys who can hold their heads proud and high, and look the world straight and steadfastly and honestly in the face, boys whose characters will contribute to the sunshine of life, boys who can stand four-square to all the problems and trials which life may hold.

All boys who attend this school have great opportunities, and great responsibilities. They are here to receive but also to give. They come here to work but also to serve. I should like to think that boys who leave this school, from whatever part of the world they may be and whatever walk of life they may have chosen to adopt, may one day look back, and in the distance, through the mists of the years, across hill and valley will see this School still standing as firm as ever it did, and who will be able to say as they see it: "There stands Bede, a School which served me and which I served, which gave to me of its best and to which I gave of my best, which had pride and faith in me and in which I had pride and faith, which showed me loyalty and to which I gave loyalty, which honoured me and which I honoured."

A. J. B. BUDGE (Headmaster).



Mr. A. J. B. BUDGE, M.A. (Liverpool).

## Editorial.

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"Once more unto the breach, dear friends. . ."

Once more, this call was sent out to our potential staff of contributors; and with what result? While I find it extremely pleasant to be able to say that the presence of a somewhat larger number of entries than usual gave us a certain freedom of choice which has not hitherto been permitted, I am bound to add that the quality of much of the material has not yet placed us in the happy position of being able to reject high-class contributions. Hopes are still entertained for the future!

Demands have been made on our resources, this year, in bearing additional photographic costs, due mainly to the achievements of certain branches of School activities. We are therefore able to include an additional group of photographs, including one of our new Headmaster.

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing our wish that Mr. Budge will find his work here pleasant.

There is one matter which I should like to bring to the notice of readers; it is usual for us to include in our magazine, certain advertisements. I should like to point out that we rely on our advertisers to supply us with these, and should like to ask that you do your best to support them.

It is strange, but I have not yet heard of any useful purpose which an editorial may serve; it is even noised abroad that they are seldom read! Assuming, however, that you have read this one, I shall not detain you any longer, but beg you to read on, in the hope that you will find what follows pleasant and interesting.

Good Reading! THE EDITOR.

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### His Late Majesty King George VI.

We shared in the mourning of all his subjects upon learning of the death on February 6th, of King George VI. A special assembly was held at the opening of the afternoon session, when we offered prayers of thanksgiving for his reign and on behalf of her who has taken over the responsibilities of the Crown. We join with our fellow citizens in wishing her and her consort a long, peaceful and prosperous reign.

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### Notes and Comments.

We wish to extend a hearty welcome to the following who have joined the staff during the year:—

Rev. J. P. Giles, M.A. (Oxon.), B.D. (Viet.), B.Sc. (Econ.) (Lond.), as senior Divinity Master.

Mr. R. T. Corbridge, M.A. (Sheffield), as senior Modern Languages Master.

Mr. J. P. Linton, B.A. (Dunelm), as Modern Languages Master in succession to the late Mr. C. J. Allen, B.A.

It has come to our notice that the following members of staff will be leaving us at the end of this term:—

Mr. J. A. Hutton, who is to take up a post as Mathematics Master at Easingwold Grammar School, Yorkshire;

Mr. C. J. Bell, who is taking a ministerial course at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.

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We wish to congratulate the following:—

Mr. and Mrs. A. Taylor, on the birth of a son;

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Simpson, on the birth of a son;

Mr. and Mrs. R. Clarke, on the birth of a son.

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It was with deep regret and sorrow that we learned of the death of Mr. C.-J. Allen, French Master at the Bede since 1941. Our deepest sympathies go out to Mrs. Allen and her son and daughter.

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The following boys have been elected to Commonerships in the past year:—

Alan L. Dumble at Corpus Christie College, Oxford;

P. Banks, at New College, Oxford;

D. McMann, at Jesus College, Oxford;

B. H. Talbott, at St. Peter's Hall, Oxford;

Alan Share, at Merton College, Oxford;

J. W. Young, at the London School of Economics;

D. W. Aitchison, at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

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School Rugger Captain, and School Vice-Captain, R. D. Eaton was selected to play for England against France at Grenoble, earlier this year. He also played for England against Wales.

B. Whillis (L.V.1) was selected to play for the Durham County Under-fifteen Rugger team.

J. Webster last year captained both Sunderland Boys' and Durham County Boys' Cricket Teams and was selected to play for the North of England Boys' Team against the South at Gloucester.

Gordon Carr (1945-50) jumped a height of six feet and half an inch when practising at our annual Sports Day. Gordon will represent Northumberland and Durham in this event later in the season.

Colin H. Hudson (U.V.3) succeeded in passing the Elementary Ballet Examination earlier this year. This entitles him to teach ballet, and his name has been forwarded to the Executive Committee for membership as a student. We wish to congratulate him on this achievement.

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W. Forster (U.V.1), at the North of England Music Festival at Newcastle, won the Cochrane Bowl which is awarded to the winner of the "Open" Viola Solo Competition.

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On February 6th, A. Richwood (U.V.1) broadcast in the Anglo-German broadcast series, "Sehr Gut oder Very Good."

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B. F. Rees (1941-48), a previous Editor of the "Bedan," has been appointed to the teaching staff of Eton College, Windsor. He was awarded a Trinity Open Scholarship in History in 1947. He was responsible for writing completely, and producing the Scout Gang Show, "Smash on the Beat," in 1947, and has since composed much of the musical score of a May Week Revue, "A Flash in the Cam." We wish Mr. Rees success in his new appointment.

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Professor G. R. Goldsborough, an Old Bedan, recently opened the new Science and Mathematics Section of Durham University, near Durham.

J. R. Bamborough, a former editor of the "Bedan," and Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, has recently been appointed to the post of tutor in Classics there.

Mr. J. S. Robinson, an Old Boy of this school, and former School Captain, who was appointed to the post of Headmaster at Chipping Norton Grammar School, in December, 1947, has recently taken up a similar position at the Grammar School, Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

William Storey, who was principal trumpeter in the School Orchestra while he attended this school between 1946 and 1950, was selected to play under Sir Adrian Boult, at an Easter Performance at Bournemouth. Unfortunately, Billy had an accident which resulted in the fracture of his left arm, and the splitting of his lip. He has since recovered, and has been nominated to play again at the Edinburgh Festival this year. He was recently promoted from fifth to second trumpet in the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain.

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At the Senior Speech Day this year on February 21st, Rev. S. W. Whitehouse, M.A., B.D., Headmaster at Alsop High School for Boys, Liverpool, was principal guest speaker. At the Junior Speech Day which was this year held one week previously, Mr. J. Carr Humphreys, O.B.E., gave the address.

The Founders' Day Service was this year held in Bishopwearmouth Church, on Tuesday, 29th April. Canon Hubbard, of York Minster, preached the sermon.

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E. B. Tweddle, a former School Soccer Captain, gained his Soccer "Blue" at Corpus Christi College, Oxford, when he was selected to play in the University Team against Corinthians Casuals at outside-left position. He retained this position in the Oxford v. Cambridge match on December 8th, 1951.

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Mr. J. P. Giles wishes to thank the following for their services as readers at Morning Assembly during the past year:—D. W. Aitchison, P. Banks, H. C. Johnstone, B. H. Talbot, E. J. Daintree, D. McMann and Henry P. Anderson.

In this connection, we wish to thank Mr. J. Kirk, Mr. J. B. S. Twigg, Mr. C. J. Bell and the School Orchestra and Choir without whose help the morning Assemblies could not be so satisfactorily conducted.

We wish gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of the following School Magazines:—Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, Rutherford Grammar School, Newcastle, Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Darlington, and Tynemouth High School.

The committee wish to thank Mr. J. Harrison for his collaboration in connection with posters this year, and G. Perry (U.V.3) for his poster-work for this year's "Bedan."

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The "Bedan" committee this year consists of:—Messrs. W. K. Lewis, R. T. Ayre, J. A. Hutton, G. B. Thompson, J. B. S. Twigg and A. Smith; A. C. Colling (Editor), M. W. Turnbull and A. Cowey \*(Sub-editors), and D. W. Aitchison, J. Ware, P. Banks, B. H. Posner, D. McMann, H. C. Johnstone, K. Budd, A. L. Jones, A. Cairns and F. A. Pearson.

\*M. W. Turnbull left this school for Ripon, and A. Cowey was appointed in succession to him.

### Mr. C. J. Allen

With deep regret do we record the death of Mr. Charles James Allen, B.A. (Dunelm), which occurred on July 28th, 1951, only a week after the school closed for the Summer Vacation.

Mr. Allen attended Bede Collegiate School as a pupil from 1914 to 1919, and later went to Armstrong College, Durham University, where he took his B.A. degree in Languages. He then taught under the Sunderland Education Authority, and came to Bede School from West Park School in 1941, to teach French and Spanish. During the war he was in charge of the French department and prepared boys for Scholarship work and Higher Certificate with notable success.



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Mr. Allen was very prominent in N.U.T. circles and was Honorary Treasurer of the Local Branch. He was keenly interested in Evening School work and was Organiser of Evening Classes at West Park School for some years.

The staff and boys heard the news of Mr. Allen's death with sorrow, and the Headmaster, at Prayers on the opening day of the Autumn Term, paid tribute to Mr. Allen's work for the School and expressed the School's sympathy with Mrs. Allen and her son and daughter.

### The School Library

Committee.—Chairman: The Headmaster; Librarian: Mr. C. J. Bell; Senior Assistant Librarian: D. W. Aitchison; Staff Members: Mr. A. F. Kilner, Mr. W. K. Lewis; Senior Assistants: J. W. Young (Sec.), P. W. Hames, J. G. C. Baxter, A. C. Colling, E. Daintree; Assistants: A. Cairns, G. Walker, G. B. Knott, T. Hutchinson, D. Graham; Apprentices: K. Earl, J. Duffy, D. M. Stiff.

For several years now there has been a pruning of "dead wood" from the library committee in an effort to get together a committee prepared to take an active interest in the welfare and routine work of the School library.

I feel that this year, at last, we have had just such a committee; all members have co-operated splendidly in an effort to make Bedans conscious of how fortunate they are to have such a magnificent library within their own school. A healthy sign, surely, is the list of apprentices waiting to join the committee next September when it is expected that six of this year's committee including the Librarian himself will not be available.

Some further advancement has been made on our long-term policy of the replacement of out-of-date books with new books obtained through the annual grant fund, by the rejection at the annual stock-taking of over a hundred and fifty books. Although in previous years there has been, through no fault of the Librarian or committee, considerable lethargy in obtaining certain books which we urgently required, this year I am pleased to say that we have managed to obtain over one hundred and sixty books which cost over a hundred pounds. We hope that the school will help us in our efforts to keep up the growing reputation of the library by treating these new books with the utmost care.

In the periodicals section the "Daily Telegraph" and the "Children's Newspaper" have been added to our list which now includes the "Manchester Guardian," the "London Illustrated News," "Punch," "The Listener," "Collins Magazine" and the "Geographic Magazine."

May I draw the attention of the School to a comparatively new but rapidly developing section of information and pamphlets on careers which has now been included in our programme by Mr. Bell in the hope that it may be of service to, and attract to

the library, members of the Middle School, who are traditionally the least library-conscious section of the school?

Finally, let me once again thank, on behalf of the committee, all members of the staff and the school who have, by donations of books or by effort, contributed in any way to the success enjoyed by the library in the past year.

D. W. AITCHISON.

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### Sixth Form Society

Chairman: Mr. J. A. Mason; Treasurer Convenor: Mr. J. L. Jolly; Secretaries: R. D. Eaton, P. Banks; Committee: Mr. C. G. Lister, H. C. Johnstone, K. Budd.

The Society continued on its way, in the main, undeterred by the fact that many of our meetings had to be held in School, the Barnes Hotel being fully booked. We should like to thank those members of Staff who, setting selfish thoughts aside, followed us to our changed meeting place.

Owing to the loss of the "Barnes," the committee regretfully casting aside the customs and traditions established over a period of about two years, decided not to have a Christmas Party.

A special meeting, to which all prospective university entrants in the Upper Fifth and Sixth Forms were invited, was addressed by Mr. Austin and Dr. Walters of the University of Durham Appointments Board. Their subject was the choice of careers and prospects of a University graduate, and for the valuable advice they gave us and their kindness in coming to speak to us our sincere thanks are due.

Our thanks are also due to the other speakers, whose entertaining and interesting discourses set a high standard, which was maintained in the general discussions which followed. Arguments ranging from the Atomic Bomb to the Regency Scandals resulted from their papers which included "The Architect and Local Planning," by Mr. H. C. Bishop (Borough Architect), "The Grammar School and the 1944 Act," by Mr. Hedley (Asst. Director of Education), "Some aspects of the life and work of Sidney Smith," by Mr. W. K. Lewis, and "A concept of maturity," by Mr. J. L. Jolly. At the last meeting of the Society, the Russian silent film, "The Battleship Potemkin," was shown.

