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ALFRED ERNEST HODGSON,

B.Sc. (DURHAM),

APPOINTED A MASTER

AT BEDE SCHOOL, JANUARY 6TH, 1902;

DIED, CHRISTMAS DAY, 1913.

AGED 39 YEARS.

Since Bede School was opened on April 28th, 1890, the total number of Masters (including a few Temporary Masters and Junior Masters) who have held positions on the Staff has been 70. All but *three* of these are still living. Mr. W. Phorson and Mr. J. M. McKenzie, two of the three, died some years after their connexion with Bede School had ceased. The third, Mr. A. E. Hodgson, whose death occurred last Christmas Day, was the first and the only member of the Boys' School Staff who has died as such.

Mr. Hodgson passed away with a suddenness almost tragic. During his twelve years' service in the School he was never absent from duty a single day on account of illness. When the School "broke up" on Speech Day, Thursday, December 18th last, he seemed to be in his usual health; and it was he who wrote the boys' names in all the books presented as prizes on that occasion. On the following Monday evening he became very unwell and had to take to his bed; and his death, certified by his medical man as due to blood-poisoning, took place two and a half days afterwards. The sad news of his decease was a great shock to his colleagues and pupils. Indeed, as not one of them saw him during his brief illness, they sometimes even now find it hard to realise that the man whom they never knew except as healthy, cheerful, active, and vigorous, is dead.

Mr. Hodgson was an excellent husband and father, and very fond of his home; and sincere sympathy, which has been testified in various ways, was and is felt for his sorrowing widow and five young children, in their great bereavement. Mrs. Hodgson is the daughter of Mr. D. D. Main, of Gateshead.

The funeral at Mere Knolls Cemetery on Saturday, December 27th, furnished striking evidence, in the number and the varied range of the mourners, of the widespread respect and affection in which Mr. Hodgson was held. The School was represented by the Head Master, all the Masters then in Sunderland, many boys and Old Boys, many Parents (including Mrs. Bartram: it will be remembered that the late Councillor Bartram was for some years Chairman of the Governors). Mr. C. H. Boyd (Board of

Trade Office, London) and Mr. G. F. Park were among the former Masters of the School present. Mr. L. D. Coueslant came from the Technical College. Among the numerous wreaths were four from the School—sent by the Head Master, the Masters, the Boys, and the Boys of Mr. Hodgson's Form.

Though Mr. Hodgson was, unhappily, cut off in the prime of life, he yet lived long enough to do a large amount of first-rate work, and to exert, by means of his character, conduct, and disposition, such an influence as will cause him to be remembered long with gratitude and warm regard. He had a sound knowledge of mathematics and physics, and was a most skilful, patient, and effective teacher. He was well known as a member of the Technical College Evening Staff, and as a successful private tutor. But Bede School was the principal scene of his labours; and the School's general welfare and the progress of his boys were matters commanding his whole-hearted interest and devotion.

Mr. Hodgson was not himself an Old Bedan: the present Head Master of Bede School had him as a pupil in another school nearly thirty years ago; but his brothers Walter, Richard, and Bryan, are Old Bedans, and his little daughters, Katie and Dorothy, are now at Bede Girls' School.

One trait which, perhaps more than any other, made Mr. Hodgson's personality attractive and gave him his power as a schoolmaster, was simple, genuine kindness of heart, unflinching, and singularly *practical* in its promptings and results. When a boy needed help or encouragement, or a colleague could be benefited by some service, Mr. Hodgson was not only well-disposed, but also somehow always managed to be able to accomplish just what was wanted. A sort of lazy, passive good-nature is quite common, and of little worth. On the other hand, a ready willingness towards well-doing, existing along with good sense, judgment, insight, initiative, energy, and disregard of a little personal trouble, is rather rare and very valuable; yet this was the very quality which Mr. Hodgson possessed in a marked degree. He wished to be useful, was quick to observe how he could be useful, and had sufficient adaptability, resourcefulness, and quiet strength of will to make himself useful in many different ways.

Wordsworth says that the
"best portion of a good man's life"
is

"His little, nameless, unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love."

If the poet's dictum be true, there is many a good man the "best portion" of whose life is, as far as those persons who see much of him can judge, a *very* small part of the whole. Mr. Hodgson's life, however, *abounded* in acts of kindness;

a fact noticed by many people (including hundreds of little candidates for admission to Bede School, whom he examined so sympathetically and felicitously as to stimulate them to put forth all their powers).

Upright, hard-working, unselfish, unobtrusive, affectionate, and able to inspire affection, he served his day and generation well in his sphere and according to his ability; and his name will always have an honourable place in the list of the Past Masters of Bede School.



EDITORIAL NOTES AND SCHOOL NEWS.

We heartily congratulate Mr. Hubert Bradford Widdows, the Senior Classical Master of Bede School, who has recently been appointed, from among 302 Candidates, as the first Head Master of the new Whitley and Monkseaton High School for Boys.

Mr. Widdows was educated at Dulwich College, and at Queens' College, Cambridge, of which he was a Classical Scholar. He graduated B.A. (with Honours), and afterwards proceeded to the Cambridge M.A. degree. He holds the Oxford Teacher's Diploma.

After having been an Assistant Master for nine years at Cowbridge Grammar School and for a Term at Watford Grammar School he came to Bede School (in 1905). Here he has taken the leading part in teaching classics, and has also taught geography and English. As one of the Games "Charge" Masters he has done much excellent work for the School Football and Cricket. He has actively supported the Old Bedans' Association.

Mr. Widdows has been abroad frequently. He is interested in geology, natural history, and mountain-climbing, and has sometimes given lectures—at school and elsewhere—on those subjects.

The Latin Prologues which he wrote for the last two Speech Days, and which he taught boys to declaim, were very successful items of the Entertainment Programmes on those occasions. He has edited a Latin text.

