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## Editorial.

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It is customary for the Editor of the "Bedan" to address you in the first person plural. This year, in accordance with our far-sighted policy of literary reform, we have abandoned most of our customs. But what is this? The more quick witted among you will already have noticed that we are still struggling with numbers above one and are completely shy of the singular. Is it because we are fond of a paradox or are we just too modest to use a plain "I"? Neither. The answer is much simpler than that—there are two of us this year. Those who elect the editor (whoever they may be) have themselves become victims of plurality.

"Why?"—you ask.

Is it that two half-wits are better than one? Is it so that each can blame the other for failure, thereby enabling both to retain a clear conscience? Or is it that the hundredth Bedan should be twice as good as any other? We're not quite sure of the answer ourselves. Time will tell.

It was with mixed feelings that we set upon our task of producing the Centenary Bedan. Should we preserve its usual form or should we enlarge it with skilful essays, witty articles and brilliant verse? "Too big, or not too big," that was the question. We need not have worried. The problem was decided for us by what has now become almost a convention at Bede—an amazing lack of entries. The expected downpour was but a trickle. We contented ourselves by assuming that Bedans were too preoccupied with their numerous activities to bother writing about them.

The "Bedan" is a reflection of Bede and Bedans. True, it is not a mirror image, but the school and its fortunes are faithfully depicted in its magazine. Have we, like so many things, grown old and scuffle as we approached our Centenary, or have we advanced in learning, wisdom and achievement? The answer to all our questions will be found in the following pages. We think that the school is thriving. Read on.

A.C. and D.C.H., Editors.

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### Notes and Comments

We wish the following masters, who have left us this year, success and happiness in their new appointments:—Mr. R. C. Simpson, who has gone to Harrogate; Mr. G. Collinson and Mr. J. Washington, now at High Southwick and Hendon, both of whom filled temporary vacancies in the Physical Training Staff; Mr. F. B. R. Forbes, who gave invaluable service in the Classics Department during the last school year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Simpson have the Schools' deepest sympathy in the tragic death of their baby daughter.

This year we welcome two new Physical Training Masters, Mr. D. R. Prestwick, from the Joseph Ramsay School, York, who joined us last October and Mr. P. Layton, from the Robert Mellars Co. Sec. Boys' School, Arnold, Notts., who joined us in April. Both have already attracted much attention in the local press for their energetic work.

In welcoming Mr. S. A. S. Robinson (B.Sc. Dunelm), we would also like to sympathise with him in his rather serious illness at the beginning of the year. Before joining us he spent a period organising Further Education in the N.E. Division of Durham County and was previously at Stanley G.S.

The Rev. C. J. Bell has returned to the Classics Department after his year's Course at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. We are pleased to note that he has been appointed Curate of St. Peter's, Monkwearmouth.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. J. Carr on the birth of a son, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Clark on the birth of a son.

We have just learnt that Mr. R. Clark and Mr. S. Priest will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mr. Clark is taking up the post of Senior Mathematics Master at Pontefract Boys' Grammar School and Mr. Priest the post of Senior Mathematics Master at Hexham Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. We wish them the best of luck in their promotion.

Founder's Day was celebrated on April 28th with a service at Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. Stanley Voke, of the Bethesda Free Church, Sunderland.

The Senior Speech Day was held on 25th February. Judge Charlesworth distributed the prizes. His speech was full of wit and wisdom, one of those models of prize-giving addresses that one always hopes for but so seldom hears. The proceedings were further enlivened by some excellent playing by the School Orchestra and by a couple of fine songs from the Male Voice Choir.

The Junior Speech Day took place a week later, when Mr. Cuthbert-Morton was the guest of honour. He, too, made a first-rate speech, full of good advice pointed by amusing anecdote. The Orchestra was in good form and the Junior Choir sang admirably.

We congratulate the following boys who have distinguished themselves academically:—D. C. Hogg, State Scholar and Open Exhibitioner in Mathematics at St. John's College, Cambridge; A. Cowey, State Scholar in Zoology and Botany at Emmanuel College, Cambridge; E. J. Daintree, State Scholar in Physics at New College, Oxford; A. L. Jones, State Scholar in Economics and Geography at the London School of Economics; K. Joy, State Scholar in Biology at Bristol University; V. H. Kelly, State Scholar in Mathematics and Economics at St. John's College, Cambridge (Exhibitioner last year); T. P. Patton, State



Scholar in Physics at Manchester University; K. Bains, State Scholar in Economics and History; W. Robertson, Reserve State Scholar in Economics; M. Duffell, Open Scholar in Geography, at the University of Liverpool.

V. H. Kelly, qualified for his second State Scholarship, in a different set of subjects, in two terms' work.

K. Bains, W. Robertson and K. Scorer qualified by External Competitive Examination for Entrance into the Executive Grade of the Civil Service.

Other boys who have gained entrance to Universities with the aid of Local Awards are:—M. Duffell to University College, London (which he took up in preference to his open award at Liverpool); H. P. Anderson to St. John's College, Durham; T. A. Barker to Sunderland Technical College; J. D. Charlton to King's College, Newcastle; A. C. Colling to St. Catherine's Society, Oxford; J. G. Davison to Nottingham University; A. L. Hargreaves to King's College, Newcastle; P. Hall to Manchester University; P. H. Liddle to Sheffield University; K. Pounder to University College, Durham.

M. W. Turnbull (1946-52), who left Bide for Ripon G.S. shortly before entering the U.V.I. has won a State Scholarship to St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

The following boys have gained University entrance at the time of going to print:—K. Budd and J. M. Phalp to Wadham College, Oxford; D. Munro to Edinburg University; E. Davies and E. Levine to London University.

At the Schools' Athletic Meeting at the White City, London, in April, A. Cowey was placed 1st in the Pole Vault with a vault of 11ft. 2ins. and B. G. Rendall was placed 5th in the mile with a time of 4mins. 28secs.

Cowey and Rendall also represented Northumberland and Durham in a triangular contest with Durham University and Royal Signals, Catterick, held at Newcastle. They enjoyed great success, Cowey winning the pole vault and Rendall being 2nd in the mile. They deserve the heartiest congratulations for these outstanding achievements gained, in the latter case, against much older and more mature opposition.

D. C. Hogg was selected to play scrum-half for Durham County Public and Grammar Schools Rugby XV in all the matches this season (v. Northumberland, Yorkshire, Cumberland and Nottinghamshire). G. E. Ferguson acted as Reserve for the first three matches.

J. M. Phalp won the Durham County Junior Chess Championship, the Final being played at the Durham City Chess Club.

Oliver and Read have played regularly for Sunderland Boys' Soccer team during the past season.

N. H. Pigg and T. Smith were selected to play for Durham County Public Schools' Cricket XI during August of 1953 (v. Northumberland and v. Yorkshire, twice).

The following news has reached us concerning Old Bedans.—

D. A. S. Cairns, Q.C., was appointed Chairman of the Monopolies and Restrictive Practices Commission.

N. Levitt, 1st Class Honours, Classics, Durham University.

R. F. Hutchinson, 1st Class Honours, Mining Engineering, Edinburgh University.

D. A. Rock, King's College, Newcastle (Durham University), Travelling Scholarship in Architecture.

D. Galliford, after Cambridge, the Army (the Blue Hussars) and a period as curate at Hull, has been appointed a Minor Canon of St. George's Chapel, Windsor.

A. Shore has been playing chess regularly for Wadham College, Oxford.

P. H. Liddle played for Sheffield University Hockey 1st XI and acted as first reserve for the Universities Athletics Union.

R. D. Eaton played for Durham University Rugby XV and was on tour with the U.A.U. in the South-West, during Easter.

We are embarrassingly short of news of Old Bedans. If any O.B. considers news of himself or any other O.B. of any interest will he please send the information to the Editor, c/o the School?

Mr. Giles would like to thank the Prefects who have shared in the reading of the Morning Assembly lessons:—A. Covey, F. A. Pearson, J. M. Phalp, P. West, W. Forster, K. Budd, D. U. Hogg and W. B. Young, and to congratulate them on the care and taste with which they have chosen the accompanying prayers.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of the following magazines:—"The Nova," Newcastle R.G.S.; "The Hestonian," Heaton G.S., Newcastle; "The Elizabethan," Darlington Q.E.G.S.; "Ryhope Review," Ryhope G.S.; "The Alcopian," Alcop High School for Boys, Liverpool; Edo College Magazine, Benin City; "Boym," Chatham House G.S., Ramsgate; "Bedan," Bede Girls' G.S.; and apologies for any omissions.

This year's "Bedan" Committee consists of:—Mr. W. K. Lewis, Mr. R. T. Ayre; A. Covey and D. C. Hogg (Editors).

### **The Reason for the High Death-rate among Editors**

The Editor sat at an empty desk—well, not quite empty. On it were a few—a very few—entries for the school magazine. Remarks (by the editor) were scribbled on them in a frenzied, pencilled scrawl, for it was getting near the limit for handing in entries, and the editor was getting near the limits of sanity and the Headmaster was hard on the heels of the editor.

He picked up the entries and pored over them and his own comments again.

The first one was "The Staff Party."

"Mr. Cholmondely ate a polmondely,  
While Mr. Fish he scraped the dish,  
And Mr. . . . " and so on, add infinitum. It was signed "Anon."

"No wonder it's anonymous," snarled the editor. "Personally, I'd be ashamed to write it anonymously."

He picked up the next article, muttering darkly to himself. "Mr. Cholmondely ate a polmondely!"

The next article began:—

"I love to fly my lovely kite;  
It flies up like a great big bird.  
Until the man whose field I'm in  
Comes and kicks me out with a naughty word."

The editor read no more, but covered his eyes with his hand. Written across the bottom of the paper was a fierce scrawl: "Mr. Esid Blyton, I presume."

The editor had no room for kiddiwinkies.

The next was a poem. And what a poem!

"I love the smoke-brown goss-glare of a kipper;  
The criss-cross fish-tangle of golden marmalade;  
There is no fire-brightness like a gleaming fried egg.  
Pardon!" (Gerard Hopley Mankins, U.V.I.A.).

The editor had scribbled one monosyllable at the bottom: "Well!"

"A right one there," he growled. He was a cynic.

The next article was written in clear, precise, stolid long-hand, on paper taken from a physics exercise book. The heading had been carefully underlined with a ruler. It was entitled, "A Visit of Great Scientific Interest."

It began: "On the 23rd of February, 1934, my friend and I were privileged to be shown round a large shipyard.

First, we spent half an hour watching a riveter, who was using a most interesting machine . . ."

Here a perfectly murderous sentence was written by the editor's pencil expressing a certain wish, to do with red-hot rivets and the writer's trousers.

The next article was equally scintillating.

"One day last summer holidays I decided to seek a complete change in surroundings by cycling down to the charming West Country."—"Just like that," sneered the editor—"York was the first halt in my itinerary, and in this charming old city, I saw . . ."

The report dragged one through all the cathedral towns and loathsome picturesque villages in England. It was five pages long.

The editor gave a strangled gasp and sat back in his chair. He meditated a few minutes and shouted exasperatedly, "I wish you'd stayed in the perishing West Country." Then he went pink and leaped to his feet as the Headmaster came into the room.

"Well, how's the magazine going?" he asked, expecting the usual flood of crushing pessimism. The editor was flustered, however, and before he knew it, he heard a voice saying, "Oh, quite well, sir." He nearly fainted when he realized it was his own.

"Oh," said the Head. "These some of the entries?"

"Well, yes, sir."

"I'll have a look at them, if you don't mind."

The Head gathered up the papers and went out. The editor stood for a little while, his face perfectly calm, then he began to laugh, a high-pitched, maniacal laugh, and to beat his head against the wall.

F.A., Ex-Ed.

### Austria, 1953

At King's Cross we decided to form a column. I would lead the way to Victoria via the Metro and the burly Sixth Former—invaluable fellow—would bring up the rear. However at Victoria we were one short. The rear had arrived safely, but not the sixth former. He had in fact never left King's Cross. Somehow he found himself accidentally following the wrong column, and he then realised that he did not know our destination in London.

Now the probability of finding a lost boy among 11,000,000 people does not seem very high; in fact it suggests a defiance of the Second Law of Thermodynamics. Yet that is what happened. We met him, and the column resumed its march across Europe and arrived intact in Austria.

