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Editorial

Revolutions are not always the dramatic *coups d'état* of popular myth. Their nature is often that of an insidious, protracted struggle, silent but vicious.

Hence the symbolic scene in which we now write. The glory that was once the Arts Sixth lies about us in ruins. Chaos reigns supreme, and from the dust and rubble there rises, phoenix-like, the consummation of our scientific aspirations. Their victory, it would appear, is complete. And yet the indomitable spirit of the artists has resisted the combined intrigues of the Clerk of the Works and his noisy minions the pneumatic drill. The sanctity of the Library, the very Mecca of academic endeavour, is now being violated. Never in the field of municipal enterprise has so much noise been made to the annoyance of so many by so few.

Having read the forthcoming we trust that you will agree with us that the artistic temperament of the School is unscathed by the Philistine intrusions of the servants of Mammon. We remain convinced that the 'ethereal mould, incapable of stain, will soon purge off the base fire.'

J. TEMPLE.

P. N. WOOD.

SCHOOL NOTES

We were joined in September by a number of new members of Staff. Mr. E. Alker took up duties as Head of the Biology Department, Mr. I. G. McIntosh as Head of the Geography Department; Mr. W. Graham came for English, Mr. J. W. Bainbridge for Physics, Mr. D. C. Ambrose for Science and Mr. J. McCabe for Physical Education. To all these gentlemen we accord a hearty welcome. An Old Bedan, Mr. Eric Graham, joined us in a temporary capacity to teach Modern Languages; he has been obliged to leave us at the urgent call of the Army. We were grateful for his help. At the end of the Autumn Term Mr. Todd left us to take up a Departmental job at Houghton Grammar School; he took with him our best wishes. Mr. G. W. Lee proceeded at the end of the Spring Term to the Deputy Headship at Reddy Secondary Modern School; he had been with us as a master for some ten years and had done a very great deal of splendid work for the Boxing Club and for Junior Soccer. His influence and good humour are missed and we wish him every success in his new work. We are delighted to have with us Mr. D. Dwyer, who is teaching Geography during the coming term.

We should like to send our best wishes to Mr. Ellis and to Mr. Ambrose on their respective marriages.

We should like to record our appreciation of the Rugby stand erected on the School field by the Old Bedans' Associa-

tion. It was officially handed over to the Education Committee on 18th September.

There was a showing at the School of the film "Smoking and Lung Cancer."

During the last week in September and the first week in October there was a great deal of political activity in the School. It all tended to be rather like eighteenth-century hearings; there were no bribes offered and no abs-cams handed round, but there were certainly violence and vociferation. Meetings were quite well attended, those in the Quad especially so, though the hall of Bann himself might have found his voice strained there. Turn used the School electronic equipment to whip-in the lardy to his meetings; it was a shattering experience for everybody. Mr. Jelly and Mr. McClement and their Drama Club engineers rigged the Hall with polling-booths, and all was done in sophisticated style. The B.B.C. sent a camera-man and, if you were lucky, you viewed yourself that evening in "News from the North"; the Hall looked positively Gothic, studded windows richly light (those black-out curtains!), casting a dim, religious light; and Hoskins played a grim recording-angel to an endless succession of disembodied feet. In the event, P. N. Wood, the Conservative, held the seat with a majority of 258 over P. Cooper, Socialist, who polled 207 votes. T. M. Turn, the Liberal, polled 118 votes.

On October 20th a large number of boys attended a concert given by the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra.

Mr. S. S. Wilson, Headmaster of Monkwearmouth Grammar School, very kindly distributed the awards at the Swimming Gala.

On December 12th the School Choir contributed at a Festival of Carols held at the Salvation Army Citadel.

On December 21st the Middle and Upper School attended a film of "Hamlet" shown in the Hall.

A couple of days later the whole school was edified and amused at an end-of-term concert put on by the Seniors. There was some excellent topical joking, the butt of which appeared to be Bates.

On the 22nd January Lambert Flack gave a flute-recital to the School.

A party from the School attended a performance given by the Ballet Rambert.

Alderman K. Johnston, J.P., presided at the Senior School Speech Day on 18th February. Professor H. C. Pauson, M.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S.E., distributed the prizes. In a speech full of anecdote and quotation, he drew a distinction between living and life; he stressed the regulating power of religion and the importance of the practice of toleration for creed and colour. The School thanks him for his good offices.

The Junior Speech Day was held in the succeeding week and was presided over by Alderman J. Tweedell. We were delighted to have Canon C. L. P. Bishop, Rector of Bishopwearmouth, to distribute the prizes. In a lively and pointed speech he maintained that one of the chief functions of education was to enable people to enjoy life; the places one visits, the people one meets, the things one does, all merit understanding; to see something of the pattern behind it all is of the essence of pleasure and purpose.

We are grateful to Miss Bradbury, Headmistress of the Girls' School, and to Miss Tasker, Principal of the Teachers' Training College for respectively adjudicating the G. T. Moore and India Cup Debates.

We are grateful, too, to Mr. P. J. Gillespie, Physical Education organiser, for distributing awards at the Boxing Tournament.

On April 7th Mr. Ette of I.C.I. addressed the Senior Schools on careers with his firm.

At Founder's Day Service on April 28th the Very Reverend Lord Bishop of Durham preached the Sermon, an impelling allegorical interpretation of the story of David and Goliath; there could have been no one upon whom it failed to make a profound impression. The Service was, as in the past, preceded by Communion Services which were attended by large numbers of pupils from both Schools.

The new Science Block, a wonderfully impressive place, spacious, airy and well-appointed, is near completion. Everyone will be glad when it relieves the present congestion; and some members of Staff will have leather lungs and ear-plugs to dispose of. There is, of course, the re-construction of the old building still to be faced.

The new heating is generally agreed to be a great improvement on the old; it has broken down (nothing-trouble) twice, on both occasions in climatic conditions of unparalleled rigour.

We congratulate G. Clayton, the School Captain, on being selected for the coaching scheme for boys at English Public and Grammar Schools. The course was held at St. John's College, Oxford, and Clayton wound it up in fine style by doing well enough to be chosen to play in the representative XI against Scotland.

We congratulate, too, H. Dennis on his distinction in winning a very valuable Foreign Office Scholarship. Dennis, who of his own initiative has found ways of learning Arabic, is to spend ten months in the Lebanon at the Middle East Centre for Arab Studies at Shevshan, near Beirut. This is to be a prelude to his further studies at St. John's College, Oxford.

There was only one State Scholar this year. We congratulated T. E. Dyer; he is going up to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, to read Economics.

A number of boys not mentioned in last year's issue have been given places at Universities: to Durham went N. H. Cleminson (School of Botany), M. J. Stacey (Zoology) and G. Bell (Dentistry); S. G. Farrow and D. Wilson are in Schools of Chemistry, the one at Edinburgh University, the other at Sheffield; W. E. Pearson has gone to Manchester to read Economics.

Of the present generation, D. Hoskins has been accepted at St. Chad's, Durham, to read Theology, D. Tweedle at St. John's College, York, and T. M. Tunn at Bede College, Durham; H. G. Watson is proceeding to the Medical School at King's College, Newcastle.

Only one boy, D. G. Liddle, last year gave a book to the School Library on his leaving. We thank him and hope more boys this year will follow his lead.

Boys who are leaving this year should join the Old Bedians' Association, details of whose activities appear at the end of this issue.

The Editors gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following Magazines from other schools and regret any inadvertent omissions: Magazine of Bede Girls' School; The Albatross; The Atom, the Rutherfordian, The Hestonian, The Elizabethan, The Stocktonian, News, The Magazine of Monkwearmouth G.S.

The Editors of "Bedian" this year are J. Temple and P. N. Wood.

SCHOOL PREFECTS

Captain of School: G. Clayton. **Vice-Captain of School:** A. Simmons. **Prefects:** D. Hawkins, T. Dyer, D. McHarg, P. Cooper, M. Bates, I. Hoskins, R. Foster, D. Hamilton, A. Hindmarsh, J. Temple, P. Wood, J. Ditchburn, M. Anderson, M. Wilson, W. Petrie, M. Bram, I. McLaren, R. Coxs, J. Harle, B. Watson, H. Nicholson, C. Duff, A. N. Fearon.

WHEEL RIGHT

Not many people know the true origin of the wheel. Most people think that it was invented by an unknown person in days gone by. The true story is this.

Saiboo was an ardent communist in a country which followed communist principles. He was employed in leading the team which dragged the sledges bearing yew trees from the state forests to the great munitions factory near his village. Here the longbow, the great new deterrent, the weapon to end all wars, was being built.

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That night he discussed his idea with his local party leader, who said that certainly it was a good idea but of course he would have to consult Moscow before he could adopt the idea. A runner was therefore sent off to Moscow. Two months later he returned with a message for the local party leader. The message said that the party chiefs were disappointed in his narrow-minded behaviour. Didn't he know that the wheels he was intending to use were of the same shape as some drawings in whitewash found in a cave near Moscow, namely a circle? These drawings must have been made by primitive men. Any attempt to use that shape for a wheel would be a reactionary step and against party principles. Therefore, the party leader and Serlho humbly forgot about the wheel and its reactionary shape and applied themselves to increasing their production per man hour.

Three months later a message came from Moscow stating that they could now use the wheel as it had been found that the circular shapes of whitewash were only the idle drawings of teenagers who had nothing better to do. The wheel could therefore be used for their karts since it would not be a reactionary action.

Serlho was very puzzled at this. Since he was not very well educated he was unable to understand what difference it made whether the whitewashing was done recently or a thousand years ago. The local party leader did not know either but he was sufficiently well educated to realize that what the party chiefs in Moscow said must needs be right and it is a brave man indeed that argues with his chief.

Thus because of the foresight and broad minded nature of the party chiefs in that communist country the development of the wheel was encouraged. In any other country jealous capitalist sloggers would have suppressed the idea but in a communist country good ideas are always accepted.

A. R. WILKINSON, UVA.

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

This year the Society has once again been privileged to welcome a number of most competent speakers, embracing a wide field of knowledge. The opening meeting was addressed by Mr R. Dawson, who gave a most interesting account of the history of navigation. We also had several visitors from Durham University, including Mr. S. Turner who spoke on "The Expanding Universe," and Mr. Peter Hill from the Department of Oriental Studies who was able to present a most vivid account of the present Middle East

situation. The last meeting of the year, when the Society was entertained by the articles of Prof. Bargrave-Weaver which accompanied his talk on the Ancient Greek theatre, will long be remembered by those present, nor will the first commercial venture of the "Phoenix" film studios, "Operation Rocket," directed by T. M. Tunn, Esq., whose School premiere was shown before the highly critical eye of the Society. It was a most profitable evening for Tunn.

It has been pleasing to note that the Lower Sixth are taking an active interest in the Society, and this has to some extent offset the dwindling interest of the remainder of the Sixth Form. The Science Sixth are, apart from one or two notable exceptions, particularly apathetic, perhaps taking their cue from certain committee members who are invariably conspicuous by their absence. The Society attempts to satisfy the tastes of all, and one of its functions in these days of increasing specialisation is to provide a common meeting ground for science and *ars studentis alike*. Too many tend towards the opinion that if the subject of a visiting speaker appears to be outside their narrow field of interest it is not worth their while attending. I look forward to a change of heart next year.

On behalf of the Society I should like to express my gratitude to Mr. Taylor who has been tireless in his efforts to further its wellbeing and to promote an active interest in it among the Sixth Form.

F. N. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

AUTUMN'S CONCLUSION

—A free adaptation of Gautier's "Fin d'Automne"

Determined are days of autumn's claim;
The summer sun once bright, now tamed,
Lies sleeping in a bleak and wintry cloud.
The mist throws up its quiet chilly screen
And hardet, hill and field as one are seen;
The earth shall sleep wrapped in a foggy gown.
From forest deeps uncanny sounds are heard
Which tell the dire need of beast and bird
Who sing, amazed, a song of pining need.
In biting winds the hungry fledglings perch
Upon the trees, of foliage stripped, to chirp
A last farewell to days of sun and seed.
The humble peasant now to God aspires
To keep him from that bite of winter's fire
That burns a hole in hearts of men.

