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Editorial.

It has been said that a good chairman stands up, shouts up and shuts up. Metaphorically speaking, this too, we feel, should be the aim of a good editorial. Indeed, it is at least necessary for an editorial to be brief for it to stand a good chance of being read.

That "Bedan" editorials are seldom read is an accepted fact. We frankly admit that we never read any until after our selection as editor, when we frantically turned up as many as we could find.

However, we hope that the kind few who take the trouble to read this, our own humble effort, are not wholly disappointed in it or in too much of the rest of the magazine. We also offer our profuse and humble thanks to those charming readers.

We have one especial regret in taking over the editorship of this number of the school magazine, and it is that this year's "Bedan" is number ninety-nine. Next year the centenary number will be published and, if we were to have been elected editor then, we should have gone down to posterity as being the editor who made a complete hash of the hundredth "Bedan," instead of being lost in the mists of mediocrity which surround these unhappy numbers which do not rejoice in the quality of being multiples of ten. That is, of course, always excepting number one, which is a big occasion as well.

However, to conclude this rather rambling opening to the magazine (note too soon for some readers, we have no doubt) may we express the hope that this foretaste does not dampen your ardour too much, and that you may find something to enjoy in these pages.

THE EDITOR.

School Notes

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of two boys of the School. J. T. McGeorge, an admirable games player and a fine sportsman, died during the last Summer Holidays, and Geoffrey Haswell, an enthusiastic and cheery contributor in many spheres of School activity from games to music, died during the Autumn Term. To the parents and families of both boys we extend our deepest sympathy.

A moving little ceremony was held in the School Grounds on Friday, January 16th, when two trees, given by the parents of Geoffrey Haswell, were planted in memory of him. The School is most grateful, too, to Mr. and Mrs. Haswell for their presentation to the School Library of a handsome clock, suitably inscribed.

We said goodbye this year to two members of staff, Mr. R. C. Taylor, now Senior Physics Master at the Girls' School, and Mr. F. J. Gillespie, now Physical Education Organiser for the Borough. Our kindest wishes go to these two gentlemen for happiness and success in their new appointments.

We welcome Mr. P. B. R. Forbes, an Old Bodan, who has helped us out of difficulty on the Classics side during the secondment of Mr. Bell, and Mr. S. G. Priest who has joined the Mathematics staff.

The Senior Speech Day was held on 15th February, the guest speaker being Lt.-Col. T. C. Sqaunce, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., who delighted us all with his wit. The Junior Speech Day was held a week later, when Canon L. L. Knightall, Rural Dean of Stanhope, gave an inspiring address.

We offer our congratulations to certain boys who have distinguished themselves academically:—V. H. Kelly, Open Exhibitioner in Mathematics at St. John's College, Cambridge, and State Scholar; P. Banks, State Scholar in Modern Languages at New College, Oxford; B. H. Posner, State Scholar in Natural Sciences at King's College, Newcastle; A. Share, State Scholar in Classics at Marton College, Oxford; J. W. Young, State Scholar in Economics and Geography at the London School of Economics.

We are pleased to record the following University entries:—D. W. Aitchison to Emmanuel College, Cambridge; J. G. C. Baxter to King's College, Newcastle; W. H. Campbell to Manchester; A. Comland to Loughborough; R. D. Eaton to Durham; P. W. Hames to the London School of Economics; H. C. Johnstone to London University; D. McMann to Jesus College, Oxford; M. Richardson to Durham; K. M. Robson and J. D. Savage to Sunderland Technical College; J. Ware to Durham; A. Williams to King's College, Newcastle; B. H. Talbot to St. Peter's Hall, Cambridge.

On 15th May the Headmaster met the parents of the boys 5A and 5B to discuss with them the scope and opportunity of Sixth Form work.

In February, Mr. Harrison and three boys taking Advanced Art paid a visit to the National Gallery which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The new School Song, the words by Mr. Lewis and the musical setting by Mr. Kirk, had its first public performance at the Senior Speech Day.

We commiserate with the Debating Society on their picnic being washed out for the second successive year.

Founder's Day was commemorated again this year in Bishopwearmouth Church. The Rector conducted the service and a combined choir gave an impressive rendering of Parry's "Coronation Anthem."

We have received certain items of news about Old Boys. There are a number of University successes and we congratulate the following:—S. Dennis, 1st Class Hons., Economics, London School of Economics and Hobhouse Memorial Prize in Sociology; A. D. Linfoot, 1st Class Hons., Classics, Durham, and Open Scholarship to Trinity College, Cambridge; B. F. Ross, 1st Class Hons., History, Cambridge; D. A. Cook, 1st Class Hons., Architecture, King's College, Newcastle; A. Shotton, London School of Economics, London University Leverhulme Scholarship; R. Williams, Glover Prize in Architecture, King's College, Newcastle.

Numbers of Old Boys are doing well, too, in H.M. Forces. We especially congratulate R. L. Davis, who was awarded the Sword of Honour at a record Graduation Parade at the R.A.F. College, Cranwell. T. Almond, P. Banks and B. H. Talbot have all been commissioned in the Royal Navy, P. C. Davis, G. Hagell and E. W. Spencer in the R.A.F. and P. Spencer has received a commission in the Army.

The School is grateful to the Old Bedans' A.F.C. for the gift of a handsome Silver Cup for Senior House Cricket.

A Trip to Switzerland

We, sixteen of us, made an excited sally from Sunderland on the morning of August 8th. We took refuge that night in Clapham Deep Shelter, there to be bludgeoned into stupefaction, if not into insensibility, by the harmonies of passing tube-trains and of bursts of pneumatic drilling driving a tunnel overhead. We recovered that part of our consciousness that was lost and took our calm way to Ostend, to spend the night luxuriously in an upholstered carriage.

Glorious sunshine, destined to continue blazing throughout each day, greeted our arrival on Saturday morning in Kandersteg. A sleek limousine and an ex-Army jeep carried us to Park Hotel Gemmi, a place of quaint appearance and remarkable comfort.

A free day for scouting around privately and then we were in a round of excitement and travel. The sapphire Lake Blausee enchanted us and we gazed on the imposing grandeur of Lake Oeschinensee. The ascent up the Neissen was so steep that the railway carriages were built off the perpendicular to keep them vertical. A cloud unfortunately enshrouded the mountains around just enough to obscure their full beauty but not enough to prevent our appreciating an inspiring panorama. The most exciting and beautiful journey, however, was the one up the Gemmi Pass, 7,000 feet high, on a day serenely cloudless. This journey culminated in a breath-taking view of Mount Rosa and the famous Matterhorn. Each day we returned to our headquarters ravenously hungry, to be satiated by the excellent Swiss food. At last we had to leave Kandersteg, the chalet, the quaint shops, the invigorating sunshine, the shiny cleanliness and the swimming-pools, but we softened the blow by deciding to prolong our holiday in a visit to France.

We reached Sélestat on the Saturday evening, the day of the wine festival. All accommodation was booked and we spent a long night on station benches. On to Gerardmer, a little town in the heart of the Vosges. We slept in a convent where accommodation was given for young tourists. The charge was exorbitant—one-and-ninapence!

After crystal Switzerland, France seemed drab as it greeted us with torrents of rain. The next day was finer and we sailed on the Lake and toured the mountains. We left for Strasbourg, and had a most enjoyable day there before going on to Ostende. The party was nearly divided on the way when the train split for various destinations. A hasty sprint at a small station, however, retrieved the situation and we breathed again.

The Channel-crossing upset many stomachs and taxed the equilibrium, but we were more than consoled by memories of a wonderful holiday.

E. DAVIES, L.VI.Sc.

Parade Day

Trooping all together,
In the rainy weather,
Banners raised up on high,
We marching Scouts passed by

Eyes right we had to face,
Past the saluting base,
Shoulders back and heads high,
We passed our Chief Scout by.

Then on to church we went;
Our thanks to God we sent,
From service homeward bound,
Clear skies above we found.

All went well this Sunday,
In the Spring month of May.

D. LAWS, IV.A.

Unwelcome Visitors

There will probably always be in this world those people who insist on making themselves unwelcome by calling at the worst possible times. Others there are who are not dependent on time for their being unwelcome but these will be discussed later.

To return to the first type. There are four times which a visitor should avoid; early morning round seven o'clock, after meals, the rush-hour just before holidays, and late at night.

No-one ever feels on top of the world in the early morning, although Horlicks thinks it is possible, and it is unnecessary to account for the anger which accompanies dragging oneself out of bed, shuffling to the door to find a neighbour stamping on the

door-step or even peeping through the letter-box waiting for a borrowed shovel to be returned so that the snow can be cleared away. After this, it is impossible to settle down in bed again, and so the whole day is effectively ruined for a mere shovel.

Perhaps the worst sort of caller is the after-meal type. In all probability the meal has just been cleared away and when the visitor keeps passing hyperbolic statements such as, "Brrr ! but it's cold to-day," and "This weather calls for a big fire, doesn't it?" and so on, then the unfortunate house-owner knows that the time has arrived for either replacing the kettle on the stove or else adding another half-hundredweight of coal to the fire. Naturally one cannot tell him to clear out openly and so the conversation develops into a series of superficial hints, which neither side seems capable of taking.

The same thing applies to holidays. Invariably, someone remembers to pay some well-overdue visit on "going-away" day. The conversation tends usually to be the "Oh-no !-You-mustn't-go-there.-It's-terrible" sort closely followed by a list of "mustn't's" and of all the reasons why this holiday's going to be the worst ever. This successfully occupies two hours or so, so that a completely new schedule has to be compiled. No doubt these people think they have saved us from a terrible fate but it is unusual to find a place really as black as some paint it.

The final type is the most frequent. The visitor usually arrives at ten o'clock. "Just in time for supper," is a typical comment. This is ignored for a while but since comments such as this get monotonous after half-an-hour or so, a supper is prepared which the visitor manages to eat till about twelve o'clock. Then he develops into a bore. Which brings me to those who do not pay tribute to time for their unwelcomeness, the bore and the "hearty type."

Bores are at least bearable and one can at least contrive to find something interesting or even amusing in their lectures, but the "hearty type" is the blight of any evening. No rest is allowed when he is present. The wireless is turned on at full blast; he insists on reducing the crockery on pretence of washing-up and the house is almost upside-down before he departs to seek fresh entertainment. Even then, it is impossible to arrange things again until one has made quite certain that he will not return for forgotten property.

There would appear to be only one remedy for the unwelcome visitor trouble. Had everyone a fixed schedule for every day, there would be some possibility of getting rid of some unwelcome visitors. But as this is extremely improbable they will almost definitely remain the blight of the modern, civilised world.

