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Editorial

The fruits of our eleventh-plus year have a revolutionary aspect: our great academic achievements were displayed with more fitting pomp and circumstances beneath the glare of unwonted publicity, and the Elizabethan atmosphere of the exclusively male drama club was bombarded by flashy neutron dames. Appearances are deceptive. Such seemingly major upheavals on the public front belie the true nature of the school; corruption and vice go on unwatched and quiet intellectual activity still holds some sway. Even the much vaunted scientific insurrection, nightmare of past editors of this magazine, has proved abortive. Fings are very much what they used to be.

Our traditional mysteries remain unsolved: the close net of secrecy tightens round various dicey activities in the prefects' room, and the aura of respectability surrounding staff meetings is as impregnable as ever. Symbolic is the refusal of the guardian of our portals, the owl, to disclose the names of its night visitors. Similarly the sixth form jealously withholds the harvest of its intellectual supremacy from the 'Bedan' and denies to all the opportunity of sharing its store of learning, wisdom and truth.

However, we have no cause to feel ashamed of the following collection of original articles. Where the seniors have failed us, the lower school has provided a glut of contributions which we trust will satisfy all tastes.

R. MEDDIS, Via, Arts.

A. THOMPSON, Via, Arts.

SCHOOL NOTES

Seven new masters joined the School in September: they were Messrs. W. J. Baxter (Chemistry), C. Bell (Biology), R. Gooney (Mathematics), R. Graham (Physics), J. Hogg (Classics), J. Mellars (Religious Knowledge) and D. Rippon (Physical Education). We hope they will be happy at the School.

On October 2nd a party of boys saw a French company do "Le Malade Imaginaire".

Two days later there was a visit to the Ballet Rambert.

On October 5th Mr. John Hills, a member of the editorial staff of "The Times", lectured to the Sixth Form.

Florence Horobin, the cellist, gave a recital and there was a visit to the Festival Ballet.

It was with real regret that at the end of term we said our farewells to Mr. J. Coor, who after some fifteen years at the School has taken up the post of Head of the Modern Languages Department at St. Mary's College, Middlesborough. We wish him well in his new sphere.

To his successor, Mr. H. L. Freeman, we bid a warm welcome.

On February 19th a party from the School went to a concert given by the Northern Sinfonia Orchestra.

Speech Day was two days later. The Empire Theatre,

where it was held for the first time, offered accommodation in comfort for parents of all but First Year boys. The function was an agreeable one in every way. Alderman J. Tweddle acted as Chairman and the prizes were presented by K. G. Collier, Esq., the Principal of Bede College, Durham, who in his speech emphasised that a vital society depended upon the power of its members to articulate opinion; learning he saw as a corporate system in which every member of the community should share. There was some excellent singing from both Junior and Senior Choirs under Mr. Kirk.

The Honours Boards in the School Hall are now virtually up-to-date and are very impressive in all respects. Mr. Marsh, attached to the Education Department, has done the work on them—often with an admiring group of onlookers around him—and the School much appreciates his craftsmanship.

On March 14th there was a visit of the Festival Ballet; a party from the School attended.

On April 3rd a large contingent from Arts and Science Sixths attended the lectures arranged at King's College, Newcastle, by the British Association. The lectures covered a wide field, from digging a couple of miles into the Pennines to speculation on territories several million light years distant. Only the hypercritical could have found nothing to please him.

On April 18th, Founder's Day, eight boys about to cross Durham Road into the School entrance were fortunate to escape without serious injury during a motor-accident.

The usual service was held at Bishopwearmouth Church in the afternoon. The Rev. P. Ashwin of King's College, Taunton, preached the sermon. The combined Choir, conducted by Mr. Kirk, sang the anthem.

There have been a number of outstanding sporting performances this year.

The First Basketball Team represented the North-East in the All-England Junior (18) Championships. They did well enough to reach the Quarter Finals.

K. Storey last summer captained the highly successful English Schools Cricket XI against the Public Schools XI. Storey scored 39 in the only innings he was obliged to play.

K. Stephenson represented the County in both Athletics (220 yards) and Soccer, while J. Watson ran in the Quarter-mile.

G. Ritson and G. Robson both played for the County Junior XV, Ritson being vice-captain.

L. Pratt was a member of the County Intermediate Cross-country team and was placed 39th in the national competition. He was given a trial for the Senior Team. Several colleagues of his in the School Team were members of the victorious Sunderland group in the County-championship.

P. C. Birtwistle has played cricket for both town and

County sides. He scored 24 against Lancashire and 36 against Yorkshire.

M. K. Watson was joint 1st in the English Junior Short-range Rifle Championship but went to 2nd on the graduated gauging. Watson shoots for the Sunderland First Team and for the County Reserve '29'.

The Editors, A. Thompson and R. Meddis, wish to acknowledge the receipt of the following Magazines from other schools: "Nova", "The Albanian", "The Heatonian", "The Alsopian", Magazine of Bede Girls' School, Magazine of Monkwearmouth School, "The Elizabethan"; and regret any omissions from this list.

THE PHOENIX

The wood-carving of the School crest, now mounted over the main entrance to the Hall, is the work of an Old Bedan, T. Cooper Dawson, who entered the School in 1890.

Mr. Dawson began wood-carving many years ago, largely for his own amusement and for the benefit of his family and friends. After his retirement, however, he became more ambitious; in 1953 he carved a small replica of the coat-of-arms of Sunderland Borough and, later, a much larger one, in the shape of a firescreen, which is now exhibited in the extension of the Sunderland Museum.

It occurred to him at this point that a carving of the School emblem would be an interesting undertaking. He became acquainted with the literature on the myth of the Phoenix, in order to get his data right, and took some fifteen months over the carving itself, a most intricate piece of work. Mr. Dawson presented the carving to the School at the 1961 General Meeting of the Old Bedans' Association.

The School warmly appreciates both his gift and his craftsmanship.

DURHAM HOUSE

Captain: R. G. Carter.

Vice-Captain: J. Beresford.

The House has not been quite so successful this year as in previous years, despite winning the Study Cup for the first time since 1966.

In Rugby the House provided all three First XV officials, who, along with Griggs, were awarded rugby colours, in spirit, if not in fact. These four boys were also selected to play for Sunderland Boys. In the senior House 'sevens' we were beaten by Lumley only and came second to them. The less said about the juniors the better.

The House scored a brilliant victory in the Senior Cross-country, inspired by Beresford's leadership and example.

In swimming Mr. Smith's exhortation did not prove quite strong enough and, owing to lack of support in the middle school, we came second to Hylton. Johnstone must be congratulated on winning the senior championship and, together with Fearon, on knocking 6.4 seconds off the life-saving record in the Town swimming gala. Johnstone and Fearon were re-awarded colours.

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Our soccer stars let us down this year and we only achieved third place in both senior and junior tournaments. Beresford was re-awarded soccer and basketball colours.

We were narrowly beaten by Hylton in the School Sports but Allison must be commended on setting up a new record for the three miles, on winning the County G.S. mile and on being re-awarded his athletics colours.

We thank Mr. Smith and the House masters for their continued interest in House affairs; perhaps Mr. Smith's perennial appeals for support are not being heeded as they should be.

N. COPLAND (Hon. Sec.).

HYLTON HOUSE REPORT, 1961-62

Captain: A. Thompson.

Secretary: G. Brown.

The present year, to the time of writing this report, has been a good one for the members of Hylton House.

We commenced the year triumphantly by winning the Swimming Gala. This honour we appropriated from Durham House who had held it for some time. All the credit, however, must be given to the Middle and Junior Sections of the House as this particular sport proved anathema to the Seniors who were noticeably apathetic towards it. As we had not achieved any great success in the Gala for a number of years this victory was most gratifying.

In Rugby, the Senior Seven was placed third and the Junior Seven second. Happily we were able to improve on last year's efforts in Soccer by winning the Senior Championship and securing second place in the Junior Championship.

The House was only able to reach second place in Senior and Junior Cross Country events. L. Pratt (L&Sc.) arrived home first to bring honour to Hylton and A. Warrener (U IVb) must be commended for his success in the Junior race.

Last Summer we were fourth in the Senior Cricket and tied for first place in the Junior Tournament. This, in concert with our previous cricket record, leaves one apprehensive about the outcome of this year's games. In tennis, too, we lacked the necessary skill to enable us to have any measure of success and were placed third. But "nil desperandum": fortune may yet favour us in the Summer games. On Sports Day it is hoped that we shall repeat our performance of 1961.

In closing, may I extend the gratitude of the House to Mr. W. K. Lewis for his efforts as House Master and to his colleagues who have assisted him.

GEORGE E. BROWN, Secretary.

LUMLEY HOUSE REPORT

Once again the sweet smell of success drifts gently over the Lumley House report. Teamwork and high spirits are beginning to consolidate this success into a tradition. Last year bore us a unique distinction when both the house-Captain, Carter, and the house secretary, Laws, were honoured

with state-scholarships. Carter has since elected to stay on with the House as an elder statesman.

The sporting element, in strict team formation, has again sprinted to the fore and the rugby players steal the lime-light. This year they achieved the "double", winning both the senior and junior tournaments. The soccer-players, however, must not be forgotten since the juniors showed their superiority in their own field and the seniors finished second in the table, which leaves us with thankful room for improvement. The juniors came second in the basketball tournament but the senior competition was never completed.

Our lack of success in the highly individual sports such as swimming and athletics illustrates that teamwork is the source of our continued success.

Summer days too were fruitful in that the senior cricket team carried off the honours and the tennis team, not to be outdone, also gained first place in their competition.

Main thanks must go to the communal spirit of the whole House but individual praise is also due to Bowman, the Captain, and Carter, the aforementioned elder statesman, for their cementing influence working in conjunction with the genial encouragement of Mr. Berry, to whom also our warmest thanks are owing.

R. MEDDIS (Sec.) V.Ia. Arts.

RABY HOUSE

Captain: G. Kirk.

