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SUNDERLAND :

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EDITORIAL NOTES AND SCHOOL NEWS.

The Board of Education will conduct a General Inspection of the School on May 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, and 17th. The Inspectors will be Mr. Fletcher (H.M. Chief Inspector of Secondary Schools), Mr. Headlam (Staff Inspector), Mr. Strachan (the Board's Inspector of Secondary Schools in the district in which the school is situated), Mr. Bridge, Mr. Steele, and Miss Clarke.

The same Inspectors, with Mrs. Withiel, will during the same period conduct a General Inspection of the Girls' School.

Dr. Somervell, the Board's Inspector of Music, will visit the School on May 21st.

This year there are six boys from Bede School at Cambridge—Gibson (Scholar of Queens'), Moffitt (Scholar of Jesus), Hetherington (Exhibitioner of Trinity), J. Rothfield (Stewart of Rannoch University Hebrew Scholar; of St. Catharine's), Caslaw (Trinity Hall), and I. Rothfield (Downing). There are only two at Oxford—Cairns and Campbell: the one a Scholar, the other an Exhibitioner, of Brasenose College.

We note with pleasure Gibson's election as a Scholar of his College, and his success in the Examination for the Diploma of Education: he is described as "Specialist Teacher of History," and gained a First Class, and "Distinctions" in both the Theory and the Practice of Teaching.

Moffitt has taken part in two or three Debates at the Union, and has been described by the Camb. Univ. Magazine as a promising speaker. He has also several times played "soccer" for his College, though he is not a regular member of the Eleven. Hetherington, also, has played in several matches.

We congratulate Joseph Wilfrid Craven on successfully completing his course at the College of Medicine, Newcastle. Dr. Craven is on the Committee of the Old Bedans' Association. At Stockfield he is not very far away from Dr. Wilfrid Fairclough, of Hexham, an Old Bedan a few years his senior at School and College.

Congratulations to Ernest Russell, of Hatfield Hall, Durham, who took his B.A. degree a few months ago. He was a good athlete, and got his "colours" for cricket and for both Rugby and Association Football.

We were delighted, but not in the least surprised, to see that C. W. Pollock was top scorer at cricket in the Durham University trial match on April 30th. He went last September to Armstrong College, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Pollock was the best all-round athlete that Bede School ever had, a good scholar, and an excellent fellow. He is Treasurer of the Old Bedans' Association, and will, we have no doubt, be

very glad to receive annual subscriptions of two shillings each from any number of Old Boys wishful to be members.

Vernon Brown was Football Captain at Armstrong College in the season that has just ended. He and Gordon Haswell have been very prominent in the team for two years past.

We heard with much regret that, on a recent visit to Switzerland, Mr. Angelo John Smith had the misfortune, while sleighing, to break his leg very badly. We wish him a recovery as speedy as can be hoped for in the circumstances.

He was at Bede School for ten years, which is about as long as any pupil has ever been there. No other boy or Old Boy has sent to *The Bedan* so many or such good verses as those which Smith—over the signature "A. J. S."—contributed to its pages. A trifle of his appeared in the very first number, published in December, 1898; and, for several years after that, whether at school or at Oxford, he often had some capital lines in our Magazine.

Mr. Smith has long been a Master in Loughborough Grammar School.

In January last, some things at the Sunderland Museum having to be disposed of to make room for the pre-historic remains recently found at Offerton, the Museum and Free Libraries Committee kindly offered, through Mr. Charlton Deas, to present to Bede School a handsome model of a screw-steamer.

The model (which was in a glass case, on a stand about eight feet long) was accepted, with thanks to the donors; and Mr. Hawkins has placed it in the Art Room.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Charlton Deas for repeated little kindnesses shown to the school—especially in the way of giving information to members of the staff, and also to pupils, about things in the Museum and books in the Free Library likely to aid students of art, history, etc., and affording facilities for seeing such books and exhibits.

We beg leave to congratulate heartily Mr. C. H. Rogers, the able and distinguished Master of the Sunderland Art School, on the brilliant achievement of his pupil Lewis Duckett in being placed *first* among the successful candidates in the 1911 National Competition for Scholarships at the Royal College of Art, South Kensington. Duckett was from 1906 to 1908 an Art Probationer at Bede School. During that period he not only worked so hard at general school subjects as to gain, in the Oxford Local Senior Examination, an Honours Certificate (as well as a "Distinction"—*first* on the whole list—in Drawing), but also went for two hours *every night* to the Art School. [An ordinary pupil of Bede School is,

of course, not at liberty to be also a student at the Art School; but there are special conditions for Art Probationers.]

We also congratulate Duckett himself, and wish him a career in keeping with his ability, industry, and modesty—all which are notable.

When Duckett went to the Royal College of Art, one of the National Scholars of a previous year whom he found there was C. F. Collin. Collin (brother of Stanley Collin), like Duckett, gained his Scholarship as a student of the Sunderland School of Art, and is an Old Bedan.

We are most grateful to Mr. Rogers for kindly allowing one of his Junior Teachers, W. Liley, to come to Bede School and act as substitute for Mr. Hawkins during two short illnesses which the latter has had in the past year.

It is a rare thing for any Bede School Master to be absent from his post on account of illness. This is fortunate, for the demands upon the Staff are such that no man can be spared except with difficulty. Indeed, realising this fact, a Master sometimes stays at work when he is plainly not very well. But Mr. Hawkins was—as any other Master might have been—absolutely unable to be at school on the occasions referred to; and, no one on the Staff being equipped to take his place quite satisfactorily, it was a most serviceable thing that his lessons could be taken over by his old pupil, Liley, formerly an Art Probationer at Bede School, who made a capital *locum tenens*, and whom (as well as Mr. Rogers) we thank warmly.

As a rule, boys at the School take the July, not the March Oxford "Locals"; but a few Bursars find it convenient to take the Senior Examination in March. Ronald Sutcliffe, D. Monro, W. Pyburn, and J. F. McCormack gained Senior Certificates in March this year.

Sutcliffe was awarded a "Distinction" in Drawing, being bracketed first in that subject. This is the fourth time in four years that a Bede School boy has been either absolutely first, or bracketed first in Drawing, at the Oxford "Locals"—Duckett as a Senior and Herring as a Junior in 1908, A. Speight as a Junior in 1910, and now, in 1912, Sutcliffe as a Senior. The fact is a credit to the boys concerned, and also to the School's able Art Master, Mr. Hawkins.

WILLIAM JOHN BOWDEN,

At Bede School from 1901 to 1909,
Died, April 8th, 1912, Aged 19 years.
The First Ex-President of Bede School
Debating Society.
To Join the Great Majority.

right onwards from his being a very little boy, and felt his premature death as a personal loss. Everybody connected with the School who knew him tenders respectful sympathy to his sorrowing father, mother, and friends.

Willie Bowden was never very robust. He therefore never could take, in the Boys' School, the prominent place in games which his sister Katie has long held in the Girls' School. And, though gifted in the matter of expressing himself well (especially in writing) and able to maintain a good position in all his Forms, he was not, in intellectual power, the equal of his brother Edward, a distinguished Old Bedan now at Karlsruhe. But he had a very attractive personality. His looks and disposition were sometimes grave or dreamy, but oftener cheerful, and always kind; his manners, quiet and gentle; his tastes and character, thoroughly wholesome.

In 1909 he matriculated at the Durham University College of Medicine, Newcastle; and there (as at school) he was liked and respected, and would doubtless, if spared, have completed his course successfully.

Though cut off on the very threshold of his career, he was so fine a spirit and excited so good an influence that his memory will not soon pass away.

The transfer of more than fifty of our Durham County boys to the Durham County Council's new Secondary School at Ryhope, which took place last Midsummer, was in every way a substantial loss to Bede School. It was quite natural, and had been fully foreseen—for nine-tenths of such boys were holders of Durham County Council Scholarships; but, all the same, it meant for Bede School a decrease of income from fees and Government Grants, and less than an equal decrease in expenditure.

And that was not the sole disadvantage.

The County contingent of our pupils has, for five years past, almost always contained as many, or nearly as many boys clever at lessons, good at games, and interested in the School Societies, as any Sunderland section of equal size and drawn from similar Forms. But the County boys in the school at the time of the transfer were, as a whole, of quite exceptional merit—indeed, the best we have ever had. At least two of them got First Class Honours in the Oxford "Locals" in their last month at Bede School; another was leader of the Orchestra; no fewer than five were in the School Football Eleven; and, of the rest who had to leave, several were prominent in the Swimming Club, the Debating Society, the Arts and Crafts Society, and other departments of the School's activities. No wonder that we regretted their departure!

But the exodus of these pupils—who, as worthy Old Bedans, have our hearty good wishes—has not been an altogether unmixed evil: it has given some young and aspiring boys in the school an earlier

The Head Master saw much of Willie Bowden

chance of promotion than they would otherwise have got, and they have made full use of that opportunity.