C.W.N., L.VI.

Night

She stalked the day without a sound;
The night crept silent o'er the ground,
The sleepy watchman she befell,
And then crept by the village bell.

She passed the clock as it struck one,
 And not a soul knew where she'd gone:
 But every night she comes again,
 Crawling over hill and plain.

While everyone is fast asleep,
 Through every window she does peep:
 Then in fear she runs away,
 Because she sees the dawning day.

W. B. Pearson, III.1.

The Lamplighter

On misty November evenings,
 At the end of the long, cold day,
 Old Tom, the village lamplighter
 Came plodding on his way.

His steady "Clap, Clap" on the footpath
 Was a well-known sound to the ear,
 We heard it and ran out to meet him
 And shouted, "Old Tom is here."

He lived in the little mossed cottage
 Down by the laburnum trees;
 He dwelled alone with his pigeons,
 And in his garden he grew prize sweet peas.

At the age of ninety-seven,
 Old Tom was called up above;
 And now he is happy in Heaven
 Where he will have plenty of love.

D. STOKER, IV.A.

An Initiate's view of Ice Hockey

The nearest outpost of the now far-flung empire of ice hockey is at Durham. The ice rink is away from the market square and one can hardly hear the traffic there. Anyway, if the rink were on top of the statue of the Marquis of Londonderry, one would not hear the traffic because of the never-ceasing chatter of the female fans—or perhaps one should unabridgedly call them fanatics. When you get into the rink, you discover, with a thankful feeling, that it is possible to sit down while watching play. This is most welcome when you have travelled all the way to Durham standing up in the bus, having given up your seat to a dear old lady, who is now cosily ensconced two rows in front of you, with rugs, cushions and thermos flask.

Although you have heard stories of the roughness of the sport, you decide that it cannot be so very tough, for one of the players skates on to the ice wearing rimless spectacles. Admittedly, he bears a close resemblance to a short-sighted Centurian tank, and most of the others look like fugitives from the prize

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ring, there being a fair sprinkling of broken noses. However, you recall that they are heavily padded and you compare some of the physiognomies favourably with a selection from those of Sunderland Association Football team.

The game starts. It is very fast and robust, but does not appear to be amazingly rough. Then there is a sudden swirl of bodies, a flash of skates, and there is a heap of players on the ice.

They roll about for a while, then sort themselves out and get up. A man rises wearing rimless spectacles. He takes them off and skates after their owner, who is chasing the referee waving his stick in the air, under the impression that he is about to strike a timorous opponent to the ice. He receives his glasses, put them on, and skates off to a small enclosure just off the playing area.

"Why is he doing that?" you wonder aloud.

"Cooler," says a man on your left, in a cloth cap, blue and yellow muffler and red nose.

"I beg your pardon? I mean, I—cooler?"

He puts on the expression which the maths master uses when you fail to grasp some point in trigonometry first time.

"That's the penalty box. He's got to stay in there for two minutes for trying to attack the ref.," he says in a tone which makes manifest the fact that he is dealing with some half-witted imbecile.

You hurriedly turn away, blushing and muttering thanks and excuses, and rivet your eyes on the play.

The first and second periods pass without anything more exciting happening than a player heading the puck and being unable to take part for a quarter of an hour.

In the third period, however, one side go ahead by a goal allegedly kicked in, which is against the rules. It is obvious that their opponents are somewhat disgruntled. Their body-checking—a form of shoulder charge in which the recipient of the impact gets it about hip-level—becomes more robust, even lethal.

Eventually, a home player is ground against the fence surrounding the ice.

"That's not fair, Butch," screams a female supporter. Butch seems to agree. He throws away his hockey stick and goes berserk. He skates after his attacker, spins him round and knocks him down. One of his own side tries to calm him. Butch sends him staggering to the other side of the rink. The man whom Butch knocked down gets up and returns the compliment.

The other players, who have been interested spectators up to that point, all throw away their sticks and begin hitting each other. A kind of rugby scrum forms, with here and there a fist rising and falling.

At last, they begin to disentangle themselves. A small figure in a black jersey and long black trousers gets up last. It is the referee. He goes into action and the game re-starts with seven men on the ice and five in the penalty-box.

After a little while, another bout of fisticuffs takes place and the little old lady stands up and effectively obscures the view by waving her arms about as she shouts "Kill the referee!"

"What happened?" you ask the red nose with the muffer.

He turns on the pitying look and indicates the ice. A player is being helped off by two team-mates and the referee. You make a swift mental note that ice hockey is not a game to be played as a hobby.

After a while the game ends. By the way people are smiling and talking about good, robust hockey, you realise that the home team have won, or, at least, not lost. It is rather hard to tell whether they won by scoring more goals than the other side or on a technical knock-out.

F. A. PEARSON, L.V.I.A.

Post Tenebras Lux

I stand alone amid the desolate scene,
The tangled wreckage of what once had been
A thriving port, Piraeus of this land,
The first of many, spaced along the strand,
Now ravaged by the roaring sea, which surged
Above its ordained limits, now submerged,
And in one hour destroyed the work of years
Leaving a trail of chaos and of tears.

The mangled girder, battered from its bed;
The marshy torrent by the deluge fed;
The shattered ruins mantled o'er with sand;
The shivered tree which other blasts could stand;
The country lane now oozing with the mud
Deposited by the receding flood
Reveal to all the dreadful due we yield
To those grey waters, Britain's finest shield.

Yet from this Stygian darkness of despair
By toil of bodies racked with pain and care
Will rise a new port, Phoenix from the dust.
New dykes in which we all must place our trust,
But evidence of Neptune's splendid might
Forever looms before us as a light
To demonstrate his loftiest disdain
For puny Man who power o'er him would gain.

W. B. YOUNG, L.V.I.A.

Living in Kenya

I first set foot in Kenya on the 3rd November, 1961, at the port of Mombasa. The thing that struck me in every sense of the word, at this equatorial port was the intense heat and I was glad that I was going to Nairobi, which is 5,453 feet above sea level. I travelled the three hundred and thirty miles to Nairobi by night train, for trains here do not travel long distances by day because of the heat.

When I reached Nairobi I was surprised at the size of the city and by the big modern buildings, although there were many squalid native buildings and numerous Asian bazaars. The city is divided into three distinct parts, the European area, the African area and the Asian area. In the European residential area the houses were spread out with very large gardens, three acres each generally. All householders had at least two Africans to work for them. At first we used sign languages to talk to our "houseboys" as we did not know Swahili, but we soon picked up enough to get along comfortably.

Our garden, which was a jungle, was about thirteen acres, and every time I went out into it I carried a panga in case I met any deadly snakes. Once when I turned over a large stone I saw a young "puff adder" coiled underneath. I don't think I have run so fast before or since.

Nearly every Sunday we went into the National Park in the car and drove around looking for the animals which live there untamed. One Sunday we were lucky enough to see a lion and lioness with eight cubs playing in the open. We saw many other animals besides these, among them giraffe, hyena, gazelles and baboons.

The Prince of Wales School, which I attended, was a boarding school and had six hundred European pupils. Each morning we had to be up at 6.30, make our beds, wash, breakfast, and be ready to start school at 8 o'clock. In the afternoons we did prep, and after tea there were games. We all had to be in bed by 9.15 p.m. It was the hockey season when I started at school and I had to learn to play. The next term it was rugby and athletics. For the third term there was a choice of cricket or football.

There are two rainy seasons in Kenya, one from October to December and the other from April to July, but even in the wet season one enjoys about five hours sunshine a day. The rain falls in intermittent downpours of tropical intensity. One day I was about fifty yards away from the house when I felt a single drop of rain; I began to run for home. I need not have bothered to run; I still needed a complete change of clothes!

During my stay in Kenya I never saw any Mau Mau activities, but we never took any chances; we always had a loaded automatic pistol in the house, just in case there was any trouble. I enjoyed life very much when I was in Kenya and I was sorry when I left and returned to England, although it is good to be back and away from the Mau Mau.

G. D. CHAPMAN, L.VI.Sc.

Wishful Thoughts

I am a Chinese emperor;
I have great wealth untold.
I built a giant gilded bridge
O'er which all my chariots rolled—
I have a silver castle,
And a city made of gold;
I have a mighty army,
And every man is bold.

I have a fleet of sailing ships
Which trade beyond the sea,
Which battle with mine enemies
And capture them for me.
The ruler of this vast wide world
One day I hope to be,
And I will order every man
To bring his wealth to me!

I. BAINS, IV.A.

The Shark

A shark's a most peculiar fish—
The tiger of the sea!
I'll bet the other fishes wish
He'd scramble up a tree.

A shark's a brute with lots of teeth
Which grind up all poor fishes;
It's said he'd never do such things,
But is driven against his wishes.

Still

If **you** were swimming in the ocean
And met a nasty shark,
I have a rather strongish notion
You'd get quickly off the mark!

I. BAINS, IV.A.

The Mountain Stream

She runs far and free from her source,
Bubbling and gurgling o'er her course,
Twisting, turning, leaping, falling,
Whisp'ring, singing, shouting, calling;
She makes her way down to the sea.

From far and wide her waters roam,
Rushing and splashing to their home,
Banning, gliding, laughing, chuckling,
Boasting, springing; like a duckling,
She makes her way down to the sea.

She comes from the mountains and hills,
 And down and o'er the rocks she spills,
 Splashing, wetting, pushing, breaching,
 Searching, seeking, striving, reaching;
 She has made her way to the sea.

G. A. BROWN, IV.A.

S.C.M.

A good Winter Term, with speakers from many quarters, and most denominations. There has been but one resignation, that of Henry Anderson, who was Secretary.

The 1933 Conference was very successful indeed and was enjoyed by everyone. One satisfying outcome of the Conference was that it inspired some of the Sunderland High School girls to start a S.C.M. of their own. It has been suggested that we have a joint meeting with them at some near future date.

At the end of this school year a number of the older Members will be leaving. We regret losing them and at the same time hope that there will be an increase in the support from the rest of the School to compensate. It is unlikely that there will be many meetings during the Summer Term, but the S.C.M. will be once more in full swing in September.

A. SNAITH.

The Chess Club

Captain: J. M. Philp, Vice-Captain: K. Bains,
 Secretary: T. P. Paton.

If a school society can be judged by the enthusiasm of its members, then the Bode Chess Club can boast a year of distinct success.

Owing to the great number of entries for the competitions held, only one—the Junior Championship—has been completed to date. This was won by Settle, who beat Mallam in the final.

A handicap tournament was held in the Autumn Term, which served its purpose in providing strong opposition for the younger players. The Senior Championship and the House Championship will both be decided this term, the former having already reached the semi-final stage.