We hope to continue with a wide range of topics next term, when new members will be welcome.

R. D. EATON and P. BANKS, Hon. Secs.

### Student Christian Movement

Chairman: Mr. C. J. Bell. Secretary: B. H. Talbott.

Committee: H. C. Johnstone, A. C. Colling, D. Foster.

To many people the approach to Christianity lies solely through the services of church and chapel. The result is that the practical knowledge of Christianity tends to become neglected and the services themselves in consequence have less meaning for us.

The S.C.M. provides us with an opportunity for making good that deficiency. The theory and practice of Christianity are brought into the open and discussed, and the S.C.M. has greatly helped many people to get a wider comprehension of Christianity stripped of its denominational differences.

A variety of speakers from different denominations has been one of the features of this session and it was pleasant to see this practice maintained at the Girls' S.C.M. Conference on Christianity and Communism. This conference proved helpful to many people and resulted in the formation of a mixed group under the auspices of Mr. and Mrs. Giles and Mr. Bell to discuss the practical and social implications of Christianity. Closer co-operation with the Bede Girls' S.C.M. has sprung from this group, and the groups have united when a meeting of particular importance and of topical interest has been arranged.

Our thanks are due to Mr. C. J. Bell, who has been ever diligent in his duties as chairman and to the committee who have been responsible for the organisation of a session which we hope has paved the way in no unworthy manner for further success and good fellowship in future sessions.

The following meetings have been held:—

"What is baptism for?" (Rev. F. Wright, M.A.).

Sixth Form v. The Rest (Bible Quiz).

"The Old Testament" (John Ferguson, B.A., B.D., Lecturer in Classics at King's College).

"Open Forum" (Rev. D. Shubery).

"Twenty years in Japan" (Miss Baggs).

"The Franciscan Movement" (Father Joseph, C.S.F.).

"Christian Life" (Prof. Pawson, M.Sc., O.B.E., Prof. Agr. King's Coll.).

"Open Forum" (Rev. F. H. Hawkins, M.T.H., B.D., B.A.).

"Creeds" (Rev. D. R. Jones of Durham University).

"Brains Trust" (Rev. L. J. Paxton, Canon J. P. Richardson, Rev. C. Hopkins, Mr. F. H. Oliver).

"The Book of Common Prayer" (Film and talk) (Mr. C. J. Bell).

"China and the Future" (Rev. I. Maxwell).

"Congregationalism" (Rev. L. J. Paxton).

B. H. TALBOTT (Hon. Sec.).

### A Roman Holiday

On the night of April 7th twenty-nine boys in the first flush of exploration left neanderthal Sunderland Station for the classic hills of Rome. We fed and were photographed and boarded the boat-train at Victoria. "Prins Albert" gave a smooth passage to Ostend where we joined our train, a conveyance which we observed with relief to be upholstered. Morning and the Swiss countryside agreeably coincided and we spent a day of strenuous leisure by lake and mountain at Brunnen. Off again next morning, we did some Alpine tunnelling and got our first bleary-eyed glimpse of Rome in the small hours of Good Friday morning.

We plunged into bed, awoke invigorated enough to tackle all seven hills at once, but assaulted only the Capitoline, on that day, at least. During the week, however, we cast about exhaustingly, gazing with wonder at St. Peter's and the Pantheon, with awe at the Forum and Colosseum, with bedazzlement at the Vatican Treasury, with delight at Michaelangelo's frescoes and with excitement around the catacombs.

Splendour by itself, however, is too rich a diet, and we varied ours by afternoon shopping excursions full of knock-about comedy, by very expensive swimming parties and by practising our scrummaging in the extremely hazardous field of the Roman Public Transport Service.

The Ancients in this city rub shoulders with the architects of Mussolini, the donkey cart demands right of way from the limousine, and time in the midst of this variety sped all too swiftly to our departure point. An idyllic morning's boating on Lake Lugano was our final fling and we were back in a trice in the grime of Sunderland's station.

I. N. McBAIN (U.V.I.).

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### From Boarding School to Bede

"Hell hath no limits nor is circumscribed in one self place."  
(Marlowe).

Having had time to settle down into day school life, I can compare it with the boarding school without prejudice. Perhaps the most important factor in school life is the influence it has on one's character, the impression it makes on the boy, rather than the actual learning of set subjects, with the idea of satisfying the examiner.

Boarding school, whereas it does strengthen one's character as a self-dependent individual, weakens it morally, because however well a boarding school is run the atmosphere of home life so necessary to a growing boy is lacking. At boarding school, one is taught to rely absolutely on one's own judgement, and one has to accept a much stronger discipline than a day school boy dreams of, not only from masters, but from prefects who practically run the school, and even from House prefects. This has its advantages but also its disadvantages; it trains boys to accept

discipline as being inevitable and to expect unfortunate consequences if rules are broken, but it also stirs up resentment in the boy with a strong will causing him to wear a "chip on his shoulder," suppresses the weaker character and frightens the impressionable boy into subjection. As a day boy it is only now that I am able to appreciate the true value of home life. On a boarder's holiday the efforts which everyone makes to help him to enjoy himself are rather lost on him, as he regards them as his due, but when he settles down to the routine of home life, then his values begin to find their true perspective.

School work is naturally more intensive at Bede; as a special entrance examination has to be passed, the general standard of work is higher. At boarding school, however, there is much greater scope for outdoor and indoor activities. A boy from Sunderland misses his "proper" football, but much time is devoted to swimming, boxing, fives, basket ball, table tennis, as well as to the boarder's major sports of cricket, rugby, hockey and athletics. Out of school, rifle shooting, metalwork, woodwork, clay modelling, music and drama are popular, with the compulsory Cadet Course forming a feature of school life distasteful to most boys. But in spite of all these activities, life at boarding school can reach depths of boredom unknown to the day boys. Finally, all day school boys enjoy the inestimable delights of regular, good home cooking which are denied to the boarder.

NIL DESPERANDUM.

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### Victoria Falls

Royal Mail plane "Limpopo," a Viking with seating capacity of thirty, slowly taxied up the tarmac; turning into the wind, the craft shuddered as the mighty engines accelerated, and with ever increasing speed the plane sped down the runway and we were airborne!

Releasing our safety belts we soon made ourselves comfortable, and from the windows, the aerial view of Salisbury was the main attraction. Gradually the Garden City of Southern Rhodesia disappeared below, whilst the surrounding kopjes merged into the green veld. Meanwhile our charming air hostess served coffee and sandwiches and throughout the flight acted as our guide, pointing out the various landmarks below. Captain Henderson, the pilot, circulated a bulletin giving us our position, speed of 210 m.p.h., and our height of 3,600 feet; all of which greatly added to the interest of the journey.

An hour later the great Zambesi appeared and we were told the Falls would shortly be in sight. Several minutes before we actually flew over the Falls the huge columns of spray could be seen forming a continuous cloud over the area. The plane circled round and the spectacular sight of a sheet of water a mile-and-a-quarter wide thundering into an apparently bottomless abyss was breath-taking. There was an incessant click of camera shutters, as we all attempted to record a scene of the wonderful panorama below.

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At Livingstone, another air hostess, our guide for the day, took charge of the party. Boarding a bus we were taken to the Eastern Cataract which is the first part of the Falls to be seen in Northern Rhodesia. Here the morning sun shone on the spray, forming rainbows across the gorge—a fascinating sight. Descending the steps into the gorge we had a wonderful view of the river plunging over the brink, although we were soaked by the dense clouds of spray.

Even as we crossed the Victoria Falls Bridge, the spray drifted across and unfortunately blocked our view of the Falls from this grand vantage point. Refreshments were served at the Falls Hotel, and then we proceeded to the boathouse. In doing so, we saw the Big Tree, a giant Baobab, or Cream of Tartar, sixty-six and-a-half feet around the base and 146 feet high!

By motor launch we had a nine-mile voyage up the Zambesi River, to Kandeoa Island, having a picnic lunch en route. Having only half-an-hour in which to explore the island, we lost no time in getting ashore armed with tit-bits for the monkeys and with cameras of all shapes and sizes. Leaving a narrow path, we wended our way through the forest and were fortunate in seeing several lechwe, which are very much like deer, and even a small snake.<sup>9</sup> The monkeys were exceptionally tame, and were easily bribed by food to pose for the cameras. Time was short, however, and soon we left the island and returned downstream to the boathouse.

Devil's Cataract, the western extremity of the Falls, on the Southern Rhodesian side, was our next stop. Here the water thunders through a comparatively narrow gap giving an impression of tremendous force, although such force is to be expected, especially in time of flood, when one-and-three-quarter million gallons of water crash over the brink of the Falls every second!

Donning our macintoshes we walked through the Rain Forest, where the spray falls from the trees like rain, and where consequently the vegetation is most dense and the atmosphere very humid. Through the trees we had an exquisite view of the main Falls, and once again the spray was painted with rainbows. Further on, the falls reach their maximum height, which is three hundred and fifty-five feet, although at that point it was impossible to see the bottom of the gorge owing to the dense spray. Returning through the Rain Forest, we had our last sight of these wonderful Falls, which surely must be included as one of the natural wonders of the world.

Leaving the Falls, we returned to Livingstone via the Game Reserve. Owing to the heavy rains the road was exceptionally muddy and at one place the bus literally sank, which delayed us for over an hour. Normally passengers are not allowed to leave the bus, as many of the animals are far from tame, but we considered the circumstances to be far from normal and made the most of the hour wandering through the Reserve. We saw many animals, and a giraffe, in particular, proved to be very friendly. Eventually another bus arrived, and we were rushed to the air-



port, where the plane was already late through waiting for our party. After a quick tea we bade farewell to our guide and boarded the plane. Our return journey was equally as pleasant as the morning's flight and at 7-15 p.m. we landed at Salisbury airport.

The Falls are unbelievably beautiful; just how magnificently so one can appreciate only by seeing them. It had been a wonderful day, an experience I shall always remember.

B. COOMBS (1945-51).

### Traverse of Snowdon

The day dawned fine, but low cloud veiled the steep upper slopes of Conway Mountain. Intermittent rain began to fall and became hard and steady when we arrived at Pen-y-pass, near the twin lakes of Capel Curig. We debated whether or not to attempt the climb, and eventually decided to proceed in defiance of the weather.

And so, at twelve noon, we started the hike up the Cwm Dyli. We crossed Llyn Llydaw by the ancient causeway which, in winter and spring, is half submerged, and walked along the northern shore of the lake, at the foot of the steep, rocky face of Crib Goch.

After a short, steep ascent by a rocky path, deep in running water, we reached the foot of the rocks and loose scree, which barred the way to the crest of the Crib Ddysgl Ridge.

By this time we were all thoroughly wet, so we welcomed the climb of ten to fifteen hundred feet up into the mist and clouds which had closed in around us so that we could see only a few yards, and were left to imagine what lay ahead.

It was a weird experience, that climb through the swirling whiteness, which clung to the rocks and billowed around like so much cotton wool, but apart from two or three minor casualties caused by falling rocks, which had been dislodged by the feet of the leaders, we arrived safely on the crest of the "Knife Edge." A gale tore at us as we rose above the jagged line of projecting rocks and we learned of August mountain cold.

The fact that we had seen, and still could see, nothing but cloud was rather a disappointment to most of us, but we gasped with admiration when, after walking along the top of the ridge for some distance, a widening gap suddenly was ripped in the cloud, and there below us, basking in the yellow light of the sun, we saw the coast of Caernarvon, the Menai Straights, Anglesey, and, beyond that, Puffin Island and the Irish Sea smiling into the distance. The clouds closed in, and, in a moment, we were left alone once more in that isolated, silent world.

A bottleneck of rock and some extremely loose scree were the first patches to be negotiated on descent. These difficulties, however, we soon surmounted and a couple of hours of pleasant

ridge-walking followed. The whole aspect was brightened by the lifting of the clouds, and we found ourselves in a world of green valleys and rocky cliffs, shut in by the peaks around us.

Once we were down in the valley, three miles of rough tracks and footpaths remained to be covered, and, looking back, we could still see Snowdon, wild and untamed, rearing up into the sky, with her head and shoulders lost among the clouds.

W. G. PHAYER, U.V.1.

### Holidays Abroad

They don't begin when the party boards the train at Sunderland. This is in fact the culmination of a long period of preparation which begins with a tentative suggestion that a school party be taken abroad, followed by intensive study by the staff concerned of bank balances, the international situation, in general, and the possible future Soviet strategy in Central Europe, in particular, and close scrutiny of numerous pamphlets from travel agencies eager to make all arrangements for the party, apparently at considerable loss to themselves. At long last the decision is made—Austria, Paris, Rome or what you will.