Mr. Widdows is President of the North-Eastern Branch of the Incorporated Association of Assistant Masters, is on the Committee of the University Extension Lectures Society in Sunderland, and has been a very enthusiastic worker for the Sunderland Guild of Help.

A very able, cultured, scholarly man and first-rate teacher, he has great strength of character, and is unquestionably well-qualified, alike by

personal gifts, academical credentials, and successful scholastic experience, for the new post which he is to fill.

We are glad to say that Mr. Widdows will not leave us until the Midsummer Holidays. His going will deprive Bede School of a most valuable member of the Staff; but he richly deserves the promotion he has gained, and will take with him our hearty wishes for his prosperity.

We hope that there will be fine weather throughout the Easter Vacation, and that boys will thoroughly "enjoy themselves". They will need plenty of strength and vigour for the Summer Term, which begins on April 28th, and which is, in some respects, the most important Term in the School Year.

Boys should remember that the Entry Forms for the London Matriculation Examination in June, and the Oxford Senior and Junior Local Examinations in July, will have to be completed and sent in immediately after the Easter Holidays are over.

Mr. Stewart Alexander White, M.A., has been appointed as a new Master, and we shall welcome him on April 28th.

Mr. White was educated at Oxford High School, and at University College, Oxford, of which he was a Mathematical Scholar. He gained a First Class in Mathematical Moderations and Honours in Mathematical "Greats".

He was an Assistant Master at the Royal Grammar School, Colchester, for fifteen months, and then went to South Shields High School, where he has been for two years and a half as Senior Mathematical Master.

Mr. White is very athletic, and has had experience in the management of school football, cricket, and shooting.

The boys of Bede School have, throughout its history, enjoyed an amount of freedom from such diseases as measles, fever, whooping-cough, and mumps, which has been most remarkable. Needless to say, the School has never had to be closed on account of the prevalence of any of these disorders. On the contrary, absolute immunity from these tiresome ailments has often been the School's lot for long periods, and the total number of "cases", from the Opening Day twenty-four years ago up to the present time, is known to be extraordinarily small—though the precise figures are, at the moment, not available.

We are led to make this observation because, this Term, four Bede School boys have had to be precluded, on account of cases of infectious diseases at their homes, from attending school. But only *one* boy among the four was himself the "patient"!

Miss E. J. Graham, who has been for ten years one of the teachers of Modern Languages in the Boys' School, will leave at Easter, to be married. Miss Graham, as the only Mistress in the School, has had a unique position, and has filled it with tact, ability, and success. French and German—a knowledge of both of which she acquired by study and teaching in France and Germany—are the subjects which she has taken, and her pupils have been mainly, but by no means exclusively, the younger boys, who always speak of her as "Mademoiselle".

The Staff and the Boys intend to present Miss Graham with a silver lamp, cream-jug, and sugar-basin, in token of their esteem and good wishes.

We have just received an interesting letter from Professor Littlehales, one of the most distinguished of Old Bedans. He is at the Presidency College, Madras. The University of Madras has recently granted a Scholarship of £250 a year for two years to one of his pupils, S. Ramanujan, to enable him to go to Trinity College, Cambridge.

It is probable that little Richard Littlehales, Junior, will be sent to Bede School for a time.

It will be remembered that, last year, Madame E. Guérin, an accomplished French lady, gave an exceedingly interesting lecture, in her own language, to a limited number of the pupils of the Bede Schools. On that occasion her subject was the French Revolution, she was dressed as Marie Antoinette, and the lecture was given in the Gymnasium, Park Hall.

This year, on Feb. 2nd, Madame Guérin lectured to about 300 of the Senior Boys and Girls. Mr. Walter B. Allan, a Governor of the two Bede Schools, made it possible for so large an audience to be taken at one and the same time by most kindly hiring the Subscription Library, Fawcett Street, for the function. The subject this time was Napoleon the Great. The lecturer appeared as Josephine, and riveted the attention of her hearers while, for an hour, she graphically recounted the history of the famous "Little Corsican" who rose to be, during many years, the arbiter of the destinies of Europe.

Madame Guérin's style and manner are most pleasing, and, in her lecture, she well illustrated the beauty and charm of the French language. Mr. Ferguson proposed a vote of thanks to her and to Mr. Allan, and this was seconded by Mr. G. O. Wight, J.P., a former Governor of the Schools, whose felicitous speech in French was listened to with much interest.

Mr. Gilbert G. Armstroug, B.A., has been appointed an Assistant Master, to take English

and History, in Arbroath High School.

Mr. W. Crampton Smith, B.Sc., who (we believe) is at Peterhead; Mr. James W. Stewart, B.A., of Ayr Academy; and Mr. Herbert A. Wood, B.Sc., of Morrison's Academy, Crieff; are other Old Bedans who hold scholastic positions in towns "over the Border".

The School Arts and Crafts Society has been particularly active and successful in the past two Terms. The lectures given by Mr. Jarman, Mr. Findlater, Mr. Widdows, and Leonard Sayce, were very attractive and very useful, and well deserved the plaudits which they again and again received.

In the past few weeks we have either seen, or had letters from, a very large number of Old Bedans or former Masters of the School. We can do little more than state the names of a few of them.

Mr. W. Walton, B.A., Head Master of Gateshead Secondary School, whose boys seem (as Bedan teams in recent years can testify) to be invincible at football; he was on the Bede School Staff from 1890 to 1897.

Mr. J. H. Brittain, B.A., Head Master of Rochdale Secondary School; a Master at Bede School from 1890 to 1892.

Mr. W. A. Webb, B.Litt., a Modern Languages Master, Dundee High School; Mr. W. J. C. Eggers, M.A., Lecturer in German, West Ham Technical Institute; Mr. E. P. Horowitz, Lecturer in German, Queen's College, London.

Mr. Edward Bowden, M.Sc., Research Student, Carlsruhe; Mr. A. S. Durrant, St. Paul's College, Cheltenham; Mr. Robt. Hogg, Bede College, Durham; Mr. G. L. Aitchison, London; Mr. Wm. Thurlbeck, Westminster Training College; and Mr. Herbert Cairns, Scholar of Brasenose College, Oxford.