In the matter of numbers the school has already recovered some of the ground lost at Midsummer. In spite of the fact that, this year, there are fewer holders of *Sunderland* Scholarships than usual—to say nothing more of the withdrawal of the *Durham County* Scholars—the total number of boys on the rolls this month is only 34 less than the number in May, 1911.

The systematic Physical Drill Lessons begun in the Autumn Term have been highly popular, and, under Mr. Liebrecht, the boys have made good progress in earning the Exercises. The Park Hall was acquired in November last as a gymnasium, and is a much appreciated addition to the school premises. Unfortunately, its distance from the school compels the boys of any Form to spend, in walking to and fro, at least one quarter of the 40 minutes' period assigned, each week, to Physical Drill. But the walk across the park is, in itself, good exercise.

All boys have got a suitable outfit for Drill. The Head Master very strongly urges all parents to see at their sons have a suitable outfit when at the playing-field. It has, of course, always been a rule, rigorously adhered to, that no boy without such an outfit may take part in a School Match—whether cricket, football, or hockey. But, even on ordinary playing-field days, it is far more healthful and comfortable for a boy, and makes him look far better, he has a proper "change" to wear. Many parents readily appreciate that fact; and the number of boys who go to the playing-field in ordinary clothes is consequently fast decreasing.

But, now that all boys have a Drill outfit, none need wear ordinary clothes at the playing-field. If they haven't got a complete cricket or football kit, they can at any rate use their Drill shirt "sweater."

Forms I., II., and III. seem to enjoy their Light Work prodigiously. In these Forms, that subject has been substituted, since Midsummer; for the ordinary Woodwork taken theretofore. Initially, Mr. Simpson finds that it gives even very young boys a very good knowledge of the foot-rule.

The workings of a little boy's mind may sometimes be really, in a sense, quite clear and correct, without explanation, they seem to an adult to be wrong and confused.

"If oranges are two a penny, how many would you get for two-pence ha'penny?" the Master of the Lowest Form in Bede School asked an eight-year-old youngster, one day last Term.

As the small mortal addressed has plenty of general knowledge and intelligence, he caused all his hearers some astonishment by answering confidently, after a short pause, "Four!"

"Oh, come, come. Try again," said the Master. After a short pause, again came the confident reply, "Four!"

"Tell us, step by step," said the Master, "how in the world you make that out."

"First I would put a penny down on the counter, and I would get two oranges."

"Well?"

"Then I would put another penny down, and get two more oranges. That would be four oranges."

"Yes. But what then?"

"Then I would buy a ha'porth of sweets!"

Sequel: Two minutes' tempestuous joy for all his hearers.

The Head Master of Bede School is asked, probably oftener than any other man in Sunderland, to write a testimonial for somebody. On an average he receives and complies with at least one application of that sort each day, all the year round. The number of requests is perhaps not much to be wondered at, in view of the fact that he has had, in various schools, nearly five thousand pupils and over a hundred colleagues. Though willing—and, indeed, glad—to meet all reasonable calls of the kind in question, he finds the aggregate expenditure of time and labour involved somewhat of a tax, and occasionally gets such a swarm of appeals nearly all together that it is quite impossible to avoid delay in dealing with some of them.

He states this to prevent, in future applicants, the wide-eyed astonishment which, in the past, he has sometimes seen shown by Old Bedans—and by boys when leaving school at Midsummer—on hearing that they could not in every case be given testimonials forthwith upon demand.

In this connexion it may be worth while to remind boys and parents of the value of the Term Reports as evidence of a pupil's character, ability, and attainments. The primary object of the Reports is to supply fathers with information as to their sons' progress at school. But, as each Report gives details of a boy's marks for each of the subjects of his curriculum and for regularity, punctuality, industry, behaviour, etc., and also contains his Form Master's and the Head Master's comments thereon, any boy who has been (say) five years at the School and can produce fifteen good Reports possesses an excellent supplement to a formal testimonial.

WILFRED WALKER BURNHAM,

Second Officer, s.s. "Chesapeake,"
One of Six Bedan Brothers,
Was Drowned in Mid-Atlantic,
On or about December 6th, 1911,
Aged 21 Years.

We deplore Wilfred Burnham's untimely death, and offer our respectful sympathy to his father, mother, and other relatives.

Burnham was at Bede School from 1899 to 1901, and again from 1903 to 1905. The interval from 1901 to 1903 he spent at Bruges. After leaving school he served his apprenticeship in a large sailing vessel in which he went several times "round the Horn," and to Vancouver Island, Australia, etc. He was at San Francisco just before the great earthquake took place there.

All the circumstances of his death are not precisely known, but with regard to most of them there is no doubt. The "Chesapeake," an oil-ship on which he was an officer, took fire in Mid-Atlantic on December 6th last. When it became evident that the vessel was doomed, he was sent aft to see that two of the boats were got ready for the Chinese members of the crew. These Chinese were so excited and frightened by the fire and the oil explosions that they made for the boats before the Captain wished them to do so. Burnham tried to restrain them, and either they "rushed" him overboard in their panic, or he was washed off the ship—for he was never seen afterwards by any of the officers or crew that were saved.

He was a young man of great promise, had obtained a First Officer's "ticket," and meant, on completing his voyage in the "Chesapeake," to go up for his certificate as Captain.

We believe—but are not quite certain—that the Burnhams are the *only* family which has supplied as many as EIGHT pupils to Bede School. Wilfred's brother Cyril is at Bede School now. His four other brothers were there formerly, and his sisters, Lavinia and Linda, used to be at the Girls' School. Norman Burnham is now at sea. Harry, Roger, and Bennett Burnham are farming in New Zealand.

As many Bedans—even Sunderland boys—live at a considerable distance from the School, not a few of them come to school on their bicycles. The "shed" in the play-ground has often, therefore, to try to give shelter to a mass of machines.

Only twice has a bicycle been stolen from this place; and, in each instance, it was recovered.

The first case occurred about two years ago. A youth was seen, during school hours, to cycle out of the play-ground, but was thought to be probably just an apprentice who had been doing repair-work upon the premises. An hour afterwards, however,

it was found that a boy's bicycle had disappeared.

All the ordinary steps were immediately taken, by the police and other people, to trace the missing machine—but, for three weeks, without any result. And now everybody, except the despoiled owner, thought the thing irretrievably lost. He, however, kept looking about for it, and, while walking along Crowtree Road one day, espied his bicycle being ridden by a youth. The youth noticed his longing looks, and, misinterpreting them, dismounted, and asked him if he liked the machine. He said he did. "I'll sell you it for a sovereign," cried the youth. Now, the boy addressed was one of the Juniors at Bede School, most of whom are uncommonly spry and intelligent. So he didn't reject the offer, or blurt out that the machine was really his; but simply said "I live at Millfield. Walk up with me and let my father see the "bike," and *I'm sure he'll take it.*"

The unsuspecting thief went all the way to Millfield, was "nabbed" by the father (who, in a whispered word or two, had been "primed" by the boy), and was held until a policeman arrived and took him into custody. If we remember aright, he was sent to gaol for two months, with hard labour. And, needless to say, the boy got back his bicycle!

The second case happened a few weeks ago. The best machine in the "shed" was stolen by someone who rode it straight over to Newcastle, and pawned it there for thirty shillings. The thief is likely to be brought to justice.

So much for whole bicycles.

To the best of our knowledge, we have had no cases of the theft of any bicycle accessories, until a fortnight ago—when two occurred and were reported, the delinquents remaining untraced. But in the afternoon following the morning on which the second of these petty larcenies had taken place, Mr Wayman and R. M. Neill (the Senior Prefect) both noticed two boys, strangers, handling bicycles. When observed, the intruders decamped, dropping an infator in their flight. Neill gave chase, and we think it says much for his speed, strength, persistency, and effectiveness that, though the rascals (one fifteen the other eleven years old) had got a good start, he not only caught them both in Stockton Road, but also brought them both all the way back to the School. A detective was telephoned for, and the boys were given into his charge. When the case came before the Police Court the accused alleged that they "found the infator near the School, and only went among the bicycles to see which one it belonged to. Similarly, each excused himself for having given wrong name and address, by stating that he did not wish to bring disgrace upon his father! The magistrates evidently thought the boys more ingenious than truthful. At any rate, they fined the one, and awarded the other six strokes with the birch.

Moral No. 1.—"The way of the transgressors is hard."

Moral No. 2.—An absolutely secure bicycle-shed would be a good thing for the school.

There is at least one classic instance of a real *lamb* that paid a visit to a school, and caused some mirth and commotion by doing so. We need hardly tell the smallest Bedan that its owner's name was Mary. And we have heard that, in bygone ages, metaphorical "sheep" (along with "geese," "asses," "donkeys," and even "mules") used to appear in schools perhaps once or twice in a decade. But we never met with an actual sheep in a school, until one day shortly before Easter—when we saw *two* sheep in *Bede School*!