Our first week was spent in a converted Monastery at Ossinck, on the shores of Lake Ossincher. Here we bathed, played table-tennis and made excursions up mountains, using the funicular railway. One evening there was open-air dancing with Chinese lanterns casting a discreet light on a strictly limited area. Our friend Mr. Scott, who speaks no German spent many hours in communication with the gardener, who speaks no English. How did they manage to find out so much about each other? It would appear that language is superfluous for some.

From here to the top—surely the very top—of the Austrian mountains. There we found sunshine, chilly winds and remarkable food. Once we were presented with blue fish which

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appeared, as they lay on the plates, to lack nothing which they had had in life, except animation. I have often looked at my dinner with mixed feelings, but I have never before had to cope with my dinner looking at me, and with unmistakable malevolence. I wilted, and they brought me an omelette.

At the end of the second week the party crossed into Germany and descended on Heidelberg, a lovely city which the Americans share with the Germans. Here many delights. One day we had a boat trip up the Neckar, and saw a mediæval fortified village on a hill-top. The houses of the outer ring were built without gaps to form a complete wall, and it had remained untaken throughout the Hundred Years' War. On another expedition we came across a primitive village in which a number of ancient women were seated in a dark old barn tying up tobacco leaves and preparing them for curing; a glimpse of the Dark Ages indeed. Some of us went on a trip to Speyer to visit the Romanesque Cathedral and other churches; some were content to bathe. At the end of the third week we began our long journey home, stopping overnight at Aachen where there is a splendid new Youth Hostel.

And so to Dieppe, the English Channel and that "pale, that white-washed Shore" and the hearty welcome which H.M. Customs always give to returning natives.

J.

### About Adders

Adders, living on moats or on mossy banks, often near a stream, are to be found all over the country. The young are born alive, a rare thing in snakes, and waste no time in gaining independence and in camouflaging themselves brown or olive green or dark yellow, whatever is suited to their surroundings. They are often blamed for the death of many sheep; they are said to bite the sheep's legs where the wool is thin, poisoning them enough to cause death, often directly and sometimes indirectly through weakening them to disease.

Anyhow, few humans, let alone sheep, can look upon the adder as their best friend and the Scouts of the School Troop certainly do not appear to be among the select band of lovers.

At Blanchland, during last Summer Camp, each Patrol was sent to explore and map Acton Burn. When our Patrol had done about half the course, we saw two snakes coiled together in a hollow near the stream. Everyone had the same thought, to take one back as a souvenir. Sheath-knives flashed in the sun as they whistled through the air. All missed. The snakes parted company and made off in separate directions. Attention was concentrated on one; it escaped into a small drainage ditch, but we managed to drag it out and killed it.

When we were back at camp the unfortunate thing was skinned and dissected. Inside, curled up, were some baby adders. The skin we washed and cleaned and pinned out on wood. Another was caught by the "Lions," who skinned it and kept it in formalin.

P. MELLARS, U.I.V.A.

### The Tramp

I am walking down a country lane  
 With my bundle over my shoulder;  
 The road is muddy and wet with rain  
 And the days are getting colder.  
 My shoes are very old and worn  
 And my trousers are full of patches;  
 I wear a coat that's tattered and torn  
 And a nondescript hat that matches.  
 But I will wander on and on;  
 It's always tramp, tramp, tramp,  
 And I sing a happy song.  
 For I am what I am—a tramp.

CHARLTON, III.2.

### The Ghost of Captain Kidd

When the silent moon creeps slyly over the veiled night sky,  
 When hunting owls sweep shadowy the shivering coverts by,  
 It's then that the ghost of Captain Kidd  
 Bursts over the moors in a desperate bid  
 To escape the phantom hangman.  
 On a lonely road at the death of the year  
 He's glimpsed far off as a luminous blur.  
 He rides as quick as a beam of light,  
 And the horse's parched lips are a foaming white;  
 Its ebony hooves drum silently—  
 Its dun coat a lather of sweat—  
 They beat in a whisper, "Hide, Captain Kidd!  
 You'll escape him yet!"

But the race is vain; black scaffold looms bare;  
 The hangman again snatches triumph there.

E. JONES, U.I.V.B.

### Physical Activities

No one knows why school games are played. Certainly it is not for money, for all the players are amateurs (we think); certainly it is not to impress the spectators for these are few and far between and quite beyond impression; certainly it is not for fun, for the last time a player was seen to smile on the field was way back in '35 and he was carefully omitted from the next team. He may even have been "evaporated" (apologies to Orwell)—we do not know. Why then do Bedans run, jump, throw, kick, hit and dive without fear, and without apparent enjoyment. Perhaps we can tell from a brief and accurate description of the activities themselves.

Rugger and Soccer are played in the Winter and the former is a much superior game to the latter, or so the Rugger Captain told me (I did not bother to ask the Soccer Captain and if it is true he will have an inferiority complex anyway). There are fifteen men in a Rugby team but the number is extremely

variable once the game has started. This does not matter much as both sides lose approximately equal numbers. The object is to get the ball over your opponents' line or kick it between their T.V. aerial, and to prevent them from doing the same. If you trample on your adversaries and tear off their ears in the process, so much the better: special aluminium studs are provided for this purpose. If an opponent attempts to break your back you may push him away with your hand (in the boxing club this movement is called a straight left). If anything goes wrong the forwards have an organised and legal fight. The scrum-half throws the ball into a bunch of them and the hooker tries to get it out again to his own men. The hooker should be tall, powerful, fierce and preferably ugly. He is usually the biggest "hook" in the school.

On the surface, Soccer is a milder game but actually it requires great skill as you must cripple your opponent unnoticed by the referee or make the foul appear accidental. An angelic, innocent face is useful in this respect but unfortunately few soccer players possess one. On the other hand your worst player may deliberately cripple your opponents' best one so that both must leave the field, one in an ambulance and one in disgrace. This is known as strategy. The only other differences are that in Soccer a round ball is used and it is customary to curse the referee if he is efficient.

During the Summer months when the ground is hard and the death rate becomes too high in Rugger, Cricket and Tennis are played instead. No skill is required to be a batsman provided he stares hard at the pitch and pats it thoughtfully after making a bad stroke. A poor bowler can be successful too if he bowls at the unprotected regions of a batsman and appeals loudly and threateningly into the umpire's ear from a range of six inches. Most umpires suffer from acute deafness at the age of forty.

In Lawn Tennis the players lob the soft ball across a net to one another. Poor players and beginners use a fishing net and a scooping motion, better players use a racket strung with the intestines of Felix domestica or with ladys' stockings: the best players play on lawns.

The last common ball-game is Basketball. This has nothing with which to recommend itself except that it is played by the Americans and reduces you to utter physical collapse after ten minutes. All bodily contact is disallowed in this game; therefore a little skill is needed to play it. This is probably why it is not very popular.

On warm fine days several Bedans can be seen "doing" Athletics on the field. Some throw spears and heavy discs, some throw cannon balls and others throw themselves. The remainder dash excitedly round a track until they are exhausted. Unbelievable as it may seem, they do this of their own free will. A few have been known to swing themselves dangerously and idiotically into the air on the end of a long pole. For this they get praise, not a little publicity and recurring bouts of sciatica.



All other school games are played in a similar manner, with brute force, blind courage, complete disregard for personal safety and a bitter hatred of the common foe as long as he is on-field. Off-field the same players are often slow-witted, tongue-tied, gentle and even shy. What makes them play games? I don't know and I play myself.

A.C. U.VI.Sc.

### The School Concert

The School Concert this year got off to a flying start by having itself cancelled. However, by dint of frantic hunting for people willing to attend our concert—and a surprising number came to light—the concert was restarted.

In contrast to its shaky financial health, the actual performances constituted, to my mind, our best concert yet. The orchestra, which has improved beyond all recognition since my my third form days, gave an extremely good performance, instead of its usual reliable-but-run-of-the-mill type.

We had three violin soloists, of whom I think Gerald Shapero was the best, with Keith Robson and Peter West very hard on his heels. Incidentally, I think Peter's choice of light music was very well received and astutely conceived.

Malcolm Liebrecht, on his saxophone and Peter Robinson, clarinet, gave us the polished, high-class performances which we have come to expect of them. Malcolm has well overcome a prejudice towards the saxophone as a solo instrument, and the hoary old chestnut about a clarinet being "a woodwind that nobody blows good" can certainly not be applied to Peter.

The junior choir gave a good performance, except for a regrettable lack of clarity, always a danger in a large choir. Alan Spedding sang clearly and firmly, and, of course, Mr. Smith gave his usual impeccable performance. His choice of songs never fails to please us, dyed-in-the-wool supporters of "Devon, Glorious Devon" and "The Road to Mandalay" though we be.

The old favourite, the senior choir, in a reduced and much more manageable form, sang a popular choice of sea chancies and a marching song.

To end on a warning, but not intentionally unpleasant note: the concert is a part of the school's cultural life, an institution. As such, the response to requests for support should not be so ill-received as to necessitate thoughts of cancellation of the whole show. Let us hope that such a regrettable and painful eventuality will never arise again.

F.A.P.

### The Dining Hall

The youngsters have a little meat,  
Some spud, and veg., occasionally best,  
That's all the hungry get to eat,  
—For ninepence.

The servers have a better time;  
Stealing the extra, that's their crime  
And scoffing it with face sublime  
—For ninepence.

The Prefects take a glorious meal  
From sources they will not reveal;  
A slice of pork or a piece of veal  
—For ninepence.

The Master's dine in luxury,  
With water to sip and a cloth to see.  
The courses are served one, two three  
—For eighteen pence.

The dining staff, content to wait  
Till we have gone, remain till late,  
So no one knows what they 'ave ate  
—For ?

ANON. U.IV

### Memorial to a Certain Member of Staff

Good God, lad ! This last thing of yours  
Is lousy ! Downright bad !  
It seems to me you'll have to pull  
A stopper out, my lad !  
You talk of **William** Shakespeare as  
The author of "King Lear,"  
**William**, repent ! you're suffering  
From verbal diarrhoea !  
This is a five-star stinker, boy !  
It makes no bally sense !  
Such murder of the language is  
A capital offence !  
You know, my lad, you really must  
Attempt to get some style ;  
It's just about as clear as  
A chunk of Tom Carlyle.  
This sort of wind-and-water stuff  
Is rotten for your age !  
God bless my soul ! it sounds just like  
An extract from Peg's Page !  
This sentence rises up and up,  
Then comes down with a bump ;  
It's long drawn-out, just like a yard  
Of water from a pump.  
Of Walter you have written here,  
(Profound indeed !) that he

Is the worst husband in the world.  
 You must come home with me !  
 Irrelevancies for three sides,  
 And then at last we start !  
 "True ease in writing" as Pope said,  
 "Comes not by chance, but art."  
 Don't write such fatuous piffle, boy !  
 And use a tone more mild:  
 Avoid the Turpin touch. Instead  
 Write English undefiled !

R.S.McF. and C.D., U.V.I.A.

### School Reports

Reports, there can be no doubt, are the blackest things in school life—more menacing by far than the cane, fines or detention. These degrading revelations are never entrusted to the person whose mistakes are revealed in them, but are sent by way of the Royal Mail to the pupil's critical elders. Armed robbery of postmen there may be, but only when they carry pound-notes, never reports.

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our reports regretted by both us and our parents. It is all part of a recruiting scheme, for reports encourage many people, who would otherwise not dream of it, to become teachers simply to get revenge on their old masters' young relatives.

Whoever invented school reports is cursed down the ages by generation after generation of schoolboys.

L. SCARTH, IV.A.

### The Wells Clock

During my stay at Bristol, I was fortunate to visit Wells Cathedral. Wells is a small city, about fifteen miles to the east of Bristol, and is on the Mendip Hills. In these hills are many limestone caves, and the famous Cheddar Gorge.

The old thirteenth century clock in Wells Cathedral is famous the whole world over. The dial of the clock, impressive by its size is contained in a square frame, with angels holding the four winds in the corners.

In all, there are three circles, one each for hours, minutes, and days of the lunar month. The outer circle is divided into twenty-four parts, intended to represent the twenty-four hours of the day. The numbers are in Old English lettering. A large gilt star, representing the sun as it moves round the earth, shows the hour. A second circle shows the minutes, and a small star moves round the circle every hour. The third circle shows the days of the lunar month, and the day is shown by a crescent with a pointer.