And the following men whose work lies in Sunderland:

Mr. T. Herdman Rae, Quantities Surveyor; Mr. Wm. Renney, Insurance Superintendent; Mr. J. E. Parker, Accountant; Mr. Albert Kitt, Marine Engine Surveyor; Messrs. W. Quénet and W. E. H. Campbell, Law Students; and Mr. W. Nimmo, Chemist—President of the Sunderland Pharmaceutical Society.

Mr. Isaac Rothfield, of Newnham College, Cambridge, has gained a Second Class, with Distinction in Method (History), in the Examination for the Cambridge Teaching Diploma. For his degree he will take the English of the Mediæval and Modern Languages Tripos. He writes "The work is extraordinarily interesting, and some of the lectures are quite inspiring, especially those given by "Q" (Sir A. Quiller-

Couch), the King Edward the Seventh Professor of English Literature. He has a very delicate sense of humour, which will always out, and which attracts "record" crowds for professional lectures. You would not think *Macbeth* could provide him with opportunities for wit; yet he was at times even wittier on *Macbeth* than on lighter themes. In short, "Q" is the fashion now at Cambridge, as Bergson is in Paris. The audience is one of the most remarkable you could see—a mixture of "dons", undergraduates, gentlemen having no connexion with the University, old ladies in antiquated costumes and bonnets, stylishly-dressed young ladies: all sorts and conditions of men and women. Hetherington is making a name at Trinity as a fine "soccer" player. Moffitt is a good chairman among the Fabians: that is, he does not take up too much time in introducing the speaker of the evening".

MARRIAGE.

FAIRCLOUGH—WILSON. — At Bishopwearmouth Church, Sunderland, on March 31st, by the Rev. Canon Gouldsmith, Wilfrid Fairclough, M.B., B.S., of Hexham, eldest son of the late R. M. Fairclough, of Sunderland, to Eveline Mary, youngest daughter of the late James Wilson, of Sunderland.

We wish Dr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Fairclough health, long life, and happiness. He, Dr. Harold Fairclough, Stewart Fairclough, and R. Leslie Fairclough, are four Old Bedan brothers.

Dr. Joseph W. Craven, who has been surgeon on one of the P. and O. steamers, is at home on leave, to put in his training with the Royal Army Medical Corps (Territorial Force), in which he holds a Commission. Last year the Camp was at Bridlington. This year it will probably be at Penrith.

SALVETE:—H. Hutchinson, J. Forster, T. S. Turnbull, A. Morris, G. D. Gaine, W. Westenberg, A. Savage, J. S. Wilkinson, J. B. Lamb, O. Vaux, R. V. Nicholson, W. A. Rogers, G. Johnson, G. H. Johnson, L. H. Gillis, R. Harrison, J. Robertson, W. J. Colwell.

ENGLISH COMPOSITION.

[Correspondence with an English shipping firm from its agent in the Mediterranean.]

THE S.S. ——— arrived here to discharge a cargo coal, and, in accordance with our arrangement, we took the contract to show it to the

captain in order to get as usual the list of provisions needed, but (curious to say) though we presented ourselves in a polite manner, we were struck to hear the captain saying "I have nothing to do with this: you may go on deck." These phrases were being pronounced in a very *emphatic sense*, a proper *je m'en fiche* like which is of no deference whatever for you looking at its nonchalance. What could we answer to so an indelicate policy from the captain? We said to him would never have expected him from any captain, as in substance there is your respectable signature to our document which should be respected. However, ashore we retired with the shame of UNSUCCESS in front, which to Civil kind of spirits the like of us means a WOE to our amour propre. Wouldn't it be worth of some significant consideration from your part the matter as expounded to you in its veracity to secure the concrecy of your contract? If you see through to evitate the repetition of similar vicious incidents moved by those who should show subordinate it would be decorous anyhow.



THE SCHOOL LIBRARY.

	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Total.
Number of books issued...	762	369	487	656	2274
Gifts from Boys	39
Gifts from Forms...	21
Provided by the School	4
Books in Library at end of October	379

Total (end of Feb.) 443

A few French books have been added, also. The School wishes to thank the following boys, who have given books to the Library:—F. Maling, C. Grumitt, W. Pearson, J. Taylor, G. Bell, D. Hutton, M. Share, R. Beal, J. E. Thompson, C. Boyd, G. Raffle, G. Stephenson, E. Maling, J. E. Pickering, W. L. Milburn, G. Haig, A. S. Bean, R. Jockelson, F. Warburton, O. Harrison, F. Haddock, J. Prior, T. Young, H. Hoseason, P. Brown, D. Woodhall. Also M. Huntley, ex-Captain of the School, who sent us a fine volume as a memento.

A gift from Dr. Rowstron of three beautiful humming-birds is very highly appreciated.

J.W.H.



THE HARRIERS.

[Note by the author: No remarks in these poems are to be taken too seriously, for they are all written in fun.]

"Join the Harriers, all ye tarriers!"
Is the latest cry;

"Lazy fellow", they all bellow,
"Lazy fellow, fie!"

"Oh! ye slackers, join the trackers!
"Help them keep the trail,
"Chase the paper in a caper",
All the Harriers wail.

"Aren't you running? What, you're shunning
"Such a healthy sport?
"Snow or raining, keep in training
"Certainly you ought."

So the leaders round The Cedars
Set a rapid pace,
Desperation—perspiration
Shown on every face.

See! They're slacking—knees are cracking
As they near the School;
See them panting—wind is wanting:
They do *not* look cool!

Speed diminished, now they're finished,
What a breathless lot!
Hear them gasping, calves they're clasping,
Aching limbs they've got!

Days they're aching—muscles shaking—
Can't do any "Gym.";
Lamely walking, sadly talking
Of their weary limb.