Vice-Captain: B. C. Donnan.

This has not been a very successful year for the House owing mainly to the apathy shown by members in both the junior and senior schools towards entering for the various activities. On several occasions boys who have represented the House have shown obvious talent and ability but their efforts have gone unrewarded through lack of support by the rest.

This was particularly noticeable in the Senior Rugby sevens where the Rugby team, led by Glass, was outstanding in its courage and fighting spirit but met with no success because it was composed of only five men.

In Cross Country the Senior School was again poorly represented but there were some consolation and promise for the future in the fact that the juniors won the House Championship in this event.

In athletics last year the House came only third, despite the outstanding efforts of certain boys. (In the Senior section Raby gained first place in no less than eight events). The House also had a measure of success in cricket last summer, being narrowly beaten into second place by Lumley.

Finally may I express our gratitude to Mr. Taylor and the other House Masters for their work and encouragement.

S. EDWARDS (Hon. Sec.).

Deep rolls the sea, and, wave on waves,
Restlessness heaps a kind of calm;
But far beneath the sea behaves
Unwatched, and we can see no harm.

Deep rolls the sea and murky too;
It hides the night that lurks below.
We cannot see into the blue,
Those haunted depths we'll never know.

Deep rolls the sea; we close our eyes.
We dare not probe beneath the waves
Or depths of consciousness surmise
Or know the darkness of its graves.

R. MEDDIS, *Vla Arts.*

VIIth FORM SOCIETY REPORT

This year we have had a variety of speakers who should have held some interest for most of the Sixth Form. We started with the talk on hypnotism by Mr. McKenzie; other talks in the series were on Psychology, America in the Sixties, Science and Christianity, the Conquest of Disease, and Extra-terrestrial life. The subjects provided ample opportunity for both Science and Arts students to broaden their outlook, which is the object of the Society. Many forget this, for time and again Arts boys do not attend on the excuse that "It's only of interest to the science lot," and the same attitude prevails on the science side. Fortunately the position seems to be improving a little, but it would seem that too many Bedans are content with specialization and are happy to remain in their own small corner, unaware of the benefits to be gained outside their present experience. Thanks are due to Mr. Taylor for his interest and work. I would close this report by asking that next year's committee might be more prepared to take on part of the responsibility, which this year has devolved almost entirely on the secretary and his assistant.

R. G. CARTER (Sec.).

BEDE SCHOOLS' COMBINED CHOIRS ANNUAL CONCERT HAYDN'S "THE CREATION"

At a time when we appear to be bent on the destruction of our universe it was a happy inspiration of the school choirs to give us an opportunity of celebrating its creation, and a thoroughly enjoyable occasion it turned out to be.

After a representation of chaos bordering perhaps a little too dangerously on verisimilitude, the orchestra, composed of pupils, an ex-pupil and friends of the school and led by Mr. S. Murgatroyd, settled down to a workmanlike job of underlining Haydn's text, alternately soaring aloft on mighty pens and creeping with sinuous trace in dogged mimesis. In particular, there were many felicities in the wood-wind playing.

Apart from one anxious moment when we were not quite certain what it was that the heavens were telling, the combined choirs sang not only with accuracy and conviction but also, more appropriately in this typical piece of eighteenth century optimism, with freshness and spontaneity, an effect towards which the younger members of the choir made a notable contribution. Whether in jubilation at the completion of their task or of their Creator's, they produced some splendid singing in the chorus, "Achieved is the glorious work".

Two of the soloists were guests; Miss Alma Greenhalgh's pure soprano was indeed delightful to the ravished sense, while Mr. Harry Rollin's rich and flexible baritone rolled merrily in the foaming billows and sported gleefully among the fauna of Haydn's rococo game reserve. Our resident tenor, Mr Alan Smith, clad, as it were, in native worth, sang with great refinement and sensitive understanding of the simple dignity of Haydn's melodic line. Mr. R. A. Coxon, a former pupil, accompanied the recitative secco with discretion and sensibility; and if Mr. Kirk did, literally, cast aside his conductor's baton for a dozen bars or so in the middle, we may safely say that, metaphorically, it remained firmly in his grasp all evening.

W.G.

THE DEATH CRYPT

The man stirred on the stone floor of the crypt. He sat up and examined his injuries. A trickle of blood flowed down his nose; it originated from a gash on the fringe of his hair. He took out a handkerchief and wiped the blood away. He stood up and leant against the wall, then he did that for five minutes until the pain of his wound was no more than a dull throb. He then surveyed his surroundings. In the centre of the crypt there was a long carpet leading up to an altar — an altar to Satan! On the altar were a pair of golden images of Satan, in between was a broken crucifix. Above the altar was a large tapestry of Satan and some of his minions; the tapestry was spun in golden threads showing clearly among hideous dark blues, black, dark red and other dark colours.

This was his punishment for breaking the vows of the Satanic Cult. He had gone to a priest for confession, sacrificed some of his own pleasure to do good, among other things. This was his punishment, to be driven mad and his soul to be delivered to the Arch-Fiend. He had only one protection, an ivory crucifix that burned his hands when he touched it. He took it out of the folds of his red robes and grasping it with both hands (the pain was agonising), knelt and prayed to God.

A cock crowed with an unerving screech. He looked up and saw a one-legged cock standing on the altar. He heard a slithering sound in one corner of the crypt. He looked and saw an ugly, black, misshapen, ape-like creature which slowly dissolved into a black blob with one eye and a red hole below it from which came an unearthly shriek.

Slowly it moved forward. When it was within five feet of the man, it seemed to expand upwards and soon it towered two feet above his head. Slowly it came further forward. With a cry of "God be with me!" he launched himself at the creature and threw the crucifix at its eye. There was a terrible scream and sulphur fumes filled his nostrils. He blacked out.

When he came to, he heard footsteps on the altar—steps that sounded like hoofs! The man heard them go down the steps of the altar and stop. An evil laugh echoed around the walls of the crypt.

"Look at me!" came a command.

"Never!" the man muttered.

The man looked along the floor and saw the crucifix. He would never get to it in time.

The footsteps started again. Nearer they came, nearer! Soon they were very close. Sweat came off the man's forehead and unceasing prayers from off his lips.

Thunder boomed and lightning flashed.

"Get back to where you came from!" said a loud voice.

"Yes, Mighty Lord, yes," came back the meek reply.

The man looked up. Veiled in a white, misty shroud was a man-like figure. His face could not be seen and he was dressed in a white robe.

"You were an evil man, but you have been truly sorry; you have done good to make up for your misdeeds. You are forgiven. Go," and the figure in white pointed to a hole in the wall of the crypt.

The man scrambled out through the hole. When he had reached ground level he stood for a few minutes breathing in the fresh morning air and remembering that God's mercy is infinite.

He strode forward with a brisk step, a new and happy man.

IAN WILLIAMS, U IV3.

TEACHERS

Teachers are rather queer people,
Each with his own special way;
Scholastic, bombastic or mildly sarcastic,
They drone on day after day.

Teachers are rather queer people,
Clad in their black gowns of gloom,
Suspecting, inspecting or grimly correcting,
As we scurry from room to room.

Teachers are rather queer people;
Why it is we really can't say,
Reforming, informing or wildly storming,
Each tedious, endless day.

R. DODDS (III C).

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SENIOR SOCCER, 1961-62

Captain: D. Carter.

Vice-Captain: J. Beresford.

After a shaky start the 1st XI improved considerably and had a fairly successful season. The full record is:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
28	13	6	9	83	55

We endeavoured throughout the season to discover the best combination of our available players, but too often when it appeared that we had found it injury necessitated further team changes. This meant that we rarely fielded the same team for more than two successive games. It is rather surprising, therefore, that we again reached the semi-final of the Tyneside Grammar School Cup, although we suffered defeat at this stage for the fourth successive year.

In goal McHenry made some good saves but appeared to suffer from lack of confidence. Hepple took over later in the season and never failed to give a sound performance. Maddison and Carter were again the full backs and their experience of each other's play was an important factor in a usually safe defence. Both Kirk and Storey proved very capable at right-half, and at left-half Nixon's hard tackling was a valuable asset. Duxbury, at centre-half, always gave an excellent performance, and, as well as being the basis of the defence, he also proved useful in attack. In the forward-line Marrs and Horn made up for their small size by intelligent use of the ball. Beresford played well in both the inside-right and centre-forward positions and finished top goal-scorer. Storey showed obvious ability at centre-forward and should continue to improve with further experience of senior football. At inside-left Chape worked hard but disappointed near the end of the season. Kirk improved continually during the season and was the second highest scorer. He played at every position in the forward-line but seems, however, to be more suited to wing-half. Brown was a very useful left winger but too often hurried his shots.

It is a pleasing fact that seven of this season's regular players will be available next season and will, we hope, form the foundation of a successful team.

Now, on behalf of the team, I should like to thank Mr. Ellis for his helpful advice and interest in the team throughout the season.

Appearances:— Beresford 26; Duxbury 25; Kirk 24; Nixon 24; Carter 22; Chape 21; Maddison 21; Storey 21; McHenry 20; Brown, J. 19; Watson 16; Callaghan 12; Pratt 10; Scott 10; Horn 10; Marrs 8; Romson 7; Andrews 4; Hepple 4; Smithson 3; Gardiner 1.

Goal Scorers:— Beresford 19; Kirk 17; Storey 15; Chape 11; Pratt 5; Brown, J. 3; Duxbury 3; Watson 3; Callaghan 2; Horn 2; Marrs 2; Nixon 1.

Colours were renewed to Carter and Beresford and awarded to Maddison, Duxbury, Nixon and Kirk.

D. CARTER (Capt.).

UNDER 15 SOCCER

The under 15 XI had a most successful season, winning the Sunderland Schools' Championship. They won Division A fairly comfortably, and defeated St. Hilda's 3-1 in the semi-final, and Farrington 3-1 in the final, after extra time.