Autumn, farewell, your days were sweet.

R. MEDDIS, USA.

MALHAM TARN FIELD COURSE

Nine members of the science sixth, with 40 students from other schools, attended a biological field course at Malham Tarn for a week commencing May 4th. Our arrival was heralded by an all-boy rendering of "Here where once—" on a portable piccolo played by a somewhat boisterous character sporting a moustache of the "Whasbo" variety over which, set at a rather rakish angle, was something resembling a trilby hat. We heard a lot more of "Pan" during the following week, but it was not until the second day that we realized that his repertoire consisted almost entirely of Reveille played at 7:30 a.m. Apparently the authorities had been warned about this warbler, for we were billeted as far away as possible from the main building in a quaint old world's cottage, complete with a private zoo, which, for some unknown reason, had been given the name of "The House of Industry."

Our zoo proved rather prolific and now the school boasts a magnificent collection of wood-lice, spiders, and other such revolting creatures.

The first two days were spent studying botany, examining scree slopes, glacial drift, and limestone grylls, at the bottom of which, with not a tree in sight, were found complete woodland communities. Light entertainment was provided by our botany lecturer who was given to testing the pH of a soil sample by chewing it, and, if it tasted gritty, proudly pronouncing it alkaline. On the Saturday we searched for zoological specimens, turning stones on the rocky north tarn shore, and later sampled mud from the sedge bed. A dangerous operation this, as the mud was thigh deep in places. However, nobody managed to disappear completely from view. Sunday was a free day, and the devout got a lift to Church in the Dormobile, after which some of us visited Malham Cove and Gordale Scar, while others went to Victoria and Attermore Caves with "individuals" from another party. Monday was taken up by quantitative work on *Chara deliculata* (a pond weed) brought back by a boat from the centre of the tarn, also on mud taken from the bed of *Chara* spores near the shore.

Individual studies were undertaken on the Tuesday, some of the Bede party plotting vole runs (one individual who shall be nameless sincerely believed a vole was a rare species of bird) while others examined, to the strains of Pan, the flora of Janet's Foss, 5 miles away.

A certain amount of bathing was done on the Sunday. Photographs of this memorable occasion entitled the "Water Babies" can be obtained (while stocks last) in their re-touched form from Grantham, LVEs. That is, of course, unless the Lord Chancellor intervenes. All other photographs highly "U." Sayer complete with dinky and yellow waistcoat, looks the perfect confidence trickster, Rex wears the blue serge of our police force, Hunter will show his dimples for 4d extra, Dave Carter clutches a histogram for dear life, Grantham smelling of Yardley's after shave lotion, Pan still

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playing his accursed pipes, Charlton in his genuine leather shorts specially imported from Germany, yours truly feeling rather vague in his cravat, and Bas, the incorporeable Bas, completes this family portrait by falling asleep down a gully, going to bed fully dressed, and diving headlong into a ditch to avoid being mown down by a Land Rover.

The work, because it was done in such pleasant surroundings, will, I am sure, have made a lasting impression on us all, and I would like to take this opportunity in thanking Mr. Alker, once again, for making possible our enjoyment, both the serious and the frivolous.

G. CLEGG, J. M. STEPHENSON,

Lower Sixth Science.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

The activities of the society have followed the established pattern and we have enjoyed several visits to works and a number of lectures on a variety of topics.

On 22nd July, 1959, parties from the school visited Donford's Marine Engine Works and Vaux's Brewery. We were impressed with all we saw and it was not difficult to understand why Donford's enjoy a world-wide reputation. Our tour of Vaux's was a convenient sequel to an earlier talk on "Industrial Fermentation" and we were fortunate to have Mr. Tracey conduct us through the many ramifications of the brewery and explain each stage of beer-making so clearly.

The lecture programme which we were privileged to enjoy was the result of co-ordinated effort on the part of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, the Extra-Mural Board of Durham University, and the Local Education Authority. Lectures were as follows:—

Oct. 22nd, 1959: Local Geology. Mr. F. Rylance, Head of Mining Dept., Sunderland Tech. College.

Nov. 5th: Wild Flowers of County Durham. Dr. M. E. Bradshaw, Sunderland Tech. College.

Nov. 11th: Astronomy and Radio Telescopes. Dr. W. D. Corner, Durham University.

Nov. 25th: How our Body works. Mr. F. H. Oliver, Head of Pharmacy Dept., Sunderland Tech. College.

Jan. 20th, 1960: Jet Propulsion and Supersonic Flight. Mr. D. A. Waingham, Principal, Sunderland Tech. College.

Feb. 3rd: Weather Forecasting and Meteorology. Prof. W. B. Fisher, Durham University.

Feb. 10th: Bird Biology. Dr. J. C. Coulson, Durham University.

Feb. 17th: The Evidence of Evolution. Dr. W. Hopkins, Durham University.

Many individuals in the upper school availed themselves of the opportunity of listening to authoritative addresses on a wide selection of specialised sciences. It should be stated that the lectures were arranged for Sunderland schools and

Bede was selected as a convenient centre. This resulted in audiences varying considerably in composition. It was pleasing to see quite a number of Bede Sixth Form Arts students attending these functions, since it was the aim of the scheme to stimulate interest in science. In connection with these lectures we are indebted to Messrs. Jelly, McClernett and Alker for the assistance they so willingly rendered in setting up projection equipment. A word of praise is due also to those able Sixth-Formers who performed the duties of projectionist so efficiently.

On April 5th a party of thirty boys and three staff visited the Wear Glass Works of Jas. A. Jobling & Co. Ltd. We were most cordially received and were particularly pleased to learn that Jobling's hope to attract local grammar school students, who display ability, to adopt careers in glass technology. To this end, they are offering a number of scholarships tenable at university.

At the time of writing, six ardent advanced-level physicists are sacrificing a day's holiday and an opportunity to see a Royal occasion on television, by visiting an exhibition of mechanical engineering equipment arranged by the Stephenson Engineering Society of Newcastle. This speaks well for their enthusiasm.

With regard to forthcoming attractions, it is our intention to visit I.C.I. works at Billingham on July 18th. This will certainly prove popular. We also propose to have a number of scientific films at school in the winter months when firms are somewhat reluctant to accept parties for visits to works.

S.A.B.B.

JOHN PEEL'S PARADISE

'Dye ye ken John Peel, with his coat so grey,
Well he lived at Troutbeck, once on a day;
And now he has gone far-far away,
With his hounds and his hare, in the morning.'

Through the thickly wooded area of Peel's own haunt I made my way, down the bank of Troutbeck itself and to one of its secluded pools (where I found full justification of the stream's name.)

Just then a rustling in the river fern heralded the appearance of a russet-brown male fox, immediately followed by the "ack-ack-ack" of a startled blackbird. Gazing up through the towering conifers I could see two hen harriers hovering over Newland's Pass.

Suddenly I came upon a magnificent sight: glittering and sparkling in the evening sun lay the beautiful lake Blamethwaite and there, standing in the bulrushes, were three Purple Herons.—necks poised with aristocratic grace, eyes gleaming as they peered at the fish below. Then, alas, as one shrugged and glanced round uneasily, I was seen! And all three took to the air, croaking accusingly.

An owl hooted in the pines as I made my way carefully round the lakeside and out across the placid waters. On the

gray side of Barf Fell I saw the strikingly realistic figure of the 'Bishop's Back.' This is a whitewashed rock on the mountainside which marks the height which a certain bishop reached on mule-back after accepting a challenge to reach the top.

Then as the sunset blazed on the western mountains, the bats swooped low over this natural paradise and I fancied I heard through the thickening dusk, the fading call of a distant horn.

"For Peelf's View Halloo would awaken the dead,
Or a fox from his lair in the morning."

R. TEMPLE, 3.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Library Committee formed at the beginning of the year has done a deal of hard work. The necessity, however, of using the Library as a teaching-room has been an inhibiting factor in its smooth running. We are all hoping that the reconstruction-work may soon be completed so that we may have the place again for purely library purposes. During the Easter Term the Library was closed for some weeks for stock-taking and, on the re-opening, we instituted a new ticket-system extending to the Sixth Form. New tickets have been printed and the system appears to be working satisfactorily, its great advantage being that popular books may be reserved. A certain amount of re-organisation has gone on; opening times have been changed, juniors, under the aegis of Hamerton, have been given charge of specific sections. Many new books have been acquired, especially in the Sports Section, and there have been two exhibitions, small but interesting, one of early editions of Pope, the other of woodcuts by Thomas Bewick.

Hamerton of VI was awarded a Headmaster's Certificate of Merit for his services.

Mr. Graham would like to acknowledge the assistance of all the Librarians, a band now recognisable by their badges of office.

P. LATHAN (Hon. Sec.).

A COLLECTION OF CHESTNUTS FROM A MEDIAEVAL ANTHOLOGY OF HUMOUR

By Ibn el Faar

Translated from the Arabic by R. M. Dennis, V1A Arts

A man who had sailed upon the sea was asked, "What is the greatest marvel you saw?"

He replied, "My safe return."

A married man was asked, "Would you like to be bereaved of your wife?" "No." "Why not?" "I'm afraid I might die of joy."

Jumrair looked at a pack horse staggering beneath a



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a friend of his and remarked, "This peck horse of yours walks bookfully!"

A literary man said to a friend of his, "By Allah, you are the garden of the world." The other replied, "You are the river from which that garden is watered (i.e. on battery)."

El Jemman said to Abu Sharaah, "How are you?" "I am suffering from boils which have appeared in the worst place." "I can see no sign of them on your face!"

Once a citizen was invited to dine by one of his brothers who kept him sitting until the afternoon without giving him anything to eat. The man went almost crazy with hunger. The master of the house took up his lute and asked, "Upon my life, what tune would you like to hear?" "A tune on the frying-pan!"

A man spent the night in the house of some other people but the owner of the house woke up in the night and heard the man laughing in the room above, so he called out to him, "Hey, you!" "Here I am." "You are in the house. How did you get into the upper room?" "I rolled!" "People roll downwards, and not upwards — how did you roll upwards?" "That is what I'm laughing about!"

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Officers:—Autumn Term: President, P. N. Wood; Secretary, J. Temple; Ass. Sec., P. D. Lathan; Post Laureate, I. D. Hoskins.

Spring Term: President, J. Temple; Secretary, P. D. Lathan; Ass. Sec., A. A. B. Metcalfe; Post Laureate, P. N. Wood.

While no-one, I suppose, would pretend that our oratorical fights this year were Ciceroian, they were at least in something approaching the best Roman tradition; Mr. Moore puts his not inconsiderable authority behind this. At any rate, the filibustering winds of recent times appear to have blown themselves out and there has been in their place a crisp air of conviction and point.

There was, indeed, a deal of remarkably well-informed and closely argued speaking in the closed debates. Wood, Temple, Dyer, Marshall, Hoskins, Metcalfe, C. G. Ford, A. Thompson, Medda, all did well at various times. The Cup Debates saw competition at its most vigorous. Dyer carried off the G. T. Moore Cup in the Autumn Term; there was an awful egeracy in his political jeremiads. Medda, on the other hand, who won the cup in the Spring Term, specialised in honeyed geography. Metcalfe had a hard run in the India Cup and won it handsomely with an admirably persuasive speech.

The weakness of the Society has unquestionably been in the comparative apathy of the House as a whole. It has been the poorest year for some time for speeches from the floor; and this in spite of a good number of faithful adherents who have evidently enjoyed the proceedings. Perhaps by next term they will have overcome their diffidence.

It would have been good, too, to see more members of the Fifth present; the Society depends on continuous recruitment for its health.

We should like, finally, to record our appreciation of the interest taken in the Society throughout the year by Mr. Lewis.