It appears that, when being driven along Park Lane, they were suddenly inspired with a "noble rage" for learning. Bolting into the play-ground of Cowan Terrace School, they made their way thence first into Bede School play-ground, and then into the School itself. Refusing to retrace their steps, they had to be forced out at the front door—an exit forbidden to ordinary pupils! Not even then was their educational ardour quite quenched. Dashing down the back street they found Mr. Hanna's School-yard door open, and in they went! Whether they got within the building or not, we do not know.

These incidents all occurred during the mid-day interval at Bede School, and the only pupils to witness them were about a score of boys who, having swallowed their lunch, were hard at work at football when the sheep first appeared. The animals' eccentricities, and the actions, looks, and language of the drover, were so much more diverting than football, even to enthusiastic players, that the boys dropped their game, and gave themselves up wholly to the new and fleeting form of amusement. And they certainly *did* enjoy it! During part of the proceedings their mirth was under some restraint; but, at the moment when they saw the sheep really disappear through Mr. Hanna's doorway, they emitted a shriek of laughter as indicative of pure delight as any sound we have ever heard.

Hearty congratulations to Bede Girls' School which has not only won the Shield annually competed for by the hockey teams of several well-known Schools, but actually, in the Final Round, beat Newcastle Central High School by 8 goals to nil!

We acknowledge, with pleasure, receipt of copies of two little contemporaries, *The Bromleian*, and *The Stocktonian*. The former is the Magazine of Bromley County School (where Mr. R. Airy, for some years a member of the Staff of Bede School, is Head Master); the latter, of Stockton Secondary School, where Mr. C. W. King, an Old Bedan, is an Assistant Master.

From time to time we see Form Magazines in Bede

School. "The Comet," "The Black Cat," and "The Herald" we referred to in the last *Bedan*. "The Aeroplane" is the latest we have observed. This "rising paper" (as it appropriately called itself) was brought out by Form Upper IV. (1). The drawings in it were very good.

The Head Master recently received a particularly delightful letter from Eric Call Weddell, an Old Bedan now in South Africa, who evidently has a great affection for his old School, although he left it as long ago as 1898.

Another letter came from W. Ewart Dudley, who was a Bedan about ten years ago. He is now a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Loma, North Dakota.

J. H. Watson writes from Olmutz, which is (we believe) in Bohemia. He sends a photograph which shows him to be still, in general appearance, very much like what he was when he left Bede School in 1904, after spending seven years there.

We have read with much interest and enjoyment a paper—a copy of which has been kindly presented to us by the author—contributed on November 23rd, 1911, to the University of Durham Philosophical Society, and describing "A Survey of the Girdle Stones," made by G. R. Goldsbrough, M.Sc.

The "Survey" is a fresh mark of the ability and scholarship of this well-known Old Bedan. From the beginning and from the end of the paper—which is well-illustrated, and has just been published, by Reid and Company, as an Excerpt from the Proceedings of the Society—we venture to cull three or four sentences.

"The Girdle Stones are a standing stone circle in Eskdale, Dumfriesshire. The purpose of the survey, of which an account is here given, was to determine the practical purpose for which the circle was intended, and the date of its erection."

"The Girdle Stones stand in a hollow on the left bank of the White Esk about 13 miles above Langholm. The Circle is incomplete . . . There are 22 [stones] left."

"The conclusion is that the Circle was erected for a two-fold astronomical purpose:—

a. To mark the quarters of the agricultural year; and

b. To mark the passage of time at night, or more particularly, to warn the approach of dawn on the August and probably the February quarter days so that the astronomer-priests might be ready to greet the sunrise with their religious celebrations.

The date of erection of the Circle is, with very considerable certainty, 1290 B.C."

THE SCHOOL "HONOURS BOARD."

Below is given a copy of the names appearing at present on the School "Honours Board." The list of particulars is believed to be correct as far as it goes; but, even as almost exclusively a mere record of the *academical successes* of Old Bedans, it is known to be very incomplete. Will Old Boys not mentioned here, who have gained degrees or distinctions at the Universities, kindly send details (which should always include *dates*) of such successes to the Head Master?

But there is no reason why an "Honours Board" should contain the names of only such Old Boys as have proceeded to a University. As a matter of fact, out of every hundred boys who leave Bede School, only about *one* goes to Oxford or Cambridge, and only about *three* or *four* go to any University. What becomes of the rest? Most of them enter upon work connected with the main industries of Sunderland—naval architecture, shipbuilding, marine engine-building, coal exporting, shipping, navigation, electrical engineering. In the shipyards and engineering shops of the Wear, and in branches of the mercantile marine service in various parts of the world, Old Bedans abound. The school curriculum, embracing (as it does) mathematics, drawing, manual instruction, practical chemistry, and practical physics, as well as languages and the ordinary "English" subjects, not only gives boys the instructional part of a good general education, but also seems to serve as a most useful special course for such of them as wish to go into any of the local industries. At any rate, the Head Master is often applied to by Wearside employers on the look-out for capable lads to take posts as "juniors" in shipyard drawing offices, to become engineering apprentices, to enter the merchant service, and so forth; and, in the September of any year, it is a most exceptional and almost unprecedented thing to find a single Bedan, who left school when the Midsummer holidays began in July, not already well "placed"—particularly if he has passed through the Upper Fifth or the Sixth Form.

We are inclined to think that the number of Bedans who choose a seafaring life is not so large now as it used to be. Some years ago we heard of more than one instance in which a boy from Bede School, happening when in a foreign port to go on board an English ship, found that no fewer than *four* of the apprentices there were Old Bedans! Whether the School does, or does not, recruit the mercantile marine as much at present as in former

years, it has certainly sent out scores of boys who now command vessels, or are chief engineers; and we should be glad to have a record of their names, the dates of their Board of Trade Certificates, and the names of their ships.

But Old Bedans ashore far outnumber those afloat, and include, besides a few members of the "learned" professions, hundreds of men holding, among them, a great variety of responsible—and, in some instances, distinguished—positions as colliery managers, civil engineers, superintending engineers, surveyors, naval architects, analytical chemists, pharmaceutical chemists, dentists, veterinary surgeons, architects, Civil Servants, Corporation Servants, journalists, accountants, bank officials, railway officials, representatives (at home or abroad) of business houses, merchants, tradesmen, and farmers. It is a rather curious fact perhaps worth incidental mention that, though the *fathers* of Bede School boys have always included more proprietors of shops of one sort or another than persons of any other single class, the number of Old Bedans engaged in strictly commercial pursuits has always been comparatively small.

Lists of some of the Old Bedans whose callings have just been enumerated, and of their descriptions, diplomas, dates of appointments, etc., would be quite as interesting, and (at least in certain cases) quite as deserving of publication, as academical successes, pure and simple.

It is hardly necessary to add that there are thousands of Old Bedans whose careers have not included such achievements as can be compendiously stated on an "Honours Board," but who yet are doing good and useful work in the world, and bringing, if not renown, at any rate credit both to themselves and their old place of education. Many of these Old Boys are—for their good temper, cheerfulness, honesty of purpose, honourable character, or other fine personal qualities; or their amusing looks, gait, words, or ways; or their power of singing well, sketching well, or talking well; or their prowess in football, cricket, or swimming—remembered by their school contemporaries, whether Masters or pupils, with quite as much respect and liking as ever was felt for any winner of a Scholarship. Many of them, too, show the School just as much gratitude, and speak of it just as affectionately, as do other Old Bedans who owe to it, in one way or another, nearly all that they have or are.

No reader of the "Honours Board," therefore, is right in assuming that any past Bedan, whose name does not appear thereon, has either forgotten the School, or been forgotten by the School. Still, we feel sure that many more Old Bedans' names might, with unquestionable appropriateness, be placed upon the Board. If many persons would each kindly send a little material, the record could be made far more comprehensive and therefore of greater interest.



EXPLANATIONS.

T. = Toynbee. Sr. = Scholar. Exh. = Exhibitioner. Ox. = Oxford. Cam. = Cambridge. Du. = Durham. Lo. = London. C. = College. Nat. Sc. = Natural Science. A. = Associate. R.C.S. = Royal College of Science.

LITTLEHAILES, RICHARD, 1891-98. Gained many Bd. of Educn. Certifis. for Maths. and Nat. Sc., '94. T.Sr., and Exh., Balliol C., Ox., '98. Math. Mods., 1900. B.A., Hons. Nat. Sc., '02. M.A., '06. Student, Kiel Univ., '01. Demonstrator, Clarendon Lab., Ox., '02. Prof. of Maths. Presidency C., Madras, '03. Fellow, Madras Univ., '05. The Inspector of European and Training Schools, Madras Presidency, '10.

STEWART, JAS. WM., 1890-93. T.Sr., '98. Christ's C., Cam., '98. B.A., Cam., Nat. Sc. Tripos, 1901.

DUNCAN, R. H. HOWARD, 1890-94. When 15 years of age was holder of Bd. of Educn. Certifis. for Maths., Stages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. National Free Student, R.C.S., '94. A.R.C.S., '97. Author of "Practical Curve-Tracing" (Longmans). Lecturer, Leeds Univ.