Our success has been largely due to the solid defence of Stephenson, and to the goal-scoring feats of Lightfoot, assisted by Waters and Watson. Hepple was a safe goal-keeper, though he has rarely been tested, while Potts was a capable deputy. Ridley and Rumley proved to be our best pair of backs, Rumley especially being the most improved player in the side. At wing-half Hounslow always worked hard, and Goldsmith ably supported Stephenson in defence, and was attacking at every opportunity. Iley was a strong reserve half-back. The forwards at their best could riddle any defence, as one score of 7 and four of 6 goals indicate; at other times, however, the finishing was weak. Lightfoot was strong on the ball and a powerful shot. Waters was improving all the season, and gaining in confidence, and should be a good senior player. Lowe, though often over-whelmed by weight, was still able to show us his delightful ball control, and his ability to centre accurately proved most useful. Watson and Herbert, while not such accomplished ball-players, were always going whole-heartedly into the game. Fenwick, who played a number of games at centre-forward, though he lacked speed and strength, showed many clever touches. Other boys called into the side to fill occasional vacancies did not let the side down.

Stephenson, Hepple and Lightfoot regularly represented Sunderland Boys, while Lowe had two games. Goldsmith and Lowe played for the town under 14 XI. Stephenson's sound displays at centre-half for Sunderland earned him a place in the county team against Lancashire at Barrow.

The full record for the season was:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
18	14	1	3	67	25

The following boys represented the school (number of appearances in brackets):— K. Stephenson (Capt., 14), B. Anderson (1), P. Fenwick (10), I. R. B. Goldsmith (16), D. Greenshields (2), J. Harrison (7), M. D. Hepple (13), L. Herbert (15), G. B. Hodgson (1), R. Hounslow (17), G. Iley (7), B. Lightfoot (14), G. M. Lowe (16), N. Matthams (3), J. Nolan (3), R. G. Potts (6), E. Ridley (3), D. Rumley (14), H. Shepherd (1), H. A. Waters (14), J. Watson (16).

Goal-scorers were: Lightfoot (25), Waters (12), Watson (11), Fenwick (3), Herbert (6), Lowe (2), Greenshields, Rumley, Shepherd (1 each).

UNDER 12 SOCCER

The team has experienced a highly successful season, being clear winners of the Sunderland Schools League Division F, with a league record of:—

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
14	13	1	0	46	9	27

Twenty games have been played in all, with only one defeat and one draw, 66 goals being scored and only 14 conceded.

Credit must go to a defence which has been sound all season under the leadership of the team captain and centre-half, N. Matthams (4A). The defence found an immediately successful working system and the whole team has been built upon its solidarity. The half-back line suffered a setback after Christmas when K. Morris (4,1) was injured but D. Davison (3D) was successfully converted into a right-half and must be congratulated on an excellent effort. A. Trout (4,3), R. Ede (4,2), N. Hutchinsen (3C), and P. Wilkinson (4A) have held regular places in the defence.

The attack was initially inclined to rely on individual efforts but after Christmas a genuine understanding developed and the whole forward-line functioned as a neat unit. All forwards contributed to the goals with centre-forward R. Findlay (4,2) being the leading goal-scorer. The left wing pair A. Bate (4,3) and J. Moody (4,3) are to be congratulated for the trouble that they caused to the opposition due to their excellent play. B. Anderson (4A, vice-captain) and G. Martin (3A) formed a very thrustful right wing pair.

N. Matthams and B. Anderson appeared in the Sunderland Boys Under 14 trial and gave creditable performances against boys one year older.

M. Harrison (4A), W. Mudd (4A) and A. Donkin (3C) also appeared in a few games throughout the season. It is promising to note that four First Year boys have played for the team this season.

The team appeared in the semi-final of the Town Under 13 Championship and easily accounted for St. Mary's School, 6-0, giving an excellent exhibition of football. In the final, against West Southwick, they had an overwhelming victory by 6 goals to 1.

SENIOR CRICKET XI, SEASON 1961

Captain: K. Greenfield. Vice-Captain: N. Anderson.

P.—7, Won—4, Lost—1, Drawn—1, Tied—1.

Although on paper this was the weakest team produced by the school for quite a time there were great enthusiasm and keenness, qualities reflected especially amongst the younger members.

As captain, Greenfield bore the great responsibility of blending the team together, and in this task his determination was well rewarded.

The main feature of the team was the bowling of Greenfield and Scott who between them captured 39 wickets. Their averages were 5.6 and 5.3 respectively. Aply backing them in their task were McClement and Brandt, both of whom show remarkable promise for the future.

In the batting there was a marked absence of steady batsmen, a weakness which has for some time been a feature in the school. Well over half the runs were shared by Anderson, Robson, Ridge and Brandt, though there were some invaluable innings by Storey when he was available.



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Only four players, namely Greenfield, Anderson, Wood and Ridge are unavailable next season and as a result the nucleus of next year's team has already established itself.

In conclusion I should like to thank Mr. McClement and all the other members of the cricket panel for their enthusiasm throughout.

D. RIDGE (Hon. Sec.).

JUNIOR CRICKET, 1961

The Junior XI had a most successful season in 1961, winning the Swan Challenge Cup for the sixth time.

First I should like to congratulate Keith Storey on being the first Sunderland boy to play for the English Schools' XI. He had the honour of captaining Sunderland, Durham County, the North, and the England sides.

The School XI won East Division easily, and beat Farringdon in the semi-final, and Barnes in the final of the Swan Cup. In batting the team relied chiefly upon Birtwistle and Storey and, fortunately, one or both of them usually obliged. Goodfellow started the season well but lost form in July. Birtwistle headed the averages with 162 runs (average 40.5), and Storey scored 118 runs (average 29.5). Callaghan (29 wickets for 3.96 each) and Lightfoot (27 wickets — average 4) bore the brunt of the bowling, ably assisted by Brown and Leary. Johnson kept wicket quite well, and the fielding was generally adequate.

Birtwistle represented Sunderland and Durham County, and was unfortunate not to gain further honours. Lightfoot, Callaghan, Johnson and Goodfellow also played for the town team.

The following boys played for the school:— K. Storey (Capt.), P. C. Birtwistle, M. Brown, N. Callaghan, J. Gisby, K. Goodfellow, D. Greenshields, F. Johnson, M. Leary, B. Lightfoot, M. Sephton, J. D. Snowball, J. Smithson, J. M. Warriner.

BASKETBALL REPORT, 1961-62

Captain: J. T. Beresford.

After a shaky start against Tynemouth where we were beaten by two points — our first defeat in two years — we improved steadily throughout the season, eventually winning all three local trophies for which we were entered.

We were also entered for the All England Junior Championships. In this competition we lacked the services of Beresford who was too old to participate. Although we were beaten three times — twice by Middlesborough Juniors, the margin being one point each time — we reached the last sixteen, to be beaten by Derby Youths 37-32. Had Beresford's experience been available, we would no doubt have gone further in this competition.

In our other matches some exceptional scores were recorded. The Training College was beaten 110-31, the highest score recorded by the team for three years.

The success of the team has been due largely to the ex-

cellent combination of Beresford and Kirk in attack, and the rock-like defence of Duxbury.

School colours were re-awarded to Beresford and Kirk and awarded to Duxbury. Town colours, in connection with the All England Junior Championships, were awarded to Kirk, Duxbury, McHenry and Johnson.

Scorers were as follows (appearances in parenthesis): Kirk (21) 428; Beresford (11) 211; McHenry (21) 147; Duxbury (21) 146; Watson (4) 60; Johnson (20) 23; Ridley (7) 24; Carter (9) 20; Harrison, J. (7) 20; Dawson (9) 8; Glass (2) 6; Harrison, B. (4) 4; Adey (1) 2.

Copland and Taylor also played.

The team would like to thank Mr. Wardle for his coaching and refereeing during the season.

Results: P, 21; W, 17; L, 4; For 1101; Against 654.

The total score, 1101, has only once been beaten in the history of the School's basketball (in 1959-60, 1219).

The under 15 team had a very successful season winning all seventeen games played.

G. KIRK (Sec.).

SWIMMING REPORT

This year has been very successful for School swimming for, although no Galas except the town's and the School's were participated in, results were very pleasing. In the former Gala out of a possible 36 events members of the School gained 28 places; 14 firsts, 8 seconds and 6 thirds, as well as setting up two new records, which easily eclipsed the efforts of Monkwearmouth Grammar, a school which usually dominates this Gala. Special mention must go to Timsey, Ritson and Lambert of the middle school; Pounder, Wilson and Armstrong of the Juniors and of the Senior Life Saving Team which owing to the advice of Mr Wardle smashed the existing record by 6.8 seconds.

The School Gala, the results of which may be seen elsewhere, went very smoothly owing to the efforts of Mr Taylor and Mr Wardle and other members of Staff; it ended with the three squadron-races on which the decision, i.e. Hylton or Durham, hung. Hylton finally won by one point from Durham. It is intended to enter teams in three events this year: the English Schools Swimming Association Medley Team and Life-Saving competitions and the Cox Memorial Life-Saving Trophy, the teams for the life-saving being Timney and Wrightson and Bryant and Clarke.

The Life-Saving Club is to be amalgamated as from next term with the sessions at Green Terrace but as Mr Wardle is also giving tuition there the only difference will be that boys will not have to pay to enter the baths.

The thanks for the excellent results gained in the Town Gala go to Mr Taylor and Mr Wardle and to the other P.E. masters without whose encouragement many boys would not even have entered the water.

K. B. FEARON (Captain).

TENNIS REPORT, 1961

The team had a remarkably successful year, winning ten out of fourteen matches, losing only to a strong Royal Grammar side, and, with a depleted team, to South Shields. The third defeat was most unfortunate as the school lost very narrowly to Grangefield in the semi-final of the County Schools Tournament.

Throughout the season the team was never at full strength, Landau and Pearlman unavailable on Saturdays, Williamson and Horner under pressure from exams, and this clearly shows the strength of the reserves although at times the position looked desperate.