Little has been attained as yet by the School Chess Team. Two games were played in the early season against Monkwearmouth Grammar School, one resulting in a tie and the other in a win for the School. The standard of play was unsatisfactory, however, and interest turned to the development of younger players in the club.

In February, a team was entered for Division One of the Postal Chess League but no results are yet forthcoming.

J. M. Phalp, captain of the team, has regained some of the lost glory for the club, by winning his way to the final of the Durham County Junior Chess Championship with a fine prospect of winning it. We must offer him hearty congratulations!

Our thanks are due in no small way to Mr. J. P. Linton, who has been in charge of the Chess Club during the year, and also to Messrs. Forbes, Giles and Maccooby who have willingly given their interest and assistance.

V.V.A.

Badan Scouts

The year 1952-3 has seen many changes in both the troop itself and their headquarters.

It had become increasingly evident that our headquarters were in urgent need of repair, and an examination of the foundations showed that they were non-existent in some parts and only partly existent for the rest. The Group Committee set aside £75 for the re-construction of the hut.

Work began in January, 1952, and we soon realised the difficulties experienced in coal-mining, for at the north end it was necessary to wield a felling-axe in two feet of headroom. Difficulties increased when bricks, cement and a hydraulic jack had to be hauled under, to build replacement foundations of brick. This work was completed by May; repair and re-felling of walls and roof took until September. In the meantime, a fine stove had been erected in the middle of the hut. We must take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Cory without whose advice and "backstage" work much of the reconstruction could not have been done.

All this left scant time for scouting activities. Nevertheless, part of the Group was under canvas at Easter and the P.L.'s got in the usual fifty-mile hike. The Seniors went south to Aysgarth, haunted castles, water-falls and caverns. Although unplaced in the Stansfield-Richardson Cup Competition, we were second in that for the Kayll Cup.

Summer Camp this year was held at the foot of the Pennines, overlooking the Eden Valley, at Dufton near Appleby. The weather which, according to the local inhabitants, was "just a normal summer" was the worst we had experienced at a summer camp for some years. Still, we did some engineering—an aerial ropeway, from which Hall fell twenty feet and broke his arm, and a couple of successful dams. In addition, each patrol was sent on a thirty-six hour "Information Hike" and the Seniors hiked to Alston and Cauldron Scout in appalling weather conditions. Seagulls won the Camp Cup while Hawks were second.

On returning from Summer Camp we were pleased to welcome Mr. Priest as our new S.M. and we set to to finish off the hut and to catch up on First and Second Class work.

With the funds raised by the tireless labours of the Group Committee a new metal combustion stove has been provided in the P.L.'s den and it is hoped soon to reline the walls of the hut with ceiling-board. From money raised by ourselves we have bought two Tilley pressure lamps and a hike tent.

A membership of 35 to 40 has been maintained throughout the year, but, owing to the great influx of recruits in the 1952-3 school year, many of them have yet to savour camp-life. Fawcitt has passed over leadership of the Troop to Knox.

This year marks the Silver Jubilee of the Troop, and the Senior Section is at present actively engaged in preparing records and photographs of the Troop since its founding in 1929 so that some sort of souvenir record of the troop's history may be published.

A. FAWCITT.

Bedan Senior Scouts

Senior Scouting is an attempt by the Movement to adopt the scheme of "Scouting for Boys" so that the more sophisticated boy of over 15 will continue to be attracted and not leave or drift away at the very time that the formative influence of Scouting on his character is most marked. It may be interesting to review the application of the scheme to our troop.

Prior to 1939 we always had in the troop a high proportion of the Senior School, and indeed most of the Patrol Leaders were prefects. This helped the founding of a tradition of wise, authoritative leadership in the troop, and, we like to feel, exercised a modifying influence on their prefectship in the school. We did not, however, retain the interest of many boys who left the school after taking School Certificate at, say, 16. All the Scouters were members of the Staff. Since 1946, in common with most other troops, there has been a serious leakage of the 16-17 year old age-group and the number of Sixth formers in the troop has decreased. Thus, in 1949-50 most troop members were Middle and Junior School boys. The Senior troop was formed at this time, and though our numbers have always been small there has been little leakage. Nearly every boy coming into the troop from the junior section at, say, 15-16 has remained with us until Rover age of 18. The most heartening feature is that now we do retain the interest of boys who have left the school after taking the School Certificate. There are now two Scouters whose occupation is other than that of teaching, so that there is an increase of experience and a widening of outlook amongst the men who are responsible for the moulding of the boys' characters. There is satisfaction, too, in the fact that two members have, on reaching 18, left us and taken out warrants as Scouters in other troops in need of assistance. This is something entirely new, and as we reckon that the training we give is of a high standard, it should improve the standards of Scouting in the town.

It should prove possible, then, in a year or two for the numbers in the Seniors to grow as the flow of boys from the Juniors becomes greater. We should then be able to achieve two troops equal in size of about 50 boys each.

J.B.L.

Prophecy to the Wind

A verse play, by reason of its medium alone, must always be a more difficult proposition for the actor than the prose counterpart; and the less skilled the actor the greater will be the chance of failure to put the play across—for nothing can be worse than the unintelligent chanting of lines ("rendering" would indeed be the most apt word!). In view of this, I feel that the Drama Club achieved a notable success by staging a production which was both intelligible and interesting. The success is the more notable, I thought, in that the play had several defects. The theme was topical and compelling enough, but the author seemed on occasion, in striving for effect, to lose his way in a mass of words, which became almost meaningless; again, perhaps in that same search for effect, he adopted an unevenness of language—a descent from the sublime to the commonplace—which jarred on the ear. But the greatest defect was the fact that the conclusion was an anti-climax—the play ended "not with a bang but a whimper," and surely such a theme requires a better ending.

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To turn to the players, the general standard of acting appeared higher than on previous occasions, though obviously a small cast allows a concentration of talent: but credit where credit is due. To be more pointed, may I say that I appreciated the clarity of Hallbjorn's enunciation, and found Vikar, too, audible in the dim recesses at the back of the hall. John tackled intelligently a part which was not over-rewarding; Ulf was suitably gruff, Dick showed a great deal of natural talent, and last, but by no means least, the two damozels were as comely and plausible a pair as one might find in this masculine environment. Their task was not an easy one and they came through with credit. By way of criticism, Hallbjorn's sonorous utterances were somewhat softened by his youthful appearance—a more substantial beard might have helped. Allowance for the reactions of the audience could also have been improved upon, at any rate in the earlier performances, when it was occasionally difficult to follow the dialogue, which went on without pause through the audience's laughter. This timing is difficult but worth trying to achieve. Lastly, there were at times some sounds from behind the stage which had no apparent relation to the action on the stage! I have however no other criticism of those backstage. The lighting was particularly impressive, being sensitively and effectively handled; and in general I would raise a metaphorical hat to those unseen, unsung and (usually) unheard workers—not forgetting F.O.H. and B.O.H. with their engaging headgear.

A.F.K.—

Senior Debating Society

Autumn Term:—

President: A. L. Hargreaves; Secretary: Miss J. Baxter;
Assistant Secretary: I. Patton.

Spring Term:—

President: Miss J. Baxter; Secretary: E. A. Levine;
Assistant Secretary: Miss M. Short.

The conclusion of the Spring Term allows us to view in retrospect the major part of the Society's activities, which have proved successful in both the entertainment and educational spheres. It is, however, disappointing to record the gradual decrease in attendance at the Society's meetings. The value of a Debating Society in any school cannot be underestimated and it is to be hoped that next session will see a growth of enthusiasm. Increase in attendance and an enthusiastic participation in the debates and contests will do a great deal to provide an "attractive" Society for the Senior School.

The debates have been varied in nature, from "Favouring the introduction of commercial radio" to "Reinstating corporal punishment." A vote of censure against the present Tory government was carried.

Speaking in the Staff Debates were Miss Moul and Messrs. Forbes, Lewis and Shrimpton, who succeeded in providing the House with both an interesting and amusing debate on the motion "That this House would rather be a Fish." Another highlight of the session was the holding of a Mock Trial which also drew a large audience.

The Autumn and Spring Bi-Annual Cup Debates, adjudicated by Mr. A. J. B. Budge and Miss W. J. E. Moul respectively, were won by Mr. E. A. Levine and Mr. M. Duffell. The India Cup Debate, adjudicated by Mr. Arkles, was also won by Mr. M. Duffell. To celebrate the new Elizabethan era, Miss J. Baxter, the Society's first lady President, succeeded in being the first member of the Girls' School to win a Prize Debate. She won the Officer's Debate adjudicated by Mr. J. P. Giles.

The outing this year, to be held during the Coronation holidays, is to Middleton and High Force and with memories of previous outings in mind, an enjoyable time is guaranteed to all.

Any report of the Society and its activities would be incomplete without a sincere record of our thanks to our Treasurer and Master-in-Charge, Mr. G. T. Moore and to Mr. J. P. Giles and Mr. W. K. Lewis for their continued interest and support. To members of both schools, it remains only to add, that their presence at the meetings next session would not only provide them with an enjoyable time but would also maintain the high standards upheld by the Society in the past.

E. A. LEVINE (Hon. Sec.).

The School Library

Committee.—Chairman: The Headmaster; Librarian: Mr. W. K. Lewis; Staff Member: Mr. A. Kilner; Senior Assistant Librarian: A. Cairns; Senior Assistants: G. E. Walker, A. C. Colling, E. G. Daintree (Secretary); Junior Assistants: T. K. Hutchinson, D. Graham, D. M. Stiff, K. Earl, J. T. Shepherd; Apprentices: W. Hazell, A. Richardson, R. W. Hopper, D. Gothard, J. Nicholson, M. Gourley.

The usual smooth mechanism of the School Library has been maintained throughout the past year. In connection with this, I must thank the librarian, Mr. W. K. Lewis, and the other members of the library staff who have worked in harmony.

We held our annual stock-take at the end of the spring-term. This task is one which is always very tedious, yet everyone responsible did his utmost to complete it as quickly as possible.

The high rate of issue of books is still confined to the lower and upper forms of the school; the middle school continues to hold aloof from borrowing books.

A great number of new books has been added to all sections of the library since the beginning of this school year, and though some of the third forms have been given each week a lesson on

how to use the library, many of the books, particularly in the junior sections, and to a lesser extent, in the senior fiction section, have been grossly misused. This, I feel, is due to the "couldn't-care-less" attitude of boys in the school which must be overcome before the library can be greatly improved.

There has been only one change with regard to periodicals—The Times Educational Supplement has been replaced by the Times Literary Supplement on the advice of Mr. Lewis.