Boys plan the extraction of the necessary money from their parents. Some even toy with the idea of earning it. J.L.J. subsides quietly under a sea of passports, V forms, T forms, booking forms, cash deposits, letters from the agency, travellers' cheques, timetables, train reservations and recent quotations on the Money Market. J.A.M. consults the records of the Wine and Food Society to see what the resort has to offer, ensures that he can count up to one hundred in the appropriate language, checks whether English cigarettes are available, practises useful phrases such as "Prosit," "Bonne santé," "vino rosso," "helles Bier," and finally frees his mind from worldly cares and allows himself to roam in fancy through Alpine meadows decked with flowers or relax in friendly Gasthäuser, quaffing ale to a zither accompaniment.

Comes the departure amid cries of "Have a good time" and "Enjoy yourselves" while the staff listen gloomily to parents whose "I wouldn't be in your shoes for a thousand pounds" suggests that they know more about their offspring and their potential than teachers believe. On to London, Dover and Ostend where the party reels ashore suffering not from the effects of the Channel crossing but from the ruinous impact of the bill for lunch on the Belgian packet, which, it must be said, does more to destroy international goodwill than the appointment of ten American admirals. And finally, jaded but not dispirited, we are at our destination. With luck we shall already have heard one or two words in a foreign tongue but one cannot count on this.

There follows a fortnight of relaxation or intensive activity according to location and taste. Alpine valleys offer walking, swimming for those who can, climbing for those who will and

less strenuous pursuits for those of the party who have left youth behind. Cities invite the sightseer and his guide-book. Impression crowds on impression—Alpine chalets, lakes unbelievably blue, national costumes and dances, a cable car ascent of the Hafelekar, the monotonous plain of the Po, lights reflected in Lake Lugano, the floodlit Place de la Concorde, the neglected Foro Romano, the cafés of the Champs Elysées, the Maria Theresienstrasse and the Schindler Bar, Paris from Sacre Coeur, Salzburg from its Festung, Rome from the Pincio, street markets of Paris suburbs, antique shops in the Corso Umberto, the Arc de Triomphe, the St. Gotthard tunnel, the Emmet-like Achenseebahn, St. Peter's Square, the Sistine Chapel, Bernini's fountains, Venus de Milo, Mona Lisa, La Pietà, Michaelangelo's Moses, Oberammergau, the Opera in Paris, "Rigoletto" in Rome. And some Chianti, Frascati, Riesling, Graves, Sauterne, Liqueure Strega, Enzian. These are not to be forgotten.

Some memories of course are not recalled with such pleasure—travel by night through France in an unheated compartment, noodle soup, risotto, spaghetti, fried squid, and rides in overcrowded Austrian Post buses driven by Jehus along Alpine roads threaded along the sides of precipitous ravines.

But with what pleasure one recalls that one could understand and be understood by Italians in a conversation in French, although this is offset by the complete failure to understand or be understood by the French themselves.

And from our impressions firm resolutions are born. Next year it will be first class hotels and air travel. Baggage will be reduced by fifty per cent. Full advantage will be taken of the fact that Customs officials do not inspect the baggage of school parties. Old illusions are shattered. It is finally accepted that boys are not interested in features of geographical interest, that they never speak in a foreign language and indeed rarely hear it spoken when abroad and that they are incapable of calculating quickly or accurately in terms of foreign currency. For this last masters are grateful.

They do say, however, that foreign travel broadens the mind.

AN INNOCENT.

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### Is The Male Ballet Dancer Effeminate ?

The number of boys now entering Ballet Dancing as a profession is increasing, the increase being due to a new view of the function of the male ballet dancer. I should like to show what a male dancer is required to do, and how he goes about doing it.

He must, in contrast to his female partner, appear powerful and courageous; his steps demand much greater physical strength than do hers. His gestures have to be large, triumphant and dominant. To fulfil this aim he must cultivate perfection of physique, strength of heart and lung, poise, balance and agility; he must discipline nerve and muscle; he must have perseverance

and patience, for training is slow and arduous. Regular exercises to fatigue, but not exhaust, the frame must be continued in order to build stamina, for the women dancers depend on their partners literally for immovable support.

The art of mime is vital, for the dancer must be able to use arms, hands, head, shoulders, face and eyes to interpret the wordless action of the Ballet. Music and rhythm have to be studied in all their refinements if the male dancer is to make his role a complete one.

Only now, it seems, are the young men of to-day beginning to overcome their self-conscious idea that ballet dancing is effeminate. There should be success for them, for surely the dancer is actor, musician and strong-man rolled into one.

C. H. HUDSON, U.V.3.

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#### The Tramp

He tramps along the endless road  
 In sunshine or in shower,  
 His friend is every shady tree:  
 He loves the wayside flower.

At sunset glow he seeks a place  
 Where he can lay his head,  
 And many times the roadside hedge  
 Must serve him for a bed.

Yet he would have no other life  
 Than tramping through the lanes;  
 And who can mock him, if this way  
 He satisfaction gains?

R. W. ALLEN, U.IV.2.

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#### Summer

I lie outstretched upon the warm cliff turf,  
 Looking lazily down on sea and sand,  
 Where the rolling, surging, carrying surf  
 Breaks on the rocks, and sweeps towards the land.  
 Rising, swelling, through the clefts in the stone;  
 Rattling on the shingle, breaking in spray;  
 Pulling, swirling, round a swimmer, alone  
 Swimming out from the roundly curving bay  
 To water more calm, and gently lifting waves.

The scattered, gleaming sunlights on the sea  
 Are fading to the hot, horizon haze,  
 From where the blue sky arches, over me.

D. McMANN, U.VI. Arts.

**Mathematical Dictionary**

- "Calculus is a plant that grows in the desert."  
 "A degree may be obtained at college."  
 "Division is what you put football teams in."  
 "A dynamic is a machine adapted to keep a bicycle lamp on."  
 "Log. tables are timber merchants' account books."  
 "A protractor is a contractor's mate."  
 "A ratio is a man who kept a bridge."  
 "Subtraction is a means of under-water transport."  
 "A tangent is a negro."  
 "Trigonometry is the practice of marrying three wives."

E. HOWEY and D. MUNRO, L.VI.a.

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**Hänschen auf der Jagd**

Hänschen wolt' einen Raben schiessen  
 Um ihn am Mittag zu geniessen  
 Er dacht'; „Ich habe kein Gewehr,  
 Darum nehm ich diesen Besen hier.“  
 Er lief in den Wald  
 Da fand er bald  
 Einen Raben.  
 Hänschen wolt' ihn zum Essen haben,  
 Darum schoss er auf ihn: „Bumm, Bumm!“  
 Der Rabe lachte: „Sei doch nicht dumm,  
 Besen schiessen ja nicht richtig!“  
 Herr Rabe fühlte sich sehr wichtig  
 Betrübt ging Hänschen nach Haus'  
 Und die Geschichte ist aus.

T. U. BURNHAM, III.1.

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**The Symphony**

The waves of sound entwine with subtle coils  
 The listening spirit,  
 And reality, the dark chrysalis, is left  
 Abandoned for a world imagined.  
 Like journeying seas, the rise  
 And fall of note on note  
 Sweeps the cold flotsam  
 From the wind's wide shores, and leaves  
 Them unreceptive to all but argosies  
 Of music.

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For this brief flicker in the span of being ourselves,  
Do we glimpse what we might be.  
The windows of the soul become uncurtained,  
For a transient eternity.

The last bright cadence fades, and fades,  
Is gone.  
The fickle spirit hovers and returns,  
Drawn back into the chains of finite things,  
While yet one joy remains. That such seas wash  
Against the reefs of inner self.

P. BANKS, U.VI. Arts.

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### Ink

Ink is very funny stuff:  
To write with it is quite enough;  
But to spill it on the floor  
Just inside the bedroom door  
And make my mother very cross  
And cause my pocket such a loss  
Is really more than I can bear—  
All I can do is stand and stare  
At the blob upon the floor  
Just inside the bedroom floor  
Which made my mother very cross  
And caused my pocket such a loss:—  
Two and six!

STEPHEN TURNBULL III.1.

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### The Seconde Clerkes Tale

Here begynneth the Tale of the Clerke of Bede Schole.

A pouvre litel clerke of Bede Schole,  
That in the toune of Sonderland is famed,  
Whylom wenten him to scoleward  
With hastifnesse, for that he was late.  
He ran so that him thoghte his herte breke;  
For the prefectes he was afered,  
That wolde stonden at the yate, y-wis.  
He spedde so, he ran past every tramme.  
Up the hill he wente, and still him thoughte,  
He wol arryve ther er rong the bell.

O Accide, ful of cursednesse!  
O ydel sloth, O latrede toryinge,  
Oon of the greatest auctours, seyde he thus,  
"Radix malorum est tarditus."  
And this is stille true, so moot I thee.  
For when this clerke had comen to the yate,  
The verray prefects of the scole him henten,  
And oon of hem gan repreven this knave.

"The sonne," he seyde, "is clomben up in heuene  
 Sixty degrees and oon, and somewhat more,  
 Thus with that other hour for summer-tyme,  
 It is righte playne to alle that yow are late."  
 And in a cronique he wroote his name,  
 And sith he put him in detencioun!  
 Lo swich it is, good brethren, to be lache,  
 And latrede, and ful of ydelnesse.

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But ye that holden this tale a folye,  
 Taketh the moralitee, good men.  
 For Seint Poul seith, that all that written is,  
 To our doctrine it is y-write, ywis.

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Pirated from "Bishopwearmouth Tales,"  
 with apologies to Skeat and Coghill:

M. W. TURNBILL, L.VI.a.

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**Apt Quotations from W. S. Gilbert**

(of Gilbert and Sullivan fame)

**Headmaster addressing the school after morning prayers:**

"By any reasonable plan  
 I make you happy, if I can;  
 My own convenience count as nil;  
 It is my duty, and I will."

**The New Prefect:**

"When I first put this uniform on,  
 I said as I looked in the glass,  
 'It's one to a million  
 That any civilian  
 My figure and form will surpass.'"

**School XV Captain:**

"In enterprise of martial kind,  
 When there was any fighting,  
 He led his regiment from behind.  
 (He finds it more exciting)."

**Girls' School Prefects:**

"Oh, maids of high and low degree,  
 Whose social code is rather free."

**Confessions by a "first year":**

"I see the ghost of my first cigar."



**Masters' Pay-day:**

"He gave them money, more than they could count."

**Without comment:**

"By dint of work and skilful plan  
Our Jasper grew a wealthy man."

**The Writer :**

"There was never such a face  
So medically fine."

W. H. CAMPBELL, U.VI.Sc.

**Elysium**

## Canto I.

As radiant morning breaks o'er Humbledon Hill,  
Phoebus shines on fair Elysium still;  
Behold below that glimmering ray of white,  
The trembling caitiffs from their chariots light.  
The guardians of that famed celestial hall  
In sombre garb and banded white, crowd all,  
Each smiling welcome to those wretches weak,  
But woe betide the tardy entrant meek !  
With flashing graphite and triumphant look  
Is brandished forth with glee the dreaded book;  
And down in timeless tablets name is written  
Of loathsome rogue, twice shy now that he's bitten.

## Canto II.

The humble suppliant stream to vaulted hall  
Where vot'ries grim, imperious beck and call.  
Each subject stands, all dumb with tensest fright,  
Awaiting now the awful Lord of Might.  
Nor long they wait, for Zeus in sable clad  
Has come to laud the good, reprove the bad.  
The cowering slaves stand in expectant awe:  
"Thy sins will find thee out," is ancient law.  
Cecilia's gift at length disbanding triumph booms  
And churls lag forth to seek their squalid dooms.

## Canto III.

What time that Phoebus seeks airy way  
The caitiffs grub for learning all the day.  
Some bolt great gobbets of that higher knowledge  
That will, they hope, fit them for heav'nly college.  
Others, again, with windy suspiration like a whistle,  
On beam hang limp, and all to build up gristle.  
Then tumult glad assails the waiting ear;  
Loud ringing freedom round the halls they hear.  
Now 'tis the end of toil for that long day;  
The churl's thoughts turn to beauteous nymphs so gay,

Who flit the day in yonder neighbouring court,  
 With sylph-like wings of finest goss'mer wrought.  
 The simple serfs now jocund scatter home,  
 As blithe as winds that leave the bag to roam.  
 To distant folds they go in chariots drawn  
 And there they lurk at peace until the dawn.  
 Exhausted slumber now their spirits measures;  
 Fades out Elysium and its painful pleasures.

B. ROBINSON	}	Lower VI.a.
J. D. CHARLTON		
P. LIDDLE		

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#### Lakeland Tour—Easter 1952

So great was the success of last year's School Tour of Wensleydale, that Mr. Bell decided to organise a similar party this year to visit the Lake District at Easter. The response was entirely satisfactory, twenty-three boys expressing their willingness to participate.