Still insisting—not desisting
From their weekly run,
Tired returning—faces burning—
Do they think its fun?

J.W. E.

FRAGMENT OF A 'PROLOGUE'.

"I never had an education good.
"I ask you, please, then, why the Bede boy should?"—
Such were the arguments in Council heard:
What wonder is there, then, that strife was stirred?

Another specimen of Councillor bright
Said to the Council, "Put the Bede School site
"Outside the town, and *give the boys a walk.*"
How could they listen to such foolish talk?
He said 'twould make the boy a better man:
Please let the Prologue but enlarge the plan:—
Why not, henceforward from this very day,
Remove the old Town Hall to far away,
And make the Council take a healthy walk,
Before it starts its long and learned talk?
Just think: to see the Council, single file,
Try hard to make a sprint of half a mile!—
Olympic talent might quite well be found
Among the many Councillors fat and round.
Why should not Councillor become Athlete,
And proudly save Old England from defeat?

J.W. E.

ARTS & CRAFTS SOCIETY.

DURING the present term the society has been very prosperous. Four interesting and instructive lectures have been given.

On Friday, Feb. 6th, Mr R. F. Jarman took for his subject "Sonata Form", which dealt with the origin of music and its progression. Numerous examples of the styles of composition, especially of Beethoven, were thoroughly enjoyed by an appreciative audience.

On Feb. 13th "The Dawn of Modern History" was ably treated by Mr J. W. Findlater, whose exposition was very lucid, and could easily be understood by all present.

Mr Widdows, on Friday, Feb. 20th, delivered a lecture entitled "Rocks and Snow in the Scottish Highlands", illustrated by numerous lantern slides. The lecturer narrated some of his own experiences, which greatly interested his audience. The lantern was ably manipulated by L. A. Sayce (Upper V).

The latter, on March 6th, lectured on "Wonders of the Universe", dealing principally with astronomy and microscopy; both sections were highly appreciated by an audience of 70. Numerous lantern slides added interest to an interesting subject. The society is indebted to Mr Duncanson, an Old Bedan, for the valuable assistance given in working the lantern.

Every lecture was well supported both by masters and boys.

A small exhibition of Illuminated Work executed by the boys, as home work, was shown on the 4th March. Some good specimens were produced, especially those by A. Jones and A. Scholefield. Senior Prize, A. Jones (Upper V); Junior Prize, H. Richardson (Lower IV, 3).

During this term the members of the "Life Class" have been very active. Almost every Monday evening a professional model has been engaged, and many excellent drawings have been produced. Some of the younger boys promise to become very proficient in this branch of art.

The society has also decided to form a Naturalists' Section, which ought to flourish during the ensuing term.

Lecturers, too, are not wanting for the future, which is full of promise for the success of the society.

J. A. P., Hon. Sec.



THE BOXING CLUB.

THE Boxing Club is still going strong. The number of members has increased by 10 this term, and, as they are all very keen, some spirited bouts are witnessed in Room IV.

The combatants now, however, do not don the

gloves with evil thoughts of homicide in their minds, but are really trying to learn to box, not to fight. Consequently we frequently see some very pretty boxing, especially amongst the younger members, who form fine material for a first-rate boxing club next season.

Mr Smithwhite still takes as great an interest in us as formerly, and, indeed, it would be impossible to run the Boxing Club without his aid. The committee therefore take this opportunity of thanking him for all past kindnesses.

F.W.



BEDÉ SCHOOL CAMP.

ORGANISED holidays among Bede School boys have been frequently arranged in the past, but this year several new features have been introduced with the object of diminishing the cost, and at the same time strengthening the corporate feeling of the party.

Two unfurnished cottages have been hired for six months, from April 8th to October 8th, at Daddy Shield, a small village in Upper Weardale, three-quarters of a mile from Westgate railway station. Each cottage has a large downstairs room, with a kitchen range, a bedroom above it of equal size, and a spare room at the back of the cottage which can be used for the storage of luggage. Eight persons will sleep in each bedroom, and three or four in each of the downstairs rooms.

The mattresses will consist of ordinary camp paillasses filled with straw. For bedclothes each boy will bring two blankets and a pillow or cushion. His other luggage should consist of a sleeping suit, two towels (marked), bathing drawers or costume, football pants, sweater or jersey, an extra pair of stockings, pocket comb, toothbrush, overcoat, and an old pair of gymnasium shoes or sandshoes. The clothes he travels in are discarded immediately on arrival at camp, in favour of shorts and sweater, and are not worn again till the day of departure, except on Sunday.

The rules to be observed by campers are only two in number: punctuality at meals, and silence between 9-30 p.m. and 7 a.m. In all other respects each boy is allowed complete freedom of action consistent with orderly behaviour.

The fixed hours at which all boys must be present are 8-30 a.m. for breakfast, 12-30 p.m. for dinner, and 8-30 p.m. for supper. The camp retires to rest at 9-30 p.m., and no one may rise before 7 the next morning. Tea will usually be served at 5 p.m., but if a majority of the campers wish for an afternoon expedition to any place of interest, the time will be altered to suit their convenience. The most interesting spots in the neighbourhood are High Force (5 miles over the fells), Cowhill Water-

falls (3½ miles), Westgate Dene (2 miles) and Rookhope Chimney (4 miles), and Eastgate Dene and Falls (4 miles).

As fifty-eight boys have announced their intention to go to camp, they have been divided into three groups. Each group will have ten full days away from home, leaving Sunderland by the 9-35 a.m. train on the first day, and arriving in Sunderland at 2-45 p.m. on the eleventh day.

The first group consists almost exclusively of boys in the Third Form. They will be in camp from Saturday, July 25th, to Tuesday, August 4th. They will be met at Sunderland station (South end) by Mr Wills, who has kindly consented to spend the first ten days in camp, and to look after the boys in this section during the railway journeys to and from camp.

The second group will arrive in camp on Tuesday, August 4th, and stay till Friday, August 14th.