The House Tournament was won as usual by Lumley, and Landau won the Pyburn Memorial Cup in great style; Pearlman won the junior tournament. The team was captained by Williamson, and he and Wilkinson must be congratulated on their county selection. The boys unexpectedly thrashed the masters at the end of a very good season. Our thanks must go to Mr. Taylor and to the other members of staff who have helped the team in every way.

The following boys represented the school team:—
 Wilkinson (14), Laws (14), Victory (13), Harris (13), Horner (13), Pearlman (1), Landau (1), Taylor (1), Howey (1), Stirk (1), Williamson (6), Beresford (6).

Laws, Wilkinson and Williamson were awarded Colours.

RUGBY REPORT

Several of last season's first team players were available this season, especially Fearon, team captain, who has had three seasons of first team rugby.

The forwards played well, led by Wilkinson — lack of an experienced hooker was a disadvantage, but Graham filled the position ably enough. The pack as a whole tended to neglect covering and tackling, although the wing-forwards did their part. After the first few games Bowman came in at stand-off half and showed great penetration and excellent tackling. Fearon led the team with great fire and spirit, but was a little erratic in his play. The backs in general lacked determination, and defensive play was particularly weak. The centres seemed unwilling to run with the ball at top speed. Blythe and Lewis in their first season for the school showed promise on the wings. The team was unlucky to lose several of its matches by very narrow margins — a reliable place-kicker could have reversed the issues.

The school entered a team for the County 'sevens' at Billingham, but was unfortunate to be drawn against Grangefield, the eventual finalists, in the first round and lost 13-0. Fearon, Wilkinson, Greggs, Woodman, Ridley, Howey and Copland were selected to play for Sunderland boys during the Christmas holidays.

Throughout the winter term, and for most of the spring term Mr. Rippon organised circuit training and outside practices which, while not always welcomed, were certainly a

contributing factor to our limited success, and we are indebted to him for his enthusiasm and support. We also thank Mr. Berry for his continued guidance through the season.

Colours were awarded to Fearson, Wilkinson, Griggs, Bowman and Copland.

	Pts.					
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
1st XV	16	6	1	9	154	145
U 15	10	4	0	6	83	98
U 14	10	6	0	4	113	62

N. COPLAND (Hon. Sec.).

GYM CLUB REPORT

Mr. Wardle was once again in charge of the Gym Club this year and the members, about 35 were divided into three groups, those working for the 3rd Class, those for the 2nd Class and finally those working for the Advanced. Numbers recently, however, have been too large for one gymnasium and next year the club may be split into two, a Junior and a Senior.

In the near future it is hoped to improve the gymnastic apparatus by the addition of a trampette, a miniature trampoline, which will no doubt prove very popular.

Unfortunately no teams were entered for the North East Gymnastic Championships as was previously hoped.

Under the awards scheme, several boys gained their 3rd Class but only two, Lewis and Muir, gained the 2nd Class and there was one Advanced award, McKenzie's, although many more are hoped for.

M. MCKENZIE.

CROSS COUNTRY, 1961-62

With only J. L. Pratt of last year's very successful team available, it was expected that we would have a lean season, and this has proved to be the case. Five out of fifteen matches against individual schools have been won, while we were 5th out of 9 in the Lumley Castle Relay, 9th out of 13 in the North-East Grammar Schools Championship, and 9th out of 16 in the Ashbrooke Relay.

Pratt has had an outstanding season, but has not had the support that his efforts merited from some of the team. Training nights have rarely been well attended, and even during races a lack of effort has been noted on occasions.

He has lowered the record for the school course on three occasions, his best time being 15 mins. 32 secs. against the former record (J. Barber) of 15 mins. 38.5 secs. and the all-comers record of 15 mins. 30 secs., which, incidentally, was equalled by Peter Robson, an Old Boy now at Bede College, during the season. In the National Championships at Birkenhead Pratt was 3rd runner for Durham County who came 4th out of 35 teams, and in the Ashbrooke Relay he set up a new record for the course of 9 mins. 39 secs.

Durham County Championships. The following represented the town — Seniors: R. Wilkinson, R. Blenkinship, A.

Moor. Intermediates: J. L. Pratt, A Bright. Juniors: J. Britton, P. Kinnair.

House Championships. Seniors: Durham. Individual winner, J. L. Pratt. Juniors: Raby. Individual winner, P. Kinnair. Hylton were runners-up in both races.

Juniors. The under 14's (largely 1st years) lost to Washington and Monkwearmouth, but the under 15's beat Chester Road and, without Swindles, were 3rd in the Town Championships.

Swindles (3A) has shown very promising form and, since January, has been on the School team.

Colours. Renewal: J. L. Pratt. New awards: A. Bright and R. Wilkinson.

Thanks are due to Mr. F. A. Jennens for taking a number of the away matches.

'Ichthyophthirius'

It all started when we got that book on tending an aquarium. We were all perfectly happy feeding the fish once a day, cleaning them out once a month, and sublimely ignoring 'that one over there with the frayed tail', or the one 'who's head's been bitten off'. I could swear there was nothing wrong with our fish (apart from these minor ailments) until that book came into the house.

The first week I valiantly ploughed my way through Chapter One — 'The Size and Shape of Your Aquarium'. In this chapter you were warned, amongst other things, of the dreadful atrocities to fish caused by 'wedge-shaped' tanks. Our tank was wedge-shaped, so, for a week, we all had pangs of conscience on seeing any fish that was not careering around the tank at fifty miles an hour.

As I read on through the book we all passed through many different stages of concern for our fish, but none so important and with such drastic results at the 'Ichthyophthirius' stage.

The term was so convincing that soon I found myself diagnosing cases of the dreaded 'Ichthyophthirius' every day.

The first symptom I read about was of fish 'flicking' themselves off plants. No sooner had I read this than every fish I saw started to 'flick'. No one else noticed these 'flicking' fish but me, so I read the appropriate paragraph out of the book. They were so impressed by 'Ichthyophthirius' that soon they were all seeing these 'flickings'.

Inevitably I read on to the cure—potassium permanganate. It has since been revealed to me that potassium permanganate is used for anything from gargling with to scouring out the kitchen sink. In those days I had not this useful knowledge. Straight away, therefore, the requisite quantity of potassium permanganate crystals was bought.

Implicitly following the instructions the solution was made and poured into the tank. The cure was perfect; my fear that they would die of Ichthyophthirius proved completely unfounded — they died of potassium permanganate.

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PHILATELIC SOCIETY REPORT, 1961-62

Once again the Philatelic Society has suffered from lack of support. After a successful beginning in the Autumn term, attendances fell, members from the upper school being few in number. An encouraging number of juniors appear to be still interested in philately, but their interest usually ends with the acquisition of new stamps.

The committee, consisting of Matthams and Thompeon, arranged a number of displays and two auctions. The auctions were a great success and large numbers of stamps changed hands. Displays were given by Pearce, Wilson, Lewis, Walker, Matthams and Mr. Linton; all were very popular and showed the newer members the results obtainable with a little care.

The reason for poor attendances may be lack of interest and the fact that the Philatelic Society meetings coincided with other clubs and activities. We hope that, in the future, interest will be retained and numbers increased.

Finally we must extend our thanks to Mr. J. P. Linton for his continued interest and support, as these have proved invaluable to all our members.

I. M. THOMPSON, VIa Sc. (Chairman).

A TYRANT DIES

The night creeps round the lonely farm;
 With stealth the cats invade its calm.
 The Rat struts through the grain-filled barn
 And rends his way through the sacking's yarn.
 A cat slides in, it sees the rat;
 But, as it stalks there squeaks a bat.
 The Rat darts off, deserts the grain,
 But, too late, its bid's in vain.
 The cat with a pounce sinks teeth in head;
 On the floor the Rat lies dead.

K. LEWIS, Va.

ARCHBISHOP OF YORK'S SCHOOLBOYS' CONFERENCE OF VOCATION, 1962

As in previous years the conference was held at St. John's College, York. The conference was attended by boys from all over the North of England and was held between the 11th-14th April. The conference chairman, the Bishop of Whitby, the Rev. G. Snow, introduced a film from the "Fact and Faith" series. The Archbishop of York talked, on the first night, on 'The Mission of the Church in the world today'. On the final night his Grace also took part in a 'Brains Trust' which placed itself at the mercy of the conference.

Three talks were given in between the Archbishop's visits. Their titles were "Vocation: to work, to the Home and to the Ordained Ministry", and they were given by Kenneth Maude, Alan Ingleby and Rev. Fenton Morley. Mr. Maude was a Liverpool business man, Mr. Ingleby a Marriage Guidance Counsellor who did his teaching-practice here at Bode, and Canon Morley a well known broadcaster.

All services in the Chapel were conducted by the Provost

of Wakefield, Rev. Pare. He talked after compline and morning prayer on subjects ranging from 'Prayer' to the 'Colour Bar'. A vote of thanks is due to the staff of the college who prepared excellent meals and provided us with excellent accommodation. As in previous years the conference was a resounding success.

ROBERT A. MORRELL.

BAD PETER

Mr. and Mrs. Hansen were a happily married couple. They had been married for seven years and had a five year old son. They were good parents to Peter, but the only thing wrong was that they lived in the country and Peter was lonely. After some time Joan, Mrs Hansen, noticed her son's displeasure; so she told Peter to imagine that he had a friend, one of his own age. Peter did as he was told. After a while, however, things began to happen. Vases and ornaments were broken; John's, Mr Hansen's, tobacco jar was also broken. Well, that was the last straw as far as John was concerned; he asked Peter if it was he who had broken them.

"No," said Peter. "It was not me. It was Bad Peter."

"Who is this . . . this Bad Peter, anyhow?" said John to his wife.

"It's his friend, the one that we told him to imagine," came the reply.

"We!" said John. "It was you who told him to imagine this Bad Peter." Then turning to Peter, he said, "What does Bad Peter look like?"