Finally, it remains only for me to say on behalf of the committee how much we appreciate the numerous donations of books by staff and boys during the past year, and to thank any one who has helped the library in any way to achieve success.

A. CAIRNS (Senior Assistant Librarian).

The Coronation Concert

The School Choral and Orchestral Society on May 7th provided us with a fine evening's entertainment. The programme was excellently devised and the items were of a pleasingly wide range of variety. The Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Kirk, showed commanding versatility: "My Bonny Boy," from Vaughan Williams's Folk Song Suite, was performed with as much integrity as the "Iolanthe" Overture, and there were both humour and sensibility in the rendering of Mr. Kirk's own suite, "Bedans All," notably in the "Playing Fields" movement. The Quartets were played with well-disciplined feeling and the various solo instrumentalists gave admirably contrasted and spirited performances. The vocal soloist did well, more particularly with Schubert's "Organ Grinder," the Junior Choir, controlled and fluting, sang a couple of appropriate songs, and the Senior Choir alternately roused, lulled and charmed us. The Society should indeed feel well pleased with its work.

Ascent of Ben Nevis

We, or to be more precise, my brother, had rather sensibly allotted three days' stay to Fort William during our cycle tour of the Scottish Highlands nearly two years ago, the allocation being based upon the climatic conditions to be experienced in that peculiarly damp region of the British Isles. As subsequent events proved, it was none too little, for only on the third day were we able to take advantage of a sudden lifting of the dense mist, which until then, had hung like a blanket (and a wet one at that!) over all but the lowest slopes of Ben Nevis, and make the ascent of the highest mountain in the British Isles, which was the sole purpose of our visit to Fort William.

When we left the hostel at ten o'clock that morning, the fog still mantled the mountain and consequently we had journeyed into Fort William only to discover upon our arrival there that the mist had suddenly lifted, and save for a certain

dampness underfoot, conditions were ideal for a day upon the "hill of heaven." Accordingly we retraced our steps, crossed the shimmering stream known as the Water of Nevis, and commenced to climb the long acclivity past Achintee Farm up to the Lochan Meall an t-Suidhe, crossing in our path, a number of rushing mountain streams spanned by several somewhat precarious wooden erections. After rather more than an hour's walking, we passed the ruined Half-Way House and the sadly misnamed Red Burn where we stopped for a while to admire the blended beauty of sparkling streams, fallow field, and heather hill which is Glen Nevis' own peculiar pre-eminence.

After eating our lunch, we continued the ascent past Lochan Meall an t-Suidhe by a well marked path which rose in steep zig-zags to the summit, passing on our way numerous cairns built from the abundant stones which cover the upper slopes of the mountain, to guide climbers in the event of the thick fog which so often suddenly descends upon Ben Nevis. We also passed several gullies containing snow, although it was then the middle of August, and finally gained the rather level summit three hours after leaving Achintee Farm, which is the recognised starting point of all those who prefer the easiest way to the summit.

Our climb was well rewarded, for the magnificent view from the top embraces a varied panorama of hill, glen, lake and sea extending for nearly seventy-five miles to every point of the compass. At our feet lay Loch Linnhe reaching down to the much-indented island of Mull, beyond which lay the Paps of Jura, with its continuation, Loch Eil, winding up Glen Fionn to Arisaig, and the cliffs of Eigg and Rum could be seen, with the purple peaks of Cullins rising along the horizon.

To the North lies a tangle of wild mountains, peaks and ridges, but it was the North-East which provided the most breathtaking spectacle, for here we stood upon the edge of a magnificent two-thousand foot precipice, which extended along that face of Ben Nevis for nearly one and a half miles, gazing up the immense geological fault of the Great Glen, down which we had cycled two days earlier from Inverness. Further to the East we beheld the massive Cairngorms and the rugged outline of Ben Maudhul, the second highest British mountain, but unfortunately the view to the south was obscured by clouds which now began to close in on the "heaven-kissing hill" itself.

Accordingly we regretfully commenced to descend and rather foolishly sought to save distance by striking away from the path cutting straight down the mountain slopes—a manoeuvre which cost us several bruises and lacerations from the numerous loose stones. However, we finally arrived at the tarn, and thence retraced our steps past Half-Way House, where we again left the path to pick our way through sodden heather and boggy turf to the rickety footbridge across the Water of Nevis and thus regain the Hostel after a most exhilarating day, turning our backs on Ben Nevis' mighty immutable mass towering majestically above us.

Drama Club

We have a small but keen group of workers whose efforts continue throughout the year, gradually building up and improving our equipment. They have done a good deal of hard work in the roof space above the hall, in order to provide safe and convenient storage rooms. Many problems remain to be solved, however, and new helpers—especially woodworkers—are always welcome. We need a new scheme for changing scenery flats and for storing them, and we urgently need some new method of access to the upper parts of the stage, which becomes increasingly difficult as the building of the set progresses.

Since last year we have installed a bar which holds four spot-lights; this is suspended from a winch in the auditorium. Such equipment is now becoming almost essential in modern theatre practice, and it will probably be used in all future productions.

We paid a visit to Thornsey Close Modern School in order to see (and explain) the magnificent stage and fittings there provided. We were lost in wonder, love, praise and other emotions.

T.L.J.

Music

If interest in voluntary organisations is any criterion, music in the school is in a very healthy state.

The choir which leads the praise is a great help to our devotional exercises every morning though Mr. Giles reports that the attendance of some members at weekly practice is not satisfactory. The singing of this choir is much appreciated though, as always with voluntary activities, there is a tendency to take it for granted.

At Speech Days and in the Annual Concert, the Junior Choir, under Mr. Twigg's able guidance, and the Male Voice Choir were in good form and sang well.

The orchestra has reached a higher standard than it has done since the war and in the Annual Concert played more music and more difficult music than last year. Several young players in the orchestra and some who have not yet reached those dizzy heights—competition is a good thing—are coming on and should be a credit to the school when they mature.

We are indebted to Miss Elliott who manages to keep these young violinists keen through the tedious stages of learning the instrument and to the Old Boys who come along regularly to help us whenever they can. Their experience, apart from the help they put into the orchestral playing, and the confidence they give the younger players, is a tremendous asset to the orchestra. Our older members of choir and orchestra who are leaving will be missed. They have served the school well. To members of staff who help materially with the music and help to create that

happy attitude to music in our school to-day and to staff and boys who help with the concert arrangements we are sincerely grateful.

Philatelic Society

The Society has met each Monday evening and had a very successful year, being well supported, particularly by boys from the Lower School. The following officers were elected at the beginning of the year:—

President: C. Spencer. Secretary: M. B. Serry.
 Librarian: J. K. Ward. Junior Member: A. Curtis.

Many interesting displays and talks have been given but mention must be made to both Mr. Todd and Mr. Laidler for their excellent talks and also for the fine specimens of stamps used to illustrate them. Mr. ? ? ? ? ? must be thanked for his splendid display on "Stamps of South Africa" and appreciation must also be shown to Mr. Lee for his excellent talks and displays especially on "Sudan and her stamps." Other exhibitions, talks, quizzes and auctions have been given by the members themselves.

At the annual Christmas Party we had the pleasure of the attendance of the Headmaster for the tea, after which we had the usual fun and games in the gymnasium.

Our thanks and appreciation must be tendered to Messrs. Laidler, Todd, Lee and Linton, for without them the society could not have carried on.

C. SPENCER (President), M. B. SERRY (Secretary).

The Gymnastic Club

The gym club during the past two terms has had another successful session. There are a number of youngsters with their Intermediate Awards who show promise. Since Christmas five members have gained their Advanced Awards. They are:—F. Davies, M. Davison, J. Donnelly, Townsend and Nelson. There are at least two other members who are almost at the required standard.

We are of course greatly indebted to Mr. Simpson, who has been a constant source of help and guidance during the past two terms.

E. TOWNES (Secretary), C. NELSON (Captain).

Raby House

Captain: J. Davison. Secretary: A. Cairns.

On considering the results of the numerous activities in Raby House during the past year, I feel that we have had a comparatively uneventful time.

The field of soccer afforded our greatest successes. The seniors, captained by Bond (who, incidentally scored six goals), experienced an average season. The juniors, on the other hand, did not do so well. In their first match they drew with Lamley 1—1. Then they suffered a decisive defeat by Hylton and drew once again with Durham in their final match.

In rugby, hard grounds during February and March prevented the completion of inter-house competitions.

There were no senior cross-country inter-house matches this year. The school cross-country championship was, however, held as usual, but I am sorry to relate that our two teams (senior and junior) were pursuing rather than pursued.

Over our efforts at chess I will draw the veil of discretion.

At the sport's day held last year the position of Babu was second. At this point I wish to acknowledge the help given by Mr. A. F. Kilner in training the athletes of the house.

Enthusiasm ran high for the Christmas party which was zealously supported, and once again we must thank in particular Mr. F. A. Jennings, Senior House Master, though not forgetting other members of the house—masters and boys—who helped to make it a success.

Finally it remains for me to say that, though the year has been an unsuccessful one in the history of the house, we must not easily be discouraged, and keeping in mind the Virgilian phrase "*Facilis descensus Averno . . .*" determine to improve in the years to come and to bring honour to our House.

A. CAIRNS (Hon. Sec.).

Lamley House

The cloud of depression over most House activities has lifted slightly this year. It is particularly encouraging to note the increased vigour and enterprise in the junior section of the House.

The 1932 Tennis Championship was won again by Lamley, who thus retain the trophy. Prospects are good for this summer's competition.

Other good performances were given by the Senior Soccer XI, who finished joint first, and the Athletics team, who were placed 2nd on Sports Day. Credit for this latter result is due to Mr. Wilson, whose particular method of encouragement and persuasion has invariably stimulated a flood of late entries, and to Plumpton, the athletics captain.

Placings in Junior rugby, junior soccer and cross country were only moderate. The senior rugby season is still in full swing, apparently, but the House has yet to score a point.

The Christmas Party was well supported by the House staff, as usual, and a film show rounded off a quite successful evening.

CRICKET, FIRST XI.



Back Row—G. COPPIN (Scorer), J. D. CHARLTON, D. C. HOGG, T. F. BROWN, W. J. HOWE,
A. L. JONES. Mr. W. E. MCLEHENT.

Front Row—H. H. FIDG, P. LIDDLE, R. G. RENDALL, W. J. BOND, K. SCORER (Capt.), J. MCKENZIE,
C. H. ALLEN, L. FULLER.

SOCCER, FIRST XI.

(Officers of the "Tynwald Grammar School" Capt.)