F. LATHAN (Hon. Sec.).

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Autumn Term.—President, H. J. Barker; Sec., B. Burton; Senior Member, S. Landau; Junior Member, R. Herring; Post Laureate, A. D. Cohen.

Spring Term.—President, B. Burton; Sec., S. Landau; Senior Member, R. Lowe; Junior Member, M. Victory; Post Laureate, C. E. Pearlmans.

The Society has fared reasonably well this year and although meetings were only held once a fortnight, a firm nucleus of members has attended. There has been a varied selection of debates ranging from the influence of the cinema to the necessity of the circum-plus examination. A particularly well-attended meeting was that in which A. D. Cohen emerged as winner in an impromptu speech-competition, with D. C. Towers, a worthy runner-up.

Finally on behalf of the members I would like to thank Mr. Wyllie for his willingness to help the Society in every possible way.

S. LANDAU (Hon. Sec.).

S.C.M. REPORT

It appears that many boys do not read their "Bolas"; for on page 22 of last year's edition, under the above heading it can be read that the Rip Van Winkle of school societies has awoken. Many boys do not seem to appreciate this fact since only about six boys have attended regularly this year. We can only be sorry that more boys did not avail themselves of the benefits provided by the meetings.

We have had a variety of meetings during the year, including discussions and two "Any Questions" sessions, one in each of the schools. We had a good variety of speakers; the President of the Sunderland Hebrew Congregation on the Jewish way of life, and one by Rev. C. Lacey-Jones on past monasteries and present excavations at St. Peter's. This year's District Conference at South Shields Grammar-Technical School was well attended.

With the advent of this year came Mr. D. C. Ambrose; we give our thanks to him for his continued support and to Mr. J. A. Graham for his guidance. We also thank Mr. W. Graham for allowing us to use the library on Thursday nights for our meetings.

It is with high prospects of next year's meetings that we make this report.

A. M. HINDMARCH (Chairman).
R. G. CARTER (Sec.).

COMBINED CHORUS CONCERT

The concert this year began with the first performance of 'Salute to a Royal Prince' by Mr. Kirk, our music master. This work, subtitled 'Our Andra,' proved to be a tuneful and engaging piece in the style of the famous Pomp and Circumstance Marches, and was given a sympathetic rendering by our friends of the Orchestra.

The main work of the first part of the concert was 'Ilsewatha's Wedding Feast' by Coleridge-Taylor. In this we were fortunate to have Mr. A. Smith to sing the well-known solo. His beautiful singing in this made up somewhat for the poor diction of the choir in the rest of the work.

The centrepiece of the second part was a performance of 'The Highwayman' by C. Armstrong Gibbs. Here the choir—refreshed during the interval?—sang with great spirit, a prominent feature of the work being the way in which the choir captured the whole atmosphere of this exciting work. Here we must record our thanks to the members of the orchestra, to Tony Metcalfe, who accompanied us at the rehearsal, and to Mr. Kirk for all the work he did as conductor.

The concert also included two short choral works with organ accompaniment and organ solos by R. A. Coxon.

As it was then announced we will sing Mozart's Requiem next year under Miss Bernard, and we hope that more boys will come and join us when rehearsals recommence next term.

R. A. COXON.

MISSILE

Up, up it points
Heavenward straining
Sky attaining
With steady joints.

Down, down it dives
Earthward winging
Death it's bringing
To countless lives.

Low, low it lies
Mid disaster;
Louder, faster
Shrill shrieking cries.

Load, load the shell;
Buildings crumbling,
Rains tumbling,
Destruction; hell.

A.A.B.M.

THE BEDE NATURAL HISTORY GROUP

The above organisation was established at a special meeting in the Biology Laboratory, on Thursday, 19th May, 1960. Members of the Fifth, Upper Fifth and Sixth Forms elected their representatives to the central committee, and at the time of writing these gentlemen have yet to elect their responsible officers. By the time this appears in print activities will be in full spate.

Our aims are varied in nature and it is our humble belief that we have something to offer all who are capable of contemplation and wonder, as well as violent physical exertion on occasion. The term 'natural history' is a broad one; as living organisms in a physical environment we are interested in the geography and history of our countryside as well as the more specifically biological aspects of life. Our local fields and woods are far richer in animal and plant life than is usually admitted; within a few miles of our school in areas where principles of the greatest scientific importance have been worked out by local scientists, principles which touch our lives at every turn.

This we shall attempt to illustrate by a succession of outings to places of interest in Durham, Northumberland and Yorkshire; by joining in meetings of the Northern Naturalists Union, the Royal Microscopical Society, the Philosophical Society and the Institute of Biology; by a winter programme of outstanding films on a wide array of topics, and talks by visiting speakers in many spheres of life.

By such means we hope to promote enjoyment of the outdoor life, and reveal the richness and variety of life around us; to encourage fellowship and self-reliance through service to others, and to help acquaint members with the spirit of science and the scientist by showing members how they may themselves add something to the sum total of human knowledge. The committee extend a cordial invitation to all eligible for membership to join us, and so to add their own contribution to the variety of our communal life.

E.A.

BEDE DRAMA

This year's choice, "The Strong are Lonely" by the German, Fritz Hockwälder, was tackled with the vigour and enthusiasm characteristic of the Drama Club, under the direction of Mr. E. Alton. The play, not lacking in suspense and entertainment value, also posed questions of more than transient interest, in particular, the clash between loyalty and the voice of conscience, and the relative values of benevolent materialism and Christian asceticism. It was evident, too, that Hockwälder had in mind the dilemma many Germans had to face during the War: that of the ultimate moral responsibility for carrying out unjust and inhuman orders.


The success of the play was due in no small measure to the fact that the best and most convincing acting came from

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the two characters faced with the most difficult decisions. Hawkins, as the Father Provincial, was a figure of towering strength, whose acting could but rarely be faulted and who looked, every inch of him, the part he was playing. Metcalfe, as Father Orso gave an equally inspiring performance in a slightly less important role. His speeches had not only the ring of sincerity, but at times a transcendent quality peculiarly adapted to the idealistic character he portrayed. His use of words was superb, showing no traces of the hollow-sounding phrases frequently heard in amateur productions.

Though handicapped by his rather slight stature, Hawkins gave a capable interpretation of Don Pedro di Miana, the King's Deputy. For a man of such authority he had, however, a tendency to be too demure, which contrasted strangely with his violently explosive outbursts. Temple gave a typically shallow rendering of the Bishop of Buenos Ayres: more Temple than Bishop, we felt, but it didn't seem to matter, especially as this Bishop was well-endowed with cunning and common sense. Of the remaining characters, who all played their parts manfully, perhaps the best was Edward as Captain Villano. The main criticism to be levelled at many secondary characters was a tendency to overact, especially in their gestures.

Apart from the enquiry, which dragged quite considerably, the play moved at a good pace and interest was well maintained. One felt, however, that the action would well have ended with the shooting of the Father Provincial. The subsequent scene, with its incantations and bell-tolling, was well acted and the stage-effects helped to produce the appropriate atmosphere, but by this time interest in the play had begun to flag. This was, of course, no fault of the actors, who are to be complimented on their rendering of the play.

A.T.

GATEWAY

Derek Walker died. He saw the lorry as it bore down on him, felt the panic as his hands tore madly at the wheel, and heard the crunch of metal striking metal, became aware of the terrible pain in his body, and then nothing. Nothing that lasted for a brief instant but which pushed all that preceded it back in his memory so that the day before, the year before, his life before became as one—all remembered, but all a long time back.

Derek saw a door before him. It was an ordinary door, wood-pannelled, brown-painted. Without thinking otherwise he instinctively pushed it open and entered the room behind. It was a large, airy room, well-lit. The walls on his right and left consisted almost entirely of windows, translucent with the impression of sunlit gardens and pleasant walks behind. On the other side of the room on a raised dais in a large stone seat, sat a large benevolent-looking man dressed in a white toga. A writing desk and chair were on the floor in front of him.

"Come in! Sit down," said the man, indicating the chair. His voice was warm and jovial. Derek did so.

"I am the Keeper of the First Gate," announced the man. "Now will you kindly fill in the form in front of you?"

Derek looked at the form. It was headed "Deceased Persons. Preliminary Form." He looked up sharply. "Deceased Persons. But that means I'm . . ."

"Dead," finished the keeper. "The lorry—do you not remember?"

Derek remembered. He remembered the actions, yet the deep passions they evoked—and sometimes highly emotional scenes when recalled bring back the emotions vividly too—did not come with them. He realized he was calm. It surprised him, but then how are you to know what you are going to feel like when you are dead. Anyway, he mused, there seemed nothing to do but fill in the form.

The first page was easy. Name, date of birth, occupation, wife's name (if married)—the usual stuff. Turning over he was confronted with "What you consider to be (a) your 15 best virtues, (b) your 15 worst vices, (c) your ten best actions, (d) your ten worst actions. A footnote warned him that falsification could be detected and could lead to the direst consequences.

Well, that was a bit more difficult! He could think of about eight vices and five or six virtues and about six or seven very good and very wicked deeds he had done, but he had to rack his brains to fill the form in fully.

Finally it was done. He laid down his pen and looked up at the First Keeper.

"Ah! You are finished," the Keeper smiled a corpulent smile and descended to pick up Derek's paper. Taking it he disappeared out of the door Derek had come in.

Derek leaned back. So this was—where was it? Limer probably. He never thought it would be like this, but then he had to admit he had not really thought about it at all. Well, what now? Heaven and hell, he had never bothered about that stuff for a long time. Well he would soon find out anyway.

The door opened and the Keeper returned, empty handed.

"Go down to the door at the end of the corridor, knock and then walk in," he told Derek. "You will find the Keeper of the Second Gate there."

Derek did so. The room looked like any office anywhere in the world. Behind an ordinary-looking desk sat the Keeper of the Second Gate. The Keeper was plural; it consisted of three men. The man in the middle had black hair, looked about sixty, and wore a brown suit and waistcoat. The other two looked about forty-five. Their suits were of lighter shade and they wore no waistcoat. Altogether they looked like an interviewing board.

They were, but a more terrifying board than Derek had ever known. For over an hour they questioned him on every facet of his life. They asked him about his childhood, his youth, his manhood. They questioned him about his job

and his hobbies. They queried about his enemies, his friends, his girlfriends. They talked about his views on politics, religion, nude, sex and literature. And so skillful were they that he could hide nothing and they drew out all his inmost held thoughts and beliefs. Finally it was over. His head was numb with their questions, his hands were running with sweat and it stood out in cold beads on his forehead. He was shown into a small room. He collapsed onto a chair, too weary to do anything else.

Gradually his brain cleared and then a great fear overtook him. He realized what this was all about, not a new job, but a place for eternity. Heaven and hell, heaven and hell and the decision was made, he only awaited its announcement.

The door was opened and he was ushered down the corridor to the room of the Keeper of the Third Gate. He offered no resistance, all energy, all life even seemed to have deserted him. The door of the room opened and he went in.

The room was small and windowless. It was dark, lit only by two flickering candles on the Third Keeper's desk, candles which threw hideous shadows across the walls. The Keeper of the Third Gate was small. His head, face and body were hidden by a black cloak, nay a shroud. His hand which he placed on the desk was horribly thin and emaciated. His voice when he spoke was dry and high-pitched.

"Derek Walker," he said, "we have watched you all your life. We have watched you change your tricycle for a bicycle, that for a motor-cycle and then that for the car in which you met your death. We have seen your appetite for speed grow, we have seen it grow more and more important in your life. We have watched your drunkenness, yet we have seen your strong love of your family. We were there when you magnified yourself and when you humbled yourself. You swore and we noticed it, you controlled your tongue and it did not pass us by. We have watched all you did to help the blind and we have watched your church-going wither and die. We were there when you risked your life to save that child in that fire.

Yes, we have watched your past. Now we have examined you as you are. Your every thought is chronicled. We know you much better than you do yourself.