The third group will be in camp from Friday, August 14th, to Monday, August 24th.

Each boy will be on orderly duty on two days out of the eleven. There will be four orderlies appointed each day, whose duties will be to keep the house supplied with water from a tap just across the road, to fill the coal-scuttles when necessary, to set the table a quarter of an hour before each meal, to wait at table, and to wash the dishes.

Though there will be no fixed programme of amusements, the day will probably be filled usually with cricket and bathing in the mornings and afternoons, and football, followed by a sing-song, in the evenings. The reading of the camp newspaper is a special feature of the evening sing-song. There is an excellent playing-field near at hand, to which campers will have free access, and Mr Blyth has undertaken to supply cricket gear. There is a delightful bathing-pool close to the camp, and the bathing is absolutely safe. The bathing arrangements will be in the hands of Tom Richardson, who has already held for some years every certificate in Swimming and Life-Saving which it is possible for him to earn.

Arrangements have been made with the Vicar of St. John's Chapel for a short service on the Sunday afternoons, which all campers are expected to attend. The service will be simple, consisting of a few hymns chosen by the campers, and a few words of address.

The total cost to each boy will be fifteen shillings for the ten days, exclusive of the railway fare, which is 2/3 for boys under 14 years of age, and 2/6 for those over 14. Some boys have elected to pay the whole sum immediately on enrolment, but the majority prefer to spread the payments over the five months which precede the camp. When paid in this way, the camp fee is only ninepence a week, and the interest of the camper is sustained by the regular habit of making the payments weekly. Only boys who make the payments in one of these two ways can be taken, and no money will be re-

turned unless a boy is prevented by serious illness from attending the camp. The railway tickets are issued by the N.E.R. Co. at a specially reduced rate, and are only available on the days fixed for travelling to and from camp, and all campers must travel by the trains named.

The names of the boys already accepted for camp are given below. There is still room for one additional boy in the second group, and one in the third.

First Camp.—John Nicholson, Robert Purse, Edward Pickering, Wilby Broughton, John Humphrey, Richard Hopps, John Elliott, Roy McFarlane, Foster Thompson, Stanley Ranson, Eric Armstrong, Ronald Baird, Norman Rowstron, Tom Rendell, Jack Gibbins, Tom Hall, Lindsay Strother, Fleming Strother, Monteith Tone.

Second Camp.—John Armstrong, William McLaren, John Harrison, William Pearson, Stanley Timmouth, Walter Hebdon, James Walker, Ernest Taylor, Angus Phillippson, Arthur Stewart, Percy Bewick, Alfred Morris, Kirtley Farquharson, Peter Petrie, Alexander Darney, Edward Black, John Forster, Harold Mörck, David Strother.

Third Camp.—Robert Clough, John Hall, James Mitchell, Frank Haddock, James Borlace, Ellerby Angles, Leslie Blakey, William Dagg, George Haig, Edward Black, Herbert Blanckley, Hector McDonald, George Johnson, Gerald Johnson, John Hodgson, Arthur Ayers, John Whitehouse, Tom Mallen, Norman Hawes, Ronald Berriman, Edgar Cooper.

In addition to these, Tom Richardson and Cecil Carr will be at camp during the whole month, to help the organiser with the formidable task of feeding the campers. The cooking of the dinners will be done by lady friends, who have kindly volunteered to do this work.

During the Easter holidays the cottages will be thoroughly cleaned, and the walls re-papered, so as render them as comfortable as possible for the campers when they arrive. Arrangements have been made to supply permanent accommodation for four people for the whole six months. Any campers who would like to spend a few days in camp during the Easter holidays, or at the week-ends during the Summer Term, may do so at a cost of 1/- a day by giving a few days' notice of their intention to come. Other Bede School boys may come, when there is room, for 1/6 a day. For these short holidays no luggage need be brought.

C. K. W.



FOOTBALL.

ANOTHER football season has well-nigh run its course, and again we have experienced the hopes and disappointments, the victories and defeats which are the common lot of football

teams. Yet we have by no means done badly; indeed, the results inspire us with a feeling of quiet satisfaction. At the time of writing, only three games out of eleven played have been lost, and it is not anticipated that this number will be increased. The chief reason for our success is that we have been able to select the same team to play in every game. Even when we lost, the display of the side was such as to convince the selectors that a change would be undesirable; whereas, in former years, experimenting with possible players has sometimes had to be continued far into the season, to the great detriment of the team.

The greatest improvement has been shown by the forwards. Undoubtedly they have benefited by constant association, for each game has seen them to better advantage. On every occasion our opponents' defence has been pierced; against Tynemouth we scored no fewer than eleven times. Laycock and Hutchinson have been the most prolific scorers, but the whole line has played strong, open football, with each member always quick to accept chances. The defence has ably seconded the efforts of the front rank. The halves have tackled strongly, and, although lacking the finer art of feeding, yet they have given great help to the forwards. The backs, also, have done their work admirably, while Warburton has proved his worth on several occasions. Against Hartlepool his display was magnificent: time after time he saved his charge under the most difficult circumstances.

As usual, District Matches have been arranged for all Saturdays having no school fixtures. Each District played six matches. The games have been very keen this season, and it is very pleasing to notice that all matches have been played with the full number of players. In other years Chester Road and Durham Road have been most prominent largely because boys in these districts resided close to the field. Roker and Hendon could rarely muster a full side. This year, however, Roker are at the head of the table, and with a game to play it seems that they will stay there.

MATCHES.

Newcastle Modern School [A]. Won, 5 to 1. This game was played in a strong wind, which was at the back of the Bedans during the first half. Nevertheless our forwards found great difficulty in controlling the ball and in shooting accurately. Weatheritt scored for Bede, however, and shortly afterwards Harrison added a second. In the second half Bede played better, and Laycock, Haddock, and Hutchinson scored. The home team did not attack often, but just before the end they scored from a corner kick.