Back Row—G. HEDLEY, W. J. BOND, A. HINDMARCH, D. MUNRO, Mr. R. T. AYRE, P. H. LIDDLE, &
J. D. SMITH.

Front Row—L. PLUMPTON, B. G. RENDALL, A. L. THOMPSON, K. SCORER (Capt.), J. D. CHARLTON,
J. HOLBY, G. MACDONALD.

CROSS COUNTRY.



Back Row—R. W. HOPPER, A. NOBLE, G. HEDLEY, D. REAH, A. FAWCETT.
Front Row—C. BITTLESTONE, W. S. YOUNG, R. G. RENDALL (Capt.), A. COWEY, G. McDONALD,
J. HOLLY.

UNDER 13 SOCCER XI.



Back Row—Mr. J. CORA, S. A. BROWN, D. CRUDDAS, D. WILSON, W. F. FERRY, E. JOHNSON,
I. BRIDGES, Mr. G. W. LEE.
Front Row—P. A. GOTHARD, T. B. WATSON, B. HENDERSON, G. OLIVER (Capt.), L. HILL,
J. C. GREY, B. L. STREAD.

RUGBY, FIRST XV.



Back Row—E. J. CHARLTON, G. S. CLIFFORD, C. A. ALLEN, A. ROBINSON, M. A. WILLIE,
S. F. ROBINSON, H. M. BERRY.

Front Row—D. D. CHAPMAN, S. ROWLAND, J. P. PATTON, G. S. FERGUSON, D. C. HOGG (Capt.),
W. J. HOWE, M. LAVER, J. HENZIE, J. COOK.

RUGBY, JUNIOR XV.



Back Row—M. T. TULLOCH, G. CROMPTON, J. KNOX, W. DRAGGS, J. SHEPHERD, J. B. NICHOLSON,
J. WARD, C. JOHNSON, H. M. BERRY.

Front Row—E. HALSTEAD, R. HOPPER, J. CONVERY, S. THOMPSON, P. LIVERY (Capt.),
A. NOBLE, A. SMYTH, K. HALCROW, P. COOKE.

TENNIS.



Back Row—R. L. DUFFELL (Sec.), J. RUMPTON, Mr. A. TAYLOR.
 Front Row—G. D. CHAPMAN, P. H. LIDDLE, J. M. WILHOT (Capt.), G. WILLIAMS, J. SIMPSON.

PREFECTS.



Back Row—A. L. JONES (Lambley House Captain), P. H. LIDDLE, R. F. ROBINSON, W. B. YOUNG, A. C. COLLING.
 Second Row—K. BLUD, J. H. PHALP, T. FATTON, G. E. FERGUSON (Hydon House Captain), A. L. HARGREAVES, J. DAVIDSON (Kaly House Captain), T. W. BARKER, R. L. DUFFELL, H. P. ANDERSON.
 Seated—E. FOUNDER, D. C. HODG (School Rugby Captain), F. HULL, A. COWEY (School Captain, Senior Athletics Champion, Durham House Captain), Mr. A. J. B. BUDGE (Headmaster), Mr. A. F. KILMER (Master in Charge of Prefects), A. CARRIS (Senior Assistant Librarian) R. W. JOY, E. J. DAINTRIE.

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It has now become an established Lumley tradition that members of the Lower Sixth stay away from this celebration: it is to be hoped that next Christmas, tradition is broken, Coronation year or not, for support from the Upper School is vital on this occasion.

Judging by last year's standards when House effort and achievement reached an all time low, Lumley House has had a satisfactory year. Let us hope that in the next few terms, improvement in the sporting sphere can be maintained and that Lumley can raise itself from an uninspiring 4th position in the Study Cup Competition.

A. L. JONES (Captain).

Hylton House

K. Scorer, Captain. P. H. Liddle, Hon. Secretary.

It is pleasant to record a most successful year in all respects. In former years, in Hylton House, apathy has reigned supreme in many activities, but now, owing to the enthusiasm of juniors and seniors alike and to the interest and guidance offered by the members of staff, Hylton has undergone a marked recovery.

The soccer team, captained by Scorer, not only won its first house match ever, but also carried off the Championship. The junior team followed this example by winning all their matches in convincing style. Bad weather prevented the completion of the raggy fixtures; however, we won the one match which we played. Perhaps the greatest achievement was the winning of the Athletics Championship. Outstanding performances were given by Noble, the Middle champion, Oliver, the junior champion, and Patton, who finished a good second in the Senior group, but the fact that Hylton obtained 198 points to the 120 of its nearest rival reveals the quality of the team as a whole and for this special credit is due to our juniors. We congratulate G. Ferguson, our Athletics Captain, for the important part he played in the success. Our cross-country juniors and seniors came second in the School Championships.

Once again academic endeavours have received their almost inevitable reward in the form of the Study Cup—which we have come to regard as being a piece of the House furniture.

The Xmas party, with the help and co-operation of the masters, proved a grand success. The catering staff provided a tea to satisfy the most gluttonous of our members and an interesting film show was followed by an utterly baffling display of conjuring. Ice-creams consumed, we are happy to say that the vigorous games which we played later in the evening did not segment the numbers at the nearby hospital.

This term hopes are high for good performances from our cricket teams and chess teams; and so, for a change, this report is written without the dismal recording of fruitless efforts. Let us hope that the success gained will be consolidated and improved upon during the next year.

P. H. LIDDLE, Hon. Sec.

Durham House

The following officials were elected for the school year 1932-33:—

House Captain: A. Cowey. Secretary: D. C. Hogg.

Senior. Soccer: Hindmarch; Rugby: Hogg; Cross-Country: Young; Chess: Hogg; Athletics: Cowey.

Junior. Soccer: Curtis; Rugby: Austin; Cross-Country: Reah; Chess: Burn.

This has been the most disappointing year for Durham House since the new House system began. Although the House has been led magnificently by the school Captain, A. Cowey, lack of enthusiasm amongst the juniors towards the school sports was most noticeable, although they excelled in the cross-country championship.

We have lost much of the lead of previous years, being only successful in Cross-Country, winning both Senior and Junior championships, while the juniors ably led by Reah also won all three house matches. The house provided six out of eight of the very successful school team.

The most disappointing aspect to the house activities this year was our failure in the school sports, in which we have been the leading house for many years. We were a very poor third, but we congratulate Cowey on being senior champion for the second year in succession. We also congratulate him on his achievements in pole-vaulting; breaking the school record with 10ft. 9ins. and being placed 4th in the public schools sports at the White City. The house was unlucky in losing the services, due to injury, of last year's Middle champion, S. Thompson.

The Soccer results, both Junior and Senior, were very disappointing, due, perhaps, to lack of experience, but next year, with the same teams to call upon, better results are expected.

The house Rugby seven-a-side tournament could not be finished owing to the hard grounds at the end of the season. The seniors won both the matches they played convincingly, but the match against Hylton, which would undoubtedly have been the championship decider was not played. They had eight of the school rugby team and all the school "sevens" backs, and this was reflected in their play, which was fast and open, the passing, in particular being outstanding.

The Xmas party was again very successful, well attended and enjoyed by all.

We look forward to good results in chess, tennis and cricket, which have yet to be played.

In conclusion, all members of the house extend their thanks to Mr. Ayre and his colleagues for their unflinching enthusiasm in house affairs.

D. C. HOGG (Hon. Sec.).

Cross Country Club

The successes of last season and the one before it have been continued during the season 1952-3.

Rendall, Cowey, Young, MacDonald and Bittlestone have been the school's most successful runners and Noble, Hedley and Holey have been consistent throughout the season. Of the newcomers, Reah was outstanding, and he, being only fourteen years old, has at least another two years with the school team.

Colours were awarded to Hedley, Bittlestone and Holey, and were renewed to Rendall, Cowey, Young and McDonald.

The school has been represented by the following boys:—Rendall, Bittlestone, Hedley, Fawcitt, Young, McDonald, Noble, Hopper, Cowey, Holey and Reah.

The North-Eastern Grammar Schools' Cross-Country Championship was won by Bede for the second successive year, Rendall, Young and Cowey tying for first place, the latter having run the last mile with a strained hip.

Our closest match was once more against Durham School, which we narrowly won by four points.

Our thanks are due to Mr. D. A. Thompson, and all those members of the staff who have assisted in the smooth running of the club.

Results of the season's fixtures:—

King's College (away)	...	...	Lost	31	52
Ryhope G.S. (home)	...	...	Won	23	55
Bede College (away)	...	...	Won	34	44
Royal G.S. (home)	...	...	Won	31	48
Inter-Club C.C. Relay (away)	...	...		2nd Place	
Inter-Schools C.C. Championship (away)	...	...			Won
Durham School (away)	...	...	Won	38½	42½
Grangefield G.S. (home)	...	...	Won	34	44
Meeting:—8;	Won 6;	Lost 2.			

The House Championships were run off on Monday, April 20th, and were won by Durham in both sections. Individual winners were Reah in the Junior section with a time of 12 mins. 48 secs., a new record, and Cowey in the Seniors with a time of 20 mins. 38 secs.

Total House Placings were:— 1, Durham, 347 points; 2, Hylton, with 297½ points; 3, Lamley, with 204½ points; and 4, Raby, with 142 points.

A.—FAWCITT (Hon. Sec.)

Under 13 Soccer XI

Captain: G. E. Oliver. Vice-Captain: G. Brown.

The team has had a most enjoyable season and has produced quite good results in Division "F" of the Sunderland and District

Schools' Football League, closing the season with the following results:—

F.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
23	13	4	6	50	27	30

The goal-scorers were:—Croddas 12, Oliver 11, Hill 8, Stead 5, Watson 5, Gray 3, Wilson 3, Brown, Garrett and Gothard 1 each.

All the boys concerned with the team must be congratulated upon their successes and upon their conduct both on and off the field. They have worked together very well indeed under the able captaincy of Oliver, who has been a pillar of strength and has at times literally won the match himself by forcing home the deciding goal when all seemed lost. His good form throughout the season had its just reward when he was chosen to represent the Sunderland Boys under 14 team in two games, the first against East Durham Boys, and the second against Lambton and Hetton Boys in the Hartlepool's Hospital Cup. This is the first time that a member of the Under 13 Soccer XI has brought credit to the school by representing the Sunderland Boys Under 14 team and he is to be congratulated upon his sound performances.