Above the dial, which is inside the Cathedral, is a panelled tower around which knights on horseback revolve in opposite directions. These represent an ancient tournament.

A figure known as Jack Blandifer, seated on the wall to the right of the dial, strikes his heels against bells, twice at the first quarter, four times at the half-hour, and so forth. The number of the hour is struck with a hammer, held by him, on a bell. It was altogether a fascinating design.

N. H. CLEMINSON, IV.A.

### Eternity

Sedtly the shadows whisper  
O'er the tartan'd tangle of fields.  
Slowly the red orb trembles  
On the brim of the whale-back'd world,  
Till the destitute darkness gathering  
It yields.

Swiftly the bow'd beams breakneck  
Through the clouded curtain of night;  
Swiftly the chariot charges  
On its course of diurnal light.  
As through the high heavens it echoes  
God's might.

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

### Field work at Malham

Our first glimpse of the tarn came to us through the trees and mid-afternoon sunshine as we sped towards it in a Land Rover which had called for us in Settle, fully six miles away. As we jolted along the narrow winding road, climbing steadily all the time, our attention was torn between admiration for the rugged unfamiliar countryside and the safety of our rucksacks, which were balanced precariously on the trailer behind us. To our left Pen-y-gent and Fountains Fell rose sheer to the skies whilst southward the ground suddenly fell away into Malham Cove and Gordale Scar. Everywhere the land was uneven and disfigured by huge limestone outcroppings, weathered by centuries of wind and rain, ice and snow.

Our actual arrival was unobtrusive as we slid silently into the courtyard of the house which, until that moment, had been hidden by its protective belt of trees, now in full leaf. A taciturn but friendly lady directed us to our dormitory, then melted into the background almost as soon as she had appeared. Left to ourselves until dinner, we began to explore our prospective working ground and soon the air was charged with the sound of human voices instead of the courtling serenades of birds as the last of the fifty students arrived.

Our first lesson came sooner than we expected. After dinner Mr. Holmes, the Chief Warden of the Nature Reserve, spoke to us about the importance of quiet in the countryside and stressed that we should disturb the animals as little as possible. Not a few of those present blushed and slid deeper into their seats at this gentle word of warning. We were then given a brief but highly interesting talk about the geology and history of the tarn and its formation after the ice age.

Next morning work began with a lecture on the types of habitat which existed in the tarn, and a description of some of the animals living there. We then walked down to the rocky North Shore and collected specimens. Soon our nets and jare were bulging with livestock and under the guidance of Mr. Holmes we identified about forty species including large voracious crayfish, shrimps, aquatic worms, a wide selection of snails, caddis larvae and several ugly leeches which were carefully overlooked by the female students. In the afternoon we performed similar work on a distant reed-bed but our visit was short as a pair of Great Crested Grebes, which are very rare in the North, were nesting there. Their diving and underwater swimming in search of fish fascinated us.

Back in the well-equipped and spacious zoology laboratory we assimilated our figures and began to glimpse our first ecological results. We compared the occurrence and numbers of the animals in the two habitats which we had studied and related these to the difference in their living conditions. For instance crayfish, sponges and stone-fly larvae were confined to the clear moving water of the rocky shore, whereas Water Boatmen, Freshwater Cockles and Midge larvae were restricted to

the muddy, semi-stagnant Reed Bed. Such results were never obvious from a cursory glance at the habitat but needed intensive study to reveal them.

The remainder of that week we spent in a similar fashion, studying every stream round or near the tarn, all the shores of the tarn, the boggy ground to the West and even the mud from the tarn itself, which we obtained from a rowing boat with home-made dredger. The climax of the week came when seven of us had a midnight fishing trip with nets and torches. We caught Perch, Loach, Sticklebacks and Bullheads and kept twenty-four of each. These were killed with formalin and we spent the whole of the following day identifying their stomach contents. We related the contents to the mode of feeding, size, age, sex and weight of the fish and tabulated our results for the Field Centre. When kept over a period of years they help, in their application, to improve the feeding and growth of fish used as food.

In the last two days of our course we changed from Zoology to Botany. Our new guide, the Assistant Warden, was invaluable as he could identify any plant simply by looking at a tiny leaf and soon we felt his knowledge and confidence growing in ourselves. We studied the rich flora on the Limestone and the scanty flora of the Millstone Grit and accounted for the diversity by the difference in structure and acidity of the soil. Over fifty species occurred on the limestone; only six were found on the Grit.

Our final piece of work was performed on the Moor, where we identified and estimated the abundance of all plants in a belt twenty-five feet by one foot. The results were amazing and revealed to us what the eye could not pick out accurately. The vegetation changed with great rapidity from Heather, through Bog-mosses, Rushes, Sedges, and various grasses to rich meadow-like flora and we linked this with a gradual change from a peaty acidic soil to a rich alluvial one. A fault in the ground revealed a soil profile just alongside the belt and we took photographs to ensure a permanent record of our toils. Again the application of such studies was impressed upon us, this time in agriculture and improved crops.

The last evening we spent frantically comparing notes, recording the results of other parties, checking lists, sketching and, with the advice of both wardens, putting our colossal array of facts into an easily understood perspective. The hardest week's work in our sixth form career was over but the course had much more value than simply making us work. Each person had reaped the rewards of the field work done by fifty. The information which I gained would have cost me a year's work had I attempted to glean it myself. For this reason alone I recommend Malham to any young Biologist.

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Calendar.

Predictions.

## JUNE

1. Rain fell in Manchester, 1934.
3. King George V. b. 1865.
4. Half Term.
7. Bank Holiday.
9. Murder of Gollith.
11. Troy captured.
13. Gd. lost in Aberdeen, 1875.
15. Magna Carta signed.
16. King John has bilious attack.
18. Neville Duke returns from test-flight.
19. Neville Duke starts on test-flight.
22. Prefects' pin-up girl born, 1935.
23. Cricketer admits to being out l.b.w., 1907.
26. Window broken in Quad.
30. New Station thought of, 1901.

The sun is stationary in the sign of Leo, and drunkenness will be prevalent. Black-and-white will be a favourite colour, and many persons will see three stars. With Mars and Venus forming their conjunction in Virgo, interest in the girls' hockey field will be increased. A visiting school cricket team will wait 3 hours in Pavrett Street for a Durham Road team and a No. 8 bus will be seen at Grangestown. On the 22nd there will be a mass invasion by the prefects on Strike's flower shop. Riots will follow. Master 1/c prefects will refuse to stand surety of £500, 15 new prefects will be sworn in on 23rd. A 3rd former will lose school cap and male parent will accuse prefects of poisoning lost property,—a further 15 new prefects will be sworn in. A pitman will use a profane expression on hearing the result of the 3-50. On the 26th there will be a general cessation of work throughout the whole country.

## JULY

1. Einstein born, 1879.
2. Einstein mastered the calculus, 1880.
4. Independence Day, U.S.A.
5. Ark launched.
8. Speech made by Cicero.
9. Julius Caesar divides Gaul into three halves.
11. Inebriation of Noah.
13. Chinaman volunteers for Korean War, 1932.
15. "Duck" made at Ash-brooke.
17. Shakespeare forgets to do Latin.
18. Molotov said "No," 1932.
20. Caesar winters in thither Gaul.
21. Death of Amenhotep III.
22. Amenhotep III, dug up, 1903.
25. Proposal made by Henry VIII.

A total eclipse on June 29th portends a series of unparalleled disasters all through this month. The Russian element will steadily increase in Merthyr Tydfil and Nye Bernis will be associated with a cyanide lollipop. Persons born on the 11th, 13th and 22nd may expect to die in their beds. Trowers will be narrower after the 24th, and astrological visibility will be impaired. At the beginning of the month certain examinations will be coming to a climax, and with Mars still in the ascendant several candidates will be totally eclipsed. Mr. Willey will ask a question about food in the House of Commons and Mr. Williams will offer to pay the salaries of all Cabinet Ministers to help the national exchequer. The price of prunes will be increased on the 19th and beetle's eyeballs will be served for school dinners. With Mercury in transit, a test-tube

28. Inventor of Algebra executed.
29. John Bunyan released on bail.
30. T. Atkins, soldier, born.
32. Marriage of Solomon.

will be broken in the Chem. Lab., and the thermometer will be subject to fluctuations. On the 30th a geography master will express disapproval of contributors to "Bedan" making rude remarks about his cat.

D.C.H., U.VI.Sc.

### Shakespeare's "King John"

Last year, a more indeterminate twenty years of age Bede Drama gave us callow whimsicality of the past-in-the-future or the future-in-the-present: no-one ever really decided which. This year of majority, with greater purpose, it led us to the plain past. Instead of regurgitated and soggy Vikings and dewy-eyed trollops we had acrid conflict between men-of-state and the anguish of women. It proved a more sustaining diet for the audience.

So did it, there was no doubt, for the cast. They had come to grips with words whose power was at least as much their friend as their enemy. There was an air of confidence in the whole production that spoke of understanding; few moments lacked a measure of dignity. On Thursday, true, a moribund King John had almost to demonstrate the back-somersault to preserve regal poise, but the hiss from the audience was not of displeasure or chagrin at being deprived of a thrill but of anxiety that nothing should spoil an illusion that had been so well created and sustained. The play moved well and crowded scenes, like the meeting of kings before Angiers, especially aroused lively interest, though grouping tended to be somewhat mechanical to the eye and static in effect. Heat of words well delivered cooled in action that lacked variety. The ample staging provided by the additional apron was, however, skillfully used on a number of occasions, notably well when Philip Faulconbridge cast his detached comments into the swirl beyond him from this appropriately detached position. The tower itself was in every respect a monumental piece; on it the citizen of Angiers, one felt, could bargain indeed in safety, and from it, equally, could Arthur convincingly hurl himself to ruin.

The sets, too, were judiciously lighted. Background and costume emerged well without assaulting the eye; it was only the dimmer that enjoyed undue licence in the closing scenes when one sometimes peered literally too darkly through the glass of doubt of mind and ebbing life.

No obscurity, however, fell on the spirit of the play. Its true hero is England, and, if John's defiance of Papal authority had nearer and prouder significance for its original audience than for us, we could, at all events, in this production feel the pulse of our traditional inheritance of firm government, abhorrence of interested tyranny and most ostentatious devotion to the independence of the land. The actors interpreted well for us the clash of personal ambitions, schemes, prejudices and affections that



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lay behind the toil of state, for, almost without exception, they had within the general framework contrived each one a meaningful individuality.

Of some this was especially true. Bryan Young was at once a king to courtiers and a man subjugated by an egotism hateful even to himself. The growing cancer that beset John's being was very well portrayed by Young who, having won our admiration for John, went on successfully to the far more difficult task of moving us to sympathy for him. Another outstanding performance came from Alan Pearson as Philip Faulconbridge. One was aware always of latent power in this character; the nonchalant bearing just veiled a sinewy, dangerous strength and the mode of speech contrived to be both phlegmatic and twinkling. Colin Reineck made an admirable Philip of France; he spoke in ringing tones and bowed his will to the Church with real evidence of struggle. Keith Halstead, whose task as Constance was perhaps most difficult of all, did well enough to convince us of the bitter grief and torment of a royal lady and a mother in the grip of forces she could in no wise govern. The Eleanor of Michael Woolman was a competent piece of work, as was Brian Mearns's Blanche. The latter's eventual husband, Lewis the Dauphin, was in Arthur Mabel's version one of the successes of the show. He spoke well and made a lively attack on the part; there was no equity for princes in a system that made him go to war in his wedding-suit when everyone around him was bristling with armour. Leslie Pullan as Earl of Salisbury made an impressive showing and so did Rodney Clark as the Duke of Austria. Robert Foster was a wonderfully innocent and beguiling Arthur, and the scene between him and Hubert (Michael Whillis) was nicely balanced on the hither side of the mawkish. Roger Harding made an ascetic-looking Pandolph, as ruthless as a book of old statutes, while Alan Cowey, the English Herald, looked and sounded the emissary of the great; Alan Perry (Chatillon), too, was a dignified ambassador. David Mitcheson, one felt, when he was not understandably playing noughts-and-crosses with kings, must undoubtedly have been a pillar in hard-driving commerce. Alan Smith (Essex), Peter Robinson (Robert Faulconbridge), Norman Pigg (Pembroke), Charles Allen (Melun) and Ian Kerr (Prince Henry) played well and Alan Armstrong and John Shepherd spread each a magnificent torso.