SMITH, WILLIAM CRAMPTON, 1890-93. Mather Sr., Armstrong C., N.C., 1900. B.Sc., Double Hons., Du., '01. Inter. Sc., 1st Cl. Hons., Lo., '02. B.Sc., Lo., '06.

JARMAN, ARTHUR, 1890-92. National Free Student, R. School of Mines, '94. A.R. School of Mines, 1st Cl. Metallurgy, '97. Prof. of Metallurgy, Univ. of Sydney, N.S.W., 1900. Principal, School of Mines, Auckland, N.Z., 1906.

CLARKE, GEORGE ERNEST, 1891-95. National Sr., R.C.S., '95. A.R.C.S., '98. Inter. Sc., Hons., Lo., 1901. B.Sc., Lo., '03.

BARRON, JOHN, 1894-1900. T.Sr., and Exh., New C., Ox., 1900. Math. Mods., '02. B.A., Ox., Hons. Nat. Sc., '04.

SCOTT, ROBT. WATSON, 1893-1901. T.Sr., '01. Leathersellers' Exh., '03. Hons. School of Nat. Sc., Ox., '03.

SMITH, ANGELO JOHN, 1892-1902. T.Sr., & Exh., Brasenose C., Ox., '02. Math. Mods., '04. B.A., Ox., Hons. Nat. Sc., '06.

FAIRCLOUGH, WILFRID, 1890-96. Gained many distinctions, C. of Med., N.C., 1902-05. Charlton Sr. & Goyder Sr., '06. M.B., Hons., B.S., Hons., Du., '06.

KING, CUTHBERT WILLIAM, 1894-1904. Jesus C., Ox., '04. B.A., Ox., Hons. Nat. Sc., '08. M.A., '11.

LOGAN, WILLIAM, 1895-1905. T.Sr., '05. St. John's C., Ox., '05. Hons. School of Lit. Hum., Ox., '08.

WOOD, HERBERT ALEXANDER, 1897-1905. B.Sc., 1st Cl. Hons., Manchester, 1908. M.Sc., 1909. Champion Runner at School and Univ.

BOWDEN, EDWARD, 1900-05. Senior Pemberton Sr., Armstrong C., N.C., '07. B.Sc., Hons., Du., '08. Royal (1851) Exhibition Bursar, £70, '09, and Sr., £150 a year, '10 & '11.

LECKIE, JOHN IRVING, 1901-05. B.Sc., Lo., '08.

ROSS, ROBT., 1897-1903. B.A., Ox., Hons., Nat. Sc., '09.

WATSON, GEORGE CARR, 1898-1906. Inter. Arts, Lo., '06. T.Sr., & Exh., King's C., Cam., '06. B.A., Cam., Classical Tripos, '09.

BLACKLOCK, JOHN HENDERSON, 1899-1906. Inter. Arts, Lo., '06. T.Sr., '06. Christ's C., Cam., '06. B.A., Cam., Mathematical Tripos, '09.

HALL, FRANK GARDNER, 1899-1907. Inter. Arts, Lo., '07. T.Sr., & Exh., King's C., Cam., '07. Math. Trip., Pt. 1, '09; Pt. 2, '10. B.A., Cam., '10.

GIBSON, STANLEY RUTHERFORD, 1904-09. T.Sr., '09. Queens' C., Cam., '09. Intercollegiate Exam., 1st Cl., '10. History Tripos, Pt. 1, 1st Cl., June, '11. Sr., Queens' C., July, '11. Diploma of Educn., 1st Cl., with "Distinctions," Dec., '11.

ROTHFIELD, JACOB, 1904-09. T.Sr., '09. Stewart of Rannoch University Hebrew Open Sr., Cam., '10. St. Catharine's C., Cam., '11.

CAIRNS, HERBERT, 1901-10. Inter. Arts, Lo., '09. Mathl. Open Major Sr., Brasenose C., Ox., '10.

CAMPBELL, JOHN, 1904-10. Inter. Arts, Lo., '09. T.Sr., & Exh., B.N.C., Ox., '10.

MOFFITT, JAS. PRIOR, 1904-11. History Open Sr., Jesus C., Cam., '10.

HETHERINGTON, THOS. WM., 1906-11. T.Sr., & Exh., Trinity C., Cam., '11.

ROTHFIELD, ISAAC, 1906-11. T.Sr., '11. Downing C., Cam., '11.

MACNAIR, DAVID, 1895-1903. M.B., Ch.B., Edinburgh, '08.

MARSH, FRANK NEEDHAM, 1895-97. Paterson Bursar,

- Glasgow Univ., 1904. Medallist, '04 and '06. M.B., Ch.B., Glas., '10.
- HERRING, JAMES MUIR, 1905-11. Classical Open Sr., Du., '11.
- SLADDEN, HARRY EVERSLEY, 1901-10. Classical Open Sr., Du., '11.
- CHAPMAN, DAVID MARKWELL, 1890-91. B.Sc., Du., 1900.
- DODDS, RICHARD, 1890-93. B.Litt., Du., 1901.
- NEILL, JOHN, 1895-99. B.Sc., Double Hons., Du., 1902.
- GOLDSBROUGH, GEORGE RIDSDALE, 1893-95. B.Sc., Hons., Du., 1903., M.Sc., 1906.
- SMITH, LAWRENCE, 1895-1900. B.Sc., Du., 1903.
- CURRIE-HESLOP, HAROLD LINTON, 1893-97. M.B., B.S., Du., 1903.
- THOMPSON, JAMES HENRY, 1891-95. B.Sc., Du., 1904.
- COATES, RICHARD FINDLAY, 1893-96. B.Sc., Du., 1904; M.Sc., '06.
- SHAW, JOHN MALCOLM, 1890-96. M.B., B.S., Du., 1904.
- GIBBONS, WILLIAM, 1890-96. Bracketed 1st in 1st Cl. Hons. in Pract. Chem., B.I. of Educn. Exam., 1895. M.B., B.S., Du., 1904.
- MOUAT, HENRY, 1893-95. B.Sc., Du., 1905.
- HAYER, MARSHALL, 1892-96. M.B., B.S., Du., 1905.
- ROBINSON, JOSEPH FREDERICK, 1890-95. B.Sc., Du., 1906.
- LESTER, SAMUEL, 1896-1904. B.Sc., Hons., Du., 1907.
- JORDAN, HAROLD GEORGE, 1898-1903. B.Sc., Du., 1908.
- BAILES, JOHN THOMAS, 1899-1903. B.Litt., Du., 1909.
- BARLOW, GEORGE, 1900-03. B.Sc., Du., 1909.
- BELL, THOMAS ROBERT, 1896-98. B.Sc., Hons., Du., 1909.
- EYLES, ARTHUR REGINALD, 1901-06. B.A., Du., '09.
- THOMPSON, JOHN RIDLEY, 1901-03. B.Sc., Du., 1910.
- DALTON, WILLIAM MARTIN, 1902-07. B.Sc., Du., 1910.
- SMITH, HAROLD, 1898-1907. B.Sc., Hons., Du., 1910. Research Student, 1911.
- BOWMAN, JOHN SHIELDS, 1905-6. National Sr., R.C.S., '06. A.R.C.S., '09.
- BARKES, WILFRID, 1898-1901. M.B., B.S., Du., '09.
- ROBSON, STANLEY, 1898-1907. B.Sc., Du., 1911.
- ROTHFIELD, ABRAHAM, 1904-08. B.A., Du., 1911.
- RUSSELL, ERNEST, 1905-07. B.A., Du., 1911.
- ROSE, ARTHUR NORMAN, 1905-08. B.A., Univ. Prize-man, Birmingham, 1911.
- CRAVEN, JOSEPH WILFRID, 1900-05. M.B., B.S., Du., 1912.
- PILLING, ALAN, 1892-98. Engineering Sr., Armstrong C., N.C., 1900. Hall Sr., '01. Inter. Sc., Double Hons., Du., June, '02. Drowned, while canoeing at Windsor, July, '02.
- PATON, FREDK., 1902-06. Learned at Bede School to swim well. In Oct., 1910, when the s.s. "Crown Prince," on which he was an apprentice, was during a hurricane wrecked in Corrientes Bay, Cuba, he swam ashore with a life-line, and managed (though his arms and legs were badly cut by the coral reef) to fasten the line to a tree, being thus instrumental in saving 31 lives.

FOOTBALL.

