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## THE BEDAN.

FOR several years *The Bedan* had a vigorous, successful life. It told what was going on in Bede School itself, and managed to gather, and furnish to its readers, a great amount and remarkable variety of information about people who had once, whether as pupils or masters or mistresses, been part and parcel of the place, but had afterwards passed to "fresh woods, and pastures new."

It tried, not in vain, to foster among Bedans a fine *esprit de corps*—that sense of membership of a body, that feeling of having a real share, even if only a humble one, in the interests, responsibilities, privileges, and achievements of a big society, which discourages personal selfishness, is a stimulus to work for the general welfare and uphold the general honour, and is therefore a most wholesome thing in any such community as a School.

It had a comparatively large, and certainly a widely-extended circulation—for there was no quarter of the globe into which some Numbers did not regularly find their way. It prospered financially, and afforded profits which helped to purchase a School Piano and numerous School Prizes. The Press Notices which it received alluded frequently to the literary merit of the articles, verses, and contributions of various sorts which made up its contents. And it did not deteriorate as it grew older: the last Number which appeared was perhaps superior to any of its predecessors.

But a time came when the Editor, on account of the stress of other work, could not—at any rate, for a period—give *The Bedan* the attention which the management even of a School Magazine demands; and so it was allowed to sink into abeyance. There was never, however, any intention of letting the Magazine die: it was only to remain for a while in a state of suspended animation. The torpid stage has, from various causes, been perhaps longer than anybody anticipated. But now, at any rate, it is at an end, and *The Bedan*, revived, comes forth once more.

Many things have happened to Bede School in the past three years. It has been re-organized, contains an entirely fresh section (the Pupil Teachers), has enormously increased the number of its senior pupils, has materially strengthened its staff, and has assumed an additional name *Collegiate*, connoting that the School claims to be a place where boys and girls may obtain a first-rate secondary education qualifying them, after taking the full School Course, to proceed, if they are so disposed, to a *College* or other institution where they may pursue the study of the highest branches of scholarship, or of art, or of applied science. Unquestionably the School has grown in importance, and there is every reason to believe that its status will continue to improve.

A bigger and better School ought to produce a bigger and better School Magazine. Whether the new series of *The Bedan* is to surpass the old, or

not, is a matter which the members, past and present, of the School, have it largely in their power to determine. As before, we shall accept matter only from persons having, or having had, a real connexion with the School. There has never been any need to ask for contributions from "outsiders":—indeed, the difficulty of finding space for "copy" supplied by genuine Bedans has often proved insuperable. But we have almost always managed to make room for anything thoroughly good. Contributors may rely on having carefully considered whatever they send in; and, high as was the quality of much of the material which made up old Numbers of the Magazine, we hope now for things still more excellent.

"Time makes ancient good uncouth."

We appeal for items of information about Old Bedans. Many a person who has not the ability or the inclination to frame a story, write an article, or make "poetry", can send us a post-card stating some bit of personal news as to some old pupil. Appointments, successes, details of careers, and such like, interest nearly all readers. We should like the column "Editorial Notes and School News", which always seemed to be popular, to continue to be an attractive feature of the Magazine—and that depends mainly upon our having numerous correspondents, each with his or her little quota of intelligence as to some former member of the School.

Though the numerous advertisements which appeared in former Numbers of *The Bedan* brought much grist to our mill, we have deliberately decided to exclude all but a very few from the present and succeeding issues. The only ones that have been accepted are those which relate to things directly connected with the School—such as the School Caps, School Shirts, Books used in the School, Hockey Sticks, etc. The circulation of the Magazine within the school itself will now, of course, be larger than ever. This, and the fact that the price of each Number is henceforth to be Threepence (instead of Twopence), will compensate us for the lessened income from advertisements.

The Magazine will be published at least once in each of the three Terms of the School Year.

Old Bedans resident in the United Kingdom who wish to be subscribers and have the Magazine posted to them as each issue appears, should send to the Treasurer, *The Bedan*, Sunderland Bede Collegiate School, One Shilling for three issues. Old Bedans living abroad should send One Shilling, and also whatever sum is necessary for additional postage.

Organized Games now hold a much larger place than formerly in the life of the School. Of this fact the current Number of *The Bedan*, when compared with any previous one, bears abundant evidence.

Needless to say, we heartily wish success to the School in every branch of sport which any Section of it affects, and shall be delighted if it be our lot to record many victories for the various representative teams that we put into the Fields—or

into the Baths. But we hope that, winning or losing, contending against outside opponents or against one another, Bedans will always "play the game" earnestly, honourably, good-temperedly. If they do so, the training of their muscles and of their manners will go on concurrently, and their football, hockey, and the rest, will be instruments not only for bettering their physique but also for improving their character.

But *The Bedan* will, of course, have proper regard for all the interests of the School,—not for its games merely. On that ground it confidently asks for the loyal support and adherence of pupils, pupil-teachers, staff, parents, old scholars, and all to whom it has a natural right to appeal. May it flourish long and gloriously!



## EDITORIAL NOTES AND SCHOOL NEWS.

Everybody in any way connected with the School, whether as Governor, Member of the Education Committee, Master, Mistress, pupil-teacher, boy, or girl, is delighted, and feels honoured, because the Earl of Durham, the Lord Lieutenant of the County, will present the Prizes at the School's 17th Annual "Speech Day", in the Victoria Hall, on Tuesday, December 17th. Lord Durham's kindness in undertaking the duties of the function is highly appreciated, and he will get a splendid reception.

As far back as August and October, 1899, two long Articles on his Lordship's famous grandfather, the first Earl, appeared in *The Bedan*. Also we notice that the issue of April, 1900, contained a fine view of Lambton Castle, while that of August, 1900, gave an account of a great Garden Party held there.

It is inevitable that, when the Staff of a School is very large, no long period can pass without bringing about certain changes of *personnel*. We have several such to record at present.

Miss Emma Todd, L.L.A., who, for many years, has rendered the School most efficient service as Senior Assistant Mistress, will leave at Christmas. The Governors, when accepting her resignation, placed on record their appreciation of her ability, devotion to duty, and successful work; and the Head Master takes this opportunity of acknowledging the School's indebtedness to her, and of wishing her good health and much happiness.

It is very fitting, too, that mention should here be gratefully made of the valuable help that Miss Emma Todd has, at one time and another, given to *The Bedan*. Some of the cleverest papers which have appeared in it have been of her writing.

Miss M. Boon, M.A. (Manchester), has been appointed to succeed Miss E. Todd. She comes with excellent credentials.

Miss M. Robson, B.Litt., now Mrs. Carmichael, left at Easter, to be married. She was a faithful and efficient mistress who had worked in Bede School for a long term of years.

Mr. W. A. Webb, B.Litt., has received a lucrative appointment in the Modern Languages Department of Dundee High School, and is to begin work there in January. We lose him with unfeigned regret. As the principal German Master at Bede School, he has achieved results of an excellence simply remarkable, and in two years, by sheer ability, unremitting attention to work, and simple straightforwardness of character, he has gained a reputation as a first rate teacher and a capital fellow.

In the current *Bedan* Mr. Webb writes on German Student Duels.

We hope to welcome his successor, Mr. J. H. Smithwhite, B.A. (Oxon.), next term. Mr. Smithwhite was in Germany for five years.

Miss M. E. Manning, B.A. (Lond.), left in October, and Miss F. M. Cole, Mediæval and Modern Languages Tripos, Girton College, Cambridge, has taken her place. Miss Manning was, and Miss Cole is, well-liked.

The Pupil-Teachers have to take, in the last week of the present Term, the first part of the Preliminary Certificate Examination. We wish them abundant success.

The Distress in Sunderland is very sad and deplorable. One matter in connection with it lends, however, a little brightness to the general gloom: we mean the fact that nearly everybody who can do anything—whether by personal service or by gifts of money or in kind—to minister to people in want, seems to be lending a helping hand. In other words, few persons—so far as our observation goes—are altogether ignoring their obligations to suffering humanity.

We notice that the School has been of some assistance. Several members of the Staff are Distress Committee helpers. To the Mayor's Fund the Boys' Debating Society gave the really handsome contribution—for the membership is not large—of £4 5s.; Mr. Brierley sent two guineas; while the Boys' Staff sent a first donation of £3 12s. 6d., and the Boys a first donation of 13s. The Girls and Girls' Mistresses have contributed various sums. Altogether, though the School has done no more than its duty, it has had—and doubtless will continue to have—some little share in a good work.