W.K.L.

### Music

The highlight of this year's musical calendar was, of course, the concert. On musical grounds this was probably the best concert since the war. Although at one time it was decided to cancel it on account of lack of support, the attendance was up to normal strength and very appreciative.

Speech Days and Founder's Day Service gave us further opportunities to employ our talents and both choirs, orchestra and soloists did the school great credit.

During the past year, much of the success of the School Music has been due to the active participation of members of the staff, Messrs. Twigg, Smith, Bell, Linton and Giles. Once again we have to thank Miss Elliott for her devoted service to the violin classes. And so, on to next year.

J.K.

### **The Student Christian Movement**

Since the beginning of this school year the Bede Schools' Student Christian Movement has had a "missionary year," being concerned with the work and problems of missionaries. The focus has been mainly upon Africa, but the meetings have by no means been confined to that country. Missionary work in this country has been quite thoroughly discussed, one of the best meetings being that in which an ex-ordinand spoke of his missionary venture into factory life.

The Society held joint meetings with the Girls' School, in each school alternately, Derek Foster being chairman for the boys, and Pat Curry for the girls. Dorothy Allen has been an enthusiastic Girls' Secretary.

The S.C.M. has been happy to welcome back the Rev. C. J. Bell, who has undertaken a good deal of the work attached to the smooth-running of the movement. Miss Moul, Miss Bell, the Rev. D. Hymas, Mr. Cox and the Rev. P. J. Giles also have supported us.

The speakers, to whom the gratitude of us all is extended, have, thus far, been as follows:

Miss M. Jennings (Belgian Congo)—"Work among lepers."

Mr. Davison (Rhodesia)—"Problems a missionary must face."

Mr. McTago and Mr. F. Varden—"Life in the Gold Coast."

Mr. Hymas—"The theology of missions."

Mr. Giles—"William Carey."

Mr. Bell—"Growth of the Church in Africa."

Mr. Fox (Borneo)—"Christianity in Malaya and Borneo."

Mr. Brain (C.M.S.)—Films and Talk, "To-morrow's world."

Mr. W. Wright—"The Christian in the factory."

Rev. Lees-Smith—"The Anglican Mission to Cambridge."

Sister Joan (St. Cuthbert's, Low Fell)—"Franciscan missionary work in this country."

Miss M. Archbold (Zanzibar)—"Christian problems in East Africa."

Mr. Wilkins—"Training ordinands in Tanganyika."

Conference speakers were:—Rev. G. W. H. Hewitt (Secretary, A.M.C.A.)—"The Challenge of Africa," and Rev. L. F. Giddies, M.A.—"The Challenge of India."

Unfortunately, in spite of this programme, the attendances this year have not been good, and I appeal to every true Christian in our two schools to support this movement, and to seek to make it, by your witness and prayer, as glorifying to God as our Saviour would have it.

A. SNAITH.

### Chess Club

If numbers are any indication, the Chess Club can be said to be in the "best of health," but unfortunately the general standard of play is low, owing mainly to lack of coaching and the apathy of the older members and players.

Only one school match has been played; against The Royal Grammar School, Newcastle, who beat us 4½ games to 1½.

The only bright light in a rather dismal picture is J. Phalp's magnificent achievement in winning the Durham County Junior Championship. We congratulate him most heartily.

If the school is going to turn out a team at all next year, more enthusiasm must be shown by all concerned.

In conclusion we thank Mr. Maccoby and Mr. Linton for their support.

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

### Bevan Scouts

During 1953-54 the Troop has made very good progress.

This year as we had no major repairs to do to the hut, we had plenty of time for scouting activities. As our record suggests we did very well; we won the Stansfield Richardson Cup Competition, were second in the Vaux Shield, but, owing to our being at Summer Camp, we could not enter for the Kayll Cup.

S. M. Priest, who took over last year, had all our old tents out; they include Black's Icelandics and Stormhavens, and a few old Scout Shop tents. Those that were fit to use he had repaired and rigged—these were used at Camp—and those that were no use were removed. I would like to thank Mr. Fredrick who kindly allows us to use the sports room for storing our tents.

During the Easter holidays the Patrol Leaders had their usual hike. The route chosen was Teesdale, Weardale and Alen-dale. When we arrived at Middleton it was quite a good day and we carried on to Langton Beck where we camped for the night. The next day we crossed over the top to St. John's, Weardale (in not too good weather). Gradually the weather got worse and we decided that it would be best for all to return home.

Summer Camp, held from July 16th to the 30th was a grand success. The site chosen was on the Derwent River, near Blanchland. We were all settled in on the Saturday night without any casualties. Sunday morning we found that we had had a visit from a herd of inquisitive cattle, which unfortunately damaged a tent, luckily not a patrol Tent. They caused general chaos in and about the camp. We then decided to bring the tents into a tighter ring; still they troubled us, and again we had to move on to the River flood plain. Each patrol had a day's hike. This was occupied in mapping a small stream, Aston Burn, where we saw a number of adders and other curious creatures. On our free day we visited Hexham.

October camp was held at Bhorpley Woods where we were given general Scout training.

After the Summer Holidays we recruited many new boys from the First Year and these are now progressing along the fine ways of the Scouting world. If anybody wants to join the Troop, by the way, he should get in touch with Mr. Priest or Mr. Twigg.

After the Christmas Holidays the Hawk Patrol was disbanded and the members were mixed among the remaining five patrols. The den was then turned into a store room for jam jars, which we were busily collecting.

The leadership of the Troop has been passed from Knox to Ward, Snr.

The Bedan Troop has had an exceptionally good year; in all senses it continued to keep up the high standard set by previous Bedans. On behalf of the Troop I should like to express our gratitude to Mr. Hudge and the Group Committee, who have kept our funds at a healthy level and to Mr. Priest and Mr. Twigg who have looked after us during our troop meetings throughout the year.

D. R. WOOD.

### **Bedan Senior Scouts**

The success of the Senior Troop may be judged, perhaps, from the record of its achievement in the past year.

As we said last year, the aim of this section of the Movement is to retain the interest of the older boy of sixteen to eighteen. This we appear to be doing, for all those who have come up from the junior troop are still with us although the total strength of the troop remains almost constant at around, say, fifteen, as National Service claims the oldest. There is no doubt though, that the troop should, after three years in being, have greater numbers than at present and this must be due to a drift away from the junior troop before Senior Scout age is reached. The possible causes of this wastage are too numerous to detail here, but from our point of view, the essential is that the prospects the Seniors offer are not as desirable as those of the Boys' Club or the nightly parade at Seaburn.

Well, Easter, 1963, saw us hiking in the Cheviots to the Northern end of the Pennine Way at Tettnah, thence to Millfield near Wooler, to renew old friendships (for the troop camped here in 1949). The Coronation saw us busy in several ways with one of our members (Fawcett) lining the processional route with the official scout contingent from County Durham.

We entered the only competition open to us (the Vaux Skiadi) and came in second. - The Summer expedition was to Scotland, starting on the East side at Pitlochry, through the Pass of Ballisearkie, by way of the Road to The Isles, over Ramoan Moor to Ben Nevis. Then to Ardgour and Ardsamurchan, a ferry trip, and the Isle of Mull and an excellent week's hiking here and then to Oban and the train for home. - Distance, some hundred and eighty miles or so and all the while with our kit on an invention of our own, a cart of only one wheel, and that in the middle so that the load surrounds it. The thing balanced by a man of strong wrists at the back and hauled by two strong men from the front. And it worked well. - It's also a fair assumption that we are the only troop that lived upon venison during the Summer camp. This, very nearly half a deer, was given to us on the way, by a grateful estate owner for felling trees. And not only given us, but specially shot.

Christmas saw members of the troop under canvas and learning something of the art of potholing, and Easter this year came to us in Wensleydale, hiking, camping and rockclimbing.

One would have thought that kind of thing a Circe stronger than the sirens of the silver screen.

J.B.L.

### Senior Debating Society

Autumn Term:—

Mr. E. A. Levine (President), Miss M. Short (Secretary), Mr. G. T. Collins (Assistant Secretary), Mr. G. S. Moore (Treasurer), Mr. M. B. Seery (poet laureate).

Spring Term:—

Miss M. Short (President), Mr. J. Spence (Secretary)—resigned), Miss V. Williamson (Assistant Secretary), Mr. G. S. Moore (Treasurer), Mr. M. B. Seery (poet laureate).

The School year now concluding has been a session of lively and active debating—a more true reflection of the Society's past traditions and glories than last year. Some meetings were of an unusual nature, if not humorous then at least without precedent. The enunciation and elaboration of the subject-matter of speeches have attained high standards, particularly so in prize debates.

The India Cup, adjudicated by Mr. A. Armstrong, prospective Socialist Candidate for Sunderland South, was won by Mr. P. West, who also shared the Bi-annual Trophy with Mr. A. Cowey, this contest being adjudicated by Miss W. E. Moul. The Officers' Prize Debate was adjudicated by Mr. J. P. Giles, who awarded the prize to Mr. E. Davies.

# BOXING.



Standing.—F. GOOCH, P. LAVERY, A. NOBLE, J. SHEPHERD, W. CRAIG, M. NICHAM,  
R. TULLOCH, M. STACEY, G. CRAMER.

Sitting.—D. LARCOMBE, I. ARMSTRONG, B. STORRART, P. SHORT, E. JOHNSON, I. LEE,  
D. GRLEY, D. THOMPSON, C. GOOCH, M. G. W. LEE.

# ATHLETICS.



Standing.—G. HELM, M. J. STACEY, B. YOUNG, D. CHAPMAN, J. PLUMPTON, D. RICHARDSON,  
C. NELSON, D. C. HOGG, W. CRAIG.

Sitting.—A. GREENHILDS, L. PEZZO, R. STEPHENSON, D. THWAITES, G. RENOLD,  
A. COWEY (CAN.), G. PENGUION, G. CRAMER, H. TURNBULL, D. BISH.

# SOCCER FIRST XI.



Standing—A. SMITH, N. WARE, D. HIRRO, H. ENGLISH, C. KENNICK, Mr. R. E. AYRE.  
 Sitting—L. PULLAN, B. HOLLAND, A. REED, A. HINDHARON (Capt.), G. RENDALL,  
 T. HALL, J. PLUMPTON.

# TENNIS.



Standing—P. B. SMITH, I. KERR, S. KERR.  
 Sitting—Mr. A. TAYLOR, J. PLUMPTON, D. CHAPMAN (Capt.), T. LAYBICK, A. NOBLE.



# CRICKET FIRST XI.



Standing—Mr. F. LITTON, S. HENNER, A. REID, E. BROWN, S. BAXTER, T. HALL,  
Mr. W. E. McCLEMENTS.

Sitting—A. PEARSON, I. COMMON, L. PULLAN, G. RENDALL (Capt.), H. H. FOGG,  
D. C. HOGG, C. ALLEN.

# CROSS-COUNTRY.



Standing—Mr. D. A. THOMPSON, W. HILLIARD, C. REAH, S. YOUNG, A. RAWCETT,

Sitting—G. FERGUSON, S. THIRAPIS, G. RENDALL (Capt.), A. COWLEY, S. HOLLAND,  
A. NOBLE.

# RUGBY FIRST XV.



Standing—E. MURTERS, D. CROMPTON, J. F. SMITH, C. ALLEN, A. ROBINSON, J. SHEPHERD, C. NELSON, D. RICHARDSON, D. DICKSON.

Sitting—Mr. H. BERRY, S. THOMPSON, P. LAYERS, G. FERGUSON, D. C. HOGG (Capt.) H. WHELLIS, D. CHAPMAN, T. NOBLE, H. SIMPSON.

# PREFECTS.



Standing—G. E. WALKER (Assistant Librarian), D. RICHARDSON, B. YOUNG, H. INGLISH, J. PHALP, (Chess Captain), A. HINDMARSH (Soccer Captain), D. FORSTER, G. POTTS.

Sitting—A. PEARSON, D. CHAPMAN (Tennis Captain), G. FERGUSON (Hylton House Captain), A. DOWDY (School Captain, Athletics Captain, Darton House Captain, Editor of the "Beehive"), Mr. A. J. S. BAIDGE (Headmaster), Mr. A. F. ELLNER (Master in Charge of Prefects), D. C. HOGG (Vice-Captain, School, Rugby Captain, Editor of "Beehive"), J. L. SMITH, D. HUNRO.