"Well," began Peter uncertainly, "he looks just like me, except for his face. Sometimes even I can't tell us apart."

"Well, tell him not to break so many things!" said John firmly.

"All right, Daddy."

In the following week or so cups, windows, plates and saucers went the same way as the vases and John's tobacco jar. Finally John put his foot down.

"It's got to stop," said John to Peter.

"What's got to stop, father?" piped the small boy's innocent voice.

"You know fine well! It's all those things that are getting broken, it's got to stop!" answered John in a loud, strict voice.

"But it wasn't me, it was Bad Peter," said Peter.

Just then Joan entered the room.

"What's the matter?" she said. "What are you shouting at?"

"It's your son's friend, this Bad Peter. There's only one thing to do and that's to kill him: destroy him in front of Peter so that he won't tell any more lies."

John then told Peter to look out of the window while he dealt with 'Bad Peter'. He then put his hands round 'Bad Peter's' throat and began to squeeze the breath out of him.

"Why," said John, "I can almost feel his neck!"

"No need to make it seem so realistic!" exclaimed Joan. "Don't grunt so!"

UNDER 15 SOCCER



Back Row : R. Hounslow, L. Herbert, G. Hey, D. Hepple, R. Potts, P. Fenwick, J. Watson.

Front Row : E. Ridley, D. Lumley, B. Lightfoot, K. Stephenson (capt.), G. Lowe, I. R. B. Goldsmith, H. Waters.

SENIOR BASKETBALL



Back row : D. Carter, Mr. E. N. Wardle, J. W. Harrison.

Front Row : F. Johnston, S. Duxbury, J. Beresford (capt.), G. Kirk, J. McHenry.

SCHOOL TENNIS TEAM



Back Row : D. A. G. Laws, M. Davis, C. W. Stirk.

Front Row : M. Victory, A. E. Wilkinson (capt.), Mr. A. Taylor, R. Harris, C. Z. Pearlman.

STAFF



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Middle Row : Messrs H. Graham, W. E. McClements, R. Brindle, J. P. Linton, F. A. Jennings, D. A. Thompson, W. J. Barber, G. B. Thompson, J. P. Wylie, E. N. Wardle, D. Rippon, E. Y. Almond, J. L. Jolly, C. Bell.

Front Row : Messrs W. Ellis, C. J. Wates, I. G. McIntosh, J. A. Harrison, S. A. S. Robinson, E. Atker, A. J. B. Budge (Headmaster), R. T. Ayre (Deputy Headmaster), R. Clarke, C. A. Smith, A. Taylor, J. Mellars, W. K. Lewis.

1st XI SOCCER



Back Row : Mr W. Ellis, K. Storey, D. Scott, J. McHenry, V. Robson, A. Chape, L. Pratt,

Front Row : G. Marrs, R. Dobson, P. Madhison, J. Beresford, D. Carter (capt.), S. Duxbury, G. Kirk, J. Nixon, J. Brown.

1st XV



Back Row : C. Rendall, B. Barden, P. Samuelson, R. Harris, B. Lewis, N. Copland, D. Blyth, E. Bowman, C. Glass.

Front Row : Mr. M. Berry, J. Graham, J. Griggs, D. Pave-Burman, P. Ridley, K. Fearon, A. Wilkinson, H. Woodman, S. Moor, J. Langstaff, Mr. D. Rippen.

1st XI CRICKET



Back Row : K. Armitage (scorer), G. Ellison, D. Scott, D. Brandt, F. Johnson, W. McClement, Mr. W. E. McClement.

Front Row : G. Kirk, B. Marraill, K. Storey, J. Beresford (capt.), J. Warriner, V. Robson, P. Birtwistle.

ATHLETICS TEAM



Back Row : J. Britton, P. Kinnair, G. Lowe, P. Herring, B. Timney, K. Wallace, W. Strong, P. Winters, P. Anderson, K. Matthews, J. Watson.

Middle Row : K. Fearon, K. Stephenson, B. Smith, G. Keith, J. Harrison, G. Robson, K. Bright, G. Ribson, L. Pratt, C. Glass.

Front Row : B. Lightfoot, G. Kelghley, A. R. Wilkinson, J. Matthews, G. Kirk, Mr. W. Ellis, L. Ross, S. Duxbury, P. Hoskinson, M. Rathway, E. Aigie.

After John had finished he told Peter that he could turn round. But when Peter did turn round, instead of seeing his son's cheery face his father saw a face smothered in evil contours. His ears were pixie-like and his nose was sharp and pointed. Mrs. Hansen, who had turned away from the 'murder' also turned and saw her 'son'.

"Well done!" congratulated 'Peter'. "The only thing wrong is that you killed the wrong one."

A. GIBBONS, IV2.

RETREAT

I sat on a seat in Mowbray Park,
The cloud frowned down, a quarrel bred;
The traffic growled, a fog-horn blew.
A bird flew by. I thought he said,

"Come fly, kind sir, and fly away!
Come fly! I'll take you by the hand,
Over Tunstall Hill and south along,
I'll lead your way to the Promised Land.

Milk and honey will flow by your feet,
Kindness and silence will come your way.
Standing alone in the blue of a sky
In heaven's glory you'll come to stay."

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How his prostrate body
trembles!
How his blood flows free
again,
Filling every limb with
power!

Watch, my son, from in the
shadows
We alone may see this won-
der,
We alone may hear him
speak,
Many wonders will he teach
us.

Many thousand years he
slept there,
In a mighty, towering city.
Sleeping by some magic law
Through a long and great
millennium.

Through this long and great
millennium,
He alone survived to tell us
All about his mighty race,
Speak of long forgotten won-
ders!

Once a ploughman found his
body
Slumbering in a hidden
chamber
In the city that had sunk
Down beneath the dust of
centuries.

For they say, the day he
walks,
He will tell us of the glory
Of a world that's long since
gone.
With its peace and with its
loving

Watch! His lips do try to
answer.
We alone are here to listen.
We alone may hear of peace.
We ourselves may feel that
glory.

Now he speaks of moving
pictures!
Now he speaks of sounds in
metal!
Now he speaks of ships that
fly!
Now he speaks of iron horses!

Hush, my son, the sleeper
speaketh.
But what are these words he
utters?
Words of things that kill
afar!
Words of blood, and war, and
killing!

Words of hate and fear and
bloodshed!
Words of things at which I
tremble!
Words of weapons huge and
vast!
Oh! Such words! I fear to
listen!

Now he speaketh of such
evil.
Better things like this for-
gotten.
I have done what I must do.
Now, my son, the sleeper
sleepeth.

G. ROBSON, 5B.

S.C.M. REPORT

This year's meetings of the S.C.M. have proved successful, with rather more support from the boys than in the past few years; our only regret is that virtually all the members are drawn from VIa or VIu, this fact providing no basis

for the society next year. In the Autumn Term we followed the S.C.M. study guide 'Science and Christianity'. For the remaining meetings of the term we had talks on Christians and Jews and the doctrines of Christmas. At the beginning of the Spring Term a party accepted the invitation of the Rev. P. F. D. Spargo to attend a Sung Mass at St. Margaret's, Castletown. For the term's meetings we had explanatory talks on the various denominations, a number of which talks inspired lively discussion. We also held a meeting to which we invited the other S.C.M.'s. in the town, when the Rev. M. Peach, the inter-collegiate secretary at Durham University, spoke on the Assembly of the World Council of Churches at New Delhi. The District Conference was held in the Bede Girls' School and was well attended. Some members also attended two residential conferences at Stubb House near Darlington. Thanks to the staff for their support and Mr. W. Graham for the use of the library.

P. H. FORD (Chairman),

R. G. CARTER (Sec.).

THE GHOST

While walking the school in the dead of night,
 One may often encounter a terrible sight.
 It's seen around midnight as a general rule,
 Perhaps known better as the ghost of the school.
 The ghost, who's most commonly known as just "Fred",
 Is all that remains of a master long dead.
 He died of a surfeit of pupils, it seems,
 And when walking the school one can still hear his
 screams.
 This ghost, it appears, is a poltergeist sort,
 Which means that it's noisy and throws things about.
 The trail of his damage is easy to see,
 As the owl on the roof is as red as can be.
 Proof can easily be found of his being,
 For if ever you have had that queer feeling.
 It was not the school dinner as you had presumed.
 But the ghost come to say that the whole world is
 doomed!

A. MacLEOD, U IVa.

LIBRARY REPORT

The Library continued to serve the school throughout the year, and was again well used by most boys. Indeed, some of them seemed to appreciate the service so much that they were reluctant to return their books. During the year a large number of new books have been added to the shelves, including a fine set of Chambers' Encyclopaedia, which will be of immense value for reference purposes.

The Librarians, under M. R. Hammerton, served the Library well during the year. Once again we extend our thanks to Mr. W. Graham for his help and guidance without which our progress during the past few years would not have been possible.

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NIGHT

The eerie silence of the street;
 The lonely patter of my feet,
 The frightening howl of a dog I hear;
 I stop and listen, my heart full of fear
 Then comes the treading of other feet,
 Nearer and nearer they seem to come!
 All my body goes quite numb.
 The steps die away, far away . . .
 Oh, how I wish that it was day!

J. SINGER, III A.

**INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE SEMI-PALMATED,
 AMERICAN, PECTORAL, GREEN-WINGED, LESSER-
 SPOTTED SILK-MOTH**

Acknowledgements: the international bureau of research on English-speaking greyhounds in south-west Potaniland, page 27,850 of D. J. Charlton's book, "Where the Semi-palmated, American, pectoral, green-winged, lesser-spotted, silk-moth sucks". (Unfortunately D. J. Charlton was recently seen to be walking through the primeval forests of Caledonia when he was eaten by a large picca-shaped bird to the distress of his companions.*)

*Unfortunately D. J. Charlton was carrying the only copy of "Where the Semi-palmated, American, pectoral, green-winged, lesser-spotted silk moth sucks", which had not yet gone to Press. We apologise for any inconvenience caused to students studying the Semi-palmated, American, pectoral, green-winged, lesser-spotted silk-moth.