Mr. A. J. Smith, B.A., sometime Exhibitioner of Brasenose College, Oxford, is now an Assistant-Master at Loughborough Grammar School. He

used to be a frequent and highly-valued contributor to *The Bedan*. *Verb. sap. sat.*

We are very glad to hear that Professor Littlehales, M.A., late Exhibitioner of Balliol College, Oxford, and, for some years past, Professor of Mathematics in the University of Madras—of which he has been made a Fellow—has recovered from the critical illness which caused his many friends much alarm.

Some months ago the Head Master had a delightful letter from Eric C. Weddell, of Johannesburg.

We purpose to give, in our next issue, a long list of Past Pupil-Teachers from this School who are now in various Colleges.

But let us at once congratulate Frank G. Hall on winning a Toynbee Hall Scholarship, and an Exhibition at Trinity College, Cambridge, as well as on passing the Intermediate Arts Examination of London University.

Diabolo is very popular with a few Bedan boys and rather more girls; but there is nothing like a general craze for it. We heard of a girl who had her spool in the air, at play-time and in the playground one day lately, just at the moment when one of the mistresses, who wished to speak to her, came up. "Oh, Miss So-and-So", cried the girl, in a voice trembling with excitement, "please don't speak. *I'm breaking my record!*"

What could the mistress do, but stand meekly by until the record-breaking had been accomplished?

A six-year-old mite of our acquaintance—she is not a Bedan, of course, though indirectly connected with the School—is as sharp as a needle, and, somehow or another, must have got to know that "diabolo" means "devil". Also, having been strictly brought up, she gets few opportunities, in an ordinary way, of using the word "devil". But the other day, seizing her diabolo sticks, she astonished her mother by asking "Please, mother, may I go and *play the devil* with Aunt Dorothy?"

More Bedan boys have entered the medical, than any other of the 'learned' professions. David Macnair in the University of Edinburgh, and Frank Marsh in that of Glasgow, are each approaching the completion of a medical course not undistinguished. A good number have passed through the Newcastle Medical College, one who had a brilliant career there being Wilfrid Fairclough. We believe that Joseph Wm. Craven and Harold Fairclough are at the Newcastle College at present.

A doctor, after taking the full course at that College.

Another Girl Bedan, Bessie Eaves, who passed the London B.Sc. Examination in 1906, is a medical student in London.

We have always had in the School a proportion much larger than we believe to be usual in Staffs in general, of masters with musical qualifications far above the average. Mr. Walton, B.A., Mr. Brittain, B.A., Mr. D. Foster, B.A., and Mr. G. F. Park, among men who left the School—at least, the first three did—many years ago, and Mr. Blyth, B.Sc., Mr. Witter, B.Sc., Mr. C. H. Boyd, B.A., Mr. G. S. Blake, B.A., and Mr. R. F. Jarman, of the members of the present staff, serve to illustrate and justify the general statement just made. We congratulate Mr. Jarman on having, since the last *Bedan* was issued, gained the Fellowship of the Royal College of Organists—a notable and valuable diploma rare in the North—and passed the Intermediate Examination for the degree of Bachelor of Music (Durham).

One of our present Masters, Mr. H. B. Widdows, M.A., late Scholar of Queens' College, Cambridge, has recently done, for Messrs. Dent, an excellent edition of Virgil's *Æneid*, Book X.

Another Master, Mr. K. C. Auchmuty, M.A. (London), has edited "*L'Aventure de d'Artagnan*" (Dumas), in Blackie's "Little French Classics".

Ernest Brewis, who is in England just now on a holiday from West Australia where he has long been settled, called at the school a few days ago to see the Head Master and the old place. His brother Arthur, now a Master Mariner, was one of the best goal-keepers that the school ever had. His sister Ida, now the wife of Dr. Alderson, and his sister Beatrice (who also is married) were, in their day, very well-known Bedans.

On his journey to the Old Country he had called at Sydney, N.S.W., where Professor Arthur Jarman, and John Nimmo, school-fellows of his, are established.

Herbert Wood, who is concluding his course for the B.Sc. degree in the Victoria University of Manchester, has, we believe, won the 100 yards Championship and other distinctions as a runner, at the University Sports. Boys who were at Bede School a few years ago will remember that Wood always had exceptional powers as a pedestrian.

Among the holders of Free Apprentice-Studentships at the Sunderland Technical College in the past year were the following Old Bedans:—Wm. Blacklock, Norman W. Dawson, Frank Duncanson, Bryan Hodgson, Frank S. Lundy, Stanley S. Mc Intyre, John McMillan, George Potts, Tom Raine, Percival Richardson, Hartley Campbell (Worshipful Company of London Shipwrights' Prizeman), and James White (Sir William Allan Scholar).

Richd. F. Coates has recently taken the degree of M.Sc., and Samuel Lister that of B.Sc., with Honours, of the University of Durham.

The Head Master congratulates Ralph Henry

Oughton, an Old Bedan resident in Swansea, on his marriage (which took place some time ago). His bride was Miss Evelyn Wedlake.

Arthur E. Bailey, of St. Austell, Cornwall, and Alfred E. Watson, of London, have been making kind inquiries for *The Bedan*. Watson, it may be remembered, gained, when a pupil-teacher, the rare distinction of a National Scholarship tenable at the Royal College of Science, London. Another pupil-teacher who had a like success and is now a student in London, was John Bowman. Sunderland has, we believe, supplied no National Scholars but these two, except Ernest Clarke, B.Sc., A.R.C.S., who, as a lad at Bede School, obtained a "National" in 1894, and a son of Mr. T. G. Card's, whose success was achieved many, many years ago.

This Number has filled up with remarkable rapidity. Several contributions which we hoped to print have been crowded out. We are extremely sorry that a very well-written detailed account, by John Campbell, of the Football Match between Bede School and Tynemouth Secondary School, has had to be sacrificed, as also have two short papers on "The Parliamentary Evening" and "The Doings of the Irish Party". An ingenious article on "Excuses" (by "One of 'Em"), and a description of the School Arms (which have been registered as "Ar-moral Bearings") will keep till next issue.



## THE BOYS' DEBATING SOCIETY.

"IF you sow an acorn, you must expect an oak".

Yes, but what if the acorn is rotten in the first instance, or the ground not suitable for the growth of acorns?

However, there was nothing wrong with the ground—it was good Bedan soil—when a little acorn was dropped in Room 1, on a morning in October, 1905, and it is the story of its growth that we have now to trace.

On the last Friday of October, the Third and Fourth Years met in Room 5, and resolved themselves into a Debating Society, made up a Government and a code of rules, and elected the first officers. They had decided to limit the numbers to 30, and to exclude all but their noble selves, when a (then-unknown) voice was raised on behalf of the Second Year. So eloquent was its pleading, so effective its arguments, that the meeting decided that the Second Year were to be allowed to fill the vacancies that might from time to time arise. The meeting then elected four Officers—(how goes the old line? Quatuor unanimis acdem socialiter ornant—please pronounce it unreformedly)—and the following were appointed:—

President, R. H. Alder; Vice-President, C. F. Collin; Secretary, T. Bubb; while Mr. Airy consented to act as Treasurer for the early terms of the young Society.

The first debate was held in Room 1 on November 13th, and the House decided by 12 votes to 9 that it still had confidence in Mr. Balfour's Government. Obviously the Society is deeply imbued with a belief in the powers that be, for since that date it has, no less than three times, declared a firm belief in the efficiency and usefulness of the Government of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. Will future members give a like support to a Labour Government, we wonder?

During the first term the House declared itself in favour of Compulsory Sports for Schools and of Women's Suffrage, but strongly opposed to Conscription.

It was not, however, till the end of the term that the Society obtained its present constitution: a constitution largely due to the suggestions and help of Mr. Griffiths, who did much for the budding oak-tree during this and the following term. Since that time, the Officers have been assisted by three other members elected to form a Committee. To this Committee is left the responsibility of settling the subjects for debate, and the Secretary has the arduous task of whipping up the speakers. The Committee also have power to arrange for some "other form of mental activity", in place of a debate, and, as will be seen, the Society has, on occasions, somewhat outstepped the strict limits of a Debating Society: not that it ever proposed to hold to them, unless and until kindred Societies should arise. No officer, except the Treasurer, is allowed to hold the same office for two consecutive terms, and the contests to reach the glory surrounding an Ex-Presidency have given rise to many exciting scenes. Let it be said, once and for all, that never yet has a member risen to office solely through personal popularity: the Society steadily demands that he should work for his position and as steadily refuses to elect candidates who have not done so. And while on the subject, it should be emphasised that the Society is entirely self-governing. Much efficient help in the way of suggestion has been received from members of the Staff, and many Masters have been most generous in giving up their time to assisting both at debates and at Musical Evenings: but the government and control are entirely in the hands of the boys.