To face a hard season's football with but two surviving members of last year's team requires a good deal of courage. Such was the plight in which Bede School found itself on re-assembling after the Summer Holidays. However, we had before us a beautiful yellow card, inscribed with a list of fixtures to be played, so there was nothing to do but find new talent, and finally we succeeded almost beyond our expectations. After a couple of trial matches a team was picked which beat Newcastle Modern School by 4—2. The next three matches, however, were lost, principally owing to the fact that the School teams were experiments to see which boys would work together best, and consequently there was very little in the way of combination. In the last of the three matches, that with Ryhope Secondary School, the opposing team was principally composed of former Bedans, who had had the benefit of being trained and nurtured among us. The game was by a long way the best of the season so far, and after a terrific struggle, Ryhope won by 2—1. But our team had found its level, and improved steadily in form, so that afterwards not a single match was lost till the very last game of the season. In this game we were distinctly unlucky. On account of the Oxford Local March Examinations about half the team, and, of course, the better half, was absent, so that we had not only to introduce young and inexperienced players, but also to change some of the ordinary members of the School Eleven to places where they could have no opportunity of shining as attackers, but would strengthen the defence. Thus the team was totally disorganised and fell an easy prey to our opponents, Rutherford College, an exceptionally good and clever team.

In the return match with Ryhope we avenged our previous defeat, and won 5—4. All our men played

well, and had it not been for the herculean efforts of the Ryhope captain, by far the best player of his team, our score would probably have been much greater.

The attendance at School matches has, we are glad to say, somewhat improved. A team with such a record of success as ours deserves to be supported at its home matches by the School as a whole. Most readers will admit that the ancient mud flat honoured with the name of "football field" is not a particularly attractive spot. We do not propose to argue the point. If anyone has doubts, let him put his best boots on and walk across from one corner flag to another on a day following a week's rain. Still, if it is good enough for the XI. to play first-rate football on, it is good enough for the rest of Bede School to come to in order to cheer their team, which ought to get more support from the School at large. To the best of our knowledge the swimming baths are shut throughout most of the football season, and we venture to think that there are some Bedans who do not spend all their Saturdays doing homework or taking long walks, and who might at least occasionally turn up at School matches.

We must render our heartiest thanks to those Masters who have been so untiring in their efforts to promote good football in the School, and also to the Masters and boys who have supported the team on match days.

With regard to the team itself much might be said. With a steady, reliable goalkeeper, our sturdy captain and his partner at full-back, and three plucky halves, the defence has been consistently good; while the forwards, if lacking a little in smartness, have always been triers, with what success a glance at the record below will show.

This record is due in no small measure to Ferguson, the captain of the team, whose good judgment has enabled many weak points in the team to be remedied, and his vigour during the game is most effective.

The Senior District Competition was won by the N.W. District (Chester Road), and the Junior by the same division. It is the steady practice afforded by these games that is the secret of Bede School's Football success. Each is refereed by a Games Prefect, and so the ability of boys not in the School Team may be seen and noted, with the result that many promising players are "brought on," who perhaps would not have been reached by any other means.

Looked at as a whole, the season has been a very good one. We played 15 matches, won 8, lost 4, and drew 3—a record which, though less brilliant than that of the previous two years (when we were very nearly invincible), is yet one to be proud of, all the circumstances being considered. A good number of the past season's players will stay on at school next

year, and the prospects seem bright for another season.

Football Season 1911-12.

RESULTS.

DATE	CLUB.	GROUND.	GOALS.	
			FOR.	AGST.
Oct 28	Newcastle Modern School	Home	4	2
Nov. 11	Gateshead Secondary School	Away	1	5
" 18	Hartlepool Henry Smith School.....	Home	3	3
" 25	Rutherford College ...	Away	0	5
Dec. 2	Ryhope Secondary School	"	1	2
" 9	Stockton Secondary School	"	4	2
" 16	Westoe Secondary School	"	3	0
Jan. 20	Tynemouth Municipal High School	"	8	1
Feb. 17	Westoe Secondary School	Home	3	1
" 19	Hartlepool Henry Smith School.....	Away	2	2
" 24	Ryhope Secondary School	Home	5	4
Mar. 2	Newcastle Modern School	Away	4	0
" 9	Stockton Secondary School	Home	3	1
" 16	Gateshead Secondary School	"	3	3
" 23	Rutherford College ..	"	1	7

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals.		Points.	Out of a Possible
				For.	Agst.		
15	8	4	3	45	38	19	30

R. M. NEILL.

FOOTBALL COLOURS.

The following new colours have been awarded for 1911-1912:—

Beardall, Boustead, Smith, Ellis, Harrison, Banks, Pyburn, L. Mitchell, Kerr.

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

W. C. Beardall (goal).—A thoroughly safe and reliable custodian, quite up to the usual school standard.

- P. Boustead (right back).—A good steady back; kicks well with either foot.
- A. J. Ferguson (left back).—An excellent school captain. Kept his team well together. A strong and safe kick, and a vigorous tackler.
- G. C. Smith (right half).—Feeds his forwards well, but lacks dash.
- J. Peebles (centre half).—Very steady and reliable; a good tackler; marks his man well.
- R. S. Ellis (left half).—Has plenty of dash and has greatly improved.
- A. S. Harrison (outside right).—A good forward; plays well with his partner.
- C. H. Banks (inside right).—An excellent shot; has plenty of speed.
- W. Pyburn (centre forward).—Feeds his wings well and is a good shot. Is not afraid to use his weight.
- J. M. Kerr (inside left).—Top goal scorer, a tricky forward who has a good control over the ball.
- L. Mitchell (outside left).—The fastest man in the team, and one of the best left wings the School has had for years; a good shot, but is a little uncertain with his right foot.

H.B.W.

GAMES PREFECTS, 1911-12.

J. Cartledge.	M. Huntley.
A. J. Ferguson.	J. Peebles.
R. M. Neill.	G. C. Smith.
W. Pyburn.	W. Dobson.
C. H. Banks.	A. S. Harrison.
R. S. Ellis.	Ronald Neill.
E. E. Canney.	

DISTRICT CAPTAINS AND VICE-CAPTAINS.

FOOTBALL.

CHESTER ROAD (N.W.).	DURHAM ROAD (S.W.).
J. Peebles.	J. M. Kerr.
A. S. Harrison.	H. F. Cottam.
HENDON (S.E.).	ROKER (N.E.).
R. S. Ellis.	A. J. Ferguson.
C. H. Banks.	W. A. Dobson.

CRICKET.

CHESTER ROAD (N.W.).	DURHAM ROAD (S.W.).
A. S. Harrison.	C. Campbell.
G. Bell.	J. M. Kerr.
HENDON (S.E.).	ROKER (N.E.).
R. S. Ellis.	J. F. McCormack.
P. Boustead.	M. Mackay.

School Captain: (1) Football, A. J. Ferguson.

(2) Cricket, J. M. Kerr.

Hon. Secretary, Football and Cricket: R. M. Neill.

CRICKET PROSPECTS.

It is rather early to talk of our chances in the coming Cricket Season. At present no match has been played, though the fixture list is practically

complete. Four of our last season's team are left—the remainder of the team has yet to be selected, so that there are plenty of opportunities for cricketers to distinguish themselves by securing admission to the XI. Last year the School was very successful and acquitted itself well under rather trying conditions. The conditions are, we regret to say, in no wise improved: we still have to pitch our wickets on a brick-field, and try to play the game in clouds of dust, or a slough of slime. There is still the same delightful uncertainty as to the direction the ball will take after it strikes the ground, and the curious may still care to come and watch, from a safe distance, apparent exceptions to the law of gravity. But our experience last term, when there was a prospect of our losing even this field, warns us that something is better than nothing at all, and, as there does not seem to be any other available patch of ground to play on in the town, and we may not retain even what we have for long, it behoves us to take a cheerful view, and grin with pleasure till we are forced to grin with pain.

As to the coming season, we reiterate our warnings of last year. Good fielding and clean fielding is just as important as good batting. Length and not pace is the chief object of the conscientious bowler. Loyalty to the captain is the first thought of every team that is worth the name.

The district matches began on Saturday, April 27th, when Durham Road beat Chester Road by 96 runs. District matches will be especially important this term, as it is only by watching performances in them that the Selection Committee will be able to get a good School XI.

H.B.W.

THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

178th MEETING.

The beginning of the Autumn Term always raises very mixed feelings in the breasts of members of the Debating Society—feelings of regret for the loss of old members, feelings of joy for the advent of so many new ones. This session the Society started at full strength. The attendances throughout the Autumn Term were excellent, averaging about 45. They decreased towards the end of the Spring Term, owing to the stress of work for the Matriculation and Oxford Local Examinations. Such a falling off of members at that part of the year is perhaps natural, but is much to be regretted. The school records show that, for years past, the most assiduous attenders at the Debates have been amongst those Bedans most distinguished in Examinations. Active membership of the Society, all the year round, does indeed help boys to think quickly and speak well at the meet-

ings; but it does much more than that. It increases their general knowledge, and their power of expressing themselves well at any time and anywhere—even in the hour of trial in an examination room!

In the last two Terms there were about twenty debates, two lantern lectures (by Mr. Witter), an evening for readings, a musical evening, and a purely social gathering.