Gateshead Secondary School [H]. Lost, 1 to 3. The ground was very treacherous, and

made the players careful as to the methods they adopted. After a spell of even play, Gateshead assumed the upper hand and registered three goals. Bede could only reply with a single, a centre from the right being diverted into the goal by one of the visiting defenders. There was no further score in the second half.

Tynemouth Municipal High School [H]. Won, 11 to nil. This game was all in favour of Bede, who pressed from the beginning, Hutchinson and Laycock (2) scoring in the first half. In the second portion further goals were added by Laycock (4), Hutchinson (2), Mitchell and Bainbridge. Nearly all the goals were indirectly due to Mitchell, who throughout the game centred with splendid judgment.

Ryhope Secondary School [A]. Won, 8 to 3. This game was played in wretched weather, hail and sleet falling continually. The home team had to face the wind in the first half, and were seven goals in arrears at half-time, Laycock (3), Lee (3), and Hutchinson having scored for Bede. In the second half Ryhope had more of the play and scored thrice, while Hutchinson made Bede's total into eight.

Rutherford College [H]. Won, 2 to 1. When the teams had met at Newcastle the College had won, 3-1. The game was fast and exciting, and half-an-hour passed without either team scoring. Then Rutherford scored, following a free kick. In the second half G. Lee equalised. Some time later Hutchinson scored a second goal for Bede. After this both goals had narrow escapes, but Bede were able to maintain their lead and deservedly won, 2-1. Laycock was unable to play in this game on account of illness, and his place was taken by G. Lee.

Gateshead Secondary School [A]. Lost, 4 to 2. Gateshead scored first, but before the interval Hutchinson equalised and Laycock gave the visitors the lead. The Bede forwards played very finely, the way in which they worked the ball being especially smart. In the second half Gateshead asserted their superiority and scored three times (once from a penalty). In every case Warburton had no chance with the shots that passed him.

West Hartlepool Secondary School [A]. Won, 2 to nil. Bede, helped by a heavy wind, pressed from the outset, and scored twice through Laycock and Hutchinson. In the second half the Bede goal was hotly assailed, and Warburton was prominent with some remarkably fine saves. No further scoring, however, took place.

G. S. H.

FOOTBALL CHARACTERS.

WARBURTON, goal-keeper; has developed into a fine custodian. He deals effectively with high and low shots, and rarely makes mistakes.

BELL, right back; is a stubborn defender, a resolute tackler who kicks a fine length.

WEATHERITT, left back; played as a half last season; fills his present position with distinction; a vigorous player.

HADDOCK, right half; is noticeable for much effective head work; not averse from having a shot at goal.

LEE, centre half; a good tackler, but is rather on the slow side. His passing might be improved upon.

ROBSON, left half; is very hard working and a keen tackler; has greatly improved since beginning of the season.

HARRISON, outside right; has played exceptionally well, his dribbling and centring reaching a high standard.

HUTCHINSON, inside right; a very smart forward, passes with judgment, and very successful as a marksman.

LAYCOCK, centre forward; the crack goal scorer, a fine bustling player who gives opposing defences no rest.

BAINBRIDGE, inside left; has not been quite so prominent this season; plays well with his partner, but is a poor shot.

MITCHELL, outside left and captain; a splendid raider. Some of his runs are brilliant, while many goals have resulted from his magnificent centres.

TABLE OF SCHOOL MATCHES.

Date	School	Result
Nov. 8—	West Hartlepool Secondary School	Won 8 to 1
15—	Rutherford College	Lost 1 to 3
22—	Ryhope Secondary School	Won 7 to nil
29—	Newcastle Modern School	Won 5 to 1
Dec. 6—	Gateshead Secondary School	Lost 1 to 3
Feb. 7—	Tynemouth Municipal High School	Won 11 to nil
14—	Ryhope Secondary School	Won 8 to 3
28—	Rutherford College	Won 2 to 1
Mar. 7—	Gateshead Secondary School	Lost 4 to 2
14—	West Hartlepool Secondary School	Won 2 to nil
21—	Newcastle Modern School	Won 6 to 1
April 4—	Tynemouth Municipal High School	

DISTRICT MATCHES.

	Ch. Rd.	Dm. Rd.	H'don	Roker	Pts.
Chester Road	..	—	4	0	8
Durham Road	..	0	—	1	0
Hendon	..	0	3	—	4
Roker	..	4	4	0	—



HARRIERS' CLUB.

A CLUB was formed at the beginning of the term, for the purpose of organising paper-chases and runs. One or two paper-chases have been run on Saturday afternoons, and a half-hour run after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE.

IN the last number of the *Bedan* (Dec., 1913) appeared a General Knowledge paper on the same lines as the one set at Christmas, 1912. The method of handicapping was also the same, and seems to have proved its fairness.

In the Senior Division, Everatt (U. V.), who won in 1912 (when in the Lower Fifth), was again successful, and had the highest actual score.

The best papers were:—

	Actual Score.	H'cap.	Total.
First Div.			
Everatt, U. V. ...	... 64 + 8 =	72 (Prize)	
Forbes, L. V (1) ...	... 50 + 16 =	66	
Beattie, L. VI ...	... 60 + 4 =	64	

Second Div.			
Keenlyside, L. IV (1) ...	... 37 + 32 =	69 (Prize)	
Scroggie, L. IV (3) ...	... 35 + 32 =	67	
Lipton, U. IV (1) ...	... 42 + 24 =	66	

Third Div.			
Gibbins, III (1) ...	... 26 + 40 =	66 (Prize)	
Punshon, III (1) ...	... 25 + 40 =	65	
Featherstone, III (1) ...	... 20 + 40 =	60	

Some of the ideas expressed in the answers were new to us.