Bridges, in goal, has had a good season and has had good support from the backs, Henderson and Perry. Johnson at right half has played soundly and well, though at times he is inclined to be a little slow in following up when beaten. He shares with Croddas the dubious honour in having put through his own goal. Vice-Captain Brown has had a very successful season, maintaining thoroughly satisfactory form throughout and showing that he is capable of holding the team together and of extracting the best from every player. Of the forwards Croddas has been very forceful at times, though he should make a better full back than a centre forward; Hill improved tremendously towards the end of the season and has proved himself to be a very fast centre forward with a good shot; Stead is a good schemer and has helped his half backs when necessary; Watson has been steady and useful; Gray promises well for next season and Wilson has played his part in making the forward line a workable unit.

G.L. and J.C.

Boxing Club

The Boxing Club has had a very successful season. Many boys have attended regularly and their standard of performance has improved tremendously. A keen interest has been shown by all members and the older boys have been of great help in assisting the new members, who benefited greatly.

It was not found to be possible to hold a tournament this year but the following have automatically become champions in their age and weight groups:—

- C. GOOCH (III.1), 4st. 7lbs.—5st., 11 to 12 years of age.
 B. DEFFY (III.3), 5st. 7lbs.—6st., 11 to 12 years of age.
 G. DIXON (III.4), 6st. 7lbs.—7st., 11 to 12 years of age.
 D. LARCOMBE (III.1), 6st. 7lbs.—7st., 12 to 13 years of age.
 P. SHORT (IV.2), 5st. 7lbs.—6st., 13 to 14 years of age.
 A. ARMOUR (IV.B.), 6st.—6st. 7lbs., 13 to 14 years of age.
 L. W. BLAND (IV.B.), 7st.—7st. 7lbs., 13 to 14 years of age.
 T. GOOCH (V.A.), 7st. 7lbs.—8st., 15 to 16 years of age.
 M. TULLOCH (V.B.), 9st.—9st. 7lbs., 15 to 16 years of age.
 A. NOBLE (V.B.), 10st. 7lbs.—11st., 15 to 16 years of age.
 J. SHEPHERD (V.A.), 11st.—11st. 7lbs., 15 to 16 years of age.
 P. LAVERY (V.B.), 12st.—12st. 7lbs., 15 to 16 years of age.

BOXING PERSONALITIES

- P. LAVERY, Heavyweight champion, has again improved considerably this year. A powerful boxer with a good style.
 J. SHEPHERD. A keen, conscientious boxer who obviously enjoys the game. Hard, clean fighter who can "take it" as well as "give it."
 A. NOBLE. Has improved tremendously and is very fast. Must control his tendency to swing. Has a very good straight left.
 M. TULLOCH. A skilful boxer who has developed very well this year. Promises well for the future.
 T. GOOCH. An interesting and lively boxer who enjoys his practice. Has shown remarkable courage in boxing much heavier opponents.
 A. ARMOUR. A neat and orthodox performer with a future.
 P. SHORT. Has developed well this year and is an efficient and capable boxer.
 D. LARCOMBE. Most impressive, has a very good stance and is capable of very good work. Should develop well.
 C. GOOCH. Has practised very hard, enjoys his boxing, and is a business-like performer. Should develop into a very successful boxer.

The Club is greatly indebted to Mr. P. J. Gillespie for all the valuable work, interest and enthusiasm which he has unstintingly given to all members. All credit must be given to him for re-starting the Club after the war and for bringing it to its present level of attainment. We wish him all success and peace of mind in his new post and are sorry to have lost such an outstanding personality.

G. W. LEE.

Senior Soccer XI

Record:—

	P.	A.		P.	A.	
13/9/52 v. Gledifeth	4-1	24/1/53 v. Heaton	3-0			
20/9/52 v. Rutherford	3-4	*31/1/53 v. Hockergate	1-1			
27/9/52 v. Darlington	3-6	*7/2/53 v. Hockergate	2-2			
11/10/52 v. Houghton	1-1	*21/2/53 v. Hockergate	3-1			
18/10/52 v. Jarrow	4-7	28/2/53 v. Houghton	3-1			
25/10/52 v. St. Aidan	1-1	*7/3/53 v. Byth	2-1			
1/11/52 v. Ryhope	3-0	14/3/53 v. Spennymoor	2-1			
*11/11/52 v. Tyne-mouth	3-0	*21/3/53 v. Jarrow	3-1			
28/11/52 v. Spennymoor	4-0	26/3/53 v. St. Aidan	4-0			
4/12/52 v. Jarrow	1-2	29/3/53 v. Heaton	3-0			
14/12/52 v. Ryhope	6-0	*T.O.S. Cup Finals.				
	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.
	22	12	5	5	68	39

The Senior XI has had a very successful season. At last, after reaching the Final of the Tyneside Grammar Schools' Cup for three years in succession and being defeated on each occasion, this year's XI reached the Final and deservedly brought home the trophy.

Several members of the team distinguished themselves during the season. Scorer, Charlton, Hedley, Thompson and Munro were all chosen to play for the Northumberland and Durham Grammar Schools XI. As a result of a County match with a Yorkshire XI, Scorer and Thompson were chosen to attend the F.A. coaching course at Oxford. Thompson finally gained a place in the England "A" XI.

The following boys have represented the school this season:—Munro, Pearson; Hedley, Smith, Plumptre, Malough, Hindmarch, Liddle (1), Rendall (8); Charlton (11), Hall, Scorer (15), Bond (21), Holey (3), Thompson (2), Davison (2), MacDonald. (Goals scored are in brackets).

Colours were renewed to Scorer and Thompson and awarded to Bond, Charlton, Hindmarch, Hedley, Liddle, Munro, Rendall, Holey and Smith

SOCCER PERSONALITIES

MUNRO (Goalkeeper)—

Played a valuable part in the team's success. Has developed into a fine keeper.

HEDLEY (Right Back)—

Very steady and constructive. Volley-kicking and heading good.

SMITH (Left Back)—

Tackled strongly and headed well. Belies too much on left foot.

HINDMARCH (Right Half)—

Fast, with good ball control. Able to change defence into attack by well-judged long passes. Stout tackler.

LIDDLE (Centre Half)—

Handicapped by being only a left sided player, but had a good season. Effectively hampered opposing centres and often cleared with powerful kicks.

RENDALL (Left Half)—

Noted for his stamina, ball control and good distribution. Often a sixth forward.

CHARLTON (Outside Right)—

Speedy, with good curves. Accurate shot at critical times.

BOND (Centre Forward)—

Speedy, hard shot and accurate header. Filled this important position most satisfactorily.

HOLEY (Inside Left)—

Small and light but with great football ability. Good ball control and very constructive. Might try more shooting.

THOMPSON (Outside Left)—

Originally a back, played his best games here. Often lacking fire but able to produce something good at times.

K.S.

SCORER (Inside Right and Captain)—

Early in the season he got together a successful combination and led it well. Played with force and determination, especially in the critical Cup games against Hooksgate. A strong forager, he started many successful attacks.

(S.F.A.)

Junior Rugby

A great improvement in the standard of play was seen in the "U.15" team, captained by Lavery and it was not surprising to find five of its members, P. Lavery, J. T. Shepherd and B. Sartess of the forwards and S. Thompson and D. Crompton of the "threes," chosen for the Junior County XV. All five played in the first International Trial, Crompton and Lavery carrying on to the 2nd and final trials respectively. The only games lost were when the team was without these five County players. Team work such as was produced by these "U.15" boys will in future bring credit to the name of the Bede.

The "U.14" was not a strong side. Captained by Preston, inevitable team changes in order to give all a chance of a game and lack of weight produced only a fair standard. There are, however, some promising boys, but all must learn to defend and back up better than at present.

Records of these teams are:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
"U.15"	10	8	2	0	321	18
"U.14"	10	5	4	1	131	115

Under 15 XI

The Under 15 Soccer XI has had a very moderate season. In matches in Division A of the Schools' League they gained 15 points from 18 games, scoring 36 goals against 40. Four home games remained unplayed, however, or the record would undoubtedly have been better. In the Cochrane Cup Competition Bede beat St. Columba's 4—0, and Rasington 3—0, but lost to Ryhope G.S., the ultimate winners, by 4—0.

Twenty-one boys played during the season, only Baxter and Holland playing in every game. As Glasgow and Reed were not always able to play, the team has been unsettled, with resulting loss of confidence. In the defence, Adamson kept goal well throughout the season, Shotton and Irving kicked well, though slowness caught them out of position many times. Arkle proved a tower of strength at centre-half, Baxter improved steadily throughout the season, while Reed and Glasgow shared the right-half position. The forwards as a whole lacked size and punch and the defence often suffered as a result. Holland proved our best forward at inside-left, though he is inclined to hold the ball too long. Dent and Hey on the wings were as good as lack of height would permit. The centre-forward position proved a difficulty and what was perhaps the best forward combination was not found until the last game of the season.

Goal-scorers (in all matches) were:—Holland, Reed, 8, Hey 7, Dent 6, Arkle, Cranmer 4, Baxter 3, Glasgow, Phillips 2, Brown, Cook, Dougherty, Walton, 1.

The following boys played:—A. Reed (Capt. 14), A. Arkle (Vice-Capt. 22), L. L. Adamson (19), R. W. Allen (7), B.

Baxter (23), G. A. Brown (1), P. Cook (1), G. Crammer (14), D. Dent (18), E. W. Dougherty (14), C. J. Glasgow (18), B. W. Holland (23), L. Illey (17), A. Irving (19), G. Laverick (2), A. Noble (1), V. Pearson (2), G. Phillips (10), E. Shotton (18), W. F. Tindall (1), K. Walton (9).

A.S., J.P.L.

Junior Cricket, 1952

After three outstandingly successful seasons, last year's Junior Team perhaps seemed the less successful by contrast. The real lack was one of safe, reliable batsmen, for although several players did well at times, no-one was entirely dependable.

Eight games were played, three won, three lost, one tied and one abandoned. The most successful bats were Reineck (58 runs for an average of 9.67), Reed 64, 9.14), Wrightson (48, 9.2) and Dent (57, 7.12), while in bowling Foster (16 wickets for 78 runs), Whillis (16 for 79) and Reed (14 for 108) took most wickets. Reineck kept wicket successfully, catching 7 and stumping 3, a very good record for only 7 innings. Foster, the Captain, played for the Sunderland Boys' side which won the Durham Schools' Cup.

The following boys played during the season:—D. Foster (Captain), B. Baxter, T. Coggins, D. Coon, D. Dent, C. J. Glasgow, R. Harding, M. Hord, A. Noble, G. E. Oliver, A. Reed, C. H. Reineck, J. J. Simpson, A. Smith, S. Thompson, M. A. Whillis, D. W. Wrightson.

A.S.

Senior Rugby—1st XV

Captain: D. C. Hogg. Vice-Captain: J. W. Howe.
Hon. Secretary: R. F. Robinson.