During the Spring term of 1906 the numbers were raised to 40, and—it must be admitted—for a short time it seemed as if the early keenness of members was wearing off. But this spirit was ably combated by the officers (and it would be unfair not to give a word of acknowledgment to the untiring efforts of the new Secretary, A. N.

Rose), and the meetings at the end of the term were attended almost—though not quite—as well as they were during the past term. More could not be said.

An innovation was introduced by holding a Mock Trial by Jury: this was a great success, as was also a Musical Evening, held at the end of the term, with the very able assistance of Mr. Gantillon, a temporary member of the Staff. The contest for the Presidency at the end of the term gave T. Bubb a decided majority over his opponent, while the Vice-Presidential and Secretarial posts were filled by A. N. Rose and G. O. Mitchell respectively.

In the Summer term only four debates were held: for when the evenings grew long, it was felt that the open air was a better and greater attraction, and the Society did not see its way to holding meetings on the Park. In early July a picnic was held at Finchale Abbey.

The first term of the new School year (1906-1907) saw A. N. Rose in the chair, and R. S. Allison as Secretary. Nine debates were held, and a second Trial by Jury, in which R. S. Allison showed that he possessed no mean power of cross-examination. Mr. Witter gave the Society a lecture on the Roman Wall, and a second Musical Evening was held, during which, it is asserted, the present Vice-President sang himself into the good graces of the Society.

The officers for the Spring term were: R. S. Allison, President; C. S. Swann, Vice-President; and T. R. Thomas, Secretary. During the term an Ex-President, T. Bubb, gave a lantern lecture on a tour through Norway, and the term was further notable for two other events. On February 18th the Society converted itself into a House of Commons, threw open its doors to all others who cared to become temporary M.P.'s, formed a Liberal Government with R. S. Allison as Prime Minister, and proceeded to deal with a Bill to abolish the House of Lords. The Bill was safely piloted through its Second Reading and through its Committee Stage, but the indignation of the Irish Party at not being allowed to nominate the members of the new Second Chamber caused the Third Reading to be defeated. On Saturday, March 2nd, the Society held a Social Evening, at which every member and several old members were present: they were entertained by a short dramatic sketch, and games innumerable. This too was an unqualified success.

The Summer term saw C. S. Swann in the chair and G. Haswell Secretary. Four debates were held, and a second picnic, for which the Society again journeyed to Finchale Abbey, and entirely enjoyed themselves, even including the cycling party, who started early and arrived late—the road appears to have been studded

with thorns and nails. During the term the meetings were enlivened by a friendly feud between two rival forms, a feud that travelled from an unexpected victory on the Cricket Field to the distant country of Bengal. It is believed to be still unsafe to say "Mud Huts" to anyone who was then a member of Lower V (H). At the end of the term the Society recorded its fiftieth meeting.

To come to present days at last: R. D. Crawford has made an efficient President during the past term, and has been actively assisted by his brother officers, G. Haswell, Vice-President; R. H. Alder, Treasurer, and A. A. Hall, Secretary. So many were the applications for membership at the beginning of the term, that the numbers were raised to 50, and had the Society but got a larger room to meet in, they could have been further raised. The term has been uniformly successfully, and the following is the list of debates held:

Sept. 23—That Limericks are a disgrace to modern Journalism ...	20	14
30—That Boarding Schools are better than Day Schools ...	18	12
Oct. 7—That this House has no confidence in the present Government...	18	22
14—That Conscription would not be a benefit to England ...	28	15
Nov. 4—That Athletics are carried to excess ...	3	31
18—That this House regrets the entry of the Labour Party into Parliament...	26	16
25—That Vegetarianism is a useless fad ...	24	9

The standard of speaking has, for the most part, reached a very high level indeed, though a fair number of members still have to learn to throw away their manuscript before they can be really good debaters. R. H. Alder stands a long way ahead of the rest, whether he prefers to rouse our indignation or to make us roar with laughter. In the front rank of laughter-makers stands of course P. Moffitt: he once attempted a serious speech, but the House firmly declined to recognise it as such. Others who have been energetic and good speakers during the term include Rose, Haswell, Thomas, Gibson, Farrow, Dobbing, Lawther, Armstrong, and others. The Society will hope in the future to hear more of W. E. H. Campbell, C. H. Rose, and D. Honeyman, who have made speeches of considerable promise. Nor should be forgotten the entry of five Exhibitioners of the first year into the Society, all of whom, with no little pluck, signalled their first appearance by contributing maiden speeches. Visitors during the term have been many, and the Head-Master's presence and

assistance has been greatly appreciated by the Society.

On October 28th, once more a House of Commons met and just contrived to pass a Home Rule Bill. The Irish Party, led by P. Moffitt, was of course much to the fore. A most successful Social Evening was held on November 16th, at which Moffitt, Haswell, and Alder gave a really excellent rendering of "Box and Cox": it was most gratifying to welcome no less than twelve Old Boys, one of whom came over from Newcastle for the purpose. The term closed with a fight for the Presidency, and a Musical Evening, at which there was a record attendance of 69 Members, Old Boys, and Visitors. The Society—largely assisted by members of the Staff—gave them something worth coming for. The elections, which were more than usually exciting, resulted: President, T. R. Thomas; Vice-President, A. A. Hall; Treasurer, R. H. Alder; Secretary, P. Moffitt; Committee, W. H. Farrow, S. R. Gibson, A. H. Dobbins.

In future numbers of the "Bedan", it is hoped to give a more detailed account of the meetings held: this has had to extend over seven terms, and is therefore much compressed. May the Society go on as it has begun. Good little acorn.

FLOREAT.



## THE GIRLS' REUNION.

THE Girls' Reunion was held on December 4th, in Mr. Wetherell's rooms. For some time the Reunion has been distinctly migratory in tendency. Since the time when inexorable Fate, personified by immovable walls of lath and plaster, decreed that we should no longer hold it in the School, we have wandered, like the dove of old, finding no sure abiding-place.

Our last experiment, however, was eminently satisfactory. We find that the ever-increasing number of Bedans is inclined to dwarf the powers of accommodation of the largest hall, but this is a fault on the right side.

An immortal bard who once passed through the school wrote a poem called, if we remember rightly, "A Bede School Alphabet," and one of the lines thereof ran thus:—"R for Reunions, scrumpitious and jolly." This is a wealth of description happily embodied in those two words, neither of them perhaps of the "purest English, undefiled," but one might rifle one's vocabulary for flowery adjectives, and never arrive at anything half so expressive of the predominant qualities of the Reunion.

The principal feature of the evening was, of

course, dancing, but there was an interlude when we all gathered to listen with spellbound interest, which speedily gave way to convulsions of merriment, to a performance by some of our mistresses of the most amusing scenes from "The Rivals." Spoilt by indulgence, we have now grown used to dramatic entertainments at the Reunion, and should feel ourselves much aggrieved should that feature be omitted. The pretty petulance of Lydia, and the whimsical embarrassment of her suitor, when in response to the angry demands of the choleric father and inimitably amusing duenna, he confesses that he is not quite clear himself as to his identity, were splendidly rendered.

Captain Absolute was in love, of course, so that his absent-mindedness in leaving his velvet hat on a chair, to be hurriedly rescued by a "deus ex machina" in time for the next scene, was quite excusable.

Towards the end of the evening, according to time-honoured custom, we formed two rings, the inner for present pupils and the outer for the "patriarchs," in order to sing "Auld Lang Syne." There is no greater stimulus to sentiment than this song, even when any cause thereof is utterly lacking.

"'Auld Lang Syne' makes you feel sorry even when you're not sorry," someone once lucidly expressed it. At our Reunions, however, we need no artificial aid to sentiment.

The principal feeling of a present Bedan at these gatherings is one of insignificance; it is not a galling feeling, but a wholesome one. We feel veritable pigmies before all these "mighty ones of old." They have carved out their careers, and partially, at least, achieved their ambitions, while ours are still things of the future. There are many, who, ignoring the old "drawing-room fancy work" ideas of a woman's vocation, have obtained University degrees—and hoods. Somehow the idea of a degree is intangible and unreal to Bedan pupils, but to think of having a hood—it gives one thrills of delightful anticipation and ambition! One of our number, the first, perhaps, has studied medicine, and now is blossoming forth as a fully qualified doctor. It is really no wonder present Bedans feel insignificant, but it is comforting to reflect that we are all linked together by a common band, and all feel reverence and affection for the same dear School. We expressed it at this stage of the proceedings by cheers for Miss Emma, and the actors in the play.