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Debating has covered a wide field of topics, most notable of which are:—"That this house believes that Britain did good rather than bad during her rule in India," "That this house disapproves of class distinction" and a debate on vivisection. The outcome of the motion "That respectability is the curse of civilisation," aroused the interest of the local press. The two highly respectable members who proposed this motion presented themselves to the Society in costumes which, for the occasion, were somewhat eccentric and below their usual high sartorial standards.

The highlights of the session included a successful and well-attended Christmas party, the Society's resident geons providing the entertainment on that occasion.

The usual radio evening took place as did the Staff Debate, the motion under debate on that occasion being "That the breaking of rules leads to progress." The Society is grateful to the members of staff, Miss M. Heslop and Mr. J. Bell (proposition), Mr. D. Prestwich and Miss Bell (opposition), who took part. One must report, too, the formation of the Society's harem, an oriental creation from the fantasies of our Poet Laureate.

The Annual Outing, arranged for Ascension Thursday, is to Fountains Abbey, Knaresborough and Harrogate. We fervently hope that the sun will shine for us this year.

A report on the Society would be incomplete without thanks and appreciation being recorded to the members of staff who have attended and assisted the Society meetings. Mr. G. S. Moore, treasurer and master-in-charge, is as much a part of the Society as is the confirmation of the Minutes or the private-business motion time. He is absolutely invaluable to us. Thanks must also be accorded to Mr. J. P. Giles, whose regular attendance and support is fully appreciated by members and committee. It is the hope of all members, whose last year this is at School, that the Senior Debating Society will serve a useful and entertaining purpose in the life of both schools and that whenever the freedom of speech is ever questioned or doubted the significance of all such societies is realised—"Libera oratio ratio liberatis!"

E. A. LEVINE (Ex-Officio).

### Junior Debating Society

During the last season we had a series of lively and interesting debates, but the need was for a greater variety of speakers, many people having spoken in consecutive debates.

Attendances declined towards the end of the last term, and two debates had to be abandoned owing to people missing the debate for other attractions.

Subjects for debates ranged from a Mock Election to "This house believes in ghosts!"

The mock election provided the best attended meeting of the term, with the Conservatives narrowly beating the Liberals by three votes.

The Officials were:—

Spring Term—

President: D. Henderson; Secretary: A. Makel.

Summer Term—

President: A. Makel; Secretary: D. Hoskins.

The poet laureates, D. Stoker and H. Howatt provided us with some very good and amusing poems.

D.J.H.

### Library Report

Committee:—Chairman, The Headmaster; Librarian: Rev. C. J. Bell; Staff Members: Mr. W. K. Lewis, Mr. A. F. Kilmer; Senior Assistant Librarian, A. Cairns; Senior Assistants: G. E. Walker (Secretary); R. W. Hopper, D. J. Gethard; Junior Assistants: T. K. Hutchinson, K. Earl, D. J. Graham, D. M. Stiff, D. G. Austin, A. Richardson; Apprentices: L. Dent, G. M. Sanderson; Sixth Form Assistants: I. N. McBain T. Hall.

First of all I should like to welcome back to school the Librarian, Mr. C. J. Bell, who was taking a theological course at Oxford last year. In addition, I should like to express once again my sincerest thanks to Mr. Lewis, who last year so ably acted as Librarian during Mr. Bell's secondment.

Ever since I came to this school in 1947, I have read year after year in the magazine of the smooth running of the school library. Last year, I myself gave the report in the "Bedan" and commented, quite justly, I felt, on its efficiency. This year, I cannot, I fear, with any degree of honesty, write similar words of praise. A general feeling of apathy seems to have pervaded the whole of the library staff. The older boys who have been studying hard for G.C.E. examinations, have some excuse for not devoting a great amount of time to their library duties, but the younger members of staff have no excuse at all. I sympathise very deeply with Mr. Bell who has had to plead with the staff to carry out even the most ordinary tasks.

We spent most of our grant this year on fiction books most of which seemed to disappear after one or two weeks on the shelves. This is a most regrettable state of affairs. May I appeal to "forgetful borrowers" to return all books?

There have been two changes with regard to periodicals. On the advice of the Headmaster we replaced the "Times Literary Supplement" by "John O' London's Weekly," and we receive a copy of the "Eagle" each week.

I should like to thank on behalf of the library committee the numerous donations of books by staff and boys during the past year, and to thank everyone who has assisted the library in any way.

In summing up, I should like to point out to the library staff that good books and a fine building do not necessarily mean a good library. We have in our school library a wide selection of books, and the building is one of the finest in the North East. I appeal to the staff to raise their standard of work and efficiency to a correspondingly high level.

A. CAIRNS, Sen. Asst. Lib.

### **Bede Drama Club**

With the proceeds of the 1963 play we were able to equip the Spot-bar with a complete set of lamps. This enabled us to use a fore-stage in this year's play and light it adequately. Specialised lamps remain a heavy item of expenditure, and their life is not long under our conditions of working. We have been able to extend our scaffolding and by this means provide a really firm bar for the second battens of lights. Further we have a raised platform for the curtain-operator who now works above the continuity desk instead of having to occupy the same congested area of floor space.

This year we must spend money on providing extra floor space in the loft, and in buying dimmers for our new lamps. We hope we can also afford to build a tower ladder, which will enable our nimble stage-hands to leap up to the top of the stage at any point, and work there in safety and comfort. The present 15ft. ladder is unbelievably inconvenient on a crowded set.

Finally we would like to build a set of new scenery flats. Those we now use date from before the war, and are dropping to pieces. The last production gave them more heavy work and they are really beyond further service. Their replacement however depends upon the available money.

J.L.J.

### **Basketball Report**

This year, a school basketball club was formed by Mr. Prestwich with the intention of furthering interest in the game amongst schools in the area. Officials during the season were: Captain, A. Coway; Vice-Captain: J. G. Potts; Secretaries: J. Plimpton and C. Duckworth.

Practices were held at every available opportunity, and soon our first game was played against Ryhope G.S., where basketball was already an established sport. Ryhope were worthy victors. There followed a visit to Darlington to play in a knock-out tournament—we were again defeated by Ryhope—and to see an exhibition game between Vickers-Armstrong and Newcastle Hornets. The acquirement of orange vests heightened our morale,

and in another game with Ryhope we were victorious. During the season three American tournaments were held at Bede, teams from Durham School, Monkwearmouth G.S., Ryhope G.S. and Tynemouth High School taking part; on each occasion a Bede team won.

The House competition, held late in the season, was won by Durham, with Reby a close second. A staff team was formed, and many enjoyable games—if a trifle exhausting for the staff—were held between the club and the staff. Mr. Collinson formed a Junior Basketball Club, the members of which were coached by members of the parent club.

We thank Mr. Prestwich, who has devoted a great deal of time and energy, and to all others who have contributed to make the club a success.

C. DUCKWORTH, Hon. Sec.

### **Philatelic Society**

During the year 1953-54, the Philatelic Society held its usual miscellaneous programme of exhibitions, talks, quizzes (or is it Quizes?) and competitions. Valuable contributions were made, to the success of the Society by Messrs. Laidler, Hirst, Todd, Linton and Chapman, and to Mr. G. W. Lee, the Treasurer, by numerous small boys. In the course of the twenty meetings held this year, the following members served on the committee: M. B. Seery, D. Wrightson, H. Walshaw, J. Kingsley Ward, J. Crabbe, W. Hazel, and J. U. Burnham.

M. B. SEERY (President).

### **The Gymnastic Club**

The progress made by the Gymnastic Club during the past two terms has been encouraging and noteworthy. Advanced and Instructors' Awards have been gained by Adamson, Day, Simpson and Watson. Nelson was also successful in the Instructors' Test which links with his Advanced Award previously gained.

In the Intermediate Section revolutionary results have been achieved. Sixty-eight awards have been gained, an indication of a rosy future for school gymnastics.

We were very sorry when Mr. Simpson left us to take up a new post, but I feel sure that the Gymnastic Club would like to extend hearty thanks for the invaluable service he rendered to it.

We remain greatly indebted to Messrs. Prestwich and Collinson, without whom such results would not have been obtained.

N. SIMPSON (Secretary).

### Durham House

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

This year has witnessed a revival in the fortunes of Durham House after the previous year's unaccountable relapse, in particular in the sphere of athletics where, once again, we have shown our prowess by winning the House Cup. We especially congratulate Cowey on being Senior Champion for the third successive year, a record, and M. Stacey on being Junior Champion. The house senior relay team beat the previous record with a time of 49.0 secs (4 x 110 yards). The most pleasing aspect, however, of our success was the renewed interest shown by all.

After being Cross-country Champions for many years we have now been overtaken by Hylton although in the Senior Championship Cowey and Beah gained 1st and 2nd position. Allison (III.2) won the Junior Championship, a magnificent achievement for a 3rd Former.

As ever, we lag behind in the Study Cup, which usually seems the case when success in sport is achieved. As much as we like to have success in out-door activities, we hope it is not gained at the expense of school work.

Both Junior and Senior teams won their sections in the rugby "seven-a-side" competition after very close deciding games with Hylton (Junior 12-10, Senior 10-8).

In the School boxing tournament, it seemed that Durham were more or less a peace-loving house although Lavery, by winning the heavyweight title, showed that the will to fight still existed.

Although we won the Basketball Competition, it does not count for the games shield until next year when, we hope, the good work of the first basketball team will be carried on.

In Senior Soccer Durham were outstanding, dropping only one point in 12 and scoring 10 goals to one.

Quite the opposite happened in Junior Soccer where Durham were hopelessly outclassed gaining only one point and scoring only 1 goal against 10. We hope that this state of affairs does not continue for long!

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

Finally, all members of the house extend their thanks to the house masters, in particular Mr. Ayre, for their continued interest and support.

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

### Hylton House

Captain: G. E. Ferguson. Secretary: G. D. Chapman.

Apart from one or two minor set-backs Hylton House has had another successful year. This can be attributed to the support of both Juniors and Seniors, and to the encouragement and support of our Staff Members.



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Hylton ended last year very successfully by winning the cricket cup and by being close runners-up to Lumley in the tennis championships. For our performances over the year we were awarded the Games Shield.

The Senior Soccer team did not do so well this year but the Juniors kept up the good work of last year and won all their matches.

The Rugby seven-a-side matches were played this year and the House finished second, being narrowly defeated by Durham in the deciding match by 10 points to 8.

Both our Senior and Junior Cross-Country teams did very well this year and won all their House matches and then went on to win the Annual Cross-Country Championships. Another notable achievement of the House was the winning of the Boxing Tournament, which is a new Inter-House competition.

The Study Cup has departed from Hylton but we hope that this is only going to be a temporary loss.

The Christmas Party was once again a great success, although the masters nearly gave up the Treasure Hunt to look for Miss Metcalfe. Various games were played and the evening was rounded off by a film show.

The Athletics, Cricket and Tennis results have still to be decided but we are hoping to do well in all of them. Hylton House has improved greatly in the past two years, and we hope that it will continue the good work in the future.

G. D. CHAPMAN, Hon. Sec.

### Lumley House

Captain: P. West. Vice-Captain: J. Plumpson.

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

Energetic and enthusiastic leaders in sport have not been lacking and in the lower school the response has been good with a fine show of house spirit. The seniors, unfortunately can lay no such claim and in the cross-country especially, enthusiasm was so low that on one occasion the necessary six runners were not forthcoming and valuable points were lost.

In the Tennis Championships Lumley repeated their success of the previous two years and I give all credit to those who represented their house and thus retained the Tennis Shield.

Although no School Chess Championship was held this year, all the staff and members of Lumley House join me in congratulating J. M. Philp on becoming Durham County Junior Chess Champion.

Placings in Senior Soccer and Rugby were only moderate; the Junior Soccer XI, however, managed to secure second place in their House Competition. Well done!

Enthusiasm ran high for the Christmas party, although support from the Lower Sixth left much to be desired. Mr. C. Rogers, through whose generosity the films could be shown, Mr. H. Wilson and his colleagues, and Upper Sixth members of the House must be thanked for their work in making this party a success.