The debates for the challenge cup (presented by Mr. Airy, a former master) deserve special mention. The Autumn "Cup Debate" was unquestionably one of the best ever held by the Society. The motion discussed was that "This House thinks that the publication of anonymous letters in newspapers ought to be discouraged." The general opinion expressed was that anonymous letters which attack persons by name should not be published. But it was thought proper by many that modest persons desirous of publishing useful information should be allowed to write under a pen-name—in spite of one speaker's whimsical complaint "I see no good reason why a man who wishes to announce to the world that he has heard the cuckoo in mid-winter should be expected to call himself 'Early Morning Walker'!" The "Cup" candidates were M. Huntley (the winner), K. MacDonald, G. H. Smith, M. Share, W. Freedman, and S. Jockelson. At this meeting a "Freshers' Competition, in which G. Lee, J. Joseph, J. F. McCormack, W. Beardall, and W. Finney took part, was won by Lee.

In the Spring Term the "Cup," which was the object of the ambition of M. Share, H. Murley, Finney, Lee, R. Ellis, H. Richardson, and MacDonald, went to Share. On this occasion the prize was presented to the winner by Mrs. Ferguson. The Head-Master was the judge in all the competitions.

An Inter-Debate with St. Gabriel's Debating Society was held in the Autumn Term. It ended in a victory for the School speakers.

Aitchison and Eggleston have repeatedly spoken very well this session.

The great enthusiasm of the members is well demonstrated by the fact that there were 15 nominations for three places on the committee at the Spring election. The officers in the three Terms of the current school year have been:—

President: A. Eggleston, J. H. Arnison, G. McLoughlin.

Vice-President: G. McLoughlin, M. Huntley, L. Smith.

Secretary: J. H. Arnison, G. McLoughlin, M. Huntley.

Committee: Share, Huntley, Ellis, Boustead, Jockelson, MacDonald, G. Smith, L. Smith, Wallace, Richardson, Engvall, G. Lee.

Treasurer: Mr. Joseph.

All the officers have worked together most harmoniously.

The Society mourns the death of one of its Ex-

Presidents, William John Bowden. It rejoices that another of its Ex-Presidents, T. R. Thomas, has distinguished himself as President of the Armstrong College Debating Society, and that a third, J. P. Moffitt, has recently on two or three occasions spoken so well at the "Union" at Cambridge as to gain commendation in the University Magazine.

The ordinary meetings of the Society end, for the Summer Term, at Whitsuntide. Before then, an Inter-Debate and a Parliamentary Evening will take place. The Annual Pic-Nic will be held in June.

The programme this school year has been as follows:—

1911.
 Sept. 19.—"That this House sympathises with strikers." Carried.
 Sept. 26.—"That this House approves of a closer Anglo-German Alliance." Carried (by President's Casting Vote).
 Oct. 3.—"That this House welcomes the action of the Home Secretary in the matter of the Wells-Johnson fight." Not carried.
 Oct. 10.—"That this House deplores the action of Italy towards Turkey." Carried.
 Oct. 17.—"That this House would welcome the restoration of the Monarchy in Portugal." Carried.
 Oct. 24.—"That this House favours the introduction of Western ideas into China." Carried.
 Oct. 31.—"That this House considers that persecution can be justified." Carried.
 Nov. 14.—"Cup" and "Freshers'" Debate. See above. Motion carried.
 Nov. 21.—Readings.
 Nov. 28.—"That this House approves of Votes for Women." Carried.
 Dec. 1.—Inter-Debate with St. Gabriel's. Bede School proposed "That this House considers the Division of Northern Africa among European States a menace to European peace." Carried.
 Dec. 12.—"That this House approves of the foreign policy of Sir Edward Grey." Carried.
 Dec. 19.—Social Evening.
 Jan. 16.—"That this House regrets the decline of Old Customs." Carried.
 Jan. 23.—"That this House approves of Boarding Schools." Carried.
 Jan. 30.—"That this House approves of Home Rule for Ireland." Not carried.
 Feb. 13.—Lantern Lecture, by Mr. Witter.
 Feb. 27.—"Cup" Debate. "That this House believes that 'The evil that men do lives after them.'" Carried.
 Mar. 5.—Lantern Lecture, by Mr. Witter.
 Mar. 12.—"That this House approves of the Miners' Strike." Carried.
 Mar. 26.—"Whether, supposing that the flavour of a pig who obtained his death by whipping (*per flagellationem extremam*) superadded a pleasure upon the palate of a man more intense than any possible suffering we can conceive in the animal, is man justified in using that method of putting the animal to death." The House thought not.
 April 2.—Musical Evening.
 April 30.—178th Meeting of the Society. "That this House considers the system of Party Politics in England a failure." Carried.

M. HUNTLEY.

THE ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

The members of the School Orchestra were very busy during the Autumn Term—learning the music for Speech Day, and for some concerts which they gave on various occasions.

Strange to say, very few of the new boys that Term were "instrumentalists"—if we exclude those who could play the piano. We had therefore to rely on our old members to a large extent, and are grateful for their continued and loyal support.

Why do not more Bedans learn to play the flute, the oboe, the clarinet, the bassoon, the violoncello, or the contra-bass? Any boy having even only an elementary acquaintance with one of these instruments can be sure of a very hearty welcome to our orchestral practices. So if anyone reads this who has yet to choose which instrument he will learn, let him select one of the above.

The accompaniments to Mozart's "Gloria" and Haydn's "The Heavens are Telling" gave little trouble, but Mendelssohn's Overture to "A Midsummer Night's Dream" was a very difficult thing to play. Right boldly did the members tackle it—and with a very fair measure of success.

The School Orchestra, always eager to explore what—to it—are "fresh woods and pastures new," is now at work on two of the most beautiful pieces of instrumental music ever composed. The first, by Mozart, is the Jupiter Symphony in C, with its lovely and very difficult Andante and its scholarly Finale; the second is that inimitable work of art, Schubert's Unfinished Symphony in B minor.

Both these works are being studied in their original forms—not Bowdlerised editions—and consequently the members find them, though very interesting, somewhat difficult. But, let the band take heart of grace: there is nothing really worth having which is gained without a struggle. If the young executants but practise, practise, practise, and study these works, their final enjoyment will far exceed the labour they expend, however great the amount of the latter may be.

We hope to hold our Annual Excursion after Whitsuntide, and to have a fine day. Anyhow, be the elements never so unkind, it is physically impossible for us to get, on any future occasion, a worse soaking than fell to our lot at the end of the 1911 Pic-nic. And yet we came home smiling!

ALLEGRO.

THE ARTS, CRAFTS, AND PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY.

The Society has had a far more satisfactory year than was expected. Several of last year's best workers were Durham County boys. Of these, R. M. Neill (a host in himself) is still at Bede School; but

nearly all the others have gone to the Durham County Council's new Secondary School at Ryhope. Though their transfer was natural, the Society lost them with regret. Their places, however, have been filled by some young Bedans who, taking advantage of this session's Life Classes, held on Monday nights, have handed in some excellent life studies which will be shown at the next Exhibition. It is hoped that those boys will do well in the new subject, Figure Composition, at the Oxford "Locals" in July.

The general work of the members has gone on steadily.

On March 21st, Mr. Smithwhite gave an interesting lecture, entitled "Ways and Means of Photography," and a demonstration on the toning of gaslight papers during development. The lecture was illustrated by means of some fine slides kindly lent by Messrs. Burroughes, Wellcome, and Co. There was a good attendance of members, and Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, Miss Boon, Mr. Witter, and Mrs. Witter, Senior, also were present.

The usual Easter Outing was arranged for April 15th, when a party, having met at the end of Kayll Road at 10 a.m., went to Coxgreen by way of Hylton and the river. At one o'clock Mr. Willis joined the company, which then went on to Fatfield and Biddick Avenue, and, after a short rest near Burm Moor, turned homewards. During the long walk, Mr. Willis brought to notice many interesting matters connected with nature study.

The next Annual Exhibition, for which there are already as many sheets as there were for the last one, will be held in June—probably on Friday and Saturday, the 7th and the 8th. The Life Drawings will be a special feature.

Before ending, I desire, as representing the members, to thank the President (Mr. Hawkins) for giving up his Monday evenings for our benefit.

RONALD SUTCLIFFE, Hon. Sec.

THE SWIMMING GALA.

Bede School Swimming Club's last Annual Gala was, like each of its predecessors, strikingly successful. Round the Bath every bit of space where people could sit or stand was crowded. The Chairman of the Governors (Councillor Johnson) and Mrs. Johnson, Councillor J. S. Nicholson, Mrs. Hancock, Mr. A. Corder, Mr. G. O. Wight, Mr. Wight (New Zealand), and Mrs. Witter, Senior, were among the spectators.

The School felt glad and honoured that Mr. Strachan, H.M. Inspector of Secondary Schools, spent some time at the Gala. Miss Boon, Head Mistress of the Girls' School, kindly presented the prizes. The Stewards included Messrs. R. W. Willis, T. H. Blyth, H. H. Joseph, and J. T. Wills, as well as Neill, Thurlbeck, and Peebles. Mr. C. K. Witter

had secured a remarkable number of entries for most of the "events."