Sentiment was speedily dissipated by "Sir Roger." The dancing of this is also according to time-honoured custom. One feels romantic and old-world, like a Christmas number of an old-fashioned magazine, but no longer vaguely sentimental. After a little dancing many leave.



takings were said, and we dispersed, having added to our store of reminiscences another fragrant memory. For

Bedans true no power can sever,  
Bede Collegiate School for ever!

H.C.



## PUPIL-TEACHERS' LITERARY SOCIETY.

THE Inaugural Meeting of this Society was held on Friday, September 27th, in the Technical College, when Dr. Gordon Bell kindly gave a Lecture on Kingsley's "Hypatia". This was a joint meeting of First and Second Years. Since then, owing to lack of accommodation, the Societies have met separately.

### SECOND YEAR.

October 11th. The evening was devoted to Dickens. Papers were read by A. Maughan, M. Parker, W. Gargett, E. Tonkinson, A. Meldrum, and R. Stafford. In the discussion which followed, C. Whitehouse created a diversion by making a violent onslaught on the popular novelist, which provoked great indignation amongst his many admirers. Finally, it was ascertained that there were only ten members who were not Dickens-worshippers. The Committee was then elected:—President, R. Stafford; Vice-President, Gertrude Brierley; Secretary, Katie Tulloch; Committee, Agnes Maughan, Turpin, Shilan.

October 26th, was a Shakespeare Evening. Scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream", "The Taming of the Shrew", and "Much Ado About Nothing", were read, with some attempt at acting. Turpin added to the interest of the scenes from "Much Ado" by his rendering of the song 'Sigh no more, ladies'. Altogether the evening was a great success.

November 8th. M. Arnison proposed that "The Pen is mightier than the Sword", and was supported by L. Craig, H. Dring, and C. Carter. Leslie led the opposition, supported by Gibson. The 'Sword' won by a majority of seven. Hilda Dring was elected to fill the vacancy in the committee caused by the resignation of Shilan.

November 22nd was a Musical Evening. There was a good audience, and they showed themselves most appreciative of the excellent programme which had been arranged by the committee. Perhaps the items most appreciated were the Violin solos by Dixon, 'I am a Friar of Orders Grey' by Moore, a Recitation 'Mathematics', by Gertrude Brierley, and 'The Wreath' by Turpin, Dixon, and Leslie. It was satisfactory

to find so much musical talent among the Second Year students.

December 6th. The evening was devoted to Impromptu Speeches, and, on the whole, it was the least successful meeting of the Session. The attendance was small—only two of the male sex appeared—Turpin and Gibson, but they made up for the—shall we say—cowardice of the rest of the boys by the excellence of their speeches. E. Tonkinson, C. Whitehouse, G. Brierley, and M. Howitt also spoke very well on their respective subjects. The rest seemed to find that they could be fluent on everyone else's subject, but were mute on their own.

### FIRST YEAR.

On October 18th, the First Year Pupil Teachers held their second meeting, when the evening was devoted to a debate on "Women's Suffrage". Janet Summerbell very ably proposed that "Women should be allowed to vote, on the same principles as men," and was seconded by Lily Newrick; while Geo. Wate, seconded by Elsie Reah, strongly opposed the motion. As it was the first debate in which many of the First Year students had participated, the discussion flagged somewhat. The voting resulted in a victory for the opposition by a majority of fifteen votes.

The third meeting was held on November 1st, when the life and works of Tennyson were considered. E. Robson gave an interesting account of his life, while Annie Keedy dealt with his poem "The Princess", reading some very appropriate passages from it with great sympathy and feeling. Nellie Simpson treated the poem "William and Dora" in a similar manner, whilst Maggie Morris briefly outlined "The Passing of Arthur", illustrating her account by well-known passages from the poem. After the reading of the papers, a small—but very small—number of the members present ventured either to criticise the papers or add still further to our knowledge of Tennyson; but "shyness" overcame the majority, who acted on the principle of being seen but not heard.

On November 15th, scenes from "The Merchant of Venice" and "The Taming of the Shrew" were recited, with some attempt at acting, and a very enjoyable evening was thus spent.

The last meeting was held on November 29th, when a very lively discussion took place on the motion "Is a lie ever justifiable?", Annie Keedy proposed the motion in a very enthusiastic manner, seconded by Lily Newrick with still further arguments in favour of it, whilst Elsie Horner vehemently opposed it, and George Hardy as enthusiastically seconded the opposition. A very heated debate ensued; each side endeavouring to upset all arguments put forward

by the other side, and after a full half-hour's spirited discussion the voting resulted in a victory—by a majority of nine—for the upholders of the motion.

The meetings have been very successful, on the whole, this term; the attendance at each meeting has been good, and the interest shewn very gratifying.



### THE SCHOOL SONG.

1. WHO of Wearside's sons is greatest?  
Who has won most lasting fame?  
Centuries, from seventh to latest,  
Answer "Is not BEDE his name?"  
Therefore, Bedans, one and all,  
Past and present, great and small,  
Work, like him, with high endeavour.—  
Bede Collegiate School for ever!
2. Zealous scholar, famous writer,  
Cheerful, artless, much-loved man,  
Making darkness light, life brighter,  
Sun-like course our Patron ran.  
Therefore, Bedans, one and all,  
Past and present, great and small,  
Live, like him, with high endeavour.—  
Bede Collegiate School for ever!
3. In our cricket, football, swimming,  
Hockey, walks, and sports galore,  
Tide of Fortune ebbing, brimming,  
We must shew *esprit de corps*.  
Therefore, Bedans, one and all,  
Past and present, great and small,  
Play each game with high endeavour.—  
Bede Collegiate School for ever!
4. Magazine, Debates, and Speech Day,  
Songs, School Arms, Re-unions bright,  
Stir our hearts, and make us, each day,  
Keep *the School*, not *self*, in sight.  
Loyal Bedans, one and all,  
Past and present, great and small,  
Proud our name: disgrace it never!  
Bede Collegiate School for ever!



### LA LOTERIE DE FRANCFORT.

THE hockey-team may win laurels, for enthusiasts, nipped by December's chilly winds, stand daily in goal at Whitburn; the Boys' staff may remove mountains of work and "recreation,"

sighing as they think angrily of those "gentlemen of England who live at home at ease"; while the unwearied Girls' mistresses, wrestling for Re-Union purposes with "Scenes from the Rivals," work themselves into a fine frenzy of histrionic art, concealed beneath miracies of false hair, fob and furbelow; and idle juveniles may strive with Term examination papers, hoping to reap what they have not sown—but all these things pale beside the French Play.

"La Loterie de Francfort"—therein lie hidden whole scenes of agitation, complete acts of valiant endeavour; for ill would it become us to have the least blot upon our fair escutcheon, we, the Bedans, famed for superlative French, we, who boast 4 mistresses vowed to the cause of French alone; we, who surpassing most High Schoolites, did in our early years, squeeze one hour daily from the crowded programme, and yield it to that "direct method," so loudly lauded!

So at 7 a.m. we brushed our hair to the sound of French vowels, breathlessly recited; at 8:30 we walked to school abstractedly, grasping our copy of the play; at 11 we despised mere diabolio, and at noon we stayed late that we might wrestle with rebellious consonants and mellifluous French u's. From 12 to 2 we wandered here and there, thinking upon our rôles and walking with peculiar tread, eating our very meals in reverie; and at 4:30, speedily disposing of tea, we hurried to the rehearsals, where everything gave way before us, and we sat in the "seats of the mighty," for the Sixth Form room was but our "washpot" and over the Preparatory Wing did we "cast out our shoe." Scampering home, we presided over the making of our peasants' dress, and at night we dreamt of innumerable "properties," spinning-wheels, and hand-boxes, haunted by distorted visions of collapsing side-scenes, sleeping prompters, and a nightmare apparition of the "Marquise," breaking down with a cold at the eleventh hour, while our united efforts did not avail to stretch her cast-off garments over the lengthy form of the understudy.

And all this passed in 40 minutes on the day of the Prize Distribution!

Alas! how little do those who play the benign spectator between the rising and falling of a curtain, (or, it may be, at the jerky disappearance of a row of screens, moved by fair hands distinctly seen.)—realise all the outward care and courage, all the inward pangs and faint-heartedness which go to the making of the show!



## HOCKEY.

FOR a long time it has been considered a reproach to Bede School that there were no organised games for the girls; but at last, thanks chiefly to Miss Todd's tireless energy, that aspersion can no longer be cast upon us.