Now comes the decision which you know must be made. Whether you go to heaven"—and Derek thought he could hear the heavenly voices, could see the cherubim and seraphim, could see the pure joy and beauty and peace on their faces, a look so sweet no words could describe it. "Or whether you go to hell"—and here again it appeared to Derek as if he could hear the awful groans and could see the livid reds and yellows, the faces full of despair, full of hopelessness, the terrible faces of the lost.

"But for you, Derek Walker, our decision is not easy. You have not earned the blessedness of heaven and yet you do not deserve the damnation of hell. You have gained neither the winner's nor the loser's laurels. But you have been given a second chance. Take it, grasp it, use it and thank the

"Almighty for His goodness. Now go!" and he flung out his arm towards the door. Without a word, Derek rose, walked up to the door and beyond . . .

"Well, it looks a healthy baby," commented the doctor.

"Yes," replied the nurse. "You know I often wonder what life has in store for the babies I help deliver."

H. N., Sixth Form.

MUSIC CLUB

The Music Club was formed early in the School year from a nucleus of fourteen members. Its first series of meetings, during which popular works like Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Dvorak's "New World" and Smetana's "Ultova" were played, was well attended. As the programmes became more ambitious, however, so did attendances tend to fall. This, nevertheless, did not detract from the pleasure derived by habitués as they ranged through not only the School library of records but those of members as well.

We hope to have many enjoyable meetings next autumn and cordially invite members of the School to join us.

A. SUITEES and M. MIDDLEMISS (Hon. Secs.).

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THE MUSIC CLUB

The society for boosting the ego of Surtess and Middlemiss commonly known as the Music Club meets every Friday after school for an hour's formal classical enjoyment in the traditional cultured Bedou style.

The activities of this versatile club are very numerous: one may see Art writhing across the table, showing the world how Beethoven felt when his 3rd Penny-whistle Concerto went wrong in the scherzo, or the charming picture of Wilson and Thompson coating each other in various shades of blackboard chalk. Meanwhile Phillips sits glumly beside the record-player, calmly counting the grooves on the cracked 12" record, at the same time supplying the rhythm by beating the piano keys with a chair-leg.

Spike Kane, the thug, is as much "scrit" by Dvorak as we are by Dartin, and stands in the middle of the floor gyrating in time to the "Marcia-Funebre," whilst Harrison contorts himself with a quiet "Crazy, man, crazy!" and plants his feet in Surtess' left ear which the latter has carelessly left lying around.

At this juncture the cultured serenity is broken by the entrance of the cleaner, who contributes to the harmony by banging brush and shovel against every desk, and the melody is further enhanced by Temple's rendering of the "Lone Ranger" in the background, accompanied by Wilson's "chop-sticks" on the piano.

Throughout all this the most ardent music fan of the group, Meddis, has sat quietly at the back, intently drawing a memory fatigue curve, or is it his idea of Brigitte?

Soon after this Middlemiss tires of the cleaner's melodic racket and retires into a back room to emerge with a battered instrument in his hand. His attempted rendering (quite futile) of Bachmanisoff's 3rd Piano Concerto (he is playing a double bass) is not greeted with much enthusiasm from the others, who restrain him at the cost of a broken record.

The meeting is "broken with most admired disorder" as usual, and we classical lovers, such in his own quiet way, attempt to break our fellow's neck on the stairs.

Because of the possibility of black murders after this publication we, J. Wilson and A. Thompson, sign ourselves

Two Anonymous Elvis fans.

P.S. Any reference to any person living or dead is intended as a personal insult and should be taken in all seriousness as befits the dignity of the club.

ADORATION

I bow my head in reverence ;
 My human hands and feet exchange
 For Your most awful Stigmata ;
 My heart of living human blood
 For Your Heart, th'Eternal Spring
 Which forever bleeds and pours
 Out life and love, and my hope.

What outward grace, what breathing force
 Gives me strength enough to walk
 These steps of love and penitence
 To the sacred altar step ?
 You burn my soul, high reigning King,
 Your Cross shines bright and pierces
 My brain, my sense, my flesh and bones.

Only that great Love given to us
 From You upon that Back of pain,
 Absorbing, as You did my Patern—
 Ointment perfumed, wet with tears—
 Me, your wretched, lowly servant
 Even till my unknown death.
 Thus, Sacred Heart, pray pity me !

And if You will absolve my soul
 And see in it that dimward light,
 O speechless Host, Panis Caeli,
 Send forth your all-persuading rays.
 Balm-cooled, love-warmed, palm-strewn, high-raised,

Receive me into Your Bosom—
 Holy Chalice ;—and secure me.

D. J. MASKELL, VIA.

SENIOR CRICKET REPORT

Officials for 1969 are : Captain, Harle ; Vice-Captain, Clayton ; Secretary, McLaren.

Last season the team enjoyed quite a measure of success, even more so than is indicated by the results. The full record was :

P. 10. W. 6. L. 4.

Some of the games we lost were very close indeed and could have gone either way.

Harle captained the side in his usual efficient manner and the fact that team spirit was at a high level was due in no small measure to his enthusiasm and encouragement.

The batting was reasonably strong, and while no one was really consistent, invariably someone found his form when runs were required. Both Galloway and Foster topped the

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hundred run mark, each making fifty in a match and occupying first and third places in the averages respectively. Berrisford, with an average of 17.0 was second, while Ross, Hixon, Sampson and Clayton all had at least one good innings.

The bowling was remarkably good, and of a considerably higher standard than is usually found in school cricket. Bell was top of the averages with 32 wickets for 1.2 runs each. In Berrisford the school has found one of the finest bowlers in the County, and, although often erratic, he still troubled opposing batsmen as his 13 wickets for 3.8 runs each shows. Good support to these two was given by Harle and Morgan who took 14 and 9 wickets respectively.

To promote interest among boys outside the 1st XI, a 2nd XI was formed, which beat Bede College 2nd XI in the only match played.

Colours were re-awarded to Harle, Bell, Ross and McLaren, and awarded to Clayton, Foster, Galloway and Hixon.

So far this season we have played four matches, winning three and drawing one.

We would like to thank Mr. McClement once more for his invaluable coaching and untiring efforts in maintaining the success of the team, and also the other members of staff who have given up their free time to accompany the team. Finally, a special word of thanks is due to Hodgson, the scorer, for the invaluable part he plays in the running of the team.

[IAN McLAREN (Hon. Sec.)

JUNIOR CRICKET, 1969

In terms of results last season was not a very successful one, for of 3 games played, 2 were won and 1 lost.

Yet there was much to be pleased about in the season's play. Of the fourteen boys who represented the school no fewer than eleven were able to play this season, and seven of those will be eligible in 1971. Their experience will naturally be extremely useful; I hope it leads to better results.

In batting Rowland, the captain, was our outstanding player. He scored 138 runs for an average of 26.9, his innings of 78 not out against Southmoor Tech. being the highest for Bede since the war. Storey also did well with the bat, scoring 108 runs—average 17.7. Thompson was third with an average of 11.7. Morrell, Goodfellow and Birtwistle had varied success.

It was in bowling that the weakness chiefly lay. Scott had the best bowling figures of 23 wickets for 142 runs (average 6.17). Young, Storey and Thompson did quite well at times but were not consistent. There is hope, however, for the future.

Individually our boys acquitted themselves well. Rowland, Scott, and Storey played in the Sunderland Boys' XI which won the Durham County Schools' Cup. Rowland and Storey batted extremely well, while Scott wrought havoc among opposing batsmen.

1st XV. TEAM



Back row, l. to r.: Mr. M. Barry, D. Sandison, E. Williams, P. N. Wood, M. Clark, F. Hodgson, M. Errington, K. Sumner, I. Hay.
Front row, l. to r.: M. Wilson, A. Henderson, G. C. Horner, S. M. Bates (Vice Capt.), D. L. Bunting (Capt.), I. D. Hoskin, K. Pearson, T. Roberts, D. A. Roxburgh.

1st XI. CRICKET TEAM



Back row, l. to r.: D. Weston, P. N. Wood, D. McLaughlin, A. Hodgson.
Front row, l. to r.: R. A. Roxburgh, G. Kirk, I. McLaren, J. Barrie (Capt.), B. Foster, W. Morgan, J. T. Bewick.

1st XI SOCCER TEAM



Back row, L. to R.; K. Addison, G. Turner, G. Kirk, D. Edga, P. Cooke.
Front row, L. to R.; Mr. W. Ellis, W. Morgan, R. Foster, I. McLaren (Vice Capt.),
D. J. Towell, D. Birchall, J. T. Bristow.

SENIOR BASKET BALL



Left to right: D. Hamilton, G. Kirk, D. Hinchey, A. Stewart (Capt.), H. Wilson
(Vice Capt.), T. Watson, J. T. Bristow, J. Harle.

CHESS TEAM



Back row, l. to r.: F. Cranner, N. Copland, J. Cohen.

Front row, l. to r.: B. Harrison, R. Harris, A. Thompson (Sec.), Mr. J. P. Linton, J. Peartree (Capt.), L. Kane, J. Grainger.

ATHLETICS TEAM



Back row, l. to r.: B. Irvine, I. B. V. Goldsmith, K. Lewis, M. Griddle, L. Ross, J. Whitfield, N. Callaghan, D. Newrick, A. Kirtz, B. Lightfoot, A. L. Foster, J. Goodfield, F. Herring.

Third row, l. to r.: K. B. Pearson, M. McCree, J. Robertson, R. L. Wynn, M. Davis, P. Cooper, J. Doolary, J. O'Flann, P. N. Wood, F. Johnson, A. Marrel, D. W. Chastain, R. Wilkinson, C. Glass.

Second row, l. to r.: A. N. Pearson, H. A. Boyd, P. Hickey, B. Liley, J. Harle, A. Simmons (Capt.), Mr. W. Ellis, D. Hamilton (Vice Capt.), F. Hodgson, M. Clark, G. Kirk, J. Beresford, S. M. Burns.

Front row, l. to r.: A. C. Melville, A. Archibald, W. Kinnay, J. L. Pratt, K. Storey, E. Clapham, D. J. Winters.



Seal on shore, Mediterranean Sea.

Photograph by M. G. G. G.

Scott and Bowland also played for Durham County. Scott, with 6 wickets for 24, made a vital contribution towards Durham's first victory over Yorkshire at Middlesbrough.

Scott and Storey were chosen for winter coaching, and we look forward to their leading the school team to success in 1960.

The following boys represented the school in 1959 (figures in parenthesis indicate number of matches played): K. W. Bowland (Capt., 8), A. Anderson (7), P. Birtwistle (8), N. Callaghan (1), J. Gaby (2), E. Goodfellow (8), F. Johnson (8), R. A. Marvell (7), D. Scott (7), J. Smith (8), J. D. Snowball (1), K. Storey (8), B. Thompson (8), K. Young (7).

A.S.

RUGBY REPORT, 1959-60

This season has been an average one for the school XV, it having lost seven of the thirteen matches. However, it must be said in our defence that defeats were narrow and that we have been badly written by injuries. Ten of our regular XV were injured at some time during the season for periods ranging from one week to two months.

We began the season with eight new recruits, namely, Wilkinson and Davidson, to the backs, Horner and Fearon to the half backs and Hay, Rosburgh and Robson to the forwards. Worthy of special mention is Robson who narrowly missed being selected for the county in his first year of senior rugby.

We were pleased to have two "old faithfuls" back again in the shapes of Bates and Hawkins, both always reliable, sensible and constructive on the field, Bates being once again selected for the county XV.

Garbutt too is worthy of special mention, for his play in the line-out would have been sadly missed. Wood and Evington completed the pack which played sound rugby throughout the season. The half-backs, although a good pair, would probably have done much better had they perfected their passing, for Fearon, although ferocious, tended to be erratic. The backs no matter how they rearranged themselves never achieved that thrust in the centre which is so necessary if points are to be scored. Their defensive play, however, especially that of Hamilton, was sound in spite of the pack's tendency not to cover.