As last year, the tour was under the auspices of the Youth Hostels Association. In due course, on the afternoon of April 16th, after a 'bus journey via Alston, our party arrived at Ambleside with all arrangements completed. We were to spend the first and third nights at Ambleside, and the remainder of the week at Hawkshead. Of the two hostels, Hawkshead was in every way, the more popular as its location was more pleasant, overlooking Esthwaite Water, its atmosphere was friendly, and, most important of all, the meals were bigger and better! For many, this was the first taste of Youth-hostelling, and the Hawkshead hostel, in particular, left a very great impression upon us.

The organised walks took us past Grasmere, Rydal Water, Windermere, Coniston, Elterwater, Esthwaite Water, and Easedale and Blen Tarns. The highlight of the holiday, however, was our reaching the summit of Coniston Old Man, which is over 2,600 feet high, from which all Lakeland from Skiddaw to Morecambe Bay could be seen. It was, indeed, a marvellous view, well worth the long climb to gain it.

In addition to walks, we visited Keswick and Derwent Water, and different members of the party boated on this lake and on Grasmere, Windermere and Esthwaite Water.

The fine weather which was enjoyed during the first part of the holiday deteriorated towards the end into cloud and showers, and, in fact, it rained a little during the return journey through Kirkby Stephen, Brough, Barnard Castle and Durham.

I think it would be very true to say that this holiday was profitable, as well as enjoyable, as it provided an introduction into the community of hostel life for many of the younger boys.

and also for some of the older ones. For my part, I intend, in future holidays, to renew my acquaintance with the Youth Hostels Association.

Finally, a word of gratitude and thanks to Mr. Bell for his organization and conduct of the tour. All of us who took part in it deeply appreciate his efforts on our behalf.

J. PHALP (Lower VI.).

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### Drama Club

Our production of "Faustus" involved us in many technical difficulties, some of which we surmounted, some of which could not be overcome in the time. We had the most complicated lighting plot yet tackled, and our new board enabled us to make a reasonable show in this difficult and important department.

Our sound equipment is obsolete and is being largely renewed, and we hope also to build new flats. Those now in use are about fifteen years old and of a design unsuited to the exigencies of a school with such inadequate storage facilities. We hope to make new ones which will be collapsible. Something has been done (largely by Bryan Harrison) to increase our storage room, but this remains one of our most trying handicaps.

The enthusiasm of the Head Master in commending the 1952 production resulted in greatly increased takings, for which we are very grateful.

J.L.J.

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### Dr. Faustus

The number of people who have seen a stage performance of Marlowe's "Faustus" must be relatively small. We may therefore truly be indebted to the Dramatic Society for giving us an opportunity of including ourselves amongst the few, amongst, one may say, the fortunate few, for here was a performance which had awareness, sturdy precision and some fine moments, at least.

By the presence or absence of these qualities, indeed, the performance was to stand or fall, for the theme demanded them from the players. The grandeur, not only of Faustus' intellect, but of his imagination, the deliberate valour of his choice, the pitiless comedy of his power, once won, the piteous tragedy of it, once lost, all these they had to keep in their consciousness. This task itself was great; it was made the greater by the necessity of maintaining in the audience a sense of ceaseless conflict between human weakness and superhuman aspiration, between heavenly good and diabolical evil. Then, finally, the action had to be conveyed in the exacting terms of highly-charged lyric-verse, richly interwoven with equal threads of imagery and learning and full of delicacies of light and shade.

It spoke highly for the tuition of Mr. Jolly, the producer, that he had so obviously made his cast realize the implications of their play. By good timing and by skilful blending into the plot of the symbolism of the dance and the show, he saw to it that the play had a dignified unity of tone. While the boisterously humorous scenes were set with zest, they kept, in one's eye, their proper perspective beside the main structure. It was, indeed, a nice feat of balance. The main set itself was well contrived and facilitated the countless quick appearances and disappearances, though dramatic power and movement sometimes came into jeopardy because of the comfortable nature of the seat at Faustus's imposing desk. The complications of the scenes at Rome and at the Emperor's court were admirably managed; the conjuring and the visions were amusingly and dramatically convincing. The scenes of secondary by-play are of intractable stuff; they were, however, robustly staged and one could in justice ask no more. The back-stage gramophone at times seemed set to prove that one's ear was as big as its own horn and there was an anxious moment when Faustus's voice swam disembodied from an abyss of Stygian gloom. The players' force, however, always returned with poignancy and one was conscious of being truly elevated at the climax of the closing moments.

Bringing the play close to the audience was, of course, a duty vested largely in the character of Faustus. P. H. Liddle bore this responsibility with great ability. His acting was disciplined and, through him, we saw a Faustus of ruthless intellect, a fit match for Mephistophilis himself. It was the passion and poetry of the character that were less powerfully drawn for us, until, at any rate, the final soliloquy, when he bore the audience along on a fine tide of tormented eloquence.

His companion in shouldering the burden of the play, P. Banks, as Mephistophilis, was no less impressive. Here we saw the right blend of subtlety and menace in face of which the character of Faustus was to achieve power and dignity. It was from this character that we had some of the best verse-speaking.

In this latter respect no-one did better than A. Cowey, the Chorus. He opened a world for us with a fine sense of rhythm and phrase and gesture. E. J. Daintree, as Wagner, worked up an amusing character-study in sparrow-like conceit based on shallow reason. Of a long cast who all worked with concerted spirit one should like to mention especially W. Forster, W. G. Phayer, H. Anderson and W. B. Young for the constructive nature of their performances. One must praise, too, C. Hudson, whose lithesome dance was full of graceful threat of things to come.

The work of all these actors was undoubtedly made the easier by the ingenuity and efficiency of the back-stage brotherhood. The masks representing the Seven Deadly Sins were wonderfully done; there was a brazier with lambent flame and a cavernous Hell that would have confirmed the most highly-coloured suspicions of the Middle Ages. The play was colour-

SENIOR CRICKET XI.



Standing—Mr. W. E. McCLEMENT, P. H. LIDDLE, A. L. JONES (Sec.), D. MUNRO, B. CHRISTIE,  
N. H. PIGG, W. HOWE, R. SIDNEY, C. H. ALLEN, Mr. R. C. SIMPSON.

Seated—J. McKENZIE, B. HARRISON (Vice-Capt.), P. WILLIAMSON (Capt.) K. SCORER,  
W. J. BOND, J. WEBSTER.

On Ground—N. L. THOMPSON and D. MENNEAR (Scorers).

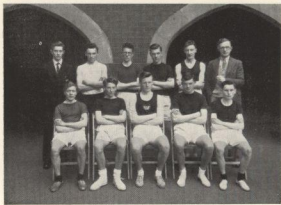
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B. CHRISTIE, J. D. CHARLTON.

Seated—A. L. JONES, R. SIDNEY, K. SCORER, P. JOHNSTON (Capt.), A. THOMPSON,  
H. CLARKE, T. ROBSON.

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Mr. D. A. THOMPSON.  
Seated—C. BITTLESTONE, R. G. RENDALL (Vice-Capt.), A. WILLIAMS (Capt.), G. E. FERGUSON,  
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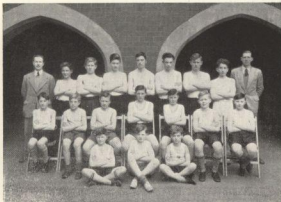
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G. A. PAWSON, T. HALL, Mr. R. C. TAYLOR.  
Seated—G. MACDONALD, K. DAVIDSON, J. HOLEY, A. HINDMARCH, C. H. REINECK,  
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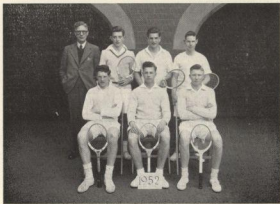
**Standing**—Mr. H. BERRY, R. ROBINSON, P. BATTY, D. McMANN, G. E. FERGUSON,  
A. WILLIAMS, D. C. HOGG, W. HOWE.  
**Seated**—J. WEBSTER, D. McKENZIE, B. HARRISON (Vice-Capt.), R. D. EATON (Capt.),  
J. D. SAVAGE (Sec.), B. H. TALBOTT, G. CUDDFORD.  
**On Ground**—H. MACDONALD, D. R. RICHARDSON.

### BOXING CLUB.



**Standing**—Mr. G. W. LEE, M. T. TULLOCH, W. S. SLIMMIN, J. KIRK, J. SHEPHERD,  
A. NOBLE, P. LAVERY (Capt.), M. NEEDHAM, Mr. P. J. GILLESPIE.  
**Seated**—K. HESKETT, G. T. ANDERSON, T. GOOCH, M. DAVISON, P. W. FEATHERSTONE,  
O. BURNHAM, L. W. BLAND.  
**On Ground**—P. F. SHORT, E. BELL, O. GARRY.

SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM.



Standing—Mr. G. B. THOMPSON, J. WAKERFIELD, P. H. LIDDLE, J. WILMOT,  
Seated P. JOHNSTON, M. RICHARDSON (Capt.), B. CHRISTIE.

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Seated—K. ROBSON, D. AMEY, W. BRYCE, G. SHAPERO, P. WEST, Mr. J. KIRK, W. FORSTER, G. HASWELL, N. SIMPSON, D. BROWN.  
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fully costumed, the make-up had the right degree of unobtrusiveness, the programme was pleasantly designed and, if there were any imbroglíos or fistcuff in the audience over the seating arrangements, then the writer, at any rate, did not notice them.

W.K.L.

### Senior Debating Society

Once more we are drawing to the close of our session, and we think we are justified in saying that it has been, from many aspects, one of the most successful, enjoyable and progressive of the Society's forty-seven years of existence.

During the two terms of this session, meetings have been presided over by Mr. B. H. Posner and Mr. A. C. Colling. The greatest development which has taken place in the Society this year is undoubtedly its amalgamation with members of the Girls' Senior School. Since this took place, a marked improvement has been apparent in attendances, and consequently in the standard of performance of speakers, although the number of girls who speak in debates remains, unfortunately, at a consistently low level. We can but hope that this situation will be rectified in the near future.

Subjects discussed this year have ranged from "The Welfare State" to "University seats" in the realm of politics, and from "Arts versus Sciences" to "Routine" in the more philosophical vein. One of the most interesting—and most revealing—of these debates was the Staff Debate, the Motion being: "That this house considers that this seat of learning needs patching."

The Autumn and Spring Term Bi-annual Cup Debates were adjudicated by Mr. A. J. B. Budge and Miss W. J. E. Moul respectively, the successful competitors being Mr. H. C. Johnstone and Mr. P. Banks. The Officers' Prize Debate, which was adjudicated by Mr. W. K. Lewis, was won by Mr. W. H. Campbell. The India Cup debate, which was judged by Mr. Openshaw, was also won by Mr. W. H. Campbell.

Other outstanding events of this session included a Mock Election, which was held at the time of the General Election last year, and which returned Mr. M. Duffell, the Conservative candidate, by the narrow margin of nine votes, the Communist candidate being second in the field, and a Public Meeting, which was very well attended. The motion discussed here was: "This house contends that Man's control over Nature is his greatest peril," which was defeated by 98 votes to 38, with three abstentions. In this connection, we wish to tender our thanks to Mr. W. Steer and Mr. C. H. Slater who went to no small trouble to act as principal speakers at this function.

This year's outing which was arranged for Ascension Day, May 22nd, took us to Brampton and Naworth. There was also boating on Talkin Tarn. It proved to be very enjoyable, although the weather was rather inclement at times, and although two thirds of the party made a rather long tour before finding Naworth.

In conclusion, we should like to extend our hearty and sincere thanks to Mr. G. T. Moore for yet another year's service to the Society as Treasurer and Master-in-charge, and also to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Bell and Mr. Giles whose great interest and help in connection with the Society has proved to be most valuable to us. Our thanks are also due to Mr. H. Wilson for his support, as business manager, in connection with the Public Meeting.

A. C. COLLING	} Hon. Secs.
A. L. HARGREAVES	

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### Junior Debating Society

The Junior Debating Society has had the usual two terms in session. The standard of oratory has not been very high, a feature which has predominated. Often members have been unruly, and three members have been ejected in the course of the session. The most consistent speakers were Messrs. Shepherd, Tulloch, Austin, Hunter and Hazell. The "Freshers' Debate" was won by J. T. Shepherd, of U.IV.3. Subjects discussed ranged from "Brabazons" to "Girl-friends." The latter was commented upon by Councillor W. L. Craggs, at the Junior Speech Day in February. We wish to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. J. A. Hutton, who acted as Master-in-Charge.

D. G. HUNTER (Easter Term)	} Secretaries.
A. GRUMMETT (Xmas Term)	

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### Philatelic Society

Presidents: E. Howey. C. Spencer.

Committee: M. B. Seery, J. Wilmot, A. L. Greenshields,  
D. Wrightson.