"Off with his head!" seems to have been a saying common to many famous men in history—great minds jump together. When *Herod* gave the word of command, however, it is probable that he did not use the actual phrase quoted, but "said it in Hebrew and Greek". *Henry VIII*, when indulging in his favourite hobby, and *Oliver Cromwell*, on that fatal day, may have used the very words—and Henry had had practice in changing the pronoun, where possible, to the feminine, and even to the plural. Tarquin would have liked to say the words (in Latin and in the plural); but, instead, he "illustrated his meaning with a poppy and a stick", as the poet says.

The Gordian Knot was cut by *Bunty*—mere pulling the strings does not seem to have satisfied her in those days: *tout d'égèrè*.

Stamp Collecting has been dignified by the names of *Phonology*, *Anatomy*, *Philanthropy*, etc. (gross *Philately*!).

"The Child is father of the *Wish*" (but is frequently obliged to abandon his offspring, owing to representations from its heartless grandfather, the father of the Child).

"I could not love thee, dear, so much as *I used to*." (You could hardly expect it.)

Homo wrote the *Iliad*: (there have been disputes about the matter, but that settles it).

"Who steals my purse, *the roge*."

"Nor brighter was his eye, nor moister"—*"Than a too-long-opened oyster"*, you would expect; but no, merely than "*dew*", and lucky for him that it *was* no moister than dew.

The French National Anthem is "*Die Wacht am Rhine*". En France tout finit par des chansons; but this goes a little farther than usual and reaches the Limit, or boundary—the Rhine.

One boy said that Good King Wenceslas was the Postmaster General, but we think that is a mistake.



THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA.

IN spite of the fact that there have been no concerts to prepare for, the School Orchestra has continued its practices as usual this term. We regret that the attendances, on the whole, have not been so large as in the Winter Term. At several of the meetings we have had some ludicrous orchestral effects, owing to the small attendances. For instance, we have practised a symphony with violins accompanied by piano, with a B flat trumpet putting in a few notes here and there! Of course, this may be music to the futurist, but it is not the music we expect from Bede School Orchestra. Therefore, Bedans, when the practices begin next Winter Term, come in large numbers and support the traditions of the musical portion of the School!

Mr. Jarman has promised us a symphony by Beethoven, and a new work by a modern composer with an unpronounceable name. These attractions, together with the "Speech Day" music, will give instrumentalists plenty to work at next year.

In conclusion, we wish to tender our thanks to those friends of the Society who have contributed so largely to its success. We hope that they will continue to attend the practices and help the Orchestra on to greater deeds of prowess in matters musical.

Officers.—Leader: W. E. H. Campbell.

Librarian: J. H. White.

Accompanist and Secretary:

F. R. M. Lee.

RUPERT LEE.



A LESSON FROM ESPERANTO.

(With apologies to Marion M. Scott and Katherine E. Eggar, in the "*Music Student*.")

IF you take any work in hand, always do it thoroughly. Even the state of not-doing

may be entered into with thoroughness. Hence we get the saying "Laziness is nothing, if not properly carried out."

The negation of Doing is well represented by certain 'portmanteau' words in Esperanto. Three words signifying the present, the past, and the future states of people-who-do-not-do are as follows:—

(a) Nefarantoj—"not-doing ones" (present or habitual).

(b) Nefarintoj—"not-having-done ones."

(c) Nefarontoj—"about-not-to-do ones."

If you wish to pronounce these words, the 'j' is sounded as 'y', and the accent is on the penultimate syllable.

If in any good work you have been amongst the 'Nefarintoj'—those-who-have-not-done-in-the-past, see to it that you reform. Should you still be numbered amongst the 'Nefarantoj'—the-habitual-not-doing-ones, may you be ashamed to acknowledge it.

But at least you can resolve, in undertaking any good thing that your hand should find to do, that you will do it with all your might. Be not amongst the 'Nefarontoj'—those-who-are-about-not-to-do.

Then each individual member of the school, and the school as a whole, will attain far greater and better results, in all the different spheres of our activities, than heretofore.

DOTTED CROCHET.



A DOGGEREL ON THE FIRST ROUND OF THE JUNIOR FOOTBALL SHIELD.

[The writer of these lines was born in 1900. He is now a member of the Lower Fourth (3).—Ed.]

Should I tell you what I know
Of the team of Lower Fourth (3) and (4)?
We play fine football, as you'll see,
Because we're trained by T. H. B.
We entered for the Football Shield; our hopes
were nearly gone,
Because you know we drew against the team of
Lower IV (1).

"But never mind", our Captain said,
"Never say die, until you're dead."

This tie was played on Durham Road ground,
To see who'd enter the second round.

We started prompt at half-past ten,
And up the field went all our men.

The forwards missed their chances galore,
And could not kick when likely to score,
Then the boys of Lower Fourth (1)
Saw their chances were not quite gone.
So down they came with might and main
But still their efforts were all in vain,
Until at last they got away
And scored the first goal of the day.

Then our Captain got excited
And we became once more united.
We tried very hard to equalize,
Because we sought to win the prize;
We kicked the ball off once again,
And lost ground started to regain.
Our forwards started now to shoot,
And gave the ball a bit of boot.

At last a brilliant goal we got,
Which made our side a happier lot,
But then another trouble arose,—
We could not hold our deadly foes.
They slung the ball from wing to wing,
And thought a goal a "mere thing";
So at the interval,—sad but true,—
They'd increased the lead by other two.

With the wind at our backs and the ball at our
toes
We were not afraid of our terrible foes.
Our forwards went straight with a will down the
field,
And should have been able to gain us the shield.
They passed the half-backs, they beat the full-
backs,
They gave the old goal some terrible whacks.

At last a shot well aimed and true,
Brought up the score to three to two,
And thus our efforts were fairly rewarded,
So the players were loudly applauded.
Amid some excitement and much merry glee,
Another young player put on number three.
Now, with the score on equal terms,
We played a game like rival firms.
And so the game on Durham Road ground
Did not settle the Second Round,
Whilst thus the team with hopes forlorn
Was not content at having drawn.

H. M.



NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION.