We entered a team for the Durham County Sevens' Championship and were defeated in the semi-final by Gosforth. On behalf of the team I should like to thank Mr. Berry for his ever-ready help and advice and all the members of the Staff Rugby Panel who have refereed our matches or taken us on our visits to other schools.

Results:—

Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
13	4	2	7	108	101

The U15 team had a very poor season owing largely to lack of team spirit and the will to fight back. The forwards, particularly when Griggs was available, did fairly well but weak attacking and bad defensive play by the outsiders spoilt their work.

Congratulations, however, go to Glass who played in all four Junior County games, and to Ross and Griggs who each played in one.

The U14 team began the season very well but disappointed at the end. There is, however, promising material in this Junior side notably Clayburn (three-quarters), Berry (half) and Blyth (W.) and Blyth (D.) and Lewis (forwards). With some positional change and hard practice this could produce next season the best U15 side the school has had for some time.

Playing records were:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
U15	15	1	14	8	70	238
U14	12	4	7	1	61	93

I. D. HOSKINS (Hon. Sec.).

SENIOR SOCCER, 1959-60

Captain: G. Clayton.

Vice-Captain: I. McLaren.

In spite of the fact that the team was unsettled throughout the season by injury and County team calls, the 1st XI once again enjoyed a most successful season. The full record is:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
25	14	4	7	78	43

Beesford, our regular centre-half last season, whom we had hoped would form the foundation for our defence this year, was unfortunately troubled with a recurrent injury which kept him out of the team for all but ten games. His absence necessitated a great deal of experimenting in both defence and attack, as is illustrated by the fact that twenty-one players were called on during the season. It is, therefore, rather surprising that we had such an excellent goal average and were once again able to reach the semi-final of the Tyne-side Grammar Schools' Cup, although it seems we are fated never to progress further in this competition.

By far the most notable achievement of the season, however, was the success of our captain, Clayton. He was a member of the Durham County Grammar Schools' team for the third successive season and was this year chosen to captain the side. He was also chosen again to attend the F.A. coaching course, held this year at Oxford, and he distinguished himself so well that he achieved the great honour of representing the England XI against a similar Scottish team. This is ample illustration of his ability, and also of the great asset and inspiration he is to the school team.

The only positions which were filled regularly throughout the season by the same players were goalkeeper, where Ridge played well enough to be chosen for the County team, and the

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two full back positions, which were ably filled by Tweddle, the most improved player in the side and the stalwart of the defence, and the tenacious Cooke. The half-back positions were filled at various times by McLaren, Addison, Morgan and Foster, who deserves credit for his enthusiasm as a utility player. In the forward line Clayton was well supported by Snowball, whose accurate shooting brought him nearly thirty goals for the second year running. On the right wing Lewins was an elusive runner and a good shot but after he left school midway through the season this position was never satisfactorily filled, although Turner's ability to score goals made him a useful replacement. Addison worked hard at inside forward, but he looked much happier at wing-half, where he should do well next season, whilst at outside left Lewis's apparent ability unfortunately too often succumbed to a hard tackling full back.

Now on behalf of the team I should like to thank Mr. Ellis for his invaluable advice and interest in the team during both practices and games.

Appearances:—Addison (25), Tweddle (25), Cooke, Ridge, McLaren (23), Snowball (22), Morgan (18), Foster (18), Clayton (17), Lewins, Turner (15), Lewis (13), Beresford, Lock (F.) (10), Kirk (4), Maddison, Gourlay (3), Alcock, Bray, Sandall, Lock (B.) (1).

Goal Scorers:—Snowball (26), Clayton (18), Turner (9), Lewins (7), McLaren, Kirk (5), Addison, Gourlay, Lewis (2), Beresford, Foster, Lock (F.), Maddison, Sandall (1).

Colours were renewed to Clayton and Ridge and awarded to Snowball.

A. SIMMONS (Sec.).

UNDER 15 SOCCER XI

The Under 15 XI had a fair season, as their record shows:—

Pt.	W.	D.	L.	For	Agst.
17	8	4	5	43	12

The team are to be congratulated on winning the Cochrane Cup for only the second time in the School's football history. In the process of doing this they beat such strong teams as Southmoor Tech., St. Aidan's G.S., and Havelock.

In the League, however, it was another story, for the team gained only 9 points in 11 matches. More punch in attack was needed, and the defence was too often beaten by a fast, direct forward line. In defence Howells had a fair season in goal, at times making brilliant saves, at other times fumbling the ball through not keeping his eye on the ball. Scott, Duckworth, and Hutchinson were sound at back, but all could be beaten by a fast winger. At half-back we were well served by Watson, Duxbury, and Smithson, with Storey and Nixon helping in the absence of Watson and Duxbury. The forwards' chief trouble was lack of size and strength, but Ross, Nixon, and Gaby worked well. Storey proved the most dangerous forward, and topped the list of goal-scorers.

while Callaghan on occasions was a match-winner, particularly against St. Aidan's in the Cup.

Watson was selected to captain Sunderland Boys, and also represented Durham County. Duxbury also played a number of games for the town team, and was reserve on several occasions.

In the Duncannon White Cup, the Under 14 XI, under the captaincy of Storey, beat Monkwearmouth G.S. 2-4, after a 1-1 draw, but lost 4-2 to Southmoor Tech., the ultimate winners. Storey, Callaghan and Smithson were members of the Sunderland Under 14 team which won the Hartlepool Hospital Cup, Storey being top goal-scorer.

The following boys played during the season (number of games in brackets) : K. Duckworth (Capt., 16), T. P. Watson (Vice-Capt., 16), J. G. Brown (6), N. Callaghan (14), J. S. Duxbury (12), J. Gaby (16), D. Harrison (1), B. Horn (17), Howells, D. (16), Hudson, J. R. (1), Hutchinson, L. (6), Mollenry, C. J. (6), Marrs, G. T. (2), Nixon, J. (16), Pearson, W. S. (6), Pratt, L. (6), Scott, D. (12), Smithson, J. (13), Storey, K. (13).

Goal-scorers: Storey (10), Callaghan, Nixon (4 each), Horn (3), Gaby (4), Brown, Pearson (4 each), Duxbury, Hutchinson, Marrs and Watson (1 each).

A.B.

UNDER 13 XI

Captain : K. Stephenson.

Vice-Captain : H. Waters.

To judge by results, this has not been as successful as the previous two seasons; the team however has on occasions produced a high standard of soccer, but has not gained a result commensurate with their good play.

Particular mention must be given to the centre-half and captain, K. Stephenson, who proved himself a pillar of strength in the defence, covered by his two backs, Ransley and Ridley, and flanked by G. Bey, and R. Hounslow who alternated as inside-forward with I. Goldsmith, while D. Hepple gave fearless displays in goal. As for the forwards, B. Lightfoot with his strong shot, P. Fenwick and H. Waters with their clever control and H. Shepherd and P. Curtis with intelligent passing, all revealed that, with real determination, they were a match for most teams.

These reserves who regularly and enthusiastically attended all the games and occasionally played themselves should not be forgotten; they are—J. Nolan, L. Herbert, E. Royal, D. Loxton and R. G. Potts.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
15	5	2	9	22	39

The following boys represented the school :—K. Stephenson (17), H. Waters (18), R. Hounslow (19), B. Lightfoot (15), I. Goldsmith (28), P. Fenwick (17), D. Ransley (18), G. Bey (17), D. Hepple (20), H. Shepherd (7), E. Ridley (7), P. Curtis (7), J. Nolan (6), R. G. Potts (6), E. Royal (3), H. Wilson (3).

W. Cloughton (2), L. Herbert (2), P. Mair (1), P. Mahoney (1), B. Glasper (1).

...Goal-scorers: P. Fenwick (8), B. Lightfoot (7), P. Curtis (5), H. Waters (3), I. Goldsmith (4), L. Herbert (2), K. Stephenson (1), R. Hunslow (1), J. Nolan (1), H. Shepherd (1).

J.P.W.

HORROR SPOT

I could feel their eyes upon me. My every movement produced a restless stir amongst them. They were of all shapes and sizes, big and small, fat and thin, insect and sly; but they all had a look of drawn starvation.

By sheer force of will, I managed to keep them in position. A few of them, trying to appear unconcerned, eased slowly forward, a warning and a prod here and there were enough to send them back to their places, to cower there in terror. Others sat hunched, with muscles taut, ready to spring at the least sign of weakness.

The activity increased the air of expectancy from the pack. I knew I could not hold them back much longer. Slowly I retreated, calling out soothingly to try and calm them into a gentler mood. My nerves were on edge, watching for any sudden rush which would lead to a calamity.

After what seemed an eternity, I reached the safety of a barrier. Seeing that this was a signal, those in front pounced forward and there was a mad scrambling at the rear.

Just before being overwhelmed by the deluge of leaping, fighting, scratching, punching bodies, I managed to shout "Anyone for seconds?"

F. BRETTE, UIVB.

BASKETBALL REPORT, 1955-56

Captain: A. Simmons.

Vice-Captain: R. Lewis.

The school team has had another highly successful season and this year, for the first time, the team won both the Bede and the Darlington Tournaments. At Darlington the result was never in doubt: in the Bede Tournament, however, the team seemed to lose confidence and just scraped into the final. They had no difficulty in beating Darlington in this game, although Darlington had well beaten them in an earlier game.

In the other fixtures the team was rather inconsistent. Lewis, the chief scorer, left school in February. After this, although unbeaten previously, the team lost twice to a Durham Colleges' team, in one game by the narrow margin of 3 points. They also lost by 4 points in a match against the Harlequins team. Both of these teams consisted of older players.

In the last fixture of the season the team played magnifi-

cent basketball and beat Durham School by 122 points to 56, the highest score ever achieved by a Bede team.

Scorers were:—

Simmons, 341; Lewins, 232; Wilson, 146; Harle, 183; Hindmarch, 27; Hamilton, 98; Bernsford, 146; Watson, 22; Kirk, 15; Sandall, 59; Pickersgill, 8.

The second team had a number of games and played quite well. In the house tournament Hylton were champions, with Durham runners-up.

The team would like to thank the various referees, especially Mr. Griffiths who also coached the team.

Results:—

P. 11, W. 15, L. 3, For 1,218, Against 689.

M. WILSON (Secretary).

LIFE SAVING AND SWIMMING

The swimming and Life Saving Clubs have again shown an improvement both in performance and strength this year. Classes for life saving of the Royal Life Saving Society were held on a Monday in the Gym and the water work carried out with the Swimming Club on a Wednesday. Apart from these two times boys were encouraged to attend at Newcastle Road on Fridays at 6 o'clock and on Saturdays at 8.30 a.m.

Bede teams were entered in the Sunderland and Tyneside Grammar Schools Galas and gained commendable positions. In our annual gala with Durham School we were again defeated. Together with gala activities the club had many miscellaneous events. A team was entered at the last moment for the A.C. Cox Trophy and came third, much to the surprise of everybody, including the team. It is hoped that the team will improve its position this year.

Boys were entered for training courses run by the Authorities.

Miscible dicta the club has at last acquired its own stopwatch.

Competitive swimming has again shown that Bede swimming could occupy a leading position in school-swimming in the county if only we set about it systematically. With this in mind training is being concentrated on the first and second years.

Once again we must thank Mr. Taylor for his running of the Swimming Club throughout the year and for his organising the Gala, which this year was held at Newcastle Road Baths. The results of the Gala are included elsewhere, and it is hoped that they might inspire the younger boys to greater efforts.

T. M. TUNN.

THE BOXING CLUB

The Boxing Club has had a very successful season. It has held weekly meetings which were attended by a number of keen boys, especially the younger ones. The more senior boys who continued to attend the meetings of the Club benefited both in their physical fitness and in the technique of the art of boxing. Mr. G. W. Lee and Mr. J. A. Graham again gave their time for promoting the interests of the Club. All members would like to thank them and to wish Mr. Lee every success in his new appointment.