The Society has had an extremely successful year with a gratifying increase in membership. The programmes have included illustrated talks by members, auctions, exhibitions and quizzes.

We have been fortunate in having visits by two members of the North of England Philatelic Society, Mr. Laidler and Mr. Todd. Mr. Laidler who has given much of his time and experience to our problems has attended our meetings regularly throughout the session and has provided many interesting exhibitions of stamps. Mr. Todd's visit is outstanding in that he passed round among the boys stamps to the value of over £400 and talked about them as if we all possessed similar ones. This was his second visit to the society and we would like to take this opportunity of extending our sincere thanks to him and to invite him again in the coming session.

Mr. Thwaites, a member of the Lower Vith gave an interesting talk on the artistic arrangement of stamps.

It has been unanimously decided to extend the session throughout the Summer Term owing to the increased interest in stamp-collecting at the moment.

The Christmas party, which was held in the gymnasium, was generally agreed to have been a success and enjoyed by all. It is hoped that a Summer outing will be arranged for this Summer Term.

Owing to increased membership, we have found it possible to increase our stock of catalogues.

Boys interested in stamp collecting and not, as yet, members of the Society are assured of a warm welcome at any time.

Our thanks are tendered to Mr. G. W. Lee, Master-in-charge, for his whole-hearted support of the society during the year.

E. HOWEY and C. SPENCER.

### School Music

All voluntary activities must have their ups and downs as talented boys develop, and in due course leave. The Orchestra has had a good year, and it will take some time to replace Banks and Johnstone on Bassoon and Flute respectively. If these two are singled out from the others who are leaving, it is only because their instruments call for much solo work, and they have not failed us. Nor have the rest of the orchestra generally, in that their zeal and enthusiasm have carried them over some very difficult situations.

But the greatest improvement this year has been made in the string playing. A few years like this, and we shall have the foundations of a really good School Orchestra. We have had some really effective wood-wind playing, and the brass, after an indifferent start, finished the season by playing very well indeed. Strangers cock an ear at the French Horn tone. There have also been remarks about the loss of several school dusters!

Mr. Twigg's Junior Choir has performed valiantly this year, and has maintained the very high standard we expect from our Juniors.

The excellence of Mr. Twigg's organ playing at School functions and at Assembly we rather take for granted now, unfortunately. One part of our School musical life that does not get its due share of the limelight—it wouldn't ask for it, I am sure—is the choir at Assembly every morning. Mr. Bell is the moving spirit here, and his zeal for this work, and the energy he devotes to it are reaping a rich harvest.

Boys' activities are always better attended when members of staff show some interest, and the practical help given by

Messrs. Smith, Bell, Linton and Giles in the choirs, and Mr. Smith's solo work are a great asset to the School.

In conclusion, we are grateful for the violin teaching of Miss Elliot—where would our orchestra be without her?—and for the gift of much very valuable Chamber Music, made to us by Mr. Edward Reed. They have proved very good friends to us indeed. Now that we are on the up-grade, we must try to reach higher still, and all boys of the School of a musical bent **must** give all the help they can by joining one or more of the School's varied musical activities. J.K.

### The School Concert, 1952

It seems safe to say that this concert was the best the School has held for many years. General improvement in orchestral technique was remarked upon by many, and the whole was well supported, as usual, by vocal work.

The orchestra was given very able assistance, once more, by Old Bedans who took no little trouble to attend rehearsals. In this connection, we had the services of D. Gaines and P. Smurthwaite (violins), J. Wallace (viola), I. T. Miller ('cello), and A. Wimpenny and A. L. Dumble (clarinets). Unfortunately William Storey, our rising virtuoso of the trumpet, was unable, for once, to help us. These players increased the orchestra to the hitherto unheard-of number of forty players.

Mr. A. Smith and C. Newrick had already established a favourable reputation as vocalists, and were welcomed by the audience almost in the capacity of old friends. Mr. J. B. S. Twigg, after his many hours of toil with the Junior Choir, also found the strength to give a sensitive rendering of a Rheinberger Organ Sonata. The Senior Choir, although it did not excel itself, as it usually does, was as popular as ever.

Something of an innovation was the greater time devoted to Chamber Music in the concert, in the form of a violin sonata by our Leader, Peter West, and string and woodwind trios by other members of the orchestra.

There is no doubt, however, that the greatest success of the evening was Mr. Kirk's March: "Homage to Queen Elizabeth II," and despite malignant murmurings about Edgar and Coates, it was received extremely well. To Mr. Kirk and Mr. Twigg, for their work with orchestra and choirs, and to Mr. H. Wilson, business manager, must go the major credit for the undoubted success of this year's School Concert.

P. BANKS, U.VI.

### Chess Club

Officials:—Captain: A. Share; Vice-Captain: J. Phalp; Secretary: J. Ware.

Silence reigns in the Library, thirty-six boys all quiet—the atmosphere is tense. Suddenly a cry—"Checkmate"—The

House Chess Matches are over and so is the Chess Club's Session for another year. What a year it has been! First the Handicap Tournament, with sixty-five competitors, then the School "Knock-out Tournament, in which thirty-two boys from the Senior School competed, and finally the House matches.

There are still a few matches to play in the Handicap Tournament, but it seems that A. Share will emerge as winner. J. M. Phalp won the School Championship, with J. Ware as runner-up, and Durham House beat Hylton by one point in the House Matches, Lumley beating Raby for third place.

The best individual feats were performed by P. Hull, who reached the quarter-finals of the Durham County Junior Championship, and C. Miller, who drew with J. Phalp in the third round of the School Championship.

Only one School match was played, when the Junior Team played against Monkwearmouth Grammar School and were beaten.

It has been a most enjoyable and successful year in the realm of chess, owing to the keenness of the boys and to the help, coaching and advice of Mr. Maccoby, Mr. Giles, Mr. Linton and Mr. A. Taylor.

J. WARE (Hon. Sec.).

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### Bedan Scouts

1951 has been both an outstanding and encouraging year for the Bedan Scout Group.

Among the many successes of the Junior Troop was that a team of representatives of this group gained third place in the "Stanfield Richardson" Cup Competition, while the Senior Section, not to be outdone, gained second place in both the "Alan Paterson" trophy competition and the "Geoffrey Gordon" competition, contested by troops from all over Durham County. They also represented the town in some Senior Scout Exercises, held at Brancepeth.

The Junior Troop held an exceedingly successful camp at Rowsely, in Derbyshire in the Summer. The Senior Section held an Easter Camp at Millfield, a village near Wooler, and a hike round the lake district in the summer. In addition, the Patrol Leaders of the Junior Troop held a Gallup-poll in the Middleton-in-Teesdale district for a week in the summer.

The troop has been generously supplied with funds by the efforts of the Group Committee, a group of loyal parents, who have organised two "Bring-and-Buy" sales and two "Hostess-Whist-Drives," the results of which have enabled us to purchase two hike-tents, a new pressure lamp and a patrol-tent.

The Group welcomed Mr. A. J. B. Budge as their new Group-Scoutmaster, and we are pleased to find that he is taking a great interest in the affairs of the Group. The Scouts would also like

to express their appreciation of the services of the founder of the Troup, Mr. P. F. Fulton, who left the district in February to live near Glasgow. To him and his wife we extend our best wishes for a happy retirement.

A. FAWCITT (Hon. Sec. of Court of Honour).

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### A Farewell

Thinking over all the comings and goings of thirty-two years has brought me to wondering what is the outcome of it all.

Those boys who came to me in Scouting, some to stay only for a while, others, grand fellows, who carried on to be Rover leaders and Scout-masters in troops of their own, how I remember them all now, in my time of retirement, and pray that they may remember Scout teaching—at least one Scout Law, the seventh. My very best wishes go to you.

I trust that all boys, of the Bedan Troop, in particular, will always seek to maintain the high standard to which it has constantly aspired.

Your old Skipper,

P.F.F.

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### Durham House

Captain: A. Williams. Secretary: H. C. Johnstone.

This year, owing to the fact that we ceased holding House Prayers once a month, it has been hard to feel that there was any continuity between the members of the House. Sitting together at morning Assembly was poor recompense for a special assembly where we were able to give encouragement to the teams who represent us and keep the House informed of the latest events.

We made up for this somewhat at the Christmas party, however, when everyone enjoyed himself to the full, including the Headmaster, Mr. Budge, who, to everyone's amusement, won a balloon game when he was challenged by three members of the Sixth Form.

Our sports record does not seem to have been impaired, since our representative teams won the House Cups for Senior Soccer, combined Rugby, and Chess, and Senior Cross-country. It has not been in the quality of our individual House activities that we have been lacking, but in the general feeling of House unity. It is pleasing to note that there was a good entry for the School Sports, and we wish to congratulate all who took part, and helped to gain first place.

H. C. JOHNSTONE (Hon. Sec.).

### Hylton House

Officials:—Captain: J. Ware; Secretary: A. C. Colling; Soccer: Senior, K. Scorer; Junior, V. Reed; Rugby: Senior, R. Robinson; Junior, T. Edwards; Cross Country: Senior, G. Ferguson; Junior, A. Noble; Cricket: Senior, K. Scorer; Junior, V. Reed; Athletics: Senior, I. Fyfe; Junior, A. Noble; Tennis: Senior, P. H. Liddle.

As far as results are concerned, this year has been a mixture of good and bad. An example is in the soccer results; the senior team failed to win a game, while the juniors won every game. The same applies to the cross-country matches; the seniors fared poorly while the juniors were unbeaten. Two exceptions are chess and rugby. In the chess matches, the senior gained five points out of six and the juniors four. Despite this good performance, we were only second in the competition. In the sphere of rugby we were undoubtedly the "strongest" team—keeping up the others in the league—winning only three points out of a possible twelve.

All boys in the House should feel proud that once again we have won the Study Cup, because this is the success in which each boy helped. I consider the winning of the Study Cup one of the House's outstanding successes—the other being the performances of the Junior Cross Country Team. They won every match (in one of which they had the first seven boys home) and also won the School Championship, A. Noble (the Captain) and B. W.



Holland leading the team home to an easy victory. I will draw a veil over the Senior Championship and pass on to yet another "not-so-good" topic . . . the School Sports. The bright spot of the Sports was the fact that Cranmer won the Junior Individual Championship by one point from Millward, also a member of Hylton House. I should like to congratulate them both on behalf of the House. In the Sports as a whole, we finished third with 98½ points, but the number of entries from the House was very disappointing.

Even if the results have not all been good, however, the games have always been played in the right spirit and always been enjoyed and all boys have been a credit to the House in both winning and losing. This, I think, is far more important than the results obtained.

To sum up, it has been an average season, with bright prospects for our Summer games.

In addition, all members of the House would like to extend their hearty thanks to those members of the Staff in Hylton House who made possible the success of our Christmas Party.

J. WARE (Captain).

### Lumley House

Captain: D. W. Aitchison. Secretary: A. L. Jones.

Once again, sad to relate, House activities this winter have been far from successful. Lumley's average position remains at third, and with interest and zest, especially in the Upper School, very moderate indeed, not a single win has been registered in any section. Senior entries for Sports Day also were very disappointing.

Enthusiasm, however, ran high for the Christmas party, although support from the Lower Sixth left much to be desired. Mr. C. Rogers, through whose generosity the films could be shown, Mr. H. Wilson and his colleagues, and Upper Sixth members of the House must be congratulated for their work in making this party what was perhaps the most successful one yet held.

The Chess teams, led by Hope (Junior), and Phalp, have relinquished Lumley's only trophy to Durham House, the Senior Team being considerably weakened by the leaving, last Summer, of Blyth, Cook and Fowler.

House Soccer matches, for a change, rose well above Y.O.C. league standards, both in skill and in conduct on the field. The Lumley XI, led by Johnston (Captain of the School Team) were rather unlucky to finish only third; with almost the same side available for next season, including four with First XI experience, an all-out effort could gain the House the championship for the first time.

Last term, "seven-a-side" rugger was introduced, firstly to improve the standard of play, and secondly, to make team-raising an easier proposition. As last year's House rugger could not have been more ragged, "object number one" can be said to have succeeded. The second aim, as far as Lumley was concerned, was not achieved. Seven willing rugby players could not be found among seventy boys, and the usual calls on soccer and hockey players had to be made. The seniors, led by myself, and the juniors, by Crompton, finished fourth and third respectively.

Team-raising difficulties were also experienced by Wakefield, the Cross-country Captain, although the necessary six were available for each match. Both juniors and seniors finished third in their respective sections. In the Cross-country Championship, held at the beginning of April, once more Lumley finished third.

Last Summer the house tennis team had the honour and satisfaction of being the first holders of the new Tennis Shield.

Williamson (Captain of the School XI) and McGeorge have been elected Captain and Vice-captain respectively of cricket; team prospects are good for this term's projected House Cricket Championship.