A playing field was secured at Whitburn in September, and thither, every afternoon and every Saturday when the weather has permitted, Bedan girls of all ages and sizes have hied, eager to be initiated into the mysteries of Hockey. Of course, only a certain number go at a time.

Considering that the game was absolutely new to most of us, splendid progress has been made; but there still remain great things to be done, and these can only be achieved by each one making up her mind to keep the rules and play the game. It seems so easy to draw a plan of the hockey field and to indicate our position on that field by means of dots—we know quite well *then*, that if we are right halves we must not rush across and snatch the ball from our own left halves, but what a difference it makes when that magic ball is actually in play! Almost every one of us is obsessed by the idea that we must get a smack at that ball whatever happens. Of course the thing that generally *docs* happen is that our opponent gets clear away with the prize, and we are left lamenting.

Then, too, we all *know* that forwards play an attacking game, and must not crowd their own goal-mouth—but, alas! it is only when our misdirected efforts have prevented our backs and half-backs from defending that we realise how much better it would have been to have kept *down* the field a bit, and to have held ourselves in readiness to pass the ball if the backs had been fortunate enough to drive it out.

What we want is more combination amongst our players, more practice in passing the ball and in shooting straight. We have heaps and heaps of enthusiasm—a very good asset indeed—but don't let us rely solely on our enthusiasm; we must all learn the rules of the game and learn to *keep* them.

The Whitburn ground was only available till Christmas, so that next term we are changing our quarters to a field belonging to Mr. Nicol, Elstob Dairy Farm, Tunstall Hill, and we hope to arrange several matches there. Our first match away from home will be played with the Cleadon Ladies (Junior team) at Cleadon on Saturday, December 21st, bully-off at 3 p.m., when Bede School will be represented by:—*Goal*, Gladys Simpson; *Backs*, Minnie McMillan, May Raffle; *Half-backs*, Annie Shaw, Kathleen Wigzell, Annie Gauntlett; *Forwards*, Winnie Scott, Dorothy Thomas, Elsie Lax, Beryl Brearley, Jennie Parker.

May we ask everybody, who possibly can, to turn up at East Boldon on the 21st, and cheer our team to victory?

RICARDIA.



## GERMAN STUDENT DUELS.

JENA, from June to September, thinks it is in the tropics. 96° in the shade means a lot of sunshine, but not a little discomfort. When one has to get up at six in the morning for a game at tennis, when the best place to spend the mid-day hours is in the hardly limpid waters of the R. Saale, it is difficult to wax enthusiastic over landscape beauty or historic monuments. A cloudless, rich blue sky, one Saturday near the end of term, betokened another scorching day. To a suggestion that we should go to Zwätzen and see one or two of the duels which had been arranged for that morning, we all agreed, for it would be cool in the "Blue Grapes," and a duel would be a novelty.

Although it is, strictly speaking, illegal to fight duels, and although in the town itself they would be promptly suppressed, the authorities—old students themselves—do not make great efforts to prevent them in villages a few miles away. Round Jena are several such Paukdörger, lying snugly in the shelter of the hills and offering excellent rendezvous for the students.

As we threaded our way through the narrow streets of the old university town, we saw no signs of anything unusual. Further on, however, the large proportion of students in the tram cars was a bit suspicious. Our car rattled merrily along the white, dusty road, and swayed from side to side on its badly laid single track to such an extent that one would not have been surprised at a swerve into the gutter. Through the fruit trees which line the road we had glimpses of the pine-clad limes: one hills, shielding Jena from all the winds, but making it a veritable oven in summer. The plateau of the Landgrafenberg, that towers on the left, was the scene of Napoleon's brilliant victory in 1806. We could see, across the glinting ripples of the Saale, a meadow marsh, with stunted willows and a statue, the scene of Goethe's Erlkönig. Just as one could have begun to dream of Jena's by-gone fame, the car stopped with a jerk, throwing me rudely against a ferocious-looking, much-scarred student, to whom I hastened to offer a profuse apology.

Every one was making tracks for the "Blue Grapes." Propped idly against a tree trunk opposite the inn was a student, apparently reading a newspaper; at the back of the inn was

another, languidly gazing across the fields towards Jena. Occasionally the police do attempt to interfere with the duels, and these students were on the look out. The groups of students seated at the wooden tables in the inn parlour seemed to be taking their Münchner and Lichtenhainer with less than the customary relish. Evidently something else was occupying their minds. A signal from upstairs, and in a moment students seemed to rise from everywhere,—a broad stream of caps, white, red, and blue, slowly winding up the stairs.

Most of the faces were serious and each man spoke in subdued tones. The room where the duels took place was large and bare, with benches round the walls, and a square patch in the centre, well sanded. Round this the students were already crowded, straining on tip-toe to look at the two combatants, who stood, rigidly erect and with lips compressed, a couple of yards from one another. One could only with difficulty recognize either of the opponents, on account of the manner in which they were "bandaged," to use the technical term. A thick, padded jacket, reaching from the neck to the thighs, made the already corpulent German look enormous. The necks were carefully swathed and guarded—(in cases of very serious insult the necks are unprotected)—and a pair of iron spectacles, whose rims were so thick that they stuck out quite half-an-inch from the eyebrows, shielded the eyes. On his temple and forehead the smaller of the duellists wore two leather pads, held in place—not very firmly, however—by elastic bands, and intended to serve as protections to the yet unhealed wounds of a previous duel. As carefully swathed and guarded as the body, was each sword arm, and the glove which covered the hand was quite hidden by the huge parti-coloured basket hilt of the Klinge. Obviously the only parts of the opponent which could be struck were the face and head.

If a man can "last out" 25 or 40 rounds without losing too much blood, without having his head split, his nose slit, or his cheek opened from ear to chin, then honour is satisfied. If he has to be led off, honour is still satisfied, but he is vanquished. To the uninitiated the German art of fencing seems most crude. The long double-edged blade is held in the right hand above the head, and in such a way that while the padded right arm, which is perfectly rigid, forms a guard for the right side of the face, the Klinge hangs down and wards the left. Naturally the left is the weaker guard, and the majority of scars one sees are on the left side of the face or on the head. To make a "hit" on the right side of an opponent's face is a mark of skill. The only movement possible is a wrist movement, swinging the Klinge up from its guard, down towards

the opponent's head or face, and back again to parry a counter cut. Three such strokes constitute a round. The lightning rapidity with which they are made effectually prevents a casual visitor from noticing the great skill displayed. Two years' constant daily practice is necessary for anything like proficiency.

But our students are growing impatient at the delay, and the tension is telling on the two men in the sanded square. We must go back to the "Blue Grapes".

The umpire was standing ready, watch in hand; two doctors—medical students—in their long white smocks, are facing each of the opponents; and the two seconds showed that they also were ready. It was a surprise to see the seconds taking an active part in the fray. This is a peculiarity of German duelling. Each crouches on the left of his principal, armed almost exactly like him, and prepared, directly the three strokes have been made, or even before, if he may with impunity do so, to spring erect with his sword between those of the combatants. If he has a legitimate excuse for intervening, e.g., the slipping of one of the leather pads on his principal's head, or the twisting of the spectacles, he may spring up in the middle of a round, and so ward off a dangerous blow. An exceedingly clever and quick-witted second can help a merely moderate fencer to last out all the stipulated rounds.

The seconds arranged their men, crouched in their respective places, and the umpire's stentorian voice called out "Bindet die Klängen!" The students raised their swords and crossed them in the air, leaving the left side of the face absolutely unguarded. "Gebunden sind," the seconds called, and each student's eye was riveted on the crossed swords. "Los!" thundered the umpire, and the swords whizzed, flashing and grating so rapidly that there seemed to be many more than three strokes: but there were only three, for instantly the seconds sprang to their feet with a loud "Halt!", and on their interposed swords those of the combatants angrily but vainly struck again.