The Boxing Tournament, which concluded the season, was held in the School Hall on the 5th April, 1968. Sixty-six boys entered for the Tournament and, after some very good eliminating preliminary bouts, twenty-six boys won their way into the finals. The thirteen final bouts, which were hard fought in every case, bore witness to the very fine sportsmanship of the contestants. There was some excellent boxing especially by W. M. Battray, R. G. Potts, K. Jarvis, D. A. Newrick, G. A. Taylor, R. Turner, K. B. Fearon, N. Coghlan and A. J. Moor. Special mention must be made of the courageous effort of A. N. Fearon who was the runner-up in the Heavy-weight contest. J. T. Harle was again the winner of the Heavy-weight trophy, for the second year in succession. The Club is greatly indebted to all those who helped to make the tournament a success and especially to Mr. F. J. Gillespie, Physical Education Officer, who presented the trophy, Mr. R. Prith, the referee, Messrs. W. Glendinning and S. Walton, two of the Judges, to Mr. E. G. Cooke, Leader of Lambton Street Boys' Fellowship Centre, for the loan of the ring, felt and canvas, and Dr. J. Peacock, medical officer.

The following were the results of the final contests :

1. Junior

Winners	Runners-up
B. Allen (Hylton)	T. H. Trotter (Lansley)
C. B. Wood (Durham)	P. D. Landon (Durham)
W. M. Battray (Durham)	R. G. Potts (Baby)
J. W. Walton (Baby)	M. D. Hepple (Baby)

2. Intermediate

F. A. S. Wood (Lansley)	T. Buxton (Lansley)
K. Jarvis (Baby)	D. M. Pipe (Lansley)
D. Slyth (Hylton)	N. Callaghan (Durham)
P. V. Harrison (Hylton)	T. White (Durham)
D. A. Newrick (Durham)	F. B. Heskisson (Baby)

3. Senior

G. A. Taylor (Hylton)	R. Turner (Hylton)
K. B. Fearon (Durham)	J. Frisby (Durham)
A. J. Moor (Durham)	N. Coghlan (Durham)
J. T. Harle (Baby)	A. N. Fearon (Durham)

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3rd	Hylton	"	29	"
4th	Lumley	"	28	"

CROSS-COUNTRY

Captain: B. Allison.

Vice-Captain: P. Cooper.

The season was a great improvement on the last few years and prospects for the future seem bright. We succeeded in winning at least one match against each local grammar school; against Monkwearmouth we did especially well to gain the first six places. As usual, we were beaten by the Royal Grammar School and by Durham School; the latter, run in appalling weather, was a really crushing defeat, Durham occupying the first seven places. We usually won three matches out of seven, were eighth out of ten in the North-east Championships and ninth out of thirteen in the Lumley Castle Relay. In other 'combined' matches we were second out of four and twice second out of three.

Both House Championships this year were won by Hylton, although in the Senior race Allison of Durham was the Senior winner in a field of forty-eight. Davis of Hylton was first out of ninety-five in the Junior event. A system of standard times was instituted this year, whereby all finishing within a specified time were awarded a point.

Colours this year were re-awarded to Allison (average position 1.5) and awarded to Lathan (2), Cooper (1.2) and Archibald (1.2).

A number of the team were selected to run for the town in the County Championships, and all ran well. Cooper and Archibald represented the County in the All-England Championships, but neither excelled himself.

This season's matches away from home have underlined the necessity for a course which is at least part country and not purely road, as is the one we have now. We are hoping we might next season have one.

Finally, we should like to thank Messrs. D. A. Thompson, F. A. Jensen and J. Bainbridge for their invaluable assistance throughout the season.

F. LATHAN (Hon. Sec.).

THE CHESS CLUB

Captain: Joseph Pearlman.

The Chess Team has enjoyed an excellent season, in which it considerably extended its range of activities, with very profitable results. However, the club itself is in a deplorable condition; in spite of the efforts of Mr. Linton there is outstanding apathy among seniors, and a low playing standard in the lower school.

We had a very good playing record, losing only 3 games out of 12. Many of these matches were against teams which we have not played in recent years; our 3-school opposition is, we hope, a thing of the past.

Results:	Pl.	W.	L.	For	Agst.
	12	9	3	61½	32½

A small nucleus of players represented the team throughout the season with considerable individual success; Copland in particular made consistent improvement in this, his first season as a regular team member.

Appearances:—Harris, Kane, Pearlman and Thompson (12), Harrison (10), Copland and Medlis (8), Horner (7), Cohen (5), Cranmer (4), Coombs and Grainger (1).

In the 'Sunday Times' Schools' Tournament, we met a painful death in the 2nd zonal round, losing 5-1 to H.G.S. Newcastle.

In the Durham Junior tournament, four boys, Cohen, Kane, Harrison and Thompson reached the Area Quarter-finals, but only Harrison reached the next round, where he, too, was defeated.

R. Harrison and A. Thompson represented Durham U.S.F.'s against Northumberland in the Easter term.

In the same term the team was honoured by the Sunderland Echo's interviewing the committee, who subsequently appeared in the weekly article "Chess by J.F.C."

During the season the team commenced play in the 2nd division of a nation-wide correspondence chess league, sponsored by "Chess," a magazine which various team members purchase in order to improve their standard. We feel confident of some success in this new, interesting field.

The Senior Champion in an exciting all-play-all tournament was J. Pearlman who he outdistanced the rest of the field. A. Thompson won a close fight with L. Kane for second place. The Junior Championship was not a success, but was finally won by 11-year-old Roger Hamilton.

Finally, and most important of all, we are once again indebted to Mr. J. P. Linton for his untiring efforts on our behalf; without his encouragement we should not enjoy our present success. Our thanks go also to Mr. J. Harrison for his service on many occasions.

A. THOMPSON (Hon. Sec.).

TENNIS REPORT

The school tennis team had a fairly successful season winning just over half its fixtures. In the Durham County Grammar School Tournament, after beating Queen Elizabeth G.S., it lost in the semi-final to Grangefield G.S.

The Geoffrey-Ryburn Memorial Trophy was won by N. W. Wright, who beat F. C. Williamson in the final. Wright partnered by Miss Rosenstein, in beating A. M. Hindrarch and Miss Thompson, also won the mixed doubles.

The following boys represented the team throughout the season:—Wright, Williamson, Byers, Petrie, Hindmarch, Laws, Tracey, Lardou, Smith, Young, and Stuart.

We are once again indebted to Mr. Taylor without whose support we would have been unable to function.

A. THOMPSON (Hon. Sec.).

BADMINTON CLUB

Although the Senior Club suffered from a certain lack of support this year, eight members played in the Town Championships, both Laws and Simons reaching the quarter-finals of their respective sections. As a result of his performance, Laws was selected for a local coaching course.

A new departure which met with outstanding success was the formation of a Middle School Club. Support was so keen that two sections were formed, and considerable progress made. It is hoped to continue this arrangement next year.

The Clubs wish to thank Messrs. P. D. Nolan, J. W. Bainbridge, I. McIntosh, and E. J. Coulson for their help and encouragement.

BEDAN SENIOR SCOUTS, 1960

The summer of 1960 completed ten years of Bedan Senior Scouts.

This section of the troop was inaugurated at the troop summer camp 1949 under the direction of the late Mr. P. F. Fulton. Since those early days we have built up a vast fund of experience in Scouting and travelling and those members who stayed on any length of time were participants in some memorable journeys at home and abroad. We have always been prominent in local and county activities and as our record shows, honours of some kind have always attended those people who have been members of the troop. We believe that Senior Scouting offers that part of a boy's education which the School curriculum does not include—rather in the form of an Outward Bound School. By travelling far and meeting many kinds of people and surmounting many strange and often arduous situations the Scout gains a very useful lead on the average school leaver.

There is a certain element in any community which will scoff and jeer at uniformed organisations and we are not exempt from this treatment. The last three years has seen the slow but steady destruction of the main Headquarters by vandalism, until now the building is a total wreck along with much of the Children's Hospital fence. However violence cannot be answered with violence and for this reason we adopted the gentler line of retreat rather than sink hard earned funds in futile repair of the premises. Meanwhile we cling to the Senior Headquarters hopefully. One

wonders if the new extensions to the school with their tempting array of glass windows will survive the wave of violence.

As a result of such destruction the enthusiasm of the younger boys naturally wears thin and the drift from the junior troop before Senior Scout age is reached continues, until we are now reduced to a hard core of a dozen boys. It follows that the flow of older boys into the Senior Troop also has diminished and the average intake is now only two per year. However, like the Phoenix we may yet regenerate. Senior Scouts from other troops are always welcome to visit us.

Last year we made an expedition to the North of Scotland, Cape Wrath and Ockney, carrying our kit on a one wheeled cart, built in the school metal work room in 1963 and for the third year in succession we enjoyed Côte d'Azur type weather, which however may have softened us a little. We hope to rectify this by a trip to Foula this year.

The major activities of the year are filmed now and film shows are now an established feature of the winter programme.

Earlier this year saw us under canvas in Allendale and Wearhale, this Easter expedition being for the purpose of finding a site for the Troop Summer Camp.

Our main source of funds is the Scout Dance, and our thanks are due to the large clientele who have made this function so popular. We hope to be able to continue this dance once a term.

Finally we would remind younger people in the school that Scouting is great life, and Senior Scouting offers much scope for putting into practice the training received in the first years in the troop. If any of you are mildly interested do not hesitate to come along to the troop meetings on Friday evenings, we are rough and tough, but if you stay with us you will not regret it.

R. TORRET, A.S.M.(S).

RIDAN SCOUTS

Summer Camp this year was held near Richmond in Yorkshire at a village called Gurneside, which is situated in the valley of the young Swale. The fortnight was spent in hikes, assault courses and other tests of endurance. The Scouts were also set tasks which asked more for brainwork and ingenuity than for strength and athletic skill. On the free days, Richmond was the destination of the majority of the Scouts. Richmond Castle was a historic attraction which fully rewarded the expectations of the Scouts.

The camp cup was won by the Lion Patrol with the Buffaloes and Eagles close on their heels.

During the past year the membership of the troop has seriously diminished. The demolition of the hut temporarily forced the troop to stop the meetings until the school hall was put at our disposal by Mr. Hudge.

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Howard who has looked after us throughout the year; to the Group Committee for keeping our funds at a steady level and to Mr. Cowell and Mr. Bohill for their work as staff representatives.

There are many vacancies for young members of the school who wish to join; any who do should please come along to the meetings at seven o'clock on a Friday night.

R. W. LAWSON, Troop Leader.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY REPORT, 1954-55

The Philatelic Society has had a reasonably satisfactory year. Attendances, although falling below the high standard set in the previous year, were on the whole fairly good. On occasions, however, they did touch rock-bottom, and throughout the year the number of senior members present was always disappointing. The Society tends to suffer from irregularity of attendance rather than a lack of members.

There tends to be a correlation between attendances and the quantity of suitable stamps available for sale. This year we have been forced to obtain our approvals from a stamp-dealer, and these have been both poorer in quality and higher in price than those we obtained last year. This alone all else probably accounts for the deterioration in attendances. Any members of the school who are ex-philatelists and now wish to sell their collections would be most welcome.

In the Spring Term we held a competition organised by Mr. Gilligan in which the competitors were required to give a small display illustrating "Biology in Stamps." About thirty entries were received, the winner being E. Stephenson of 4A. During the year displays were given by Mr. Linton, Mr. Gilligan, Bleakinship, and McLaughlin.

Finally we must extend our thanks to Messrs J. P. Linton and C. A. Smith for their enthusiastic support, and also to Mr. Gilligan for his assistance during the Spring Term.

J. M. BARBER (Pres.).

ATHLETICS REPORT

Captain : A. Simmons.

Vice-Captain : D. Hamilton.