Some capital racing was witnessed. T. S. Collin won the Six Lengths Club Championship easily, beating D. Hudson, Aitchison, N. Richardson, and Dennis; and D. Hudson had a fairly easy victory in the Two Lengths Scholars' Handicap. Nearly all the other contests were exciting. In the Quarter Mile, Dale beat V. Brown by only a touch. The Three Lengths Junior Championship, for which G. H. Smith, Topel, Atkins, M. Mackay, and T. R. Richardson finished in the order named, was won by a yard, a foot separating the second and third. Elrick and R. A. Hetherington swam splendidly in the Life-Saving Race. For the Scholars' "Obstacle" there was a magnificent struggle, Collin just beating Ferguson; and, in the Old Bedans' "Obstacle," J. W. Gibbs, Brown, Edward, Atkins, Smith, R. J. Gibbs came in so close together that there was not a yard between the first and the last.

No fewer than 51 competitors entered for the Two Lengths Old Bedans' Handicap. Of these Old Boys, R. J. Gibbs, J. W. Gibbs, and J. Rogers were admitted as pupils of Bede School on the Opening Day in 1890, and many were at the School in the "nineties." Pickering, Atkins, Wake, and Harford took the prizes.

A delightful Exhibition of Ornamental Swimming and Motionless Floating was given by Mr. Witter, K. Logan, V. Brown, and T. R. Richardson.

After the Secretary, Aitchison, had made a brief report, the President (the Head Master), in a short speech, congratulated the members on the general success of the Club and on the display given that night. He thanked the Old Bedans for their support of the Gala, made an acknowledgment of the kind help and courtesy of Mr. J. G. Brown (the Baths Superintendent) and Mr. G. E. Watson (Swimming Instructor under the Education Authority), and called for cheers for Mr. Witter who (he said) had for many years done far more than all other people put together for Bede School Swimming. The cheers were rapturously given.

SPEECH DAY.

The latest Annual Speech Day of Bede School—a joint function for both the Boys' School and the Girls' School—was celebrated in the Victoria Hall, on Monday, December 11th, 1911. The scene throughout was very bright and animated, and the programme was followed with keen interest by a large audience of parents, pupils, old pupils, and members of the general public.

Councillor J. W. Johnson, Chairman of the Governors, presided, and, among those present, in addition to the Head Master, the Head Mistress, and the Staffs of the Boys' and the Girls' Schools, were

Mr. F. W. Goldstone, M.P., the Mayor and the Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. Brown), Mrs. Hancock, Councillors J. S. Nicholson, A. F. Young, S. M. Swan, Watson, Bainbridge, and Charlton, the Rev. J. T. Brown, Messrs. A. Corder, J. F. Burnicle, and F. Forrest, Mr. G. Duncan, Mr. Herbert Reed, and Mr. R. Littlehailes (Madras).

The musical items included the School Song, Purcell's "Full fathom five," Action Songs (gracefully done by the Girls of Forms I. and II.), the "Gloria" from the Twelfth Mass, Brahms's "Gardener," "Good King Wenceslas," and the Overture to Mendelssohn's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" (which the School Orchestra played very creditably). Lee and Hipwood officiated in turn at the Organ, and Lee and Minnie Charlton were the pianists. The Chorus contained many very good high voices, and the "Gloria," given with accompaniment by both Organ and Orchestra, was fine and thrilling.

The Swedish Drill Display, by the Girls under Miss Greenall's direction, afforded everybody much pleasure.

Neill, Thackray, A. O. Bell, Sarewski, Huntley, E. P. Boustead, McLoughlin, Kerr, Wallace, Dickeson, Peebles, White, and Harvey—who had been well and carefully trained by Messrs. Hogben, Widdows, and Findlater—gave the difficult Act IV. of Shakespeare's "King Richard the Second" in a way that had great merit.

The Head Master read his Report, which referred almost entirely to the School Year ended on July 31st, 1911. A few extracts from it may be given.

"The Examination Successes gained during the School Year were numerous and important. Moffitt won a History Open Scholarship at Jesus College, Cambridge; Herring and Sladden, Classical Open Scholarships at Durham University; Hetherington, an Exhibition at Trinity College, Cambridge, and a Toynbee Scholarship; and Isaac Rothfield, a Toynbee Scholarship. Of the 472 Schools and Colleges which presented candidates successful at the London University June Matriculation Examination; 1911, only ONE, with 27 passes, had a larger number of successes than Bede School's 24. The Oxford Local Certificates gained by Bede School in July, 1911, were as follows:—Senior, 43; Junior, 66; Total, 109. This aggregate of Certificates of the grades named was exceeded by that of only ONE of the 815 Schools which presented successful candidates."

"Bede School was opened on April 28th, 1890, and therefore, on April 28th, 1911, it attained its majority. This Report gives proof that, on the whole, the School's majority year was even more successful than any of its predecessors."

The following extracts from speeches that were subsequently made are taken from the *Echo* report.

The Chairman "wished, on behalf of the Governors and the Education Authority, to express their high

appreciation of the work of the Head Master, Head Mistress, and Staff of the School. It must be very gratifying to Mr. Ferguson to know that the last year of the twenty-one years of his service had been the best. To have such a Report as that which the Head Master had just read was no small matter, and he had no hesitation in saying that they had in Bede School one of the best Secondary Schools in the country. That was to the credit of the Head Master and the Head Mistress, the Staff, and the boys and girls. Bede School was one of the greatest institutions of Sunderland. But there was one great drawback, and that was the lack of proper school premises." "He commended the action of Mr. Hamar Greenwood, M.P., in giving an annual grant for prizes, and expressed the hope that his example would be followed."

After Mr. Goldstone had presented the prizes and certificates, he said "they had reason as townsmen and townswomen of Sunderland to be proud of the Bede Collegiate School, and, on behalf of the audience and the whole town, he congratulated the Staff of the School, and the children whom they taught, on a magnificent year's work."

"The results were more than creditable, and demanded every encouragement from those who were present that night, and—if he might with diffidence venture to say it—more encouragement from the Town Council than the School had yet received." (Applause.) He "appealed to those interested in Secondary Education to give the Bede School its chance. At a very small cost to the town a much more generous scheme might be inaugurated than that which was now before the public. As long as they adhered to the present scheme it would mean a congested school, and inevitably bring upon it the condemnation of intelligent educational criticism."

Mr. Hamar Greenwood's gift to the Boys' School of £10 to be expended, at the discretion of the Head Master, in prizes for one or more boys, was distributed thus:—

Aitchison, G. L., £3; Herring, J. M., £2; Hudson, W. A., £1; Collin, T. S., £1; Thurlbeck, W., £1; Campbell, W. E. H., £1; Sargent, L. W., £1.

All the recipients of prizes or certificates very much appreciated the kind and appropriate word or two which Mr. Goldstone said to them individually when presenting whatever they had gained.

THE OLD BEDANS' ASSOCIATION.

Bede Boys' School has, in one way or another, kept in some sort of touch with a large number of its past pupils. Many Old Boys—especially those who do not reside in Sunderland, but come to the town periodically—pay the School a visit from time to time, and are always sure of a welcome from the Head Master and any other members of the Staff who

remember them. And there are numbers of Old Boys, whether established in Sunderland or elsewhere, who seldom appear on the scene where their schooldays were spent, but yet keep up a regular and friendly intercourse with Masters: the houses of Mr. Hodgson and Mr. Willis (for example) seem to be each a rendezvous for old school-fellows. Then, Speech Day always attracts an assembly of the prize-winners (and spectators) of bygone years. The Magazine, too, has often been a uniting force for Bedans of all kinds: this was notably the case from 1899 to 1904. And, of course, the aggregate correspondence between the School and its old members is, every year, simply enormous.

Still, the Old Boys of the School never had a formally-constituted Association until November last when, at a Meeting of Old Boys, Mr. C. W. Pollock presiding and the Head Master and Mr. H. B. Widows being present by invitation, "The Sunderland Old Bedans' Association" was formed. Provisional Rules were drawn up, and Messrs. J. M. Herring and V. Brown were appointed Co-Secretaries, *pro tem*.

The objects of the Association are:—

- (1) To encourage intercourse between past pupils of the school, and to keep them in touch with it;
- (2) To publish and circulate an Annual Report, and a List of Members and news of interest about them;
- (3) To promote the interests of the School and the Members.

Membership is open to any Past Pupil of Bede Boys' School who is not under 18 years of age. The Annual Subscription is Two Shillings. The Annual Meeting of the Association must be held in Sunderland on some convenient date just before the School "breaks up" for the Christmas Holidays, and the Annual Dinner must take place immediately afterwards, on the same date. The Annual Report and List of Members must be sent to each member. One or two issues of *The Bedan* will accompany such Report and List, should the funds of the Association permit.

Except that the Head Master is President, *ex officio*, no person not being a Past Pupil of Bede Boys' School can be a member of the Association. But the Association may (and, doubtless, always will) invite one or more Masters, Governors, or other persons connected with the School, to the Annual Dinner—or any other social function that may be promoted.