All members and staff of Lumley House join me in congratulating Aitchison (School Captain), McMan and Young, who have gained University places at Cambridge, Oxford and London School of Economics, respectively.

A. L. JONES (Hon. Sec.).

### Raby House

Captain: R. D. Eaton. Secretary: P. Banks.

That of which the House can now be most proud is something of which there can, unfortunately, be no material record, but which the House has, for some time, sadly lacked. This is, of course, a keenness and initiative in trying to improve the hitherto mediocre situation of the House. In no House has a greater keenness been shown, and although these efforts have not always resulted in victory, it is to be hoped that this spirit will not fade away once more.

As far as actual records are concerned, Raby House has remained, on the whole, well to the fore. The Senior Rugby Team won the Senior Championship under the leadership of Eaton, our international forward. The Junior Soccer and Rugger teams were not so fortunate, but even so, they showed no lack of spirit: something which can always be said of the Junior School. The Senior Soccer XI, captained by Thompson, ended the season second in their championship.

In the field of athletics, the House put up a good performance, and were second in the School Sports. Outstanding athletes for Raby were Rendall, Cook, Eaton and Noble. In this

connection, we wish to acknowledge the help given by Mr. A. F. Kilner to the athletes of the House. In Cross-country, although the Juniors did not finish in such a favourable position as the Seniors, the numbers in which they turned out rather put the older boys to shame!

Over our efforts at Chess, we will draw the veil of discretion.

Outside of this, there has been the usual round of events, including the delightful chaos of the Christmas Party. Our thanks for this and other organization must go to the House Masters, and, in particular, to Mr. F. A. Jennens, Senior House-master, who happily retained his sanity during the uproar of the Christmas festivities.

All that remains now, is to hope that Raby House will go on "from strength to strength" with a growing House Spirit and with better luck in the coming School year.

P. BANKS (Hon. Sec.).

#### Senior Cricket

Captain: P. Williamson. Vice-captain: B. Harrison.

Secretary: A. L. Jones.

This season, new schools have been introduced to the fixture list, and later, it is hoped, Wednesday afternoon matches will be arranged with Bede College and Houghton Grammar School.

Several members of last year's junior cup-winning team have stepped up into the first XI, which has already given indication of being a powerful combination, especially in batting.

At the time of writing, the first XI have played twelve matches without defeat—ten won, and two drawn, with an average score of 18.7 runs per wicket, for, and 5.91 runs per wicket, against. A second eleven have played and won four games. The best individual batting performances were: 50, by Williamson, against Sunderland III, and 49 by Webster against Whitburn III; whilst Pigg, with 16 wickets for 36 runs, Allen, with 27 for 79, and Scorer with 27 for 84 lead the bowling averages.

Full advantage is being taken of net-practice which is held at lunch-time throughout the week. Talent and enthusiasm are such that, for the few Second XI fixtures that have been arranged, quite strong teams can be fielded.

It is hoped, this term, to start House Cricket. A matting wicket is available if it turns out that the "square" is showing signs of excessive wear.

Once again, we must thank Mr. McClement, the new Chairman of the Cricket Panel, and the experienced Mr. Simpson, whose advice and enthusiasm have been invaluable.

A. L. JONES (Hon. Sec.).

**Junior Cricket 1951.**

Captain: J. W. Howe. Vice-captain: N. H. Pigg.

This was the best season in School Junior Cricket since 1937, for, in winning East Division of the Sunderland Schools' League and the Swan Cup for the third successive year, the team won eleven games, one being undecided. This excellent result was achieved mainly through extremely strong batting, supported by varied bowling. Only once did the team complete an innings, and indeed six games were won by a margin of five wickets or more.

Seven batsmen finished the season with averages in double figures, the best being Howe (187 runs for an average of 37.4), Pigg (140 runs for 23.3) and McKenzie (183 runs for 20.2), while Harris also scored more than 100 runs. Five bowlers shared the attack: Howe (16 wickets for 2.75 runs each), McKenzie (26 for 2.96), Pigg (27 for 3.7), Smith (14 for 4.5) and Allen (23 for 5.27).

Howe proved quite a good captain though he did not perhaps make the best use of his bowlers and fielders at times. He headed both batting and bowling averages and gave an excellent example in the field. Pigg, although his bowling was not quite so good as in 1950, proved that he has the makings of an excellent forcing bat. With Howe he made some useful stands, notable for quick scoring and good running between the wickets. Webster, although not always successful in School games, did well, for he captained both the Sunderland and the Durham County boys' teams. He also achieved the distinction of representing Northern Counties against the South at Bristol. A good forcing bat on the off, he still tends to lift the ball on the leg side. Our best bat, he was also successful with the ball, his slow off-breaks removing many good batsmen. Good support was given to these outstanding players by Harris, Smith, Allen, Brown and Bond, though some had little chance of showing their batting ability. Bond kept wicket well in his third season with the team, catching eight and stumping three, the best post-war wicket-keeping record.

Howe, McKenzie, Pigg and Webster played regularly for Sunderland Boys.

The following played during the season:—J. W. Howe (Captain) (11), N. H. Pigg (Vice-captain) (11), C. H. Allen (11), W. J. Bond (11), T. E. Brown (10), D. Foster (3), T. Hall (1), M. Harris (12), G. Hedley (3), J. McKenzie (12), J. Plumpton (11), L. Pullan (11), A. Reed (2), T. D. Smith (12), A. Temperley (1), J. L. Walton (1), J. Webster (9).

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### Boxing Club

The Boxing Club has had a most successful season. It has been much better attended than in the past two years and the standard of performance of many of the boys has improved. It is encouraging to see the entry of a good number of the younger boys who show a fair degree of skill. Throughout the season the more experienced boys gave instruction to the younger boys who benefited as a result.

It was found possible to hold a tournament on April 1st, from which the following champions emerged:—

- O. Garry (III.2), 5st.—5st. 7lbs., 11 to 12 years of age.
- E. Bell (III.1), 6st.—6st. 7lbs., 11 to 12 years of age.
- P. F. Short (III.3), 5st.—5st. 7lbs., 12 to 13 years of age.
- K. Hesket (III.3), 5st. 7lbs.—6st., 12 to 13 years of age.
- L. W. Bland (III.2), 6st.—6st. 7lbs., 12 to 13 years of age.
- G. T. Anderson (III.3), 6st. 7lbs.—7st., 12 to 13 years of age.
- M. Needham (L.IV.4), 7st.—7st. 7lbs., 12 to 13 years of age.
- T. Gooch (U.IV.2), 6st. 7lbs.—7st., 14 to 15 years of age.
- M. T. Tulloch (U.IV.3), 7st. 7lbs.—8st., 14 to 15 years of age.
- M. Davison (U.IV.2), 8st.—8st. 7lbs., 14 to 15 years of age.
- J. Kirk (L.V.3), 9st.—9st. 7lbs., 14 to 15 years of age.
- A. Noble (U.IV.2), 9st. 7lbs.—10st., 14 to 15 years of age.
- J. Shepherd (U.IV.3), 10st.—10st. 7lb., 14 to 15 years of age.
- P. Lavery (U.IV.2), 11st.—11st. 7lbs., 14 to 15 years of age.
- W. B. Slimmin (L.V.2), 9st. 7lbs.—10st., 15 to 16 years of age.

### BOXING PERSONALITIES

- P. LAVERY has made considerable improvement this year. Is very fast and stylish. A powerful type, but needs to vary his attack.
- J. SHEPHERD has a fair amount of natural ability which, when combined with acquired skill, will produce a useful boxer.
- W. B. SLIMMIN has a good style and a fair knowledge of the essentials of boxing.
- A NOBLE has improved this season by dint of hard practice. He is very fond of hooks and swings; must control this tendency to swing.
- J. KIRK. A very much improved boxer. Is keen and has practised hard. As a "southpaw" is troublesome but his defence could be improved by effective counters and swings.
- (Noble and Kirk boxed to a very close decision after a very interesting bout)
- M. T. TULLOCH. A promising boxer who obviously enjoys his practice. Has developed fair proficiency, especially in hooking.
- T. GOOCH. A capable performer who showed ability to evade and counter.
- G. T. ANDERSON makes good use of a straight left and a careful defence. Shows promise.
- T. U. BURNHAM. A strong type of boxer who needs to improve his methods of attack. Boxed courageously, but was outpointed by a more skilful defender in the tournament.
- L. W. BLAND. A cool and controlled boxer who obviously thinks and tries to plan his contest. Is a stylist and should do well.

- P. W. FEATHERSTONE. A trier who enjoys his practice and who has improved considerably this session. Is an able defender but must develop a constructive attack.
- P. F. SHORT has improved considerably during the session and has developed a most efficient left-hand lead. He should seek to vary his attack and thereby become a most useful performer.
- J. W. STAFFORD. A business-like performer, but was completely unable to deal with his opponent's leads in the tournament.
- O. GARRY shows a good deal of proficiency, and obviously enjoys this activity. Has practised hard and should develop into a most successful boxer.
- E. BELL. A steady, workmanlike type of boxer who is difficult to harrass. Boxes calmly and efficiently.

The club is greatly indebted to Mr. P. J. Gillespie for his unflinching enthusiasm, encouragement and skilled knowledge which he has imparted to all boys in training, and for the time and devotion he has given the club. The smooth running of the Championship Tournament was due to the quiet efficiency of the following members of Staff:—Mr. P. J. Gillespie, Mr. R. C. Simpson, Mr. W. E. McClement, Mr. H. Wilson, and to Mr. A. Smith, an Old Bedan and a former School Champion, who has boxed successfully at Hatfield College. He has attended frequently in his own time while on vacation to assist with the coaching. Our thanks are due to them for their good services.

G. W. LEE.

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### Gymnastics Club

During the past year, the Gymnastics Club has progressed by leaps and bounds.

Our second agility film is almost complete and the first has already been praised in higher circles.

J. D. Charlton has gained the "Instructor's Award" and has already given much assistance with the coaching of the younger members of the club. I. R. Fyfe has successfully completed the tests for the "Advanced Award," thus bringing the number of our members who hold this award to four.

The regular attendance of members has played a great part in raising the standard of gymnastics in the Club. By next year, this Club should be flourishing more than ever before, because, not only are there many new members from the Lower School, but there are at least six older members who are very near to gaining the "Advanced Award."

Our thanks are accorded to all who have assisted the Club in any way during the past year.

R. SIDNEY (Captain of Gymnastics).

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### Swimming Club

The Bede Swimming Club has been revived and the sessions at the High Street Baths, after school on Fridays, have been well-attended throughout the year, in spite of the fact that it

has not yet been possible to obtain a complete reservation of the Baths. A number of boys obtained the School Swimming Award, and a three-cornered match was held against Ryhope and Monkwearmouth Grammar Schools. Although Bede were last, our team put up a good showing and we may well reverse the verdict at a future encounter. A few boys are training for the Bronze Medallion Award of the Royal National Life-Saving Society and a number of beginners have learnt to swim—some after only two sessions!

An appeal is made for continued support as this may enable the School to obtain a reservation at the Baths.

A.T.

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### Tennis

At the beginning of the School Year we held a very successful Mixed Doubles Tournament in co-ordination with the Girls' School. It was won by two "dark horses," namely: G. Haswell (U.V.1) and Miss V. Jenkins. Runners up were B. Christie (Mod. VI.) and Miss J. Petch. Although the standard of tennis was not high, the enthusiasm was considerable and consequently a similar tournament is being held this term at the same time as the Singles Championship.

The school Team this year consists of P. R. Johnston, B. Christie, M. Richardson, P. H. Liddle, M. Wilmot and J. Wakefield. Of these the first three played for the School last year, whilst Liddle, who comes from London, has proved a welcome reinforcement. Others who have played are O. McGahan, G. Haswell and M. Duffell.

The outstanding feature of the season has been the acquisition of the Pemberton Courts for matches, and so we have been able to arrange home fixtures for the first time since the war. New fixtures have been obtained with Gateshead and Redcar, whilst other matches are against Bishop Auckland, Wellfield and the R.G.S., Newcastle. So far, we have beaten Wellfield by seven matches to two, while a weakened team lost to Gateshead by one match to seven.

Following last year's success when T. Almond, M. Richardson and C. Mountford were selected to play for the County Under Eighteen Team against Northumberland, this year, Christie, Liddle, Johnstone and Wilmot have attended County Trials at Ashbrooke and Darlington. We wish them luck.

Our sincere thanks are extended to those members of the staff who have assisted in running the team, and especially to Mr. G. B. Thompson, who has spent a great deal of time with us, and not only in the Summer, but also by keeping us fit with Padder Tennis in the Winter.

M. RICHARDSON (Captain).



### Cross Country Club

Officials, 1951-52:—Captain: A. Williams; Vice-Captain: R. G. Rendall; Hon. Secretary: J. Wakefield.