The height of success gained in former years is by no means diminishing; in fact, it now seems that the annual standard of athletic achievement has reached a constant high level. Last season's results far from confuse this very pleasing statement; in the Tyne-Side Grammar School Sports the Senior team gained first place, individual victories going to Chalmers, Bland and J. Ross.

In the Durham-County School Sports held last year at Johnson Grammar School we are proud to report our overall position as second; we lost first place by only a very small margin. First places went to no less than seven members of the team, namely Bland, Stacey, J. Ross, Burnford,

Hamilton, L. Ross and Gladwin. As a result of their performances at Durham, Berensford, Stacey, L. Ross, Newrick and Gladwin were chosen to represent the county in the All-England Inter-County Championships where L. Ross gained a national standard in the pole-vault.

The school was happy to welcome the return of the Reed Cup, awarded for the High Jump, after an absence of ten years, when it was won by Hamilton with a jump of 5ft. 5ins., closely followed by A. Pattison, also a member of the school.

The Durham County School Sports this year were again held at Durham-Johnson where we managed a fourth out of 26 competing schools. Our position would have been even higher were it not for the weakness in track events, although Simonsen did well in the 200 yards hurdles; the five victories gained were all in field events, these going to Hodgson, Garbutt, Berensford, Ross and a junior, Gribble, who did well to win the High Jump.

Sports Day this year was held on June 2nd and, owing to the fine weather and general sportsmanship, both competitors and spectators thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Nine records were broken and one equalled during the course of the afternoon, the most outstanding performance being the Senior Shot, where Garbutt added 3ft. 5ins. to the previous record of 4ft. 3ins.

It is our fervent hope that the junior members of the team will retain their interest in athletics and mould themselves into a team strong enough to hold our position of what must be one of the strongest athletic teams in the County.

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The Annual General Meeting was held in the Barnos Hotel, Sunderland, on Thursday, 24th September, 1958, at 7 p.m.

Mr. Hudge presided over the meeting, which was attended by the Chairman, Hon. Tres., Hon. Sec. and 27 other members.

Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, members stood in honour of the memory of two of our most respected Vice-Presidents, Mr. H. C. Hugg and Mr. J. Robertson.

The reports of the Hon. Sec. and Hon. Tres. were both read and confirmed. Club reports were given by representatives of the individual clubs.

The London branch of the Association is now firmly established; at their October meeting Mr. G. T. Moore, representing the parent body, spoke on the history of the Association.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. G. T. Halstead in appreciation of the excellent service given by him during the 18 years he was Secretary to the Association. A buffet supper followed the business of the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This year has shown a period of steady progress by the sporting clubs of the Association rather than one of marked success.

The two re-union dances were again successful, the change in venue of the Annual Dinner-Dance, etc., the Seaburn Hall being a particularly happy one, since more members could be present.

S. H. PATTINSON.

THE BACKGROUND TO THE OLD BEDANS' ASSOCIATION

*(From an address to the London Old Bedans' Association, October
28th, 1929)*

G. T. MOORE

In 1880, responsibility for public education in the Borough devolved upon the Sunderland School Board, among whose more prominent members were Messrs. Peter Wood, Robert Bartram, T. W. Backhouse, and Friend Lamb. It was due to Mr. Wood's arduous efforts to establish at least one school which could provide post-elementary education that Sunderland Higher Grade School opened on April 28th, 1880, in the West Park buildings: Mr. G. T. Ferguson was appointed Headmaster, with two assistants, and on enrolment day, April 28th, the names of 321 boys were entered in the admission register. On opening day 127 boys were present, including pupils from the outlying districts. This quite unexpected demand for places in the School was a matter of surprise and the assistant staff was speedily increased to seven members.

The two sections of the school were known as the Lower School and the Upper or Science School.

The Lower School corresponded to Standards 4 to 7 in the elementary schools of the period and was for pupils aged 9 to 14 years. The school fee for this section was sixpence per week or five shillings per quarter and withdrawals were permitted at any time during the year.

The Upper, or Science School catered for pupils between the ages of 12 and 18 years. In this section the fees were ninepence weekly, or seven shillings and sixpence quarterly, and at the beginning of each school year parents had to give an undertaking that their sons would remain till after the School inspection in the following July. This was, of course, in the days when the Board of Education's grants had to be earned by the school through the July examinations conducted by the Board's inspectors and depended on the number of pupils, the standard of work attained, and the subjects presented. No grant was payable for languages, and little for literary subjects, so it is not surprising that more emphasis was given to Science teaching, resulting in a 'top-sided' curriculum and the names of the forms "First Year Science," "Second Year Science," etc. The 21 boys in the Upper School in 1884 earned a Government grant of £218. Boys in their Upper School Course took successively the Oxford Local Preliminary, Junior and Senior examinations and London Matriculation in the fourth or fifth year.

Speech Days were inaugurated in these early days of the School; they were held in the Assembly Hall, Fawcett St., and the Victoria Hall and, as now, the principal speakers were men of distinction.

1888 was an important year for the School, as on March 29th, a new name "Bede Higher Grade School" was adopted.

During this year a school motto and badge came into use, and the School magazine "The Bedan" was first published. The School's motto, POST TENEBRAS LUX is that of Geneva, where Mr. Ferguson first saw it and recognised its suitability for a School. It was adopted and included in the School badge. Mr. F. W. Armstrong, a former Art Master, was responsible for the design of the first badge worn by Bedans. It was made of metal and enamel and was pinned to the cap.

In 1863 Bede School acquired a Junior Department (later Cowan Terrace School), with Mr. W. Paine as master-in-charge and 500 boys and girls in attendance. This year saw the passing of School Boards and Bede School became the responsibility of the Education Committee of the Corporation of Sunderland. Mainly owing to the efforts of Dr. Gordon Bell, Chairman of the Higher Education Sub-Committee at the time, the school became a recognised Secondary School in 1865, with a Board of Governors, and was entirely re-organised. On the suggestion of Mr. G. O. Wight the School acquired its third name "Bede Collegiate School."

An integral part of the School was the Primary Department for boys 9 and 10 years old who were placed in Forms I and II respectively. Boys of the 11+ group were placed in Form III, a designation still retained today for the form in which boys entering the School are placed.

Soon after the Bede Collegiate School was functioning, the Art Master, Mr. J. W. Hawkins, designed the present coat-of-arms, which woven in silks on a black background, was sewn to the pupils cap and worn as the School Badge; this is still the badge of the Girls' School while today, only the white phoenix on a black cap is worn by the boys.

Each of the three Headmasters who have shaped the destiny of Bede School has been faced with the same difficulty, that of persuading parents to see that the longer the "school-life" of its pupils, the more the school can do for them. In the early years, Mr Ferguson had three-fourths of his pupils in the Lower School and had to make strenuous efforts to present boys for the Oxford Local Senior Examination (now the O.C.E. at Ordinary Level). Then the average "school-life" was only two years. In 1868, with the creation of free-places in the Upper School, there was a gradual improvement, but the short "school-life" prevented the forging of permanent links between pupils and the school, or even fellow pupils, so necessary for the success of an Old Boys' Association. Conversion to a Recognised Secondary School in 1865 changed matters considerably for the better as, by the "agreement" system, nearly all pupils stayed till the age of 15 and took their Oxford Senior but the number who entered the Sixth Form was very small. By 1815 the average school life was four years; by 1918, however, there were sufficient co-pupils to make worth while the formation of an Old Bedans' Association. After much talk, Mr Ferguson in his forthright way, held meetings in School during November 1911 to draft rules for the O.B.A., and so changed words

into deeds. The inaugural meeting was held in Park Hall, Toward Road, on December 30th, 1911, with Mr Ferguson in the Chair and 37 members. The rules were adopted and officials elected, Mr Ferguson as President, James Herring as Secretary and C. W. Fellock as Treasurer. The Secretary added to the minutes of this meeting:—The members then proceeded to the Palatine Hotel where their sense of taste was appealed to with great success by the proprietors of the establishment. The annual meeting in December, 1912, was also followed by a dinner and the third in December, 1913, decided to hold the first annual Old Bedans' dance. The First World War stopped the Association's activities, and there are no minutes of proceedings till March 19th, 1926, when the Association was re-formed at a meeting held in the School. Six members of staff were present and 48 Old Bedans. Messrs R. E. Crute and T. H. Blyth were elected joint Secretaries, and an ambitious programme of future events compiled. The first post-war dance was held in November, 1926, and the first post-war dinner in January, 1928. To proceed further would be to give a history of the Association, rather than its background.

The Old Bedans' Association has been very fortunate in having capable and conscientious officials since its formation. In my opinion, the Association owes a debt of gratitude to the fine work of the Mr. R. E. Crute, who worked so hard for its success and shaped its policy during the years 1928 to 1934. One of his proposals was to have an Old Bedans' Club in the town, or, at least, a room where the Old Boys could meet. This scheme failed to reach fruition, chiefly because of financial difficulties. He was successful in another proposal, that the Association should have a representative on the Board of Governors, and it was with great pleasure we heard that he had been made a Governor in 1932. Mr R. T. Aysc has also played a noteworthy part in acting as the School Representative since 1937 and as Treasurer. His work as liaison-officer has been successful in helping the Association to reach its present membership, and with the increase in numbers in the School today, we hope he may be even more successful in his efforts to create new members for the Old Bedans' Association.

THE LONDON BRANCH OF THE OLD BEDANS' ASSOCIATION

Although in a larger context it might be thought that only two meetings do not constitute a very appropriate index of success, we of the London Branch are nevertheless unanimous that this last year has been a successful one for us.

The Autumn meeting put us in great heart. Mr. Moore was with us, and his talk on the history of the School together with recollections of his own provided us with a truly delightful and interesting evening. Everyone of us enjoyed every minute of it, and, if we had had a recording, no doubt we would already have enjoyed it again!

The Spring meeting carried on the successes, for on this occasion Professor Alan Woodruff gave us some reminiscences on a visit he had recently made to China. He had kindly provided us with a new venue for our meeting at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, and also he illustrated his talk with lantern slides. The topic was fascinating and put over in a really delightful way, with a sense of humour that itself kindled enjoyment for everyone.

We look forward to the next year with more assurance of the worthwhileness of the Branch, but, Oh! we do want more of the younger members to maintain its future vitality.

B. SUGGETT, Hon. Secretary. May, 1966.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

At the Annual General Meeting held in September, 1966, the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. R. T. Ayre) reported that 230 subscriptions had been received during the year, that the Profit from the Dinner Dance, 1966, was £29 7s 6d and from the Summer Season Dance, 1966, was £8 8s 0d. The assets of the Association at the close of the financial year (31.9.66) were £262 4s 6d, the decrease being accounted for by the presentation of the Trophy Case to the School.

OLD BEDANS' RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

SEASON 1965-66

Though there has been some measure of success, the season has been mainly a settling-down period for all three teams in senior games.

The first XV unfortunately lost their hooker, J. Webster, after the first game; this has done effect over a number of games, since experimentation had to go on for a replacement and no settled pattern was possible. Probably the best game of the first half of the season was against Gateshead Fell, which ended with a 22-points-to-15 win for Old Bedans.

During the season the 1st XV called regularly on reserves from the 2nd XV, with the result that at least thirty players had Senior experience. This would appear to have had beneficial effect on the 2nd XV, as they played most consistently well throughout the season.

As usual the 3rd XV were always the sufferers as far as playing strength was concerned; they provided replacements for the other XV's only to leave themselves depleted. We were, however, able to make up the numbers with members of the School. I should like to thank all schoolboys who assisted the club during the season and look forward to their joining us when they leave school.

Our U18 XV, mainly schoolboys but captained by an Old Bedan, J. Lee, reached the semi-final of the Sunderland Cup but were beaten 15-8 by North Durham, who in turn were defeated by Westonsians.