This season the school side contained only seven of last year's side, and were further depleted when Webster, the hooker, left half-way through the season. However, far better results were achieved than last season and both individually and as a combined force the side played a high standard of football.

After beginning inauspiciously and losing heavily to Dame Allan's, the team began to work together and to look a more workmanlike combination. The forwards, inclined to be lazy at first, soon settled down and began to play as a co-ordinated unit; Ferguson, Patton and Lewis were especially good in the line-out and loose-scrams.

The three-quarters suffered at first by inexperience and over eagerness and did not combine too well. This left a great burden of defence on McKenzie at full-back. He played exceptionally well throughout the season and his lack of inches was more than offset by his abundance of courage and determination. When,

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later in the season, the three-quarters did combine they showed their scoring capabilities and made good use of the abundant service of the ball from the forwards via the good half-back combination of Hogg and Howe. Howe at stand-off was always dangerous in attack, while Richardson, Whillis and Chapman improved both in attack and defence as the season progressed.

This year Bede entered a team in the North-East schools seven-a-side competition and met with great success, being represented by Whillis, Thompson; Howe, Hogg; Patton, Ferguson and Lewis. In the first round they beat the much fancied Durham School side 8-3 and progressed to the final by defeating Morpeth G.S. 6-0 and Gateshead G.S. 8-0. In the final, Bede lost a hard-fought game against Darlington G.S. 6pts. (1 try 1p.g.) to nil, but it must be said that we were without Howe.

Individual honours continue to be bestowed upon members of the 1st XV, and this year Howe gained a well-deserved place on the County "Under 18" side.

With many members of this year's team available next season, the outlook is bright. Although the forwards will feel the loss of Patton, Ferguson and Lewis, there are many promising players lower down the school who will fill the gaps.

The small number of games played was due to the fact that during the latter half of the season many were cancelled owing to the hard grounds. The school team played many matches as the Old Bedans' Junior XV against club sides and gained valuable experience.

The team once more extends its thanks to Mr. Berry for the time he has spent in coaching and refereeing.

McKenzie had his colours renewed, and new colours were awarded to Hogg, Howe, Patton, Ferguson and Lewis.

Scorers, in school matches:—Howe (5 tries 4 c.g.), Hogg (4 tries, 3 g.), Chapman, Cuddeford (3 tries each), McKenzie (2 tries), Richardson, Whillis (1 try each).

In "Sevens":—Howe (3 tries, 2 c.g.), Hogg, Whillis, Thompson (1 try each).

Record

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.
1st XV	9	4	1	4	74	128

R. F. ROBINSON (Hon. Sec.).

AN INTIMATE STUDY OF THE SCHOOL RUGBY TEAM

McKENZIE (Full Back)—

He has recently developed a new type of tackle; he lies down and lets the opposing forwards trip over him. He likes to join in a game with the opposing full back; they keep kicking the ball to each other and the first one to drop it is the loser.

CHAPMAN (Wing Three)—

He has had so little to do this season that he has often been mistaken for the line-man.

RICHARDSON—

He still has to learn that you are not allowed to clutch your fate when you "hand-off."

WHELLES—

His only trouble is that he sometimes gets the ball. It has been said that it would be a great help to the team if he played soccer.

HOWE (Stand-off)—

He seems to have slowed down a lot since sweets came off the ration. The rumor that he had radar hidden somewhere in his hair was finally shattered when he went to the barber's.

HOGG (Scrum Half)—

He proved to be a grand hockey player. He got a shock recently when he had his shorts washed, and discovered that they were white.

CHARLTON (Left prop)—

He is the most prominent person in the scrum; when everyone else has got down he is the one who is left standing up.

ROBINSON B. (Hooker)—

He seems to take a great dislike to the ball; his best shot is at the green-house in the garden next to the pitch.

ROWLAND (Right prop)—

It is not known if he has sticky hands, but when he gets hold of the ball he never lets go of it.

ROBINSON (Second Row)—

One of the reasons why rugby is not so popular as soccer. He joins in some fine movements with the opposing team.

LEWIS (Second Row)—

He proves to be of great value to the opposing team. Is very forward in passing.

FERGUSON (Wing Forward)—

He always lends new colour to the game; blood-red.

FATTON (Lock)—

He was amazed when he recently discovered that there was a ball used in the game. His favourite song is "Fifteen men on a dead man's chest."

CUDEPORD (Wing Forward)—

He has played consistently brilliant football throughout the season and he must surely be classed amongst the best of all post-war players.

G. B. CUDEPORD (Med. VI.).

Swimming

The Bede Swimming Club has been fairly active throughout the year and attendances at the High Street Baths after school on Wednesdays have been well maintained. The Club is still handicapped by the fact that the Bath has to be shared with the general public; this makes tuition difficult and trials almost impossible. In spite of this a large number of boys have learned

to swim, and although we were again third in the annual match against Ryhope and Monkwearmouth Grammar Schools, it was by a much narrower margin than previously and there were some good individual performances.

Classes in life-saving have been held in the Gym and at the Baths. As a result of this, Nelson, Collins, Woodroffe and Simpson were awarded the Bronze Medallion of the Royal Life-saving Society. Teasdale, Coulson, Gourlay and Preston were awarded the Intermediate Certificate. In future, School Colours are being granted only to boys who hold a Bronze Medallion.

A.T.

Tennis Report

After a fairly successful season last year, we had the misfortune to lose four of our first team, Richardson, Johnsons, Christie and Wakefield. Although this has considerably reduced the standard of tennis in the school, it has led to increased competition for team places.

Last season the School Singles Championship was won by Johnstone, who defeated Christie 6—0, 6—0 in the final; the Mixed Doubles Championship went to Liddle and Miss Gillis, who beat the holders, Haswell (whose sad death we sincerely regret) and Miss Jenkins in the final. Lumley House, by winning all their matches, retained the House Tennis Shield.

This year's tournaments have not yet started, and at the time of writing, the School has played only three games, beating Wellfield six rubbers to one, and Acklam Hall, Middlesbrough, seven rubbers to two, and losing to Houghton two rubbers to seven.

The County Selectors continue to show interest in our players, and following last season's successes of Johnstone, Christie and Wilmot in being chosen for the County Junior Team, Wilmot and Williams have played in trials for this season's team. We wish them the best of luck.

Officers for this season are:—Captain: J.H. Wilmot; Vice-Captain: O. Williams; Secretary: M. Duffell. We are pleased to extend our thanks to Mr. A. Taylor and to all other members of the staff who have helped in the running of the team.

M. DUFFELL, Hon. Sec.

Athletics

Public Schools' Sports.

This year we sent two boys to the L.A.C. Schools' meeting at the White City, London, on April 16th—17th, the two being Cowey, who competed in the Pole Vault, and Rendall, who competed in the mile. This year an extremely high standard

was attained at this meeting, which is open to boys from all Schools in Great Britain, and therefore our two entrants did extremely well to gain fourth place in their respective events. Cowey vaulted 10ft. in the Pole Vault, which was won at the record height of 12ft. by Schmidt, of the John Fisher School, London, which makes athletics its principle summer sport, and which has the services of an international coach. In the One Mile Flat, Rendall, after winning his heat in four minutes thirty-five seconds, was placed fourth in the final, which was won in record time by R. Dunkley, of the William Willis School, London, Rendall's time being four minutes thirty-two seconds.

Our sincere congratulations must go to both boys who put up really sterling performances in competition with the cream of Britain's schoolboy athletes on Britain's premier track.

Darham County Grammar Schools' Sports.

This year these sports were held on Saturday, May 16th, at Darlington, on the Simpson and Darlington Rolling Mills track, which is the finest track in the North East, and a total of eighteen schools competed. Altogether, the school did fairly well, being placed third in the Senior section, twelfth in the intermediate section, and second in the Junior section.

Individual performances were:—

Senior:—Cowey, first, 880 yards; Rendall, first, One Mile (in record time); Young, second, 440 yards; Plumpton, fourth, High Jump.

Intermediate:—Noble, second, 880 yards.

Junior:—Oliver, first, 440 yards; Ward, third, 220 yards; Relay Team (Thompson, Griggs, Ward and Oliver), second.

Tyneside Grammar Schools' Sports.

South Shields was the venue for this year's meeting, which was held on the evening of Monday, June 8th. Out of sixteen competing schools, Bede were placed joint fifth in the Senior Section, but our Intermediate and Juniors did not do particularly well, and their overall placing is not known. Individual performances were:—Cowey, first, Senior 880 yards (in record time); Rendall and Cowey, first in the Senior One Mile Team Race (in which Rendall was individual winner in the record time of four minutes, forty seconds); Young, second, senior 440 yards.

Westoe Cup.

This year the formation of the relay was altered from 4 x 440 to 440 yards, 220 yards, 220 yards and 440 yards, as several schools experienced difficulty in fielding four good quarter-milers. Accordingly, for this year's race, held at South Shields, on Friday, June 12th, Bede sent Rendall, Ferguson, Young and Cowey, running in that order. Other schools competing were Heaton Grammar, Morpeth (the holders), Jarrow and South Shields. In the first leg the Heaton runner got away to a very fast start, whilst Rendall found himself "boxed in" on the

inside, and consequently unable to make any finishing spurt. Ferguson thus took over with a deficit of about twelve yards, and though he and Young did their utmost to cut the lead of Heaton Grammar, Cowey received the baton for the last leg more than fifteen yards behind. He then ran what is probably his fastest ever quarter mile, coming up level after three hundred yards, only to be forced to run a yard outside all the way round the last bend, and lose by less than that distance on the final run-in. Heaton were worthy winners, but Cowey's magnificent run was without doubt the highlight of the meeting.

Sports Day.

Sports Day this year was held on May 6, and the weather conditions, whilst not exactly perfect, were good enough to inspire an enjoyable afternoon for both competitors and spectators.

During the afternoon, we saw three records broken, namely, the Mile, which was won by R.G. Rendall in the very fast time of four minutes, thirty-five seconds, eclipsing the old record by over ten seconds, the Pole Vault in which A. Cowey successfully cleared ten feet nine inches, and finally the Reed Cup High Jump, which was won this year by R. Haslop, of Loxington Grammar School, with a jump of five feet five-and-a-half inches.

In the House Championships, Hylton broke Durham's long run of successes, winning easily with one hundred and ninety-eight and a half points, but only very narrow margins divided the other three positions.

The individual championships were won respectively by A. Cowey, who recorded three individual wins for the second year in succession, A. Noble who set up a high points average in each of his four events and G. Oliver, who also gained three wins in the Junior section.