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

The officials join me in thanking Messrs. J. M. Footitt, J. L. Jolly, R. Clarke and S. A. S. Robinson for their services.

### Raby House

Captain, R. G. Rendall. Secretary, A. Cairns.

Once again this year, sad to relate, Raby seems to have played a very small and insignificant part in school inter-house activities.

In soccer it seemed in theory that we would have a successful season. In practice, however, it was a different story. Our final position in the table was second: better team-work and greater effort would have won us first place.

In cross-country running we experienced the worst season in the history of our House. Not one senior was entered in the school championship, and though the response from the Juniors was better, this did not compensate for the lack of enthusiasm amongst the older boys. In the inter-house league the position was almost the same, though Rendall and Hopper entered to represent Raby House.

At Sports Day last year our performances were very disappointing. We held third place until the last event, when, owing to lack of support, we dropped into fourth place.

The performance of our cricket teams was encouraging last year, though we did not repeat the surprise victory which we won over Hylton two years ago.

Once again the Xmas party was very well supported and proved a great success. In connection with this we must thank in particular Mr. F. A. Jennens, Senior House Master, and acknowledge the help given by other members of the House—both masters and boys.

Despite general failure in sporting activities, the academic endeavours of boys in Raby House gained their reward in the form of the Study Cup, which has been won for the first time

by our House. Let us hope that from now on an endeavour to improve in the sporting sphere will be made and that Raby can maintain its high position in the Study Cup Competition.

A. CAIRNS, Hon. Sec.

### House Rugby, 1903-04

#### HOUSE RUGBY, 1903-04

			Senior	Junior
Durham v. Hylton	...	...	10-0	12-10
Durham v. Lonsley	...	...	20-0	22-0
Durham v. Raby	...	...	20-0	19-0
Hylton v. Lonsley	...	...	21-0	21-3
Hylton v. Raby	...	...	20-0	13-6
Lonsley v. Raby	...	...	9-3	0-15

#### Junior—

		P.	W.	L.	P.	A.
Durham	...	3	3	0	53	10
Hylton	...	3	2	1	44	21
Raby	...	3	1	2	22	30
Lonsley	...	3	0	3	3	59

#### Senior—

		P.	W.	L.	P.	A.
Durham	...	3	3	0	50	8
Hylton	...	3	2	1	22	10
Lonsley	...	3	1	2	9	30
Raby	...	3	0	3	3	69

Cup Winners (Juniors and Seniors):—Durham.

### House Senior Soccer

#### HOUSE SOCCER—SENIOR

	Xmas term	Easter term		Xmas term	Easter term
Durham v. Hylton	2-0	0-0	Hylton v. Lonsley	0-0	1-0
Durham v. Lonsley	4-0	1-0	Hylton v. Raby	2-2	0-2
Durham v. Raby	2-1	1-0	Lonsley v. Raby	3-4	0-0

		P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	pts.
Durham	...	4	3	1	0	10	1	11
Raby	...	4	2	2	2	11	10	6
Hylton	...	4	1	3	2	3	6	5
Lonsley	...	4	0	2	4	5	12	2

#### JUNIOR

	Xmas term	Easter term		Xmas term	Easter term
Durham v. Hylton	1-10	0-2	Hylton v. Lonsley	4-0	10-0
Durham v. Lonsley	0-2	0-2	Hylton v. Raby	4-1	2-0
Durham v. Raby	0-3	0-0	Lonsley v. Raby	1-2	1-2

		P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	pts.
Hylton	...	4	4	0	0	20	2	12
Raby	...	4	3	1	2	8	10	7
Lonsley	...	4	2	0	4	4	20	4
Durham	...	4	0	1	3	1	19	1

## HOUSE BASKETBALL

(Not to count for Queens Shield until next year).

Durham v. Hylton	...	...	30-18
Durham v. Lonsley	...	...	14-21
Durham v. Baby	...	...	33-14
Hylton v. Lonsley	...	...	16-14
Hylton v. Baby	...	...	11-18
Lonsley v. Baby	...	...	14-16

		P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	PTS.
Durham	...	3	2	0	1	73	56	4
Baby	...	3	2	0	1	48	68	4
Lonsley	...	3	1	0	2	32	46	2
Hylton	...	3	1	0	2	45	58	2

## Rugby—1st XV

Captain: D. C. Hogg. Vice-Captain: J. W. Howe.

The 1st XV has had one of its most successful seasons for a few years, seven of last season's team being available. We were also very fortunate in having such a fine junior team coming up into senior status, six "U.16's" playing regularly for the 1st XV.

The success of the team was due more to a grand team spirit both on and off the field than to individual achievements, although after Xmas the XV was weakened, when Howe, the stand-off, left school, and by Nelson's illness.

Dixon at full-back was sound but could have remembered to clear his lines when support was not there for going up the field. The backs ran strongly but their passing at times was rather erratic. Their defence was good but as the results show they let the team down rather badly in the last two matches, mainly through lack of concentration.

The forwards, ably led by Ferguson, played well, particularly at the beginning of the season although at times they failed to cover up.

Bede again entered a team in the N.E. Schools Seven-a-side tournament and, represented by Chapman, Thompson, Whillis, Hogg, Ferguson, Allen and Nelson, they reached the final of the North Section, being beaten by Dame Allans 14-3, after a 1st Round win of 10-0 against Durham School, and a semi-final win of 6-3 against South Shields H.S.

Hogg, the Captain, was selected to play scrum-half for Durham County Public Schools XV in their matches v. Northumberland, Yorkshire, Cumberland and Nottinghamshire. Ferguson acted as reserve for the first three matches.

Throughout the season Whillis (centre three-quarter), Hogg (Scrum-half), Ferguson Wing forward) and Lavery (prop-for-

ward) played consistently well and as a result Hogg and Ferguson had their colours renewed and new colours were awarded to Whillis and Lavery.

Record, 1953-54:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.
1st XV	14	9	1	4	195	114

Scorers in School matches:—Hogg (11 t., 2 d.g., 2 p.g., 3 c.g.), 51 pts., Howe (8 t., 2 p.g., 2 c.g.), 34 pts., Dixon (12 c.g.), 24 pts., Whillis (6 t., 1 d.g.), 21 pts., Thompson 6 t., Richardson 4 t., Chapman, Ferguson, 3 t., Allen, Crompton 2 t., Simpson, Nelson, 1 t.

In "Sevens":—Hogg (3 t., 2 c.g.), 13 pts., Whillis, Thompson, 1 t.

#### Results—

Sept. 19 v. Whitley Bay	A	17—3	Nov. 26 v. Gateshead	A	3—3
26 v. Tynemouth	A	17—3	Dec. 5 v. W. Hartlepool	H	0—11
Oct. 3 v. S. Shields	H	13—8	Jan. 16 v. O. Bedons Jan.	H	38—3
19 v. Dune Allen	H	17—9	23 v. Gateshead	H	6—8
31 v. Tynemouth	H	24—5	Mar. 20 v. Wellfield	H	12—6
Nov. 14 v. Stockton	H	22—8	27 v. Henry Smiths	H	0—24
21 v. Wellfield	A	5—6	30 v. S. Shields	A	11—13

#### Junior Rugby

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.
"U. 15"	11	3	0	8	76	226
"U. 14"	9	4	0	5	40	93

The "U. 15" team was the poorest side turned out by the school for some years. Cohesion and team-play were completely lacking and the results showed lack of earlier practice. Only Hutchinson, Stephenson and Millward played with any measure of success.

The "U. 14" team, although lacking in height and weight played fairly well and with more experience should produce players for future school XV's.

D.C.H., M.B.

#### Senior Soccer XI, 1953—1954

The Senior XI have had a relatively poor season, the record being:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.
20	8	5	9	44	51

At the beginning of the season the team consisted of seven players who had had no 1st XI experience and four, namely Hindmarch, Rendall, Plumptre and Munro, of last year's XI. The standard of football, however, was often good except on rain-soaked and ice-covered pitches, when it fell to a remarkably low level and resulted in several heavy defeats.

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The XI had only a short spell in the T.G.S. Cup, losing to Gosforth in a 1st Round Replay.

"Colours" were renewed to Hindmarch, Randall and Munro, and awarded to Cuddeford, Reineck and Reed.

The following boys have represented the School this season.—Munro; Plumpton (2), Cuddeford, Baxter, Glasgow, Ware (1); Hindmarch (2), English, Snaith, Reineck (6); Pullan (5), Reed (6), Hall (5), Randall (7), Holland (8), Davison (7).

Numbers in brackets indicate goals scored.

#### List of Matches—

	F. A.		F. A.
19/ 9/33 S. Aidan's	A 3—0	13/12/33 Tynemouth	H 6—0
26/ 9/33 Washington	A 1—1	19/12/33 Spennymoor	A 1—3
3/10/33 Heston	A 0—2	25/ 1/34 Washington	H 3—2
10/10/33 Spennymoor	H 3—1	6/ 2/34 Jarrow	A 0—5
17/10/33 Rotherford	H 4—2	2/ 3/34 Ryhope	A 2—5
24/10/33 S. Aidan's	H 1—5	12/ 3/34 Darlington	H 2—0
7/11/33 Gosforth	H 3—5	20/ 3/34 Darlington	A 0—1
(1st Round T.G.S. Cup)		27/ 3/34 Heston	H 3—3
21/11/33 Gosforth (Replay)	A 3—0	3/ 4/34 Bishop Auckland	A 2—7
28/11/33 Jarrow	H 2—2	10/ 4/34 South Shields	H 1—0
5/12/33 Tynemouth	A 1—0		

D. MUNRO (Sec.).

#### SOCCER PERSONALITIES.

MUNRO, D. (Goalkeeper)—

Handed ball confidently and would probably have played better behind a steadier defence.

PLUMPTON, J. (Right Back)—

Kicked and headed well, inclined to be slow in tackle and on turn.

CUDDEFORD, G. R. (Left Back)—

Opposition found him extremely difficult to beat because of his sound tackling and good positional play.

WARE, N.—

Could be relied on to fill either full back or wing positions.

ENGLISH, M. E. (Centre Half)—

Strong in tackle, but slow and lacked distribution ability.

SNAITH, A. (Centre Half)—

Strengthened defence later in season by his intelligent play and constructive ability.

REINECK, C. H. (Left Half)—

Strong constructive player, often a sixth forward but sometimes at expense of defence.

PULLAN, L. (Outside Right)—

A fast direct winger, at times lacking spirit—at best on light grounds.

REED, A. (Inside Right)—

A steady foraging player, who got through a great deal of work without being spectacular.

HALL, T. (Centre Forward)—

Always promised much but bad luck with his shooting rather destroyed his confidence.



BENDALL, R. G. (Inside Left).—

The mainspring of the attack, fast and clever; not afraid to shoot.

HOLLAND, B. W. (Outside Left).—

Had to rely on ball control to overcome his lack of stature—inclined to hold on to ball too long.

A. HINDMARCH (Captain).

*HINDMARCH, A. (Captain and Right Half).*

*Has not had an easy task this year, with talent in the School at low level. Sets a good example on and off the field. A strong player, fine header, tackler and distributor of the ball.*

(R.T.A.)

### Under 13 Soccer XI

Captain: P. A. Gothard. Vice-Captain: J. C. Gray.

The team has had a remarkable run of success this season in Division "G" of the Sunderland and District Schools' Football Association. Good, consistent football in all games resulted in a tie for the league championship with Commercial Road who won the deciding match, however, by three goals to nil after a strongly contested struggle.

The season's record is as follows:—

19/ 9/53 v. West Southwick	1—0	19/12/53 v. West Southwick	6—1
26/ 9/53 v. St. Hilda's	7—1	20/ 1/54 v. James Williams St.	6—1
10/10/53 v. James Williams St.	5—4	30/ 1/54 v. Monk's'm'th Grims.	5—2
17/10/53 v. Monk's'm'th Grims.	2—0	27/ 2/54 v. St. Benet's	4—0
14/11/53 v. St. Benet's	7—0	13/ 3/54 v. Reddy	6—0
21/11/53 v. Commercial Road	1—4	20/ 3/54 v. Commercial Road	2—3
28/11/53 v. Reddy	1—1	22/ 3/54 v. St. Hilda's	3—0

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
14	11	1	2	55	15	28

The goal-scorers were:—Wright 13, Clayton 13, Simmons 6, Kirkley 3, Gothard 4, Spedding 4, Sproston 2 and Graham 1.