Each doctor has been carefully watching, and has made no sign. After a pause, the men are placed in position again. The commands are repeated: at the "Los!" there is a whirr and a flash; a shouted "Halt!", and the men are once more parted. This time a doctor has stepped up to his man, looking carefully at the cheek, and one sees a thin line of blood appear just below the left eye. A second's pause, a dab with cotton wool and antiseptic, and the doctor steps back satisfied. The men may proceed. At each interval supporters of each man step up, take his sword, and wipe the now jagged edge, while others hold up his arm to rest it, and whisper a word in his ear. A jug of lager is handed to the one, but he

will not drink. So, with "Los!", "Halt!", and "Pause!", the rounds go by. The smaller man is in a pitiable plight, for in well-nigh every round he has received a gash, or even two; and the blood is literally pouring over his face in streams, mixing with the lager he drinks, reddening all his jacket, and making the floor at his feet like a shambles. More sand is strewn, and he holds pluckily on. Each man is as tense and as unflinching as at the beginning. To flinch for any blow whatever would mean disgrace and expulsion from the corps. But three more rounds to finish. Will the weakened combatants last till the end? The portly German, who has his back to the window, has received only two cuts, and several students look, as anxiously as they dare, at the doctor, who still makes no sign. His sleeves are rolled up now, a sponge is in his hand, and his white smock is blood stained and spotted from collar to hem. The duel is over at last, and honour is satisfied. Proudly the one man stalks to an anteroom, while the other is led quickly away to be bandaged. A short while after both men re-appear, the one not a whit the worse, the second with his face almost hidden in cotton wool and bandages, which he will needs wear for weeks.

The sunlight, the trees and the Saale were a welcome change from the butchery in the duelling chamber, but it was days before the feeling of nausea and fascination left me, a feeling which had held me to the end of the duel, and which had dragged me back to see three more, after I had once escaped into the open air.

There are other kinds of duels, more dangerous still, in which the German students engage, but they would take too long to describe. It would be necessary to dilate on the different corps scattered throughout the twenty-two universities of the Fatherland, on their relations, hostile or friendly to one another, and on the elaborate system of discipline and etiquette imposed upon the members. Not all corps have fencing, however; only those known as the "Schlagende Verbindungen" fight duels, either on provocation, or by arrangement with one another,—somewhat analogous to a "friendly" football match in England.

Whether these "relics of barbarism" in "sport" should be retained in the universities, or stamped out, is a moot point, and might afford some material for those who care for discussion. There is much to be said in its favour, for the "blood-letting" is but one element of the Burschenschaft, and absence from lectures for a year or two is not always a vital danger. There is much too, that may be validly urged against it, and the "Sparrow Unions," as the duellists scornfully denote those students opposed to the Schlagende Verbindungen, are acquiring an

ever increasing number of supporters. Still it remains true, so ingrained is the system in the hearts of Germans, that the Narben which still mark on a man's face the slashes of his student days win for him at once respect and admiration, and class him as a 'gentleman.'



## RECENT EXAMINATION SUCCESSSES.

THE boys and girls presented at the Oxford local examinations held in July last gained the following successes:—

### Senior Certificate, with Title of Associate in Arts of the University of Oxford.

Honours, Third Class: Herbert Cairns, John Campbell, Stanley R. Gibson, Arthur N. Rose, and Hilda M. Bruce.

Pass, First Division: William Campbell, Reginald D. Crawford, George B. Foulkes, Robert Hunnam, Jacob Rothfield, George A. Wilkinson, Winifred G. Raine, and Esther Spencer. Failure, one.

### Junior Certificate.

Honours, First Class: James Prior Moffitt.

Honours, Second Class: Gordon Haswell.

Honours, Third Class: Albert A. Hall, Charles C. Henderson, Stanley Henry (with distinction in Drawing), Thomas Scott, John G. E. Welch, and Henry Wilkinson.

Pass, First Division: Gilbert G. Armstrong, William J. Bowden, Vernon Brown, Alexander Noall, Marguerite W. Revis, Grace M. Ross, and Hilda Thatcher.

Pass, Second Division: Thomas Colling and Cornelia Visser. Failures, two.

Both the proportion of candidates presented who passed, and the proportion who gained honours, were much larger for Bede Collegiate School than throughout the country.

Oxford Local Special and Separate Examination in Oral French. The following candidates were successful:—Seniors, 5: Herbert Cairns, Reginald D. Crawford, Jacob Rothfield, Hilda M. Bruce, and Esther Spencer. Juniors, 7: Gordon Haswell, Jas. Prior Moffitt, John G. E. Welch, Marguerite W. Revis, Grace M. Ross, Hilda Thatcher, and Cornelia Visser. The total number of candidates throughout the country who passed in Oral French was: Seniors, 71; Juniors, 62.

At the London University Matriculation June Examination two girls, Mary Lawson Faichen and Annie Isabel Fisher, and two pupil-teachers, William Martin Dalton and Stanley Robson,

were successful. At that examination two other pupil-teachers, Harold Smith and Mabel Brierley, gained Supplementary Certificates, the first for History and Geography, the second for Geography.

At the London University Intermediate Arts Examination one pupil-teacher, Frank G. Hall, was successful.



## BEDE SCHOOL FOOTBALL.

### (1) BOYS.

[F] the excellence of the Latin Prose of a School varies directly as the efficiency of its Football Team, as it is said it does, there should be some fairly healthy Latinity incubating amongst us. For we have this term some fine material, and as a record of work done two successful School matches, out of three played. We lost at Tynemouth, but won the return match, and won against Ashcroft. In Pollock we possess an extremely ready goal keeper, who does wonders at times, and astonishes even his friends. In Welch, Wilkinson, and the half-back line we have a reliable defence, and in Brown, the captain, a host in himself, who should certainly lead his team to victory every time. At the same time, strong though the team is individually, we have not complete confidence in it. It lacks combination, especially when playing a really uphill game. All teams lack it. The difference between a good or bad eleven is often just a matter of combination. In a school such as ours it is difficult to find sufficient opportunities on which the eleven may play together, by which method alone good combination can be attained. Yet much can be done in the way of improvement, which will tend to bring about more concentration of power.

- (a) Kicking is often reckless—too hard and misdirected, and flurried.
- (b) There is a tendency to get rid of the ball before it is essential. Halves please note. (This is akin to shifting responsibility).
- (c) Forwards are apt to get too far behind the ball. But see (a).
- (d) Backs should be able to use both feet.
- (e) Outside wings have a tendency to lie off-side—we would not mention names for worlds.
- (f) Hesitation in dealing with the ball is noticeable. This is a point which is readily grasped by spectators.

We are glad to be able to say that there is no 'funk' in the team, and that the whole eleven play an honourable and straightforward game.

In this respect it is good to set an example. Recent events in the North may also serve as an object lesson in the necessity of a good corporate spirit in connection with the Football, and whole-hearted loyalty to the Captain is of course taken for granted in every well-conducted English school.

A change, which we think is all for good, was made this term in the control of the games. Twelve boys have been selected from the Upper Fifth, and Sixth Forms, who will be known as "Games Prefects", and will be distinguished by a badge. Their names are as follows: V. Brown (captain), J. G. Welch (vice-captain), H. Wilkinson, R. Hunnam, R. Candlish, G. Haswell, G. Foulkes, W. Stokle, J. Campbell, J. Potts, G. S. Phalp, A. A. Hall. These will form the Football Committee, will select school teams under the direction of the Captain, and will control all matters relating to the games, under the general supervision of Messrs. Blyth, Widdows, and Willis. To them, and to them alone, should all suggestions be addressed, when they will be fully considered at meetings of the Committee which are held periodically and are announced. The more suggestions the better. Let them, however, come straightforwardly, and not in the spirit of carping criticism after the event. It is expected that the School will support the Committee in every way. It represents in the greatest degree attainable the combination of age with agility. *Reverentia debetur maxima senioribus.*

We were pleased to notice so large a number of Bedans at the Tynemouth match on December 7th. Their freely expressed criticisms and hearty cheers undoubtedly helped to spur the team to victory. Only we should like to see the whole school next time. 'Play up Bede'.

We hope to get more school matches next term, and a better test of what we can do.

### FORM MATCHES.

The division of the School into Districts for the purpose of Football and Cricket matches has proved a success, and a very considerable amount of healthy rivalry has resulted between teams composed of boys living in different quarters of the town. It was felt, however, that the Form unit was not to be disregarded out of school, while it is a recognised nucleus in the class room. Moreover, it is historically noticeable that a more intense patriotism often belongs to those who compose small communities. So the Form match has become an institution, and, it is to be hoped, a permanent one. The great difficulty is disparity in age and skill. It is easier to deal with this in cricket than in football, in which latter game handicapping is a very serious problem. This term the Upper Fifth and Sixth owed 3 goals in all matches played, and the Senior

Forms of the school above the Upper Fourth drew for position and played in rounds. The result proved an easy win for the Lower Fifth (G), with an eleven composed of the following : C. Pollock (goal), C. Browell, J. Morris (backs) ; M. Morrison, R. Mitchell, T. Fowler (halves) ; P. Morris, G. Johnston, J. Metcalf, T. Hetherington, F. Lattimer (forwards). We think the best team won, but we are not so sure that the difference is as great as the actual results show. The matches have proved a success, though in this particular season the issue was never long in doubt. We should like to see much greater keenness in practice, and more endeavour to improve. It is wonderful what even a comparatively weak eleven can do by using every opportunity for playing together. It is hardly necessary to point out that the very essence of Form competitions is that the Form as a whole, players and non-players alike, should regard themselves as personally interested in the success of their Form.