D. J. CHARLTON, U IVa.

MUSIC CLUB

Throughout the past year the music club has continued to meet on Friday afternoons, and has been attended regularly by the few stalwarts without whose support the club would have ceased to exist. Apart from the members, very few new faces have been seen, although this might conceivably be due to the fact that none of the programmes has been advertized as they have been in the past. The winter months showed decidedly better attendances but this was due to the highly efficient heating in the music room.

Music presented this year has been to no set programme, and has ranged from old favourites such as Beethoven and Brahm's to the modern composers such as Sibelius and Shostakovich.

J. M. PHILLIPS, VIa, Sc.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

After a very successful Autumn Term, the Society again fell into the doldrums after the Christmas holiday. During the Spring Term there were only two meetings which were both well attended and it was solely due to the Society's night clashing with other school functions that other meetings did not take place.

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In the Autumn Term there were four very good open debates of which the results were as follows:—

This house would be civilly disobedient. (defeated)

This house would impose severe restrictions on immigration. (defeated)

This house believes that the West should evacuate Berlin. (defeated)

This house would emigrate. (defeated)

Although the society had been consistently well attended there were only three contestants for the G. T. Moore Cup which this year was won by Harris proposing the motion: 'This house condemns the modern popular newspaper'.

The year's most interesting event was the inviting of the combined Bede Boys' and Girls' societies, by that of Monkwearmouth Comprehensive School, to an inter-schools debate. Thompson, who was our representative speaker, proposing the motion "There are too many Grammar School Places", spoke very well in what was a rather rowdy and mediocre debate.

The following boys were Committee Members:— Autumn: President: Mr. A. Thompson; Secretary: Mr. R. G. Carter; Poet Laureate: Mr. R. Meddis; Senior Member: Mr. L. Kane. Spring: President: Mr. R. G. Carter; Secretary: Mr. S. Edwards; Poet Laureate: Mr. A. Surtees; Senior Member: Mr. R. Harrison.

Once again I would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Lewis for his unfailing loyalty and support in the past year.

S. EDWARDS (Hon. Sec.).

THE BOMB

The bomb hurtles down —
Destined to destroy;
The product of man's ingenuity,
Man's creativeness.

Beneath, the victims wait,
Unaware that any moment
A miracle of mind will
Them annihilate.

But who is to blame?
Some necromantic agent?
Oh, no! It's an example of
Man's creativeness.

B. JOHNSON, Va.

JUNIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

Autumn term:— President: B. Berg; Secretary: J. Douthwaite; Senior Member: J. Bowman; Junior Member: T. Armistage; Poet Laureate: A. Ord.

Spring term:— President: J. Douthwaite; Secretary: B. Berg; Senior Member: J. Bowman; Junior Member: T. Armistage.

The society has fared reasonably well this year and the

weekly meetings have been attended by a firm nucleus of members. There has been a varied selection of debates ranging from the effects of television on modern youth to the restriction of the sale of tobacco. A particularly well attended meeting was that in which O. S. Airey emerged the winner in an impromptu debate, for his two minute description of "a flying elephant."

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

B. BERG (Hon. Sec.).

Prose Poem

From Baudelaire

THE CHIVALROUS MARKSMAN

As the coach was driving through the wood, he stopped it in the neighbourhood of a shooting range, saying that he would like to fire a few rounds to kill time. After all isn't killing that monster, everyone's most usual and legitimate occupation? — And he offered his hand gallantly to his dear, delightful detestable wife, mysterious woman, to whom he owes so much pleasure, so much suffering and perhaps also such a great part of his genius.

Many bullets hit wide of the mark and one even buried itself into the ground; and as the charming creature laughed wildly, mocking the clumsiness of her husband, he turned sharply to her and said, "Do you see over there to your right, that doll which has its nose in the air, looking so haughty? Well, my angel, I'm imagining it's you." And he closed his eyes and fired a shot. The doll was neatly beheaded.

Then he bowed to his dear, delightful, detestable wife, his inescapable, ruthless Muse, and respectfully kissing her hand added, "Ah! my angel, how I am indebted to you for my skill!"

R. MEDDIS, Via, Artis.

LETTERS

In many magazines and papers there is a section for readers' letters. As certain papers attract a certain type of reader, so they attract a certain type of letter. If you were to take one letter from each paper you might end up with a selection like this:

From "The Times".

Sir,—With all due respect to Col. Smith-Hawkington, I should like to point out that whereas Sir Harold Carter-Thisby (K.B., V.C., C.B.E., and Honorary Scorer for Surbiton District Cricket Club), served for many years in the Guards he was actually in a nursing home when he wrote his famous book "My Later Years before the Mast". I should also like to point out that Sir Harold was not in the aforementioned nursing-home because of injuries sustained in the service of his Queen and Country, as was stated by Col. Smith-Hawkington in his admirable article, but was recovering from the severe shock he received on being informed that he was not in the Navy, but in the Army.

JOHN BURLINGTON,

(Capt. H.M.S. "Valiant").

From "The Observer". ("Literary Supplement")

Dear Sir,—In reply to my critics, particularly "H.S." of Maidenhead, I should very much like to point out once and for all that my reference to the admirable works of Edna Brighton (with the exception of "Shoddy's New Car" which I found to have been greatly affected by the authoress's living in what can only be termed a utilitarian state) was not in the least what I believe the above gentleman (or indeed, lady) referred to as (although probably unaware of the deep meaning and social significance of the term) bad. Myself, I have read, still do read, and will, I hope, continue for many years to come, read this lady's work. I have always had the greatest admiration for her exquisite prose and shall ever continue to do so.

BASIL TURNER,

Bristol.

From "The Daily Mirror".

Dear Old Codgers,—Me and a mate of mine have been having an argument. He says that football was originally first began by the Incas in South America. But me and my wife Gladys and her brother, Tom say that it was in England.

I have also been having an argument with my wife, Gladys's brother, Tom, who says that the Cavemen started it, and I say that it was brought over by King Wilhelm the Conqueror in ten something.—Yours faithfully,

ALF NOGG,

Birmingham.

From "The Sunderland Echo".

Dear Editor,—I think it is about time that the Corporation did something about the 5x Bus service. I have an auntie who I have to visit every Wednesday afternoon to get her tea ready and she lives in St. Thomas St. Sth. and the 5x which is the only bus I can get is always crowded so I have to walk.

"SORE FEET"

Pallion.

From a Children's comic.

Dear Uncle Timothy,—Here is a snap of me and my little brother Jimmy at Brighton. That queer lumpy thing he is standing on is a jellyfish. We had a smashing time, all except Jimmy who was limping a bit, and there was lots of ice-cream and a sort of Punch and Judy only you could see the man who was working its head.

WILLY JOHNSON,

Sheffield.

From a Women's Magazine. ("Advice Column")

Dear Evelyn,—I have been going steady with a boy for ten years. His mother says he can't marry me as he is older than me. He is 69 — I am 52.

"YOUNG AND IN LOVE",

Ashby-de-la-Zouche.

D. WINTERS, Va.



Folding of Jurassic Limestone at Lulworth Cove. [Photograph by M. R. Hamerton]

THE GEOGRAPHY FIELD COURSE, EASTER 1962

This year the field course was stationed at Swanage. We arrived there in dampened spirits after hearing of Sunderland's failure at Swansea. The journey took fourteen hours, and we did not arrive at the hostel until ten o'clock on the night of Saturday, April 28th.

The following morning we visited a nearby limestone quarry, where we searched for fossils until ejected by the irate quarry manager who offered some pungent remarks on the temerity of Northerners. This area was also a suitable vantage point from which to survey the surrounding country which we were going to explore during the following week. In the afternoon we explored the region to the north of Swanage; the main interest here being the geological exposures in the cliff faces, and the sand spits which formed the entrance to Poole harbour.

The next day was devoted to a trip to Kimmeridge Bay. We were taken by the coach to Worth Matravers, whence we walked along the cliffs and beaches to Chapman's Pool. Here we noted the prominent layers of Purbeck limestone, Portland sand and Kimmeridge clay visible in exposures on the cliff face. From here we went on to Kimmeridge via some broken-down steps; here Wilkinson and Harris remained till last to ensure that the rest of the party had a safe passage. Amongst the souvenirs collected on the beach were some very fine ammonites, coal from some small exposures, various minerals, sundry military shells, and a sea-mine relic from the last war. The latter was found difficult to move. From Kimmeridge, we went back to the hostel via Corfe Castle.

On Tuesday the coach took us to Weymouth, where we

studied the settlement of the town, and noted its major industries. In the afternoon we visited the unique Chesil Beach; we investigated both ends of the beach in order to note the difference in size of the pebbles caused by the longshore drift.

The following day we investigated some of the farms in the area, mapping the farms and finding out what the farm produced, the rotation and other interesting facts.

On Thursday we toured the region to the east of Swanage visiting such interesting places as Southampton and Winchester.

The last day, Friday, was spent studying the various settlements around Swanage, including Swanage itself. The object here was to find out about local crafts such as thatching, the age composition of the inhabitants and the occupations; the interviewers got some very funny answers to their questions while on this mission.

On Saturday we returned home via Manchester; here we left six broken hearted girls, and had to calm about a dozen distressed youths for the rest of the journey. We had a very enjoyable week, with fine weather compared with last year when the party had to wade waist deep in snow.