This season has probably been the most successful since the formation of the Club. Williams and Rendall have been the School's most successful runners, and towards the end of the season, there was very little to choose between them. W. B. Young had another good season, and G. Macdonald and A. D. Nichols were most outstanding among the newcomers to the Club.

This season, "colours" were renewed to A. Williams and Rendall, and new awards were made to Young, Macdonald and Nichols. The following boys have represented the School in the course of the season: Williams, Rendall, Macdonald, Wakefield, Young, Nichols, Bittlestone, Ferguson, Cook, Noble, Hedley and Hopper.

The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the winning of the North Eastern Grammar Schools Cross Country Championship, which was competed for by seven schools including Bede. It is worthy of note that the first two runners home were both from Bede.

The School Championships attracted the usual large entry, especially from the Junior School. Both Senior and Junior course records were broken. The senior event developed into a struggle between Williams and Rendall, but they ultimately tied for first place. The junior race was run on the new course for the second time and was easily won by Noble, who has gained a good deal of experience with the School Team.

Finally, we wish to extend our thanks to Mr. D. A. Thompson, and all other members of staff who have helped in the running of the Club in the past year.

#### Results:—

1951.		For	Against
Oct. 24—v. Bede College (away)	...	31	52
Nov. 7—v. St. Cuthbert's Soc. (away)	...	23	39
.. 14—v. Royal Grammar School (away)	...	23	58
.. 21—v. Durham Colls. and University Colls (away)	...	62	60 & 49
Dec. 12—v. Ryhope Grammar School (away)	...	21	67
1952.			
Jan. 9—v. Ryhope Grammar School (home)	...	21	68
.. 23—v. St. Cuthbert's Soc. (home)	...	26	53
Feb. 13—v. Royal Grammar School (away)	...	28	59
.. 27—v. Sir William Turner's School Redcar (home)	...	37	42
Mar. 5—Inter Schools Match v. Stockton (home)	...		Won
.. 12—v. Durham School (home)	...	30	48
.. 26—v. Sir William Turner's School, Redcar (away)	...	29	52
Apr. 2—v. R.A.F. (Darlington) (home)	...	21	60

(NOTE—In cross country matches, the team with the smaller number of points is the winner of the match).

Individual placings in the School Championships:—

Senior:—1, Williams and Rendall (tie); 2, Nichols; 3, Young; 4, Bittlestone; 5, Wakefield; 6, Ferguson; 7, Hedley; 8, Holey; 9, Macdonald.

Junior:—1, Noble; 2, Reah; 3, Holland; 4, Gray; 5, Hopper; 6, Mennear; 7, Philips; 8, Shotton; 9, Millward; 10, Settle.

House placings:—

Senior:—Durham, 77½ pts.; Baby, 58½ pts.; Lumley, 42 pts.; Hylton, 32 pts.

Junior:—Hylton, 497 pts.; Durham, 361 pts.; Lumley, 213 pts.; Baby, 204 pts.

J. WAKEFIELD (Hon. Sec.).

### Soccer—First XI

The School XI has had a fairly successful season in 1951-52, as its record shows:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals	
				F.	A.
23	13	2	8	49	35

At the beginning of the season, Johnston, the Captain, had Clark, Sidney, Scorer and Munro, of last year's team to support him in forming the new XI. During the season the defence was generally sound, but the forwards were often lacking in punch and power. The team won its way into the final of the Tyneside Grammar Schools Cup for the third successive year, only to be decisively beaten by Washington G.S.

"Colours" were renewed to P. R. Johnston and H. Clark, and new "Colours" were awarded to K. Scorer, R. Sidney and L. A. Thompson. The following players represented the School XI this season:—D. Munro, L. A. Thompson (1), J. McGeorge (1), A. L. Jones; R. Sidney (4), G. Rendall, B. Franklin, P. R. Johnston (2); J. D. Charlton (3), J. Bond (2), K. Scorer (3), T. Robson (11), H. Clark (3), B. Christie (16), O. McGahan (3).

(Numbers indicate goals scored).

Match Results:—

22/9/51 Heaton (h) ... ..	1-1	19/1/52 Heaton (Col.) (a) ...	1-0
29/9/51 Rutherford (a) ... ..	0-1	26/1/52 Darlington (a) ...	4-1
6/10/51 Washington (h) ... ..	6-0	13/2/52 Bede Coll. (a) ...	1-2
13/10/51 St. Aidan's (a) ... ..	3-2	16/2/52 W. Stanley (Cub) (a)	7-1
20/10/51 Jarrow (h) ... ..	2-3	23/2/52 Houghton (a) ...	3-1
7/11/51 Bede Coll. (h) ... ..	3-2	27/2/52 Durham Colls. (a) ...	3-4
10/11/51 Washington (a) ... ..	1-2	1/3/52 Darlington (h) ...	0-3
24/11/51 Tynemouth (a) ... ..	1-1	15/3/52 Heaton (a) ...	0-3
28/11/51 Durham Colls. (h) ... ..	2-1	22/3/52 Spennymoor (a) ...	2-0
1/12/51 Spennymoor (h) ... ..	1-0	29/3/52 St. Aidan's (h) ...	3-1
8/12/51 Jarrow (a) ... ..	3-1	6/4/52 Washington (Cub) (a)	0-4
12/1/52 Gosforth (a) ... ..	2-1		

D. MUNRO (Hon. Sec.).

### Second XI

This season the second eleven have only managed to play six games, the adverse weather conditions rendering the ground unfit for several matches. The team has been represented this season by:—G. Haswell, W. J. Bond, R. Coulthard, E. Malaugh,

M. Duffell, P. Liddle, A. Jones, O. McGahan, G. Rendall, J. McGeorge, G. Low, W. Pigg, K. Noble, G. Perry, J. Chandler, J. R. Dobson, B. Keeling, J. Roberts.

The team's record is:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals	
				F.	A.
6	4	0	2	24	16

#### FOOTBALL PERSONALITIES

**MUNRO** (Goalkeeper)—

Handled the ball exceptionally well, especially in the air, but his positioning was not too sure at times.

**THOMPSON** (Right Back)—

Played well throughout the season. His positioning, kicking and tackling were first rate.

**McGEORGE** (Left Back)—

Had a good season in a position to which he was not accustomed. Positioning, good. Used the ball well.

**SIDNEY** (Right Half)—

A strong forceful player: reliable defender: tackled and headed very well. Chosen to attend F.A. course at Oxford at Easter.

**FRANKLIN** (Centre Half)—

Had a good season. A strong tackler, he could generally be relied on to relieve defence when hard-pressed.

**JOHNSTON**—

*At left-half he has been a source of strength to the team, both in defence and attack. A keen tackler, he distributed the ball to advantage. Headed and shot very well. Carried out his Captain's duties most satisfactorily.—(R.T.A.)*

**CHARLTON** (Outside Right)—

Played well in the latter half of the season. Shoots and centres very well.

**SCORER** (Inside Right)—

Showed constructive ability and ball control: should recover more quickly when attack has been repulsed.

**ROBSON** (Centre Forward)—

Was tried at centre after a number of games at outside right. A good forager, he headed and shot well.

**CLARK** (Inside Left)—

Has constructive ability and clever ball-control: his size proved a weakness against powerful opposition.

**CHRISTIE** (Outside Left)—

He adapted himself to outside-left very well. Speed and ball control and shooting enabled him to head the goalscorers.

**JONES** (Reserve)—

Could always be relied upon to give an account of himself. Should be a useful player next season.

**BOND** (Reserve)—

Showed progressive ability. Rather slow this year, but should improve.

#### Under Fifteen XI

Captain: A. Hindmarch. Vice-Captain: G. Hedley.

The under 15 eleven must be congratulated on a very successful season both on the results and on their conduct on the field.

The complete results, including league, cup-ties, "friendlies," and championship matches are as follows:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	G.F.	G.A.
28	20	5	3	45	82	25

In league and championship matches the following are the results:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	G.F.	G.A.
22	16	4	2	36	62	16

We won the Championship of Division "A" by one point from Ryhope Grammar School, won the Town Championship by beating St. Aidan's Grammar School by two goals to one in the final, but were defeated in the quarter-final of the Cochrane Cup by St. Aidan's in a replay by five goals to three after extra time in probably the most exciting game of the season.

Another highlight was when we defeated Silksworth Modern School in the last league match of the season by one goal, to gain the Championship of Division "A"

The team can be said to have no really outstanding players. From the first match they settled down to good team work and this was the reason for the very successful season.

If one part of the team was the better it was the defence, goal-keeper, backs and half-backs being exceptionally good. Holey has had a very successful season but the forwards on occasions still lacked a certain amount of punch.

The following boys represented the School, the numbers in brackets indicating the number of games in which they played:— G. A. Pawson (27), J. Plumpton (25), T. D. Smith (27), A. Hindmarch (28), G. Hedley (27), K. Davison (26), L. Pullan (27), C. H. Reineck (26), A. Reed (13), J. Holey (27), G. Macdonald (22), E. W. Miller (12), K. Winch (4), J. D. Howe (4), W. Tindall (1), N. A. Whillis (4), W. Hume (3), T. Hall (6), T. E. Brown (1).

Goalscorers were:— Holey 21, Reineck 12, Pullan 11, Miller 7, Hindmarch 6, Hall 5, Whillis 4, Hedley 3, Macdonald 3, Davison 2, Reed 2, Smith 2 and Winch and Hume one each.

Hindmarch captained the team well and he and his team must have been very satisfied at the end of the successful Town Championship match.

R.C.T. and A.S.

### Uunder 13 Soccer XI

The team has had a very enjoyable and moderately successful season in Division "F" of the Sunderland and District Schools' Football League, closing the season with the following results:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts.	G.F.	G.A.
21	13	1	7	27	58	34

The season opened very well indeed and the team made very good progress while the pitches were in a hard condition as the following result will indicate. On October 27th they had played 7 games, won six, lost one and scored thirty-six goals against seven, mainly due to our light and nippy forwards, Stobbart, Cranmer, Best, Greenwell and Laverick, G. Then "the rains came" and the weather turned against the team which seemed to stick in the mud. The defence became very slow and was easily beaten. Gradually the adverse ground conditions were overcome and the team found some of its lost qualities and became more a fighting unit and achieved some successes to close the season with four wins in a row.

The goal-scorers were:—Laverick, G., 20, Cranmer, 13, Stobbart, 9, Best, 7, Featherstone, 2, Greenwell, 2, and Curtis, Dodson, Irving, Oliver and Mezzo, one each.

Irving proved to be a pillar of strength at times in the defence. D. Rodgers, in goal, is to be congratulated upon a consistently good performance in all matches and was certainly not responsible for all the goals in the "against" column. His positional sense is very good, and he should prove to be a valuable acquisition to the Senior Team in future years. Right-back Curtis has had a fair season, while Dodson, at right-half, has really enjoyed himself. His cheerfulness and good humour have never failed, and he has certainly been a good team player at all times. Oliver has played confidently and well and should develop into a good left-half. Of the forwards, Laverick, G., who has had a good season, is top goal-scorer for the second year running, his left-foot drives proving "unstoppable" when on the target. Featherstone, who has played in all the games, has improved this season and has fitted in well with Laverick's play. Cranmer has had his ups and downs, but at times, his flashes of genius have won the day. Stobbart, Greenwell and Best have helped towards making many enjoyable games. Docherty has made his weight felt at times and has certainly left his impression on many pitches.

G.W.L. and J.C.

### School Rugby, 1951-52

Officials: Captain: R. D. Eaton; Vice-Captain: B. Harrison;  
Secretary: J. D. Savage.

The First XV had a very disappointing season and had several heavy defeats. Individually, the team members were quite capable, but there was a lack of combination and concord which is essential for the success of any rugby team.

The lack of combination was most apparent in the three-quarters and half-backs, who showed too much individuality, and were slow to tackle their opposite numbers, and to cover up in defence.

Under these conditions, the position of full-back was very competently filled by J. McKenzie, whose tackling, kicking, and positional play were of a very high standard throughout the season.

The forwards played well together, and were ably led by Eaton, who, with H. Talbott, formed a very efficient middle row. Harrison, who was called upon to play in several different positions during the course of the season, had some excellent games at loose-forward.

Apart from his games for the School, Eaton is to be congratulated on having been selected to play for the English Schools' XV for the second season in succession, in games against France and Wales. He also captained the Durham County Public Schools' XV, and is the first Bedan ever to hold this honour.

The Second XV had a very much weakened team owing to the number of boys required for First Team duty. Team spirit was not at a very high level, and this led to some poor results.

The Under 15 years XV had a fairly good season, and the captain, Whillis, was selected to play for Durham County Junior XV. Three "under 14 years" boys held regular places in this team, Thompson in the backs, and Lavery in the forwards. The latter was reserve for the Junior County XV.