In the County Cup events, Senior and Junior, as appropriate, our 1st XV failed against Hartlepool Athletic, our 2nd XV against Darlington and our 3rd XV against Hartlepool Rovers. 'Sevens' teams were entered, the Seniors losing to Hartlepool Rovers in the 1st round and the Juniors in the semi-final, very narrowly, to Belford House.

On behalf of our committee I wish to extend an invitation to any member of school leaving this year to join our Club. Any of our committee members will be pleased to give full information about it.

W. F. MOWBRAY (Hon. Sec.).

Officials for Season 1968-69 were elected at the A.G.M. as follows :

President : A. J. B. Rudge, Esq.
 Chairman : M. Berry, Esq.
 Hon. Sec. : W. M. Mowbray, Esq.
 Hon. Treasurer : R. Smith, Esq.
 Hon. Asst. Treasurer : M. T. Stacey, Esq.
 Hon. Fixture Sec. : R. Harrison, Esq.
 Team Sec. : I. W. Joiner, Esq.
 1st XV. Captain : J. Smith, Esq.

OLD MEDANS' A.F.C.

Officials 1968-69 Season

President : E. T. Ayre. Chairman : S. H. Patterson. Secretary : G. Topel. Treasurer : R. Thompson. Captain, 1st XI : C. Foster. Captain, 2nd XI : W. Blythe.

Although not so successful as the previous one, 1968-69 Season has been quite satisfactory.

Once again the North-East Amateur League Shield eluded us when we were defeated by Sunderland Harlequins in the first round. Harlequins continued to bring off the double for the third year running.

After beating Burdon House decisively in the first round of the Durham Minor Cup our First Eleven were narrowly defeated by Wearhead in the second round.

The Second Eleven commenced the season badly, mainly owing to the fact that many first team players had left us and had to be replaced by the regular seconds. The position improved as the Season progressed, and with the help of F. Lawson, the team fought their way out of the danger zone.

My appeal for players last Season brought a welcome response and I should like to ask any interested players to contact me at 7, Harwood Gardens, Sunderland, when I will settle them of the practice match dates.

League Positions

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
First XI, 4th	24	13	3	8	73	98	29
Second XI, 12th ..	28	8	2	18	53	81	18

G. TOPEL, Hon. Secretary.

OLD BEDANS' BADMINTON CLUB

The Club meets in the School Hall each Wednesday night from the end of September until Easter. As there are two courts there is little occasion for sitting around.

Intending members, whether novices or experienced players, would be warmly welcomed and should get in touch with me—Tel. No. 50225.

D. A. THOMPSON, Hon. Secretary.

BEDAN ARCHERS

The Archery Club meets at the School during the summer months on Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons. In winter there are facilities for indoor shooting.

Any Bedans, past or present, who are interested in this 'off beat' activity are cordially invited to come along to one of the meetings to see what goes on. The Secretary, Mr. H. E. Bruce of 27, Hunter Terrace, Sunderland, will be glad to supply any further information. No previous experience in handling bows and arrows is required.

H. E. BRUCE.

DURHAM HOUSE REPORT

Captain: A. FOSCO.

Vice-Captain: I. McLaren.

A happy combination of innate ability amongst the rank and file and untiring haranguing by our energetic (if rather) House Master has resulted in a year of considerable success for the House.

In the Swimming Gala the House won its third successive victory by a resounding margin and we are particularly indebted to the amphibious Turn whose enterprise in organising Life Saving Classes amongst the lower school has been strongly supported by our younger members.

The fruits of the new 'Imperial' spirit instilled into the House this year were clearly seen in our triumph in the Boxing Tournament. The House Captain displayed commendable self-sacrifice in exposing himself to the tender mercies of Harle.

'For how can man die better, than facing fearful odds'
etc.

Despite the regular annual victory of Allison in the Senior Cross-Country the House achieved only moderate success in both Senior and Junior events. In ball games our fortunes varied considerably, from the emphatic victory and the Senior Rugby Championship to the rather ignominious progress of the Tennis team. The joint victory of the Junior Rugby team, who tied, compensated for the narrow loss of the Senior Soccer, Cricket and Basketball trophies, and we look forward now to Sports Day in the hope of avenging last year's defeat by Rugby.

Our increasing academic progress measured by our ascent from last into 2nd place in the Study Cup is most encouraging.

The Xmas party was extremely well supported—'panem et circenses' seems an infallible insurance against unrest in a Caesarian dictatorship—and here the enthusiasm of the staff, particularly the younger members Messrs. Alker and Bainbridge was most happily apparent.

May I finally salute our House Captain, A. Fearon, for his unlagging interest in all activities, but above all for his remarkable act of self-annihilation for the 'common-weal'—'Gouster love hath no man than this . . .'

J. TEMPLE, Sec.

HYLTON HOUSE

Captain: J. Clayton.

Vice-Captain: A. Simmons.

The House has enjoyed a year of success, excelling in the physical rather than mental sphere.

In keeping with a tradition rarely broken in recent years, the House carried off both the Junior and Senior Soccer Championships. In Cross-Country the House also emerged victorious in both sections, Davis winning the junior race. The Senior Rugby team was unfortunate in sustaining a number of narrow defeats and could only manage third position, while the Juniors were last in their competition.

The House apparently remains ignorant of the finer points of athletics: it gained only third place in the Boxing Tournament, although this was offset by the winning of both the Senior and Junior Basketball Championships. In the Swimming Gala the House emerged second, while the fact that Hylton was Junior Champion augurs well for the future. Our Tennis team was able to gain second place, but in cricket, never the strong point of the House in recent years, the Senior team were last. Again, however, hope can be gained for the future from the fact that the Juniors tied for first place.

If there are two words better left unspoken among members of Hylton House, they are 'Study Cup.' Hylton, never notable for its prowess in this competition, hit rock bottom this year by finishing last. It is high time the House removed its light from under the bushel in this facet of school life.

The Christmas Party was, as always, most successful, and this was due in no small measure to Mr. Lewis, whom we welcomed as our new House Master this year. To him and his colleagues who have assisted in the running of the House, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation.

P. N. WOOD, Hon. Sec.

LUNLEY HOUSE

Captain: S. M. Bates.

Vice-Captain: D. Carter.

Throughout the year the House has played a full part in school life. In Cricket the House, captained by S. Sampson, won the Senior Cricket Championship whilst the Juniors tied for first place. The Tennis team led by N. Wright again emerged victorious.

It seems, however, that Lunley House is without a doubt one of the hibernating species for when athletes are required for the important Winter games few enthusiasts appear. The Swimming Gala revealed Lunley's preference for dry land, and as far as soccer is concerned the House gained more prestige from the efforts of the Juniors who narrowly lost the championship on goal average, than it did from the poor display of the Seniors. Unfortunately most of the rugby stars in the House left school last year, thus leaving a mere skeleton of a side which finished at the foot of the table despite the valiant efforts of Skipper Bates. The honour of the House was mercifully salvaged by the Junior Rugby team which was an equal first, and by the outstanding individual results in cross-country, Archbold and Whitfield achieving second and fourth positions respectively, whilst the House achieved its best-ever result, finishing second.

The House extends its appreciation to the Staff and particularly to Mr. Berry; it is certain that under his leadership the healthy climate of House fellowship, which was so fully illustrated by the large number of members who attended the Christmas Party, will continue for many years.

R. FOSTER, Hon. Sec.

RABY HOUSE REPORT

Captain: D. L. Hawkins.

Vice-Captain: D. Hamilton.

This year has been rather disappointing after the comparative success of the past two years.

The lack of footballing ability among the senior members of the House was once again revealed when we were placed third in the Senior Championship. The junior side, however, gained second place in their competition.

In the senior rugby competition, although we were unable to repeat the successes of the past two years, we still gained second position. The junior seven, by coming third in their competition, followed the uninspiring example of former junior teams. Our only other bright spot in the year was created by the pugilists in the House gaining second place in the boxing tournament, and once again Harle must be congratulated on retaining the heavyweight championship. In the basketball, swimming and cross-country Championships, however, the House's display was very disappointing. It is to be hoped that the House has more success during the summer term than it has had in the first half of the year. At the moment our chances of real success in the cricket and

- 320 Yards.—1, Newrick (D) (2mins 11.5secs., record); 2, Pratt (H); 3, Dunn (D).
 Mile.—1, Archbold (L) (3mins. 8secs.); 2, Horn (H); 3, Bruce (D).
 80 Yards Hurdles.—1, Gladwin (L) (11.5secs.); 2, Taylor (H); 3, Stewardson (L).
 Long Jump.—1, Ross (R) (30ft.); 2, Haskison (R); 3, Glass (R).
 High Jump.—1, Kitts (D) (4ft. 11ins.); 2, Haskison (R); 3, Thompson (L).
 Hop, Step and Jump.—1, Ross (R) (37ft. 4ins.); 2, Newrick (D); 3, Haskison (R).
 Discus.—1, Glass (R) (108ft. 8ins., record); 2, Griggs (D); 3, Ford (H).
 Shot.—1, Griggs (D); 2, Duxbury (H); 3, Robertson (L) (30ft. 7ins., record (equalled)).
 Javelin.—1, Duxbury (H) (148ft. 10ins., record); 2, Callaghan (D); 3, Pratt (H).
 Pole Vault.—1, Ross (R) (9ft., record).
 Relay.—1, Raby (51.7secs.); 2, Hylton.

Junior

- 100 Yards.—1, Watson (R) (12.4secs.); 2, Stephenson (D); 3, Wood (D).
 220 Yards.—1, Stephenson (D) (38.5secs.); 3, Watson (R); 3, Lewis (R).
 440 Yards.—1, Stephenson (D) (64secs.); 2, Watson (R); 3, Timsey (H).
 880 Yards.—1, Britton (D) (2mins. 34secs.); 2, Winters (H); 3, Wood (D).
 20 Yards Hurdles.—1, McKenzie (R) (13.1secs.); 2, Archbold (H); 3, Gribble (H).
 Long Jump.—1, Stephenson (D); 2, Timsey (H); 3, Wood (D).
 High Jump.—1, Herron (H) (4ft. 8ins.); 2, Gribble (H); 3, Allan (H).
 Shot.—1, Simons (H) (30ft. 3ins., record); 2, Hopple (R); 3, Bitson (H).
 Relay.—1, Durham (58.4secs.); 2, Raby; 3, Hylton.

House Championships

- 1, Hylton (262 1/8th); 2, Raby (202); 3, Durham (202);
 4, Lumley (79).

Individual Championships

- Senior.—Simmons (H) and Clayton (H), 29 points.
 Middle.—Ross (R), 25 points.
 Junior.—Stephenson (D), 25 points.

SWIMMING GALA RESULTS

Championships

Senior : Sandall (L).

Middle : Smith (D).

Junior : Ritson (H).

U 4th : Lewis (L).

Middle Backstroke.—Johnston (D), Smith (D).

Junior Breaststroke.—Timney (H), Wrightson, Belt (L).

Senior Medley : Boys v. Girls.—Boys.

Third Form Race.—Robinson (L), Beason (D), Lawson (H).

Bede Girls : Junior Championship.—Nichol.

Junior Dive.—Stephenson (D), Peace (H), Hounslow (D).

Junior Non-Qualifiers.—Peace (H), Aris (D), Stephenson (D).

Senior Breaststroke.—Fearon (D), Stirk (L), Lock (D).

Middle Medley : Boys v. Girls.—Girls.

Junior Backstroke.—Lambert (D), Timney (H), Wrightson (L).

Bede Girls Middle Championship.—Sutherland, Mulmeir.

Senior Dive.—Fearon, Tunn, Frisby (D).

Senior Backstroke.—Sandall (L), Fearon, Tunn (D).

Middle Breaststroke.—Johnston (D), Dalby (S), Smith (D).

Junior Medley Relay : Boys v. Girls.—Girls.

Bede Girls' Senior Championship.—Beresford.

Life Saving Race v. Girls.—Girls.

Middle Dive.—Smith (D), Johnston (D), Langley (H).

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