The two new Challenge Shields which, as we go to press, are in the hands of efficient amateur artisans, will soon adorn the walls of the respective Forms which have won them, viz., Lower Fifth (G) Football, Lower Fifth (H) Cricket. Will they be retained next season ?

Let each Form Captain see to it that the utmost is done to retain the honour which his predecessors so hardly won.

The Junior matches were dropped from lack of enterprise among the lower Forms. We recommend the Form Captains to redeem their character during the ensuing term. It is not too late.

#### DISTRICTS' COMPETITION. [SENIOR.]

##### CHESTER ROAD V. ROKER.—[N.W. v. N.E.]

This was the first match of the season, and as N.W. were leaders of the Competition last year, and N.E. runners-up, a good match was anticipated. The excitement was intense when Roker kicked off towards the north goal. They immediately drove Chester Road into their own territory, and, by means of Hall, scored their first goal. The excitement reached fever-heat, when Roker were awarded a penalty. The sturdy Browell was entrusted with the kick, but, although he made a good attempt at goal, he failed to score. However, shortly afterwards Foulkes scored for Roker with a long shot. Close on half-time Hunnam scored for Chester Road.

On the resumption Hall, from a well-placed corner by Hogg, scored again, but Hunnam repeated his performance for Chester Road. Towards the end G. Wilkinson scored another goal for Roker who thus ran out winners by 4 goals to 2.

##### CHESTER ROAD V. DURHAM ROAD.— [N.W. v. S.W.]

In this match N.W. were by far the better team and in the first half scored 5 goals, through Hunnam (2), Davies (2), and Candlish, whilst Hudson scored two goals for S.W.

The second half was just a repetition of the first, N.W. scoring other 6 goals and S.W. 2 goals.

Final : N.W. 11 goals. S.W. 4 goals.

##### HENDON V. DURHAM ROAD.—[S.E. v. S.W.]

Hendon attacked from the start, and Brown opened the scoring. Shortly afterwards the same player scored 3 more goals. Durham Road attacked and J. Morris scored the first goal for his side. Again, however, Hendon attacked and Pollock scored, but Morris again scored and put his side 2 goals up.

On the restart Hendon took up the aggressive and had matters all their own way for the remainder of the game, scoring 7 more goals.

Final : S.E. 12 goals. S.W. 2 goals.

##### CHESTER ROAD V. HENDON.—[N.W. v. S.E.]

In the first half Brown scored two goals for Hendon, and Hunnam scored for Chester Road.

In the second half Brown again scored two goals. N.W. were awarded a penalty, which was taken by Candlish ; his shot was grandly saved by Pollock. It was only the marvellous goal-keeping of Pollock which saved Hendon from defeat.

Final : S.E. 4 goals. N.W. 1 goal.

##### ROKER V. HENDON.—[N.E. v. S.E.]

This was a strenuously fought contest, the teams being very evenly matched. Despite the attempts of the forwards on either side, there was no score in the first half.

The second half was very fast, but still the defence prevailed, although Brown came very near scoring for S.E. on several occasions.

Final : N.E. nil. S.E. nil.

##### ROKER V. DURHAM ROAD.—[N.E. v. S.W.]

This was the last match of the competition, and, in order to equal Hendon's performance, Roker needed 12 goals. S.W. were, as usual, badly beaten. In the first half H. Wilkinson, who was playing outside right, scored 4 goals in succession, and Hall added other 2 for Roker. Morris scored what proved to be the only goal for S.W.

The second half was little better than the first, Roker scoring other 5 goals.

Final : N.E. 11 goals. S.W. 1 goal.

Hendon thus gained the premier position for the term, through their slightly better goal average. Durham Road are very weak this year ; in all three matches they have been defeated, and

have had 11, 11, and 12 goals, respectively, registered against them.

## FINAL TABLE.

District.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals		Pts
					F.	A.	
S.E. or Hendon .....	3	2	0	1	16	3	5
N.E. or Roker .....	3	2	0	1	15	3	5
N.W. or Chester Road.	3	1	2	0	13	2	2
S.W. or Durham Road.	3	0	3	0	7	34	0

## JUNIOR DISTRICTS' COMPETITION.

## FINAL TABLE.

District.	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals		Pts
					F.	A.	
S.W. or Durham Road.	3	3	0	0	22	13	6
N.W. or Chester Road.	3	1	2	0	16	14	2
S.E. or Hendon .....	3	1	2	0	16	21	2
N.E. or Roker .....	3	1	2	0	12	18	2

Durham Road played consistently well throughout the competition, going through their matches without losing a point, whilst the other three districts each lost 4 points. This left the leaders with a clear lead of 4 points above the second team in the table.

## (2) PUPIL TEACHERS.

The Pupil Teachers have formed a Football Club this season. Most of the players are Old Bedans, some of them having played for the school team in its first season as the "Bede Collegiate School F. C."

When these players were transferred from the Boys' Department to the P.T. Section of the School, they considered it advisable to form a club, and at the commencement of the present season they consulted Mr. Brierley, with the result that a club was formed. A General Meeting was held on September 27th, when the following officers were elected:—

President, Mr. R. B. Brierley.  
 Treasurer, Mr. G. W. Way.  
 Captain, E. S. Gibson.  
 Vice-Captain, H. N. Dixon.  
 Secretary, T. E. Levy.

The Committee consists of the above officers, with the addition of Messrs. Carter, Hardy, and Shilan. It was decided to play only "friendly" matches.

An invitation was received from Mr. Chas. H. Wade, an Old Bedan, to join the "Thornhill Times Friendly Clubs League". This invitation was accepted, and we now stand at the head of the Friendly League Table. Up to the time of writing, the club has been beaten upon one occasion only. This was at Durham, where our opponents were the Durham Pupil Teachers. So far 10 matches have been played, of which 8 have been won, 1 lost, and 1 drawn. The goal record is 52 goals against 20, which is decidedly good. Dixon and Benson have performed grandly

in front of goal, having scored 20 and 12 goals respectively. Levy has scored upon 9 occasions, whilst the backs and half-backs have also helped to make the 50. The greatest victory gained was over Ashcroft, which team was beaten by 11—0. This and other victories compensate for the heavy defeat at Durham.

The secretary has arranged the following fixtures:—

HOME.	OPPONENTS.	AWAY.
Sept. 28...	Thornhill Villa	...Dec. 26
Feb. 22...	Durham Pupil Teachers	...Oct. 5
Oct. 12	...Herrington St. Aidan's	...Nov. 16
Oct. 26	...Stockton Pupil Teachers	...Jan. 18
Nov. 2	...Ashcroft	...Jan. 4
Nov. 9	...St. Hilda's Bible Class	...Jan. 1
Nov. 23	...Seaham St. John's	...
Jan. 11	...Eppleton Church Institute	...Nov. 30
Dec. 7	...Park Road United	...Feb. 15
Dec. 14	...St. Luke's Church Institute	...
Dec. 21	...Enon	...Feb. 29
Dec. 28	...Eastcliffe A	...Apr. 11
Mar. 28	...Ven. Bede's	...Feb. 1
Mar. 7	...Spennymoor P.T.'s	...Feb. 8
Mar. 14	...Durham Johnston Schools	...Apr. 18
Apr. 25	...Colliery Row U.M.F.C.	...Apr. 4

T. E. LEVY.



## SUNDERLAND SCHOOLS' SWIMMING GALA, 1907.

THIS year has been a record year in more ways than one for Bede School swimmers. In the first instance, one of our swimmers—Vernon Brown—swam in the Four Lengths' Championship for the fourth time in succession, and succeeded in lowering the existing record (made last year by Walter Harford, another Bedan) by three full seconds. Brown's time for the distance was 1 min. 55 secs.

The other prize-winners in the Championship were Norman Richardson (Bede), 2 m. 13 secs.; James Herring (Bede), 2 m. 17 secs.; and Donald McIntosh (Barnes), 2 m. 21 secs.

During the thirteen years that the Schools' Swimming Galas have been held, the Championship has come to Bede School eight times.