Finally, our warm thanks must go to Mrs. Reed who so kindly presented the prizes and to all members of the Staff and School, who worked so hard behind the scenes to make the day a notable success for all concerned.

W. B. YOUNG.

RESULTS: SPORTS DAY, MAY 16th, 1955

100 yards:—

Senior: 1, Chapman (H); 2, Richardson (L); 3, Young (D). Time: 11.0 sec.

Middle: 1, House (H); 2, Cook (H); 3, Crompton (L). Time: 12.0 sec.

Junior: 1, Oliver (H); 2, Ward (H); 3, Griggs (R). Time: 12.0 sec.

220 yards:—

Senior: 1, Richardson (L); 2, Ferguson (H); 3, Chapman (H). Time: 22.8 sec.

Middle: 1, House (H); 2, Crompton (L); 3, Noble (H). Time: 27.7 sec.

Junior: 1, Oliver (H); 2, Ward (H); 3, Hill (H). Time 26.8 sec.

440 yards:—

Senior: 1, Covey (D); 2, Richardson (L); 3, Ferguson (H). Time: 59 secs.

Middle: 1, Bouse (H); 2, Noble (H); 3, Hopper (R). Time: 59 secs.

Junior: 1, Oliver (H); 2, Hoggott (H); 3, Bridges (H). Time 59.4 secs.

550 yards:—

Senior: 1, Covey (D); 2, Young (D); 3, Macdonald (L). Time: 2 min. 4.2 secs.

Middle: 1, Noble (H); 2, Beak (D); 3, Glasgow (R). Time 2 min. 22.2 secs.

Junior: 1, Beak (L); 2, Bridges (L); 3, Hoggott (H). Time: 2 min. 28 secs.

Long Jump:—

Senior: 1, Patton (H); 2, Duffell (H); 3, Chapman (R). Distance: 17ft. 4in.

Middle: 1, Crompton (L); 2, Dennis (H); 3, Baxter (R). Distance: 18ft. 10in.

Junior: 1, Thompson (H); 2, Ward (H); 3, Stead (R). Distance: 18ft. 10½in.

High Jump:—

Senior: 1, Plumptre (L); 2, Hinchburch (D); 3, Holey (L). Height: 4ft. 11in.

Middle: 1, Noble (H); 2, Hopper (R); 3, Shepherd (D). Height: 4ft. 8½in.

Junior: 1, Thompson (H); 2, Waters (R); 3, Short (R). Height: 3ft. 9½in.

Open Events:—

Shot: 1, Patton (H); 2, Little (H); 3, Nelson (H). Distance: 32ft. 5in.
Discus: 1, Patton (H); 2, Foster (H); 3, Covey (D). Distance: 50ft. 6in.

Javelin: 1, Forster (R); 2, Hedley (D); 3, Lewis (R). Distance: 109ft. 7in.

Pole Vault: 1, Covey (D); 2, Howe (D); 3, Adamson (D). Height: 15ft. 9in. (Record).

Mile: 1, Bendall (R); 2, Young (D); 3, Macdonald (L). Time: 4 min. 52 secs. (Record).

Relays:—

Senior: 1, Durham; 2, Lonsley; 3, Baby.

Middle: 1, Hylton; 2, Baby; 3, Durham; 4, Lonsley. Time: 54.4 secs.

Junior: 1, Hylton; 2, Lonsley; 3, Baby; 4, Durham. Time: 58 secs.

House Championships:—

1, Hylton, 198½ points; 2, Lonsley, 122½ points; 3, Durham, 110 points; 4, Baby, 84 points.

Individual Champions:—Senior: Covey (D), 62 points. Middle: Noble (H), 21 points. Junior: Oliver (H), 18 points.

Senior Cricket

Officials, 1963:—Captain, K. Scorer; Vice-Captain, J. McKenzie; Secretary, A. L. Jones.

Last year the Senior Cricket XI had a highly successful season, the opposition being outclassed in most cases. The middle batsmen seldom batted, and bowling burden was easily borne by three pace bowlers. Fielding in all games was outstanding.

The record was:—

Played 14; Won 12; Lost 1; Drawn 1,
 Runs: 1,011 runs for 56 wickets—average, 18.05,
 Opponents: 774 runs for 115 wickets—average, 6.73,
 Leading individual averages were:—

Batting—

	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Average.
Williamson	13	2	250	22.7
Webster	13	5	176	22.0
McKenzie	13	8	150	15.9

Bowling—

	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average.
Figg	54	78	32	3.4
Allen	77	104	27	3.8
Scorer	106	192	35	5.5

Colours were awarded to Webster, McKenzie, Liddle, Howe, Figg, Allen, Scorer and Williamson, the Captain.

The House Knock-Out Competition was won by Raby, who beat Hylton in the final, 117 to 65. This year a trophy is to be awarded and the competition run on a league basis.

For season 1963, eight of last year's team are available and the side looks like having another good run.

Matches are still played on Saturday mornings, and fixtures involving much travel have been eliminated. Unfortunately, many local teams are without playing pitches, and a long succession of home matches has made the wicket look rather the worse for wear.

Enthusiasm for net practice has not waned, and valuable help has been given by Messrs. Simpson and Washington, members of the Staff who have local league experience. Mr. McClement also, is to be thanked for his hard work in organising the team.

At the time of writing, the team has justified all expectation and is as yet undefeated. Howe has batted extremely well on some difficult wickets and has scored over two hundred runs for only two completed innings. The latest record is:—

Played 12; Won 9; Drawn 1; Lost 2.

A. L. JONES, Hon. Sec.

Old Bodens' Association

Secretary's Report

The Annual General Meeting, held in the Barnes Hotel on Thursday, 18th September, 1932, was attended by nearly seventy members. It was undoubtedly one of the longest and busiest meetings the Association has ever held. Keen discussion raged over the proposed revised rules and the problem concerning the Association's blazer proved so thorny that the matter was referred back to the Council. The Council has not sat on this problem and an early solution is expected.

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A week before Christmas another urgent problem confronted the Association. New regulations governing the cost of hiring school premises threatened the finances of our sports sections. The Council's deputation, able led by R. B. Crute, came to an amicable agreement with the appropriate body, whereby our Clubs can continue to flourish and not be crippled by excessive charges.

The Summer Re-union, held on June 21st, was confined to indoor activities—rain prevented any cricket. Results against Wellfield G.S. Old Students' Association finished even; a win for us at badminton and victory for them at basketball.

A small party travelled through to Darlington on July 19th where we were most hospitably entertained by the Queen Elizabeth G.S.O.B. Association. Our tennis team won comfortably and the cricket team managed to force a draw.

The Annual Dinner Dance was a grand success; the demand again exceeded the number of tickets available. Our thanks are due to Jim Duxbury for his excellently executed seating plan. Tuesday, 28th December, is the date already booked for this year's dance, again at the Bay Hotel.

In sport our congratulations this year go to the Soccer Club. Once again the championship of the North-Eastern Amateur League has been won. This is the third time the name of the Old Bedans' Club has figured at the top of the final league table. The other occasions were 1935-36 and 1936-37. History was further repeated this year in that the club failed once more at the last hurdle of the League Challenge Shield.

The Rugby Club, whilst not winning such high honours as last year, has again had a very successful season, and this against stiffer opposition.

Stan Pattinson has unfortunately been forced to give up the secretaryship of the cricket section and until such time as another member steps into the breach the activities of a cricket section must cease. Out of all those who want to play cricket surely there should be one willing to shoulder a little responsibility.

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

Treasurer's Report

At the Annual Meeting in September, 1952, the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. B. T. Ayre) reported continued progress in both the membership and the prosperity of the Association. A balance of £54/10/3 was to be carried forward to 1952-53, while the Association's investment in the Sunderland Working Men's Building Society had been increased to £140. Membership totalled 420.

Old Bedans' A.F.C.

North Eastern Amateur League

In my last report I expressed the hope that the improved form of the 1st XI would bring honours to the Club in Season 1952-53.

The 1st XI responded well, and as a result of good team work brought the Championship of the League to Sunderland for the first time since 1917, and to underline their claim to be one of the foremost teams, reached the final of the League Shield. It seemed at the time that the Shield would complete our "double," but it was not to be, for Durham Medicals were victors in a hard fought game by 3-0.

Disappointing as this set-back was, there was no evidence of a collapse as we successfully completed our heavy end-of-season programme, as the records for the Season show:—

1st XI	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
League	24	17	3	4	103	40	37
Shield and Durham Minor Cup ties	11	8	1	2	48	29	—
Total	35	25	4	6	151	69	
2nd XI	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
League	22	10	5	7	37	41	25

The 1st XI also reached the 6th Round of the Durham Minor Cup before being eliminated by Westoe C.W.

I would mention here the improved record of the 2nd XI. It is difficult to maintain a settled reserve team at any time, but during the season calls for replacement for the 1st team were not so frequent, and this is reflected in the fact that the team finished 6th in the 2nd Division of the League.

Three players were chosen for the North Eastern Amateur League to play against the Northern Amateur League. They were Hibbert, Murta and Turner, although Hibbert sustained an injury and was unable to play. Turner scored the League's consolation goal in a 6-1 defeat.

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Once again I extend the thanks of the Club to Mr. Budge for the use of the school pitches, and to Mr. R. T. Ayre for the interest he continues to show in the Club.

We will be pleased to welcome any new players for the coming Season, and we look forward to another successful campaign both in the League and in Cup competitions.

Old Bedans' Rugby Football Club

Season 1952-53

Promotion this year enabled the Club to enter the 1st XV in the County 2nd Teams Cup Competition and it was not until the Semi-final that they were narrowly defeated by Durham City 2nd XV.

This achievement followed upon a season's grand work during which 21 games were won out of 26 played.

The 2nd XV and the newly formed 3rd XV also acquitted themselves admirably throughout the season and it is here that we would record our thanks to School members for their valuable support both on and off the field of play.

Congratulations too, are due to W. Howe, selected for the County Under 18 Team and to R. D. Eaton for obtaining his place in the Universities Touring Side.

New members are assured of a welcome and should contact me at 2 Beechwood Street.

J. L. GREEN, Hon. General Sec

Old Bedans' Badminton Club

1952-53

The Club met regularly during the winter on Wednesday nights at the School, where there are two courts in the best Hall in the town.

It had a successful season, reaching the 3rd round of the Joseph Cup and playing half a dozen friendly matches besides.

Membership was lower than in previous seasons, and must be increased if the Club is to continue, especially as the School Hall has now to be paid for.

Intending members should contact me by September next, either at the School or at 12 The Elms West, Sunderland. Tel. No. 58825.

D. A. THOMPSON, Hon. Secretary.