The first Annual Meeting of the Association was held in the Park Hall, Toward Road, on Wednesday, December 20th, 1911, at 7 p.m. The most natural place for such a gathering would be the School's Assembly Hall—but, unfortunately, the School hasn't got one! However, the Park Hall is central, convenient, and comfortable, and the Old Boys were

very glad to know that the School has now got it as a gymnasium.

There was a pretty good muster, in spite of the fact that there had not been time for the officials to see many Old Bedans and tell them about the inception of the Association. Before the agenda was taken little groups were formed here and there in the room, and a good deal of animated conversation went on among young men, some of whom had seen very little of one another for years.

The President took the chair and gave everybody a hearty welcome. He outlined the short history of the Association up to that date, stated its objects, and submitted a draft of the suggested rules. The rules were discussed *seriatim*, amended in certain points, and then adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President: The Head Master.

Vice-presidents: W. Nimmo, R. Littlehailes, and Nelson.

Hon. Secretary: J. M. Herring, St. Chad's Hall, Durham.

Hon. Treasurer: C. W. Pollock, Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Hon. Auditors: A. Grumitt and L. J. Lee.

Committee: G. Haswell, J. W. Craven, V. Brown, Hunnam, R. Grimes, L. J. Lee, G. M. Taylor, S. Swann, A. Grumitt, B. Bell, C. V. Wade, and Wilkinson.

After the Meeting, which was highly satisfactory, nearly all the members proceeded to the Palatine Hotel, and thoroughly enjoyed the first Annual Dinner. Mr. Ferguson presided, and the following masters were present:—Messrs. K. C. Auchmuty, F. Ogden, J. W. Hawkins, C. W. Hildebrand, A. E. Hodgson, H. H. Joseph, R. F. Jarman, and H. B. Siddons. Mr. F. Wayman (clerk) also was present. At the outset the President read a telegram from Mr. T. B. Bubbs, an Old Bedan, now in London, regretting his absence and wishing the Association every success.

After the toast of "The King, the Queen, and the Royal Family" had been loyally honoured, the toast "Bede School," coupled with the names of the Head Master and the Staff, was proposed by Mr. R. Littlehailes, and enthusiastically received. [Mr. Littlehailes was seven years at the School, and thence to Balliol, was appointed—by the Secretary of State for India—Professor of Mathematics in the University of Madras, has had a variety of educational experience in India, and is now the Inspector of European and Training Schools in the Presidency of Madras. A year's furlough is enabling him to make a good sojourn in Sunderland.] He said that he joined the School a few months after Opening Day, and went on to describe very humorously many incidents of his life as a Bedan. From the *Echo* report of the speeches at the Dinner, the following extracts are here given. He (Mr. Little-

hailes) "had recently visited the School, and had not found it very much changed structurally. He had learned that the School buildings were a delicate subject at present (laughter), but he did think expansion was absolutely necessary, and he hoped that it would soon be granted upon very liberal lines. (Applause.) He was sure that the Bede School had done, was doing, and would do in the future, very excellent work, and he considered himself very fortunate in having been a scholar there." (Applause.)

Mr. Ferguson, in responding for the School and the Staff, said the School was opened on April 28th, 1890, and, since then, 3,184 boys had passed through it, and 70 Masters had worked in it for longer or shorter periods. At least three of those Masters were now Head Masters of Secondary Schools, and several others occupied important educational positions. Of the past pupils it was quite impossible to give anything like an adequate record, but he was glad that, to the best of his knowledge, the great bulk of them were doing extremely well. A surprisingly large number of Old Bedans held good posts in far-off lands. He referred briefly to various stages in the development of the School, and mentioned, in passing, that several boys who were pupils in the early "nineties" had, in his opinion, as much intellectual capacity as any subsequent pupils ever displayed. In the years from 1896 to 1905 the curriculum was much broader and more general than it had previously been, but many boys left the School before going through the complete course. He was glad to see that, at the present day, parents were beginning to realise how desirable—nay, how necessary—it was that their sons, if they went to Bede School at all, should in their own best interests not leave before they were at least sixteen years old. Since 1905 the general status of all parts of the School had been heightened. "Two years ago, and, again, last year, they had such a list of successes as he thought any Secondary School might reasonably be proud of—(applause)—and reached an epoch in their history by gaining two Open Scholarships, one at Oxford and one at Cambridge. (Loud applause.) The Sports had flourished, and the various Societies in connexion with the School were in an excellent condition. And the School had always maintained a distinctly good tone." (Applause.)

Referring to the proposer's remarks as to the buildings, Mr. Ferguson said the School was without doubt suffering acutely from not having premises and accommodation suited to its requirements.

The pupils of some schools derived inspiration from the dignity and noble character of the fabrics in which they were housed. Bede School, regard being paid to the work it had done in the past and its status at present, might fairly ask for premises in some way commensurate with its record and its importance. "But," said the speaker, "we put forward only the most modest claims. We say, if we cannot have

beautiful and elegant buildings, at any rate we ought to have healthful and reasonably commodious ones." (Applause.)

Concluding, Mr. Ferguson thanked them, in his own behalf and that of his colleagues, for the toast, and said "he looked to the Association to support the school in every way that it could. (Applause.) It was a particular delight to him to see his old pupils around him, and he hoped that that dinner was only the first of a long series of most successful and most enjoyable festive meetings of the Association." (Loud applause.)

Mr. Gordon Haswell proposed the toast of "The Staff" in a delightfully humorous speech, in the course of which he warmly acknowledged that, as far as his experience went, each and every Master had always taken pains and trouble to do the best in his power for his students.

Mr. R. F. Jarman who, of the Masters present, had the longest term of service in the School, made a grateful response for himself and his colleagues.

Mr. H. B. Widdows proposed the toast of "The Sunderland Old Bedans' Association." He said that that night was a historic occasion. At that particular gathering they had not a very great number present. "But," said he, "I look forward to the time when there will be a fresh building problem before the Corporation of Sunderland—how to find a building large enough for the Old Bedans' Annual Dinner." (Laughter.) The great danger of municipal schools, he continued, was that they should become intellectual sausage-machines. A school should really be a workshop of character, and that the Bede School was such was evidenced by many things, one being the formation of that Association. The spirit of camaraderie, which permeated school life and extended to life after school days were done, was the point in English school life which was the admiration and envy of almost every country in Europe. "The formation of this Association should prove that you have that spirit. It is no doubt a fact that municipal schools are perpetually being unfavourably compared with the older public schools of the country. *Those* schools have long vistas of tradition and history behind them. *You* do not possess that long tradition. To *sustain* a tradition is a great work, but I think that you are doing a greater work in *making* history and tradition, and that the time will come, forty or fifty years hence, when people will sit round a table at an Old Bedans' Dinner, and, like the Old Boys of any great public School, will remember with gratitude their founders and benefactors." (Applause.)

Mr. Nimmo, whose connexion with the School extended further back than that of any other Old Boy present, responded for the Association.

In the course of the evening Mr. Jarman, Mr. Hildebrand, and Mr. Hogben contributed three or four musical items.

The hours sped, and, all too soon, came the time

for "Auld Lang Syne," after singing which the company reluctantly dispersed.

Though the Association has made a capital start, it is up to the present a small organisation—that is, in comparison with what it may reasonably hope to become. Its influence, its usefulness, and the interest of belonging to it, will be almost directly proportionate to its size.

Therefore, what the Association most needs is MEMBERS!

How are these to be got?

It is very important that the Names and Addresses of the Secretary and the Treasurer should be well known. They are repeated here:

Hon. Sec.: MR. J. M. HERRING, St. Chad's Hall, Durham.

Hon. Treas.: MR. C. W. POLLOCK, Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Either of these Officers will be delighted to receive applications for membership from any Old Boys over 18 years of age who have not yet joined the Association. And they will be glad to supply information about the Association to anybody desirous of having such.

But a direct, personal appeal, made by word of mouth, is the most effective means of securing adherents to any society. Doubtless the Secretary and the Treasurer will make such an appeal, whenever and wherever they can. And each member of the Committee—and, indeed, each member of the Association—will, it is hoped, do the same. Vigorous efforts on the part of each of twenty or thirty enthusiastic Old Bedan workers would enlist swarms of recruits.

Present Bedans can help. In the capacity of their representative, the Senior Prefect (R. M. Neill) attended the Annual Dinner as the guest of the Association; and they will do useful work if they tell their Old Bedan brothers or friends all that is stated here about the Association.

It is almost needless to remark that membership does not necessitate attendance at the Dinner. Many Old Bedans resident abroad or in parts of the British Islands very distant from Sunderland will ordinarily find it impossible to come to the Dinner; but it is hoped that they, nevertheless, will join the Association.

As one of the most important duties of the Association will be the compiling of a really accurate and satisfactory List of its Members, all Old Bedans who wish to join should be careful to supply the Secretary or the Treasurer with the following particulars:—

1. Full Name.
2. Full Address.
3. Description or Profession (with any degrees titles, etc.).

If known, the year of Entering and the year of Leaving the School should also be stated.