M. R. HAMMERTON and

E. V. F. DITCHBURN, L6A.

JUNIOR S.C.M. REPORT

This society was started successfully at the beginning of the Spring Term and is for boys of the second, third and fourth years. One of its objects is to provide a "new generation" for the Senior S.C.M. which is only very weakly supported by Upper Fives. We ran a series of monthly talks on the main denominations of the Church, two Brains Trusts (with a panel of staff for one and of boys for another), one debate, and several talks from speakers drawn from staff and friends of the school. Mr. Oliver, a pharmacist, delivered a talk on "Christianity and Science", and Messrs. C. A. Smith, Mellor and Hogg of the school also spoke. To the last two of these we are greatly indebted for their help in organising the society in its first term. The membership was at first very large, but gradually settled down to a steady twenty or so. This number we hope to improve next term. The end-of-term trip was on Monday, April 18th, and was to Barnard Castle and Richmond, and, though the weather was unkind, everybody seemed to enjoy it.

D. CARTER (Secretary).

THE HEN

My friend, tell me where is the Pen
That can do justice to the Hen?
Like a mayor she goes her way,
Laying foundations every day,
Though not for public buildings' sake,
But for custard-tart and cake;
No wonder, friend, we prize the Hen,
Whose egg is greater than the Pen.

G.R.

BEDE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The year 1961-62 has provided an unusually wide range of opportunity for members to take part in activities which interested them, either our own or those of bodies with which we are associated e.g. the Northern Naturalists Union, the Birtley N.H.S., the Institute of Biology, and the Durham Philosophical Society.

Twelve senior members of the Society spent an active week at the Field Studies Centre at Malham Tarn in West Riding in June; this year it is hoped to study montane flora and lake ecology in the Lake District, based on Derwent House at Keswick. In July some sixty members were guests of the Forestry Commission at Kieldes and spent an instructive day on safari in the Border Country. Late in July a few members attended the Northern Naturalists Union meeting in the Bollhage Burn Area, where the most interesting find was the rare New Zealand Willowherb.

In the summer term of 1961 detailed work on the "adopted area" of the Penshaw woods was continued. Soil analyses were made, water samples were tested for organic content, oxygen content, etc. The difficulties encountered were a valuable guide to necessary improvements in our equipment, and a series of field boxes are under design which should make thorough habitat surveys possible with the minimum of wasted effort and time. Seasonal changes have been recorded by our photographers. Other visits included:—

23rd September: the Botsfield-Satley district with the N.N.U.; The Cullercoats Marine aquarium and foreshore; The Tees estuary (for our Ornithologists).

8th February: King's College, Newcastle, to hear Dr. Kettlewell of Oxford University talking on Evolution.

17th February: Institute of Biology, University Science Labs., Durham, to hear Dr. Simmonds of the John Innes Institute talk on 'Bananas'.

10th March: Hancock Museum, Newcastle, for the annual general meeting of the N.N.U. Professor Burnett discussed lines of research for interested individuals or groups. A remarkable display of flowering shrubs etc., was on view.

17th March: University Science Labs., Durham, as guests of the Durham Colleges Natural History Society. An interesting display of current research and specimens was on show.

20th March: Guests of the Institute of Biology at Sunderland Technical College, to hear Professor Rannie of the Sutherland Dental School, Durham University, talking on 'Diet and Thrombosis'.

5th April: Mr. M. Easby in the Sixth Form Biology Lab, talking on the life of the bee; its vision, colour sense and language.

Meanwhile, some members have continued our old habit of attending meetings—indoor and outdoor—of the Birtley N.H.S., led by Professor Harrison. Outdoor meetings included visits to Holmeside, Brasside, Sherburn Hill, Cocken, East Raiston and Waldridge Fell.

At school, the now customary winter series of outstanding

documentary films has continued; this year at fortnightly intervals. The best of these films are superb; unfortunately, the London postal strike caused some difficulties early in 1962.

The annual general outing of the Society this summer is to the Farns Islands, on the 19th July. At the time of writing, a series of weekend excursions, ranging far and near, is being planned for the summer term of 1962.

We extend best wishes for a long and happy life to our offspring, about to be born, the Junior N.H.S. This is intended for members of the Thirds, Fourths and Upper Fourths. Members of the upper school are cordially invited to join the Senior N.H.S. if they are not members already.

E.A.

FILM CLUB REPORT

This year the members of the Film Club were fanned in an attempt to combat the cultural apathy of some sixth-formers. We held two sessions of two films each and charged the moderate sum of four shillings for membership. In the Autumn Term we showed the French film 'Poils de Carottes' which moved and amused every member and the less successful Hungarian film 'Hortobagy'. The Spring term witnessed Bergman's psychologically penetrating 'Smiles of a Summer Night', a Swedish production, and the thoroughly enjoyed Italian war film, 'Vivere in Pace'.

This sparkling international programme was shown in the comfortable surroundings of the school library and a more suitable atmosphere was induced by holding the presentations after seven o'clock and by inviting the ladies from the girls' school.

The greater part of the Junior school was able to enjoy a special showing of the popular epic, "The Battle of the River Plate". We hope to provide them with a similar evening's entertainment in the near future.

I would draw the attention of the whole upper school to this enterprising society which cordially invites anyone interested in films to join. I sincerely hope that, with an increased membership and under the continued discriminating guidance of Mr. Jolly, to whom the club is deeply indebted, it will enjoy new successes and rise to even greater heights in the future.

R. MEDDIS, VIa, Arts.

OF COURSE RATS SLEEP AT NIGHT

The light shone bluish-red through the broken walls as the evening sun sank below the isolated chimney-stack.

His eyes were closed but he sensed that someone had come and was standing in front of him. Now they've got me! he thought. But a quick glance revealed nothing more than two shabbily clothed legs, so crooked that an archway of sky was visible through them. Nothing more than an old man, with a knife and a basket, and earth on the tips of his fingers.

You're sleeping here then? asked the man, looking down.

No, not sleeping; I must wait and watch. The man nodded. Of course, that's what the stick's for. Yes. And he gripped his stick tightly. Why are you waiting? No answer, just a stiffening of his grip on the stick. For money? The basket was set down and the old man wiped his hands on his coat. No — contemptuously — of course not money. Something else. What then? Something else. Then I won't tell you what's in my basket. I can guess, thought Jürgen. Then aloud — rabbits' food. My you're a shrewd fellow, said the man. How old are you? Nine. Oh, ah, and what's three times nine then? That's easy — gaining time — three nines? Huh, twenty seven. I knew that at once. That's right, and I've got that many rabbits.

Jürgen gaped. Twenty seven? You can see them if you like. Will you? Can't come; must wait here. Always, nights as well? Yes. All the time. Always. He'd been there from Saturday already, he confided. And his home? food? A half loaf lay under a stone; it would be enough. Pity you must stay here. My rabbits like boys. But of course you can't leave here. No — sadly — no, he couldn't. Pity, and the old man turned away.

Don't tell, said Jürgen, but . . . it's the rats, you know. Back came the crooked legs, and — because of the rats? They eat the dead. Humans. They live off them. Who says? Our teacher. And you're waiting for the rats?

Not for them! And then, very softly — my brother, he's under there. He indicated the ruined walls. A bomb hit our house. The light was gone in the cellar. And my brother too. We shouted. He was smaller than me. Only four. He must be under there. Much smaller than me.

The old man looked down again. Suddenly — and didn't your teacher tell you that rats sleep at night? No. And suddenly he seemed very tired. Now wasn't that a fine teacher, who didn't know about rats sleeping at night. They always did. As soon as it was dark.

Jürgen made little trenches in the dirt. They must have very small beds, he thought. Do you know something? I'm going to feed my rabbits now, and then I'll come and fetch you. I'll bring you one. A little one, or, what do you say? More trenches in the dirt. Little rabbits, white perhaps. I don't know, he said sadly. If they really sleep at night . . .

The man climbed over the wall and walked off down the road. Jürgen stood up. If I can have one . . . a white one. I'll see, but you must wait here. And then we'll see your father. Yes, I'll wait; see if I don't. And he shouted: we've got a box at home — for the rabbit.

But the man was gone, into the sun. And Jürgen could still see the archway of blue-red through the crooked legs. And the basket swung to and fro. There was rabbits' food in it. Green rabbits' food, somewhat greyed by the dirt. And the crooked legs and the sun disappeared together.

" URANIUM 235 "

Once again the members of Drama Club have given us proof of their adventurous spirit not only by presenting a play full of the sort of difficulties which would make the average amateur society quail, but also by including, for the first time, three members of Bede Girls' in the cast.

In " Uranium 235 ", Ewan McColl traces the pursuit of knowledge throughout the ages by the scientist, unappreciated and largely ignored by his fellow men. He shows him in our own century, exploited by the wielders of power and wrongly condemned by the common man as the cause of our present woes. Finally, the Scientist, goaded into defending himself, accuses the symbolic figure of the Puppet Master, but the final speech of the Soldier places the responsibility for using or misusing the fruits of scientific research, upon us all.

As raw material this plot has tremendous dramatic potentialities. Unfortunately, the playwright partially fails in his attempt to bridge the gulf between the layman and the scientist by using too much of the technical language which is one of the chief causes of that gulf. The audience, however, seemed to appreciate the vital message of the play, with the help of the synopsis, and most certainly appreciated its performance.

Each of the players is to be congratulated in overcoming

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the handicap of performing not one, but several, rôles. The Scientist, scholarly and detached, was the only character who remained with us throughout the play. Other masterly interpretations were those of the Puppet Master and his coldly efficient Secretary, who dominated the scenes in which they took part as was presumably the dramatist's intention. The other actors, although too numerous to mention individually, deserve much praise. They certainly made up in vitality and enthusiasm for any deficiency in skill or polish. I should like, however, to compliment especially some of the younger members of the cast whose unselfconscious mime was most entertaining.

The set was extremely effective in its uncluttered simplicity. Lighting was important, not merely in helping to create atmosphere, but in marking the division of scenes, either by complete blackout or the spotlighting of one part of the set. The curtain was never drawn and this produced an impression of speed and continuity most essential in a play covering the passage of more than two thousand years.

Altogether Bede Drama Club gave us a most enjoyable evening. Long may it continue to flourish.

THE CREEPERS

Lightly they do creep,
 While the people are asleep.
 They come before the day,
 To shout, to creep, to slay.
 They killed the wife of the chief,
 In order to eat as beef.