Another remarkable feature about this year's gala is the large number of prizes which have fallen to members of the school in handicap races. As the Championship is the only race in which there is no age-limit imposed, a large number of our swimmers are prevented from taking any part in the gala. This year, however, in spite of that drawback, the results have been



most gratifying. The full list of prizes won by Bedans is as follows :—

*Breadth Race for Beginners.*

2nd prize, Bennett Burnham.

*One Length Novice Race (under 14).*

1st, Noel Elrick; 3rd, Alfred Sephton.

*One Length Handicap (under 15).*

2nd, George Aitchison; 3rd, Fred. Atkins.

*One Length on the back (under 15).*

1st, William McMillan; 2nd, Norman Richardson.

*Two Lengths Junior Championship (under 14).*

1st, William McMillan; 3rd, Alfred Sephton.

*Neatest Dive*

2nd, Alfred Sephton.

*Squadron Race (under 14).*

1st, Bede School (William McMillan, George Aitchison, Andrew Ferguson).

2nd, Barnes School (the team including Alfred Sephton, now a Bedan).

3rd, Valley Road School (the team including Thomas Potts, now a Bedan).

But the most pleasing feature about the gala was the fact that no fewer than seven Bedans received the bronze medallion of the Royal Life-saving Society. There were also presented nine Proficiency Certificates and a similar number of Elementary Certificates in Life-saving, all earned by boys of Bede School. For the information of the uninitiated, the requirements for the various examinations are appended.

*Elementary Certificate.*

- (1) Land drills for rescue—first, second, third, and fourth methods.
- (2) Land drills for release—first, second, and third methods.
- (3) Rescue drill in the water—second and fourth methods, with one method of release.
- (4) Silvester method of resuscitation.
- (5) Object diving.
- (6) Swimming 50 yards on the breast, and 25 on the back.

*Proficiency Certificate.*

- (1) Land drills for rescue.
- (2) Land drills for release.
- (3) Drills for rescue and release in the water. The subject to be carried at least ten yards.
- (4) The Silvester method of resuscitation.
- (5) Swimming 100 yards on the breast, and 50 yards on the back with the arms folded or the hands clasped.

*Bronze Medallion.*

- (1) Each candidate must first obtain the Proficiency Certificate.
- (2) Drills for the Howard and Marshall Hall methods of resuscitation.
- (3) Complete knowledge of all the information contained in the Handbook.

- (4) Drills for rescue and release combined, to be shown in the water. The drowning subject in the rescue drills to be carried at least 20 yards.

In each examination the examiners must ask every candidate at least four questions to test his knowledge of the handbook. When it is remembered that the examination for a Proficiency Certificate lasts at least two and a half hours, and that the total distance traversed in the water is nearly a quarter of a mile, a large part of which the swimmer must do with his legs only, dragging his partner with him, it will be understood that the examination is by no means an easy one, and that the boy who passes proves himself to be a swimmer of no mean order. To encourage boys to work for the Life-saving Certificates, the Sunderland Corporation grant a free pass to the swimming bath, available for twelve months, to all winners of Proficiency Certificates. During the last four years Bede School has claimed forty-three of these passes; forty-two Elementary Certificates have been earned, and thirteen Medallions.

The North-Eastern Counties Amateur Swimming Association also issues certificates in swimming to boys who are still in attendance at school. Bede School has up to the present secured sixty-six of these. The requirements are not very exacting, and the certificates form a useful step towards the more valuable Life-saving Certificates. To earn one of these a boy must

- (1) Swim fifty yards in sixty seconds.
- (2) Swim twenty-five yards on the back.
- (3) Dive from a height of three feet.
- (4) Dive to a depth of five feet, and pick up a weighted object.

This year the land drills for Swimming and Life-saving have been introduced into the Bede School curriculum, thus rendering the work of the Life-saving Class easier, and it is hoped that a larger number of boys than ever will avail themselves of the opportunities offered to them to become expert swimmers and useful members of the community. The School Sports Committee recognises the importance of swimming as a branch of athletics, and pays the examination fees of all boys who present themselves for any of the above-mentioned examinations.

C. K. W.

EXAMINATION RESULTS IN LIFE-SAVING.

JULY, 1903.

Proficiency Certificates.—Fred. Sutton, Harold Jordan, Norman Douglass, Kenneth Brother-ton, Thomas Pippet, Arthur Bruce, Rollo Todd.

Elementary Certificates.—Fred. Sutton, Harold Jordan, Charles Wilson, Thomas Pippet, Arthur Bruce, Rollo Todd, Norman Douglass, Kenneth Brotherton.

JULY, 1904.

Medallion.—Fred. Sutton.

Proficiency Certificates.—Arthur Nicholson, Charles Wilson, Wilfred Trehitt, James Neale, John Graham, Garnet Ure, Oliver Mitchell, Harry Bond, Leslie Fairclough, John Almond.

Elementary Certificates.—John Bell, James Neale, Henry Wight, Thomas Peterson, Raymond Harrison, Garnet Ure, John Almond.

DECEMBER, 1905.

Medallions.—Arthur Bruce, Leslie Fairclough, James Neale.

Proficiency Certificates.—William Crichton, Harold Dixon, Ernest Atkins, Percy Atkins, Norman Burnham, Raymond Harrison.

Elementary Certificates.—William Crichton, Harold Dixon, Vernon Brown, Fred. Paton, Walter Harford, Ernest Atkins, Percy Atkins, Norman Burnham.

DECEMBER, 1906.

Medallions.—Charles Wilson, Ernest Atkins.

Proficiency Certificates.—Walter Harford, Vernon Brown, Edward Watson, Fred. Atkins, Walter Goodrick, Thomas Fowler, James Herring, Albert Todd, Roderick Mitchell, Herbert Eggleston, Henry Foster.

Elementary Certificates.—Thomas Fowler, James Herring, Albert Todd, Edward Watson, Harry Forster, Herbert Eggleston, Roderick Mitchell, Keith Logan, Walter Goodrick, Fred. Atkins, George Hardy, Eric Roscoe.

JULY, 1907.

Medallions.—George Hardy, Walter Harford, Raymond Harrison, Keith Logan, Roderick Mitchell, Herbert Eggleston, Harry Foster.

Proficiency Certificates.—George Hardy, Keith Logan, George Sands, John James Allan, Thomas Pickering, Ralph Melvin, Ivor Smith, Norman Richardson, James Bailes.

Elementary Certificates.—James Bailes, Ralph Melvin, Norman Richardson, George Sands, Ivor Smith, Thomas Pickering, John James Allan.

## CRICKET NOTES.

### Senior District Cricket League.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points
North-West ...	6	4	0	2	10
South-East .....	6	2	3	1	5
North-East .....	6	1	2	3	5
South-West ...	6	2	3	2	4

### Senior Form Champions :

Lower Fifth, G.

In the first round, Candlish took six Lower Fourth (D) wickets for 3 runs.

### Senior Cricket League Averages.

	BATTING.			Total Runs.	Average Runs
	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Most in an innings.		
Brown .....	4	1	51*	83	27.6
Pollock .....	3	2	8*	16	16.0
Hunnam .....	3	0	35	47	15.6
Tonkinson .....	4	0	30	52	13.0
Alder .....	3	2	8	13	13.0
J. Campbell.....	4	1	14	32	10.6
Wilson .....	5	2	14*	31	10.3
Lawther .....	3	0	20	30	10.0
Laycock .....	2	0	11	19	9.5
Fowler .....	3	0	15	27	9.0
Bainbridge .....	2	0	11	18	9.0
White .....	3	0	19	25	8.3

\* signifies not out.

### BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Aver.
Candlish .....	17	3	30	16	1.8
Sharp .....	11	5	13	4	3.2
N. Dunning.....	17	3	46	10	4.6
Phalp .....	9	1	28	6	4.6
Hall .....	10	1	30	5	6.0
Laycock .....	7	1	26	4	6.5
Brown .....	20	1	60	9	6.6
Hunnam .....	8	1	20	3	6.6
T. P. Wilkinson	45	5	122	18	6.8
Tonkinson .....	22	4	59	8	7.3
Wilson .....	25	0	71	9	7.9
Shields.....	26	2	83	10	8.3

### School Match.

Bede School v. Stockton Secondary School, at Stockton.

Bede School.—First Innings, 41.

Second .. 20 for one wkt.

Stockton. —First Innings, 16.

Second .. 34.

Bede School won by 9 wickets.

### Junior District Cricket League.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points
North-East.....	6	5	1	0	10
North-West ...	6	1	2	3	5
South-East .....	6	1	2	3	5
South-West ...	6	0	2	4	4



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