The "under 14 years" XV, captained by Halstead, had a very good season. The team played well together, and contained a number of promising boys, particularly Noble, a wing-three-quarter, Wrightson, the stand-off, and two forwards, Shepherd and Smith.

The youngest School Rugby Team, the "under 13 years" XV, had a bad season, due mainly to lack of weight and also to many team changes to accommodate the number of boys wishing to play. In this way, all boys were given a chance for a game, and the opportunity of gaining a little experience.

Members of the School XV were very pleased, as honorary members of the Old Bedans' R.F.C., that seven of their number were invited to play in the Final of the Durham County "under 18 years" Cup, which was won by the Old Bedans XV.

"Colours" were renewed to R. D. Eaton, B. Harrison, H. Talbot, J. D. Savage, and new "Colours" awarded to J. McKenzie and J. Webster.

Individual Team Records:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
1st XV ...	16	1	13	2	96	307
2nd XV ...	11	3	7	1	70	96
"Under 15" ...	16	8	8	0	142	224
"Under 14" ...	10	8	2	0	169	53
"Under 13" ...	9	0	8	1	11	151

First XV Scorers:—Eaton: 3 goals, 3 penalty goals, 2 tries (50 points); Harrison: 7 tries (21 points); Howe: 4 tries; Savage: 3 tries; Hogg: 1 penalty goal, 1 try; Williams, Ferguson, McMann, Talbot, Richardson and McDonald, one try each.

In conclusion, we wish to thank all members of the Rugby Panel for giving up so much of their spare time to referee and coach the teams.

J. D. SAVAGE (Hon. Sec.).

### Sports Day, 1952

For Sports Day this year, the weather was almost perfect, and spectators and competitors alike had the benefit of sunshine and warmth which helped to produce a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

The individual championship winners deserve praise. A. Cowey performed the feat of winning three of the most gruelling events on the programme, and we look to further good performances next year. S. Thompson, sprinter and long-jumper, still has another year in the middle school, and we should therefore see a grand tussle between him and the present Junior Champion, Cranmer, who also prefers the sprints. In the Junior Section, Reah ran a remarkably fast, well-judged half-mile, breaking the existing record of 2min. 38.8 secs. by more than seven seconds.

Another record was broken in the Reed Cup High Jump which was won for the second year in succession by Hookergate School. Errington cleared 5ft. 5½ins. to beat the existing record by ¼ inch.

The House Championship was easily won by Durham House, but the remaining Houses had a close struggle to decide the other positions.

Our thanks go to Mrs. A. J. B. Budge for presenting the prizes; to all those masters and boys who in a variety of capacities, worked hard to make the sports a success; and last, but not least, to all competitors, without whom this contest could not have been held.

#### RESULTS OF SPORTS DAY, MAY 15th, 1932

##### 100 yards:—

Senior: 1, Thompson (R); 2, Sidney (D); 3, tie between Franklin (D) and Fyfe (H). Time: 11.0 secs.

Middle: 1, Thompson (D); 2, Noble (R); 3, Hindmarch (D). Time: 11.7 secs.

Junior: 1, Cranmer (H); 2, Hutchinson (D); 3, Mitcheson (L). Time: 12.7 secs.

##### 220 yards:—

Senior: 1, Cook (R); 2, Fyfe (H); 3, Sidney (D). Time 25.3 secs.

Middle: 1, Noble (R); 2, Thompson (D); 3, Joseph (L). Time: 27.8secs.

Junior: 1, Cranmer (H); 2, Millward (H); 3, Settle (D). Time: 29.6secs.

##### 440 yards:—

Senior: 1, Cowey (D); 2, Williams (D); 3, Fyfe (H). Time: 56.5 secs.

Middle: 1, Hedley (D); 2, Thompson (D); 3, Holey (L). Time: 61.6secs.

Junior: 1, Millward (H); 2, Cranmer (H); 3, Beah (D). Time: 66.4secs.

##### 880 yards:—

Senior: 1, Cowey (D); 2, Williams (D); 3, Rendall (R). Time: 2 mins. 7.6 secs.

Middle: 1, Holey (L); 2, Hedley (D); 3, McDonald (L). Time 2 mins. 19.8 secs.

Junior: 1, Beah (D); 2, Millward (H); 3, Settle (D). Time: 2 mins. 31.4 secs.

##### Long Jump:—

Senior: 1, Thompson (R); 2, Fyfe (H); 3, Franklin (D). Distance: 17ft. 4ins.

Middle: 1, Thompson (D); 2, Holey (L); 3, Plumpton (D). Distance: 15ft. 9½ins.

Junior: 1, Crawford (D); 2, Smith (R); 3, Ward (H). Distance: 13ft. 3in.

##### High Jump:—

Senior: 1, Franklin (D); 2, Phayer (D); 3, Cowey (D). Height: 4ft. 11ins.

Middle: 1, Noble (R); 2, Plumpton (D); 3, Hindmarch (D). Height: 4ft. 10½ins.

Junior: 1, Beah (D); 2, Maddison (L); 3, Kerr (R). Height: 3ft. 11ins.

##### Open Events:—

One Mile: 1, Rendall (R); 2, Young (D); 3, Williams (D).

Discus: 1, Eaton (R); 2, Pickering (D); 3, Ferguson (H). Distance: 97ft. 3ins.

Shot: 1, Pickering (D); 2, Sidney (D); 3, Eaton (R). Distance: 26ft. 1in.

Javelin: 1, Sidney (D); 2, Foster (R); 3, Pickering (D). Distance: 119ft. 7½ins.

Pole Vault: 1, Cowey (D); 2, Johnstone (D) 3, Banks (R). Height: 9ft. 0ins.

##### Relays:—

Senior: 1, Durham. Time: 59.1 secs.

Middle: 1, Durham; 2, Raby; 3, Lumley; 4, Hylton. Time: 54 secs.

Junior: 1, Hylton; 2, Durham; 3, Lumley; 4, Raby. Time: 54.3 secs.

House Championships: 1, Durham, 241½ points; 2, Raby, 109 points; 3, Hylton, 98½ points; 4, Lumley 86 points.

### Old Bedans' Association

Last September we were very pleased to welcome in our midst our new President, Mr. A. J. B. Budge, and Mrs. Budge. Already they have made themselves known to many members, and with their support the Association will, without doubt, continue to go from strength to strength.

The Summer Re-union last year was a great success in spite of the heavy reverse inflicted on us at Cricket by our guests, Darlington, Queen Elizabeth G.S.O.B. Association. Undaunted we shall, on July 19th, again do our best at Darlington, this time as their guests at a similar function. Our own Summer Re-union this year will be held on Saturday, June 21st. when Wellfield, A. J. Dawson Grammar School Old Students' Association will be our guests in a programme of cricket, basket-ball and badminton matches.

The Annual Dinner-Dance was held in the Bay Hotel, Seaburn, on Thursday, 27th December, and a record crowd of 282 attended. Our dance is now a familiar established function of the Christmas festivities. The joint "Smoker" held in the Barnes Hotel on Tuesday, 26th February, was much better supported than those of the previous winter.

The Club Reports speak for themselves. The Rugby Section is to be congratulated on its outstanding success in winning three trophies. The Soccer Section also deserves praise for a very successful season after a slow start. At long last, the Cricket Section is materialising; a small programme of friendly mid-week matches with local clubs has been arranged and already it appears that there will be keen competition for team places.

G. T. HALSTEAD (Hon. Sec.).

### Treasurer's Report

At the Annual Dinner held in September, 1951, the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. R. T. Ayre) reported that the Association's financial position was sound. The favourable balance of the year's working has increased to £66-12-5d. from £54-1-8d. in 1950 and permission to increase the Association's investment in the Sunderland Working Men's Building Society by £10 to £110 was given at the meeting. Subscriptions had come in much better in 1951, but the Treasurer wishes to remind some members that subscriptions for 1952 are now due. The Life Subscription was reduced to £2-10-0 at the last Annual Meeting.

### Old Bedans' Badminton Club

This club meets on Wednesday nights in the School, at 6.30 p.m., from the end of September until the middle of April. It is a very friendly body and new members will be welcome next season. Subscription rates: Under 21 years, 15/-; over 21, 30/-.

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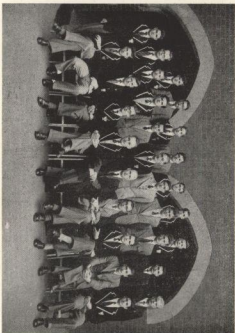


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PREFECTS



Back Row—E. J. DAINFREE, P. BANKS, W. H. CAMPBELL, I. W. YOUNG, J. G. C. BAXTER, A. COWET (Ambleria Chamberlain), A. L. JONES.  
 Second Row—V. H. KELLY, P. W. HAAGER, H. J. RICHARDSON (Thomas Capel), B. H. TALBOTT, A. COUPLAND, H. C. JOHNSTONE, K. ROSSON, D. McFANN, E. HARRISON, K. COLUETHARD, K. SIDNEY.  
 Seated—A. SHARPE (Chas Capel), A. WILLIAMS (Chris-Cowery Capels and Jane Chapman; Ambleria Capel), D. HENRY House Capel), A. C. COLLING (President, Debating Society; Editor, "Badger"), D. W. ATCHISON (Captain of the School; Lunby House Capel; Senior Assistant Librarian), Mr. A. J. B. BUDGE (Headmaster), Mr. A. F. KILNER (Master in Charge of Prefects), R. D. EATON (Vice-Captain of the School; School Bagger Capel; Roly House Capel), J. WADE (Hydon House Capel), J. D. SAVAGE.

**Old Bedans' A.F.C.****North Eastern Amateur League**

This report could almost be a repetition of my last one, although it can be said that the First XI have had their most successful season since the club was re-formed after the war. Although no honours were won, the playing record over the last fourteen games, during which period only one game was lost, gives us hopes for better things to come next season, since among our achievements we include a fine "double" over eventual champions, Kings College "A."

The First XI finished the season in fifth position, but the Second XI was not quite so fortunate, for having completed their fixtures in fourteenth position in Division II of the League, application will have to be made once more for their re-election.

Records for the season are as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals		Pts.
					F.	A.	
First XI	24	13	3	8	87	64	20
Second XI	28	5	5	18	39	92	15

Two of our players were honoured by being chosen for the North-Eastern Amateur League in the annual game against the Northern Amateur League. They were M. Hibbert (left-half) and J. Turner (outside-left). Both had excellent games in an exciting match which resulted in a 4—4 draw, Turner distinguishing himself by scoring a brilliant "hat trick."

We would like to thank Mr. R. T. Ayre for his continued efforts on our behalf, and also Messrs. Halstead and Wilson for the interest which they continue to show in the club. Both teams were also delighted to see the Headmaster, Mr. Budge, among the spectators on one or two occasions, and I would like to thank him for his encouragement.

Again I would appeal to anyone who would like to continue his football career on leaving school to contact Mr. Ayre or myself—players are still required and a welcome is extended to all who are interested.

F. LAWSON (Hon. Sec.).

**Old Bedans R.F.C.**

Season 1951/2 proved to be a most successful one. The standard of play of the two regular XV's showed a steady improvement, this being seen in the final records:—

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	
1st XV	...	25	19	6	372	135
2nd XV	...	18	11	7	268	231

On the 8th March, the 2nd XV won the Fourth Teams Shield, defeating Westoe 4th XV by 20 to 0. This was followed on the 22nd March by the First Fifteen's winning the Junior Cup by beating the Marine School 6 to 0. Not to be outdone, the Junior Fifteen retained for the Club the Sunderland Under 18 Cup when Durham City Junior XV were defeated by 23 points to 3.

The First XV were selected by the North Durham Junior Union as the best Junior Side in the north of the County, and as a result, met Westoe First XV, the Senior Cup Finalists, at Westoe on 23rd April. After an excellent game, we were defeated, by 12 to 3.

J. Templeton and R. D. Eaton represented the Old Bedans on the Durham County "Under 18" side.

We look forward to another good season when an improved fixture list will be played. Captain of the Club is I. W. Joiner, with Vice-Captain E. Stephenson.

All Old Bedans are welcomed, and others who may like to join should contact P. Barkess, at 6 Park Parade, Roker. (Telephone: 5312).

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#### **O.B.A. Archery Club**

To mark the close of the first season, the Archery Club held a dinner last October in the Grand Hotel, and like all our Club meetings we had a very enjoyable evening.

This season we have permission to use the School grounds on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons, but we have retained Friday evening as the official club night. The other two sessions will give an opportunity for extra practice, and as we have entered the Sunderland and District Archers League the extra practice is very important.

We would like to enrol some new members and invite any Old Bedan who is interested to come along some Friday evening. This is a mixed club and is open to the wives and lady friends of members.

J. B. GOODSIR (Hon. Sec.).