There was considerable keenness this season amongst the younger members of the school for a place in the team and as a result twenty-one boys represented the school in the League games. Of the many goalkeepers available last September, Hindmarch started in fair style and played quite soundly until midway through the season when he was replaced by Ridge, who, as a first year boy, shows remarkable promise for the future. Larcombe, at times erratic and often out of position, and Spedding, a capable all-round player, worked hard in the defence. Gothard, robust, strong and downy, busy, polished and skilful, and Graham, hardworking and steadfast, provided a half-back line which worked smoothly and purposefully throughout the season. Centre forward Wright, at times a little on the slow side, made up for his lack of speed by his long, strong kicking, which gave him 13 goals. Clayton, a youngster of great promise and often on the target, scoring 13 goals, worked hard and well in all his games, falling back to help the defence when necessary. Of the remaining forwards Sproston, at outside right, worked very hard, Kirkley, at inside right was ever busy in the middle, and Simmons, on the left wing, showed good positional play. Both Clayton and Simmons should do well next season. Sproston and Johnson E. must be congratulated on showing fine team spirit in following the team as reserves and when called upon playing good, clean football.

G. W. LEE.

### Senior Cricket Report

This season seven of last year's highly successful XI have been retained, so hopes run high for this year's team which is skippered by R. G. Randall.

At the time of writing only four matches have been played, but the team has lived up to all expectations with four quite comfortable wins. Fixtures completed to date:—

Gateshead G. S.	...	Home	Won by 12 runs.
South Shields H.S.	...	Away	Won by 65 runs.
Ryhope G.S.	...	Away	Won by 14 runs.
Whitburn H.I.	...	Home	Won by 16 runs.

A limit of either 22 or 25 overs per side has been imposed on all matches so far, and only once—the match against Ryhope G.S.—has the limit not come into operation. This match played on a biting cold night, when it seemed rugby or soccer would be a more appropriate game (incidentally the pitch behaved as if it had been recently used for rugby or soccer), provided the school with perhaps the toughest tussle of the four matches.

The best individual batting performances have been:—35 by Brown (n.o.) and Pullan against S. Shields, and 32 by Pearson against Ryhope. Pigg, who shares with Hogg and Allen the brunt of the bowling, has easily the finest performance in that line with 7 wickets for 4 runs against S. Shields.

The House Competition is to be decided on a league basis this season. Only one match so far has been played, but it appears to be another year in which Baby and Hylton will be the major contestants for honours.

Lunch-time net practices are again very popular, and it is here that thanks must be given to Mr. McClement for some valuable coaching advice, and for efficient organisation of the team.

M. WHILLIS (Hon. Sec.).

### Junior Cricket, 1953

The Junior Cricket XI completed only six games last season, of which three were won, two lost, and one tied. Dent was undoubtedly our best player, and played regularly for Sunderland Boys and Durham County. Of the rest Oliver headed the batting, chiefly owing to an innings of 53 against West Park, while in bowling Young gave able assistance to Dent. Greenwell, Cranmer, Menneer and G. Laverick also did some sound work.

Of those who played, Greenwell, Oliver, Maddison, Roberts and Rodgers were available this season, and have formed the nucleus of a sound side.

The following played during the season: D. Dent (Captain), G. Cranmer, A. Gishy, J. Greenwell, I. Hunter, A. Laverick, G. Laverick, J. Maddison, B. Menneer, A. Miller, G. E. Oliver, V. Pearson, M. S. Roberts, D. Rogers, P. R. Smith, W. F. Tindall, L. A. Young.

A.S.

### Under 15 Soccer XI

The Under 15 Soccer XI had another moderate season, where the chief weaknesses were again a lack of mobility in defence, and a lack of force in attack. Added to this was the fact that we rarely had a settled team, owing to the absence of different players at different times. This can be seen in that no fewer than 23 boys played in one or more games.

Altogether 19 games were played, of which 4 were won, 5 drawn, and 10 lost, with a goal ratio of 28 against 43.

Oliver, perhaps our most able player, represented Sunderland Boys throughout the season, usually at left-half, but as a result played in only 9 of our 19 games. Reed, who came to us from West Park in January, also played regularly at right back for Sunderland, and captained the team on several occasions. Best in defence was Irving, with able assistance from Brown and Perry, while among the forwards I should mention G. Laverick at outside-left, who left us at Christmas. Wilby, Cranmer and Greenwell were always trying hard but we lacked a sharp-shooting forward to finish off moves.

In the Duncan White Cup our Under 14 team reached the final but lost 4—1 to St. Aidan's.

The following boys played during the season:—A. Irving (Captain, 17), G. Cranmer (Vice-Captain, 18), D. W. Best (2), L. Bridges (13), G. A. Brown (19), A. Curtis (11), J. W. P. Dodson (13), Dolan (3), P. Featherstone (1), A. Greenshields (6), J. Greenwell (17), L. Hill (1), G. Laverick (6), L. Mezzo (9), G. E. Oliver (9), W. P. Perry (16), H. Reed (4), D. Rodgers (18), K. Roe (4), R. Stobbs (4), G. Wilby (18), D. Wilson (1), L. Young (4).

Goal-scorers were: Laverick (6), Cranmer (4), Greenwell, Irving, Mezzo, Oliver (2), Bridges, Dodson, Featherstone, Reed, Roe, Stobbs, Wilby Young (1).

A.S.

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### Tennis

At the beginning of the season this year, the team was faced with a complete fixture list, which for the tennis team is rather unusual. Having this year only two of last year's team remaining, Chapman and Plumptre, the exact team appeared uncertain. Fortunately this problem was soon solved by the excellent form of certain players, notably Noble and Laverick. Armstrong, Smith, I. Kerr, S. Kerr, Davies and Hindmarch also supported the team with commendable success. Of the 5 games played so far this season, 4 have been won. The only defeat was by South Shields when the team was weakened by the absence of two players. A notable feature of this season is the mixed doubles match with South Shields at the end of the term.

The singles tournament is progressing well, Leverick achieving a narrow, but nevertheless noteworthy victory in a long game with Chapman, the School Captain. The mixed doubles tournament is progressing equally well.

The team's sincere thanks are extended to all members of staff who have assisted in running the team, and especially to Mr. A. Taylor,

J. PLUMPTON (Vice-Captain and Secretary).

### Cross-Country Club

After our successful season of last year, we had the misfortune to lose Macdonald and Bittlestone, but their places in the regular team were ably taken by Noble and Reah. Randall and Covey maintained their high standard of last year, both running as captain and vice-captain for the second season, the former completing his fifth season in the cross-country team. Ferguson, running this year for his second season, also ran extremely well throughout, and was in constant friendly rivalry with Reah for fourth place in the team positions for each match. These five had Colours either renewed or awarded to them at the end of the season. Holland, Fawcitt, Millward and Thwaites completed the regular team, all of them running consistently well throughout the season and finishing usually in the above order. Young and Hopper also ran during the course of the year.

The Club had nine fixtures, winning six. Two of the matches lost were against two strongly represented Colleges of Durham University, while we were without Randall in both of these fixtures. Our third loss, however, was in the North-Eastern Grammar Schools Championships which was run over our shortened three mile course this season; we lost for the first time in three years, to Durham School. Rivalry between this school and ourselves in the field of cross-country has been very close in the past few years, and it was the Durham School's first attempt at the Championship. We offer our sincere congratulations to Durham.

We won the Annual Inter-Club Cross-Country Relay Race at Lumley Castle for the first time, beating University College, the previous year's winner, by a good sixty yards, Covey distinguishing himself by running the race in only five seconds outside the course record created by Randall last year. Of the other fixtures, the most notable was at Grangefield Grammar School, Stockton, where we encountered one of the most difficult courses we have experienced, in extremely adverse conditions, to win by eight points, despite our not being at full strength.

#### Results of this season's fixtures:—

St. Aidan's G.S. (home) ... ..	Won	39	48
King's College (home) ... ..	Lost	47	31
2nd Inter-Club C.C. Relay (away) ... ..	First Place.		
Ryhope G.S. (away) ... ..	Won	30	49
Royal G.S. (home) ... ..	Won	34	44
Durham Colleges II (away) ... ..	Won	25	30
Bede College (home) ... ..	Lost	48	30
Grangefield G.S. (away) ... ..	Won	36	44
N.E. Inter-Schools C.C. Championships (home) ...	Second Place.		

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The House Championships were run off on Monday, April 5th, with fewer members than usual. Individual winners were Allison in the Junior Section, with a time which was one minute outside the course record. As he is only in his first year at Bede, we expect great things from him in the future. Hylton House won this Junior Section. Cowey was first home in the Senior Section, which was narrowly won this year by Hylton, five points ahead of Durham. Good team-work by Hylton won them these successes.

Final House Placings were: 1, Hylton, 300 points; 2, Durham, 279 points; 3, Lamley, 201 points; and 4, Raby, 95 points.

Our thanks are again due to Mr. Thompson in particular, and also to Messrs. Jennens, Harrison, Prestwich and Collinson, who have assisted in the smooth running of the club.

Next season, we shall have lost all the present regular team except Reah, so there will be places for younger runners, who will have the difficult task of maintaining the past high standard of achievement.

A. FAWCITT, Hon. Sec.

## Athletics

### Public Schools' Sports.

Once again Cowey and Rendall were our two representatives in the L.A.C. Schools' meeting at the White City, London, on April 24th—25th. Our many attempts at the pole-vault finally met with success, for Cowey gained a convincing win in that event by successfully clearing a height of 11' 2", which ranks as the third best height ever achieved in these sports.

In Rendall's case, an instance of the intense competition he had to face is afforded by the fact that although he ran the mile four seconds faster than he did in gaining fourth last year, he was still beaten into fifth place in a very fast, exciting race which was ultimately won by B. Stone, in a time of four minutes twenty-five seconds.

Altogether, this year proved our most successful since we first participated in the competition in 1948. From the school's point of view it is indeed a tragedy that these two fine athletes will be irretrievably lost to us, as both are leaving at the end of this year, but we confidently hope for, and indeed expect, their continued success in their respective events.

### Durham County Grammar School Sports.

The venue of these sports, held on Saturday, May 20th, was again the finest circle track in the North-East, at the Simpson and Darlington Rolling Mills recreation ground. Out of a total of 15 competing schools, Bede gained an overall placing of eighth, mainly due to the efforts of the Seniors who finished third in their section.

Individual performances were:—

Open:—Cowey, first 880 yards, fifth 100 yards; Rendall, first, One mile; Young, first 440 yards; Nelson, first, Putting the Shot; Plimpton, fifth, High Jump; Hogg, sixth, Long Jump.

Junior:—Clamminson, third, Long Jump; Stacey, sixth, Long Jump.

### Sports Day.

Despite the later date of May 22nd this year, we were not favoured with the fine weather we enjoyed last year on Sports Day, and, indeed, the many spectators deserve our warmest thanks for their fine support on such a blustery day. As was only to be expected, records were few, being restricted to the Reed Cup, where the record was raised to five feet seven inches by Ritson, of Jarrow Grammar School, and the Senior Relay, where Durham flashed round in forty-nine seconds flat. In the House Championship, Durham fully avenged last year's reversal by Hylton, by winning with 217 points, with Lamley and Raby well behind.

The individual championships went respectively to Cowey, who bettered his success in the two previous years by winning outright four events, Cranmer, who recorded three wins, and Stacey, who closely emulated him.

One cannot close without paying tribute to Mr. Colbeck, of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, who presented the prizes, Mrs. Reed, who once again honoured us with her presence, and finally to all those members of both staff and school, whose unsparring efforts did so much to counter the adverse weather and make the occasion another success.

W. B. YOUNG.

### RESULTS: SPORTS DAY, MAY 22nd, 1934

#### 100 yards—

Senior: 1, Cowey (D); 2, Chapman (H); 3, Levine (D). Time: 10.8 secs.

Middle: 1, Cranmer (H); 2, Greenhilda (B); 3, Ward (H). Time 12.5 secs.

Junior: 1, Stacey (D); 2, Simmons (H); 3, Hoskins (H). Time: 12.5 secs.

#### 200 yards—

Senior: 1, Young (D); 2, Chapman (H); 3, Ferguson (H). Time 25.2 secs.