The creepers came the next night,
 To make the people run in fright.
 But the chief was there to get them,
 To torture, kill, and hang them.
 Next day the people were rejoicing,
 For they were voicing
 That the creepers were dead, dead, dead.

DAVID HENSHALL, IIIrd.

OLD BEDANS' ASSOCIATION

President: Mr. A. J. B. Budge, M.A.

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Chairman: Mr. R. Dumble.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. R. T. Ayre.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. S. H. Pattinson.

School Rep.: Mr. M. Berry.

Elected Council Members: Messrs. H. E. Bruce, C. Forster, I. W. Joiner, M. T. Stacey, J. Thomson.

Auditors: Messrs. L. Hudson, G. N. Randle.

The annual general meeting was held in the Grand Hotel.

Sunderland, on Friday, 29th September, 1961, at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. I. W. Joiner presided over the meeting which was attended by the Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and 28 other members.

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

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. I. W. Joiner, who resigned as Chairman of the Association, for his excellent services during his four years in office.

An appeal for funds for a social club was launched during the past year and, although the response had not been near expectations, a resolution was passed instructing Council to proceed further in the matter of purchasing suitable premises.

It was with special pleasure that our eldest member, Mr. T. Cooper Dawson of Stockton, was again welcomed and the meeting reached a climax when he produced a beautifully carved Phoenix which he had made during the year and wished to present to the school.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

This year whilst not producing any outstanding sporting achievements had provided great pleasure to the various participants, which, after all, is the hallmark of the amateur game.

The two re-union dances were again successful although possibly owing to the unavoidable change of date, the numbers at the annual dinner dance were reduced. We have, however, been able to revert to December 27th this year and trust that more members will be able to attend.

S. H. PATTINSON (Hon. Secy.).

SOME NOTES ON OLD BEDANS

Arthur Curtis, who left school in 1956 to go into the R.A.F., is now teaching in Australia; he is a part-time student at Melbourne University whose Football XI he captains. He maintains his interest in Scouting, for he is Scoutmaster of the Mentone Grammar School Troop.

Two Old Bedans have achieved success in the educational field: Alex. Bruce, who was at school during the nineteen-thirties, is now Headmaster of Guisborough Grammar School and Gordon Lister, who was both pupil and master at the school will become Headmaster of Isleworth Grammar School.

George Whitfield, Headmaster of Hampton Grammar School, has been accepted for ordination by the Bishop of London. He will combine his old and his new duties from next September.

George Carney, who left school in 1928 and who is now the County Supplies Officer for Kent County Council, was recently held up as an example of enterprise and efficiency in the journal of the Institute of Public Supplies. He has been responsible for a large number of innovations and, to quote the journal, "now operates what is perhaps the most

comprehensive range of services of any supplies organisation in the country".

J. A. Petch, a one-time Classical scholar at Oxford and now Secretary of the Joint Matriculation Board of the Northern Universities, has been elected to the committee which is to attempt to rationalise and order university-entrance. Many Sixth Formers present and to come, will wish him success.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. R. T. Ayre) reported at the Annual Meeting in September 1961, a loss on the year's working of £19 17s 10d. This was largely accounted for by a drop in receipts from members' subscriptions, as some 50 unpaid subs. were outstanding and by a smaller profit (£4) from the Dinner Dance in January 1961. The Association's assets stood at £423 5s 7d. All unpaid subs. should be forwarded to the Hon. Treasurer, 7 Broadmeadows, Sunderland, without delay. The Association's thanks are due to Mr. D. M. Stiff, the Hon. Treasurer of the London Branch, for his help during the year.

OLD BEDANS' A.F.C., 1961-62

The 1961-62 season had been most successful, with both teams finishing in the top half of their respective leagues.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.	Position
1st XI	26	13	6	7	75	50	32	5th
2nd XI	26	14	3	11	76	67	31	6th

Success was again denied us in the Durham Minor Cup and North Eastern Amateur League Shield. In the Durham Cup we lost to Bishop's O.B. 1-3 and in the N.E.A. League Shield after defeating Wellians 2-0 in the 1st Round, we were defeated 0-1 by Sunderland Harlequins in the 2nd Round.

Young players have continued to be brought into the Club and I should like to thank all the Bede School players who have assisted us towards the end of the season.

Practice matches will be arranged during August and any interested players will be informed of the dates if they contact O. Topel, 7 Harewood Gardens, Sunderland.

Officials elected for the 1962-63 season are as follows:—

President: Mr. R. T. Ayre. Chairman: Mr. S. H. Pattinson. Secretary: O. Topel. Assistant Secretary: G. Oliver. Treasurer: I. Reid. Auditors: C. Forster, D. Rodgers. Captain, 1st XI: C. Forster. Vice-Captain: G. S. Meek. Captain, 2nd XI: B. Spandley. Vice-Captain: D. Reah.

O. TOPEL.

J. P. WYLIE.

BEDAN ARCHERS

The Bedan Archers are now almost the only active Club in the town offering facilities for regular practice in this ancient and fascinating sport.

Currently they can be found shooting every Wednesday evening from about 6 p.m. and Saturday afternoons from

about 2.30 p.m. using the cricket field as their target area.

Any Bedans, past or present, who would like to have a look at archery in progress will be most welcome to come along to one of our meetings. If you are seeking a pastime demanding concentration, patience, and skill, then archery may be **your** game!

H. E. BRUCE (Hon. Secretary).

OLD BEDANS' R.U.F.C.

This past season has been a disappointing one for the Club; owing to many injuries, the departure of several members to other areas, and retirements, our playing strength has been seriously depleted and as a result our 3rd XV have not had regular games; numbers have been insufficient.

In spite of the above our 1st XV have still had a reasonable season, the outstanding matches being those against Billingham in the Durham Senior Cup when we held them to a draw and the defeat of Darlington G.S.O.B., 3 points to 3 points.

The most successful of our teams was the 2nd XV under the able Captaincy of T. Almond. They began the season in sparkling form winning the first four games with points for: 76, and against: 21; their form suffered, however, on the return of several members to the Universities and in the end only an average playing result was achieved for the season.

Unfortunately it was our 3rd XV which suffered from lack of playing members and consequently twelve matches only were played — three only being won. Our thanks are due to those schoolboys who assisted during the season and it is hoped that they will join us when they leave school.

Both our 1st and 2nd XV teams were invited to the respective County Seven-a-Side Tournaments at Billingham and West Hartlepool but neither team was successful, both meeting defeat in the first round although the 2nd XV team were in fact winning 10-8 with approximately 30 seconds left before the final whistle.

During the Season a dance was held at the Alexandra Hotel and also a social evening; both of these events were well attended and successful.


During last Summer a new venture was thought up by our Social Committee and a very successful Garden Fete in the School grounds was held.

On behalf of our Committee I thank all of those who have assisted our section during the season and extend a hearty welcome to any new members who may wish to join us, particularly those boys who will be leaving at the end of the Summer Term.

W. F. MOWBRAY (Hon. Secretary).

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D. A. THOMPSON (Hon. Secy.).

LONDON BRANCH OF THE OLD BEDANS ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting for 1961-62 was held on Thursday, 29th March, 1962, at the Y.M.C.A. in Great Russell Street, W.C.1. About 25 members and wives and friends attended.

After refreshments and the conclusion of essential business (which included the re-election of Officers and Committee), Mr. Brian Rees gave a talk on Eton College. This he did in a most interesting, detailed and amusing manner, covering, in a short time, the whole period from the foundation of the College to the present day. His description of the changes which have taken place in recent years, and of a normal day, which begins with classes before breakfast, were particularly absorbing.

Mr. McShane expressed the thanks of the Branch to Mr. Rees for giving such a clear account of his School and its life and work.

It is hoped to hold a summer meeting at a place and time yet to be decided.

Old Bedans who have recently come to the London area are asked to let the Secretary know their addresses, so that they may receive notice of meetings.

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RESULTS OF SCHOOL SWIMMING GALA

SENIOR.

Freestyle: 1, Johnstone (D); 2, Fearon (D); 3, Lewis (L).
 Breaststroke: 1, Fearon (D); 2, Johnstone (D); 3, Stirk (L).
 Backstroke: 1, Lambert (D); 2, Fearon (D); 3, Timney (H).
 Dive: 1, Johnstone (D); 2, Fearon (D); 3, Timney (H).
 Squadron: 1, Hylton; 2, Durham; 3, Lumley; 4, Raby.

MIDDLE

Freestyle: 1, Timney (H); 2, Ritson (H); 3, Lambert (D).
 Breaststroke: 1, Timney (H); 2, Peace (H); 3, Wrightson (L).
 Backstroke: 1, Lambert (D); 2, Lewis (R); 3, Timney (H).
 Dive: 1, Howells (R); 2, Lewis (R); 3, Peace (H).
 Squadron: 1, Hylton; 2, Raby.

JUNIOR.

Freestyle: 1, Batty (R); 2, Pounder (H); 3, Armstrong (D).
 Breaststroke: 1, Pounder (H); 2, Batty (R); 3, Wilson (H).
 Backstroke: 1, Wilson (H); 2, Armstrong (D); 3, Batty (R).
 Dive: 1, Pounder (H); 2, Weldon (D); 3, Armstrong (D).
 Squadron: 1, Hylton; 2, Lumley; 3, Raby; 4, Durham.

Senior Champion: Johnstone (D).

Middle Champion: Timney (H).

Junior Champion: Batty (R).

Boys v. Girls Medley Relays:

Senior: 1, Boys; 2, Girls.

Middle: 1, Boys; 2, Girls.

Junior: 1, Boys; 2, Girls.

Final House Placings:

1, Hylton; 2, Durham; 3, Raby; 4, Lumley.

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 Forward scoring,
 Everyone roaring.

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 Crowd still cheering,
 Shouts of glee,
 We won five-three.

D. MILLER, IIIb.

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