Middle: 1, Cranmer (H); 2, Ward (H); 3, Stephenson (D). Time 26.6 secs.

Junior: 1, Stacey (D); 2, Simmons (H); 3, Bolton (D). Time: 30.5 secs.

#### 440 yards—

Senior: 1, Cowey (D); 2, Young (D); 3, Richardson (L). No time taken.

Middle: 1, Cranmer (H); 2, Beak (D); 3, Stephenson (D). Time: 59.1 secs.

Junior: 1, Stacey (D); 2, Johnson (H); 3, Gooch (D). Time: 59.6 secs.

#### 880 yards—

Senior: 1, Cowey (D); 2, Rendall (H); 3, Young (D). Time: 2 mins. 9.5 secs.

Middle: 1, Beak (D); 2, Settle (D); 3, Mansour (D). Time: 2 mins. 19.6 secs.

Junior: 1, Topping (H); 2, Johnson (H); 3, Gough (D). Time: 2 mins. 40.8 secs.

#### Long Jump—

Senior: 1, Hagg (D); 2, Chapman (H); 3, Ferguson (H). Distance: 17ft. 4ins.

Middle: 1, Turnbull (L); 2, Ward (H); 3, Menzies (D). Distance: 14ft. 8ins.

Junior: 1, Cleminson (E); 2, Smith (H); 3, Beauden (D). Distance: 12ft. 8ins.

#### High Jump—

Senior: 1, Young (D); 2, Reineck (E); 3, Craggs (D). Height: 4ft. 10ins.

Middle: Holm (L); 2, Beah (D); 3 Turnbull (L). Height: 4ft. 8ins.

Junior: 1, Simonsen (H); 2, Bolton (D); 3 Cleminson (E). Height: 3ft. 10ins.

#### Open Events—

Shot: 1, Nelson (H); 2, Hagg (D); 3, Plumptre (L). Distance 38ft. 4ins.

Discus: 1, Noble (H); 2, Thwaites (D); 3, Kirk (E). Distance: 66ft. 6ins.

Javelin: 1, Craggs (H); 2, Nelson (H); 3, Hopper (H). Distance 37ft. 11ins.

Pole Vault: 1, Cowey (D); 2, Adamson (D); 3, Morris (H). Height: 8ft 6ins.

Mile: 1, Rendall (E); 2, Noble (H); 3, Whittle (D). Time: 4 mins. 25 secs.

#### Relays—

Senior: 1, Durham; 2, Hylton; 3, Lamsley; 4, Raby. Time: 49 secs. (Record).

Middle: 1, Hylton; 2, Durham; 3, Raby. Time 53.2 secs.

Junior: 1,1, Durham; 2, Hylton; 3, Raby. Time: 57.5 secs.

#### Head Cup—

1, Brixton (Jarvis G.S.), 40. Time (record); Plumptre (Bede), 50. 8ins.

#### House Championships—

1, Durham, 217 points; 2, Hylton, 194 points; 3, Raby, 176 points; 4, Lamsley 96 points.

Individual Championships—Senior: Cowey, 24 points. Middle: Cranmer 21 points. Junior: Storey, 21 points.

### Boxing Club

The Boxing Club has had another enjoyable season during which many boys attended regularly and as a result their standards of performance improved tremendously. The more experienced members took an active part in the coaching of the more junior novices and were responsible, in fair measure, for the high quality of the boxing demonstrated so markedly when the season closed with a Boxing Tournament which was held on 7th April, 1954, in the School Hall.

This "highlight" in the Club's activities was made possible by the generous help of Mr. L. Goodall, Durham County Organiser of Boys' Clubs and a member of the Amateur Boxing Association, who lent us the ring and also acted as a judge;



Referee, Mr. H. Frith, P.E. master at Thorney Close Modern School; Messrs. S. Walton and W. Glendenning, who judged; and the school Medical Officer, Dr. G. C. Slade, who looked after the physical well-being of the contestants. Many members of Staff contributed in many ways to the smooth organisation of the event and deserve the gratitude of the Club. Mr. P. J. Gillespie, P.E. Organiser for the Sunderland Education Authority, was present and was able to see the results of the hard work which he had in past seasons put into what was in effect "his Club."

The results of the contests were as follows:—

1. Junior B. (13—14 years), 5st.—6st. 7lbs.:—  
G. Oxley (R) beat C. Gough (D).
2. Junior B. (13—14 years), 6st 7lbs.—6st.:—  
M. Stacey (D) beat B. Penrose (L).
3. Junior A. (12—13 years), 5st. 7lbs.—6st.:—  
M. Fowler (H) beat B. Sayers (D).
4. Junior B. (13—14 years), 6st.—6st. 7lbs.:—  
J. Lee (R) beat J. Thompson (R).
5. Senior, 16st. 7lbs.—11st.:—  
A. Noble (H) beat W. Craggs (R).
6. Intermediate A. (14—15 years), 5st. 7lbs.—6st.:—  
P. Short (R) beat I. Bridges (L).
7. Junior A. (13—13 years), 7st.—7st. 7lbs.:—  
E. Johnson (H) beat J. Harle (R).
8. Junior B. (13—14 years), 7st 7lbs.—6st.:—  
D. Larcombe (L) beat T. McFeldrick (H).
9. Heavyweight Trophy Contest:—  
P. Lavery (D) beat W. Slimmin (H).
10. Intermediate B. (15—16 years, 6st.—6st. 7lbs.:—  
I. Armstrong (H) beat E. Stobbs (D).

The following boys were declared champions in their respective groups there being no opponents to contest them:—G. Ferguson (H); M. Needham (R); M. Tullock (D); and J. Shephard (D).

The House Trophy was won by Hylton with 35 points followed by Rahy, 27 points, Durham, 24 points and Lumley, 11 points.

#### BOXING PERSONALITIES

- P. LAVERY: Once again heavyweight champion. Has improved his style this year and continues to punch with all his weight. A good, orthodox boxer.
- J. SHEPHERD: Has maintained his conscientious attitude towards his training and has developed considerably. Has a powerful punch and can certainly "rough it."
- A. NOBLE: Has developed his speed this year and is now very fast and strong in his punching; his straight left is very good indeed as some of his sparring partners know only too well.
- M. TULLOCK: Fast, powerful and skilful, but has a tendency to forget the orthodox method of approach.
- W. SLIMMIN: A strong, capable boxer who has a useful approach but there is room for a more positive attitude.
- P. SHORT: An efficient performer who has developed a polished style. Shows considerable promise.
- M. STACEY: A good, hard boxer with a useful style.

- G. OXLEY: Has a very good style and "copybook" footwork; should develop into a very successful boxer.
- C. GOOCH: A conscientious boxer who takes the "rough with the smooth" and has an admirable attitude towards the sport. Is developing very well.
- J. LEE: Has tried very hard this year and has produced good results.

The Club is greatly indebted to Mr. D. R. Prestwich for his guidance, coaching and invaluable help in the onerous preparations for the Tournament, and also to Mr. A. Collinson who also gave of his time and energy in this direction.

G. W. LEE.

### Obituary

It is with regret that we have to record the death, on June 6th, of Mr. Charles Sturge, M.A., Ph.D., Head of the History Department from 1918 to 1932. Mr. Sturge was not only a scholar but a devoted schoolmaster who did a very great deal to develop the corporate and social life of the School. He maintained his connexion with us regularly after his retirement, partly by visits and partly by his foundation of the London Branch of the Old Bedans' Association.

### Old Bedans' Association

#### Secretary's Report

The year 1933-4 has been one of steady work with no real highlights. Both football clubs enjoyed successful seasons without winning the highest honours. Highest praise is due to the Rugby Club for the excellent way in which it staged the County Junior "Sevens" Competition. The Badminton and Archery Sections remain alive but would welcome a new influx of members. Both these clubs enjoyed the best facilities in their Sport that the town can offer.

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Barnes Hotel, on Monday, September 7th. Attendance was less than that of the previous year; 40 members attended. The most important decision taken was with regard to the Association Blazer, which may now be either of the original striped pattern or plain black, in each case with the distinctive badge on pocket. Orders for the blazer will be executed by Binns' Ltd., on receipt of an authorising chit signed by me. The same firm have now a stock of the Association's tie.

Two hundred and fifty guests enjoyed the Annual Dinner Dance held in the Bay Hotel, on 27th December.

This year the Summer Re-union will be held in two parts: an informal dance in the Bay Hotel on Friday, 2nd July, and a cricket match against the School on Saturday, 3rd July.

The boys leaving school this July will have the aims and functioning of the Association explained to them over a cup of tea. The officials hope by means of this informal approach to ensure a yearly intake of new members who should provide a solid core of loyal stalwarts in the years ahead and so remove the barrier of age disparity that has troubled the Association for many years.

The original minute book has been found and so our records dating back to 1911 are complete. More than once the minutes of early meetings end thus—the members then adjourned to the fragrant aromas waiting for them at the Palatine Hotel. Happy days!

GEO. T. HALSTEAD, Hon. Sec., O.B.A.

### Hon. Treasurer's Report

At the Annual Meeting in September, 1953, the Treasurer (Mr. B. T. Ayre), reported a very satisfactory year. A record number of 290 subscriptions had been received during the year and a surplus of £38 on the year's working made. It was agreed that £15 be invested in the Sunderland Working Men's Building Society, bringing the total invested to £200.

**Note.**—The Treasurer wishes to remind those members who have not paid their subscriptions for 1953-54 to do so without delay.

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

#### 1st XI

The season has been a very uneventful one so far as league and cup honours are concerned.

The team finished fifth in the league eight points behind the joint league winners Wellmans and Durham Colleges.

Old Bedans' record was as follows:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	PTS.
26	14	5	7	72	52	38

Hopes of another championship win were dashed very early in the season as only five of the previous season's team were available.

To single out personalities: Frank Lawson, as goalkeeper had a very good season, his safe hands and clever anticipation making goal-keeping look so easy: Stan Manning starting the season as a wing forward, later moved to left back and had some fine performances. Ralph Swinhoe, captain and centre-half, proved a steady barrier against goal-hungry centre-forwards.

Of the new faces, John Smith, Brian Treshitt, and John Murta blended into nice understanding after a slow start, and next season, if available should do very well.

Centre-forward Ernie Peacock was top scorer with 17 goals, Brian Trowhitt with 10 goals, Jack Coyle and John Murta with 8 and 6 goals respectively.

## 2nd XI

The team finished 10th in the league with Wallsend St. Lukes winning the league with 45 points.

Old Bedans record was as follows:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	P.	A.	PTS.
24	8	2	14	58	81	18

The record isn't very imposing but it must be pointed out that the second team is strictly speaking a reserve team and unfortunately there were many calls on them and in consequence little chance of settling down as a unified team.

With hopes of the same players being available next season, both teams should be capable of rising higher in the league, but one can only wait and see.

D. G. JOSS, Hon. Sec.

## Old Bedans' Rugby Football Club 1963-64

It is a pleasure to report that the Club can once again look back on yet another successful season, which, though producing no trophies, has enhanced our good name in the County and consolidated our reputation as players of good Rugger.

The 1st XV, though narrowly failing in the final of the Durham Junior Cup, were selected as the outstanding junior side of the year and were afforded the honour of playing against one of the finest XV's in the County—Darlington G.S.O.B. The defeat suffered has served only to increase the Club's determination to bridge the gap between the junior and senior game.

The 2nd XV, too, had a very creditable season though at times playing considerably below strength, a matter which it is hoped will be remedied next season.

Whenever possible 3rd XV fixtures were arranged and the team, consisting mostly of members of the School, under the able captaincy of Dave Hogg, enjoyed a most successful run, only just failing in the final of the Fourth Teams Shield.

Another highlight of the season was the unqualified success of the Junior Seven-a-side Tournament held for the first time at Bede, when the Club were hosts to fifteen teams and their followers from surrounding Clubs, and hearty thanks are due to those members of the school who helped so willingly in the organisation.

Socially active too, a most enjoyable evening was had by some 150 members and friends who attended the end-of-season Dance held in the Barnes Hotel, and it was generally felt that this was the Club's most successful social venture.

Finally to all Old Bedans and to you members of School shortly to become Old Boys, the Club extends a warm welcome, in the hope that with your help next season may be even more rewarding.

J. L. GREEN, Hon. General Secretary.