[A specimen of the early art of man, invented (from Necessity) by a British savage of the upper Fourth Age, making use of some sharp instrument (probably his mind). It is known that this particular savage cannot have lived earlier than A.D. 1900.]

WHEN man first made his appearance on the earth he was beset by many dangers. Often he had to run for his life from some hungry prehistoric animal, and oftener still he had to hide in a cleft in a cliff or climb a tree. He was weaponless and entirely helpless when opposed to big and strong animals. He fed on fruit and such creatures as were weaker than himself and which he could catch easily. Needless to say he often went almost starving because there was a scarcity of food. At these times the only edible things were too big to kill so he had to go without food, or find a means of killing these creatures.

One day some prehistoric genius found that large stones, when flung at fairsized beasts would nearly always bring the creature down, or at least lame it, when it was easy for him to kill it. He next discovered that if a pointed stone was fixed to a wooden shaft and hurled at any beast, it nearly always pierced it. In most cases it killed it. He next found that if a heavy stone was tied loosely to a short wooden shaft he could kill hostile beasts by striking them over the head with this stone. He then communicated the results of his experiments to the rest of his tribe who, too, began to experiment with stone and wooden weapons until at length the bow arrow was invented and finally perfected by the addition of a poisoned arrow.

Several hundred years after this the country became crowded and a man, after seeing a log of wood floating down a river found that if a log were hollowed out he could float about in a river or stream just as he pleased and make it go any way he wanted by means of a stick. So, after that, many people crossed the sea to new lands. The necessity of getting out of the country had caused the invention of the boat or rather canoe.

Later still, when men had corn and cattle to protect, bands of invaders came down and, in many cases, carried off a great many cattle. The people who owned the cattle thought how they could protect them and evolved, after much labour, the bronze weapon!

In much later days men wanted a quick means of getting about; they invented the steam locomotive. All these inventions were brought about by necessity until, in our time, we have the aeroplane which will, doubtless, in days to come, be the chief transporting medium; all

these great inventions being brought about by the expansion of the brain caused by men thinking out a way to protect themselves.

N.C.



RECENT "HOWLERS".

EVERY fresh set of Term Examination Papers marked brings up a new crop of "howlers". A "howler" may perhaps be defined as an answer containing a bad and absurd mistake which yet has some amusing elements. An answer merely wrong, or wrong and stupid, is not usually classed as a "howler".

What makes an incorrect answer mirth-provoking is not always easy to state. Sometimes the reader sees, in what is written, obvious signs of some odd and droll confusion of ideas which must have existed in the mind of the person who has fallen into error. Sometimes a statement forces him to laugh just because it is utterly preposterous and fantastic. Sometimes he cannot but smile at the superb and colossal arrogance of the youth or youngster who, having coolly drawn a bow at a venture, has fired very, very wide of the truth.

"Edmund Spenser's chief poem is the 'Faerie Queene', although 'Childe Harold' has many good points". (!) The boy who thus confused Lord Byron and Spenser did so through remembering that "Childe Harold" is written in the Spenserian stanza—a form of stanza by no means common in English poetry, but which the Elizabethan poet and Byron alike used with great effect. It consists of nine lines, the first eight being decasyllabic, and the ninth an Alexandrine: a line of twelve syllables. The accent usually occurs on the *even* syllables (second, fourth, etc.). The lines the ends of which rhyme with one another are the first and the third; the second, the fourth, the fifth, and the seventh; and the sixth, the eighth, and the ninth. A well-known example is the following:—

There was a sound of revelry by night,
And Belgium's capital had gathered then
Her beauty and her chivalry, and bright
The lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men.

A thousand hearts beat happily; and when
Music arose with its voluptuous swell,
Soft eyes look'd love to eyes which spake
again,

And all went merry as a marriage bell.—
But hush! hark! a deep sound strikes like a
rising knell!

"Shelley and Coleridge wrote in the reign of William the *First*." Probably the boy meant to put William the *Fourth*. Even had he written that, he would not have been quite correct. But the association, even by a slip of the pen, of *Adonais* and *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* with the time of the Norman Conqueror, causes a slight shock of amusement.

A Comment on a person whom the boy calls "F. Bacon": He was a highly-educated gentleman, because in nearly all his essays, Death more especially, there are many latin phrases.

"Prodney" and "undoubtedly" are new ways of spelling "progeny" and "undoubtedly". "Hash", "nymph", "differend", and "buisness" represent "harsh", "nymph", "different", and "business", respectively.

Dr. Johnson's name is not readily recognisable when written "S. Jhonson". "In memorium" has a queer look. It would not occur to everybody forthwith that when a boy writes "Gallian Lak" he means "Galilean Lake". And it is rather funny to find Herrick's injunction

"Gather ye rosebuds while ye may"
described as "Council to Girls".

A piece of Ovid, really rather difficult in places—especially for anybody not familiar with certain allusions which it contained—was given to one Form as an "Unseen" to be translated into English. In it, Ovid begs the Emperor to change the place of his exile, which was on the shores of the Black Sea. The poet greatly longs to be allowed to return to Rome, and describes, with force and clearness, the climatic severities, the rough waves, the bad harbours, and the generally inhospitable character of the district to which he has been banished, as well as the savage tribes and dangerous places in the neighbourhood.

Most boys gave the meaning of the passage with an amount of correctness which was highly creditable.

Two or three misread the word *clementia* (as type-written in the Examination Paper), taking it to be *dementia*! The thought seems never to have entered their minds that Ovid might reasonably base his plea for consideration upon the Emperor's *mercifulness*, and would certainly not be so impolite and impolitic as to mention the Emperor's *madness*.

"Nec minus infida terra timetur aqua" should have been intelligible enough. It means "Nor is the land less dreaded than the treacherous sea". But, though the scansion of this pentameter shows plainly that "infida" qualifies "aqua", two careless boys took it as belonging to "terra"; and one translated "timetur" as

"terrified": "Nor is the land less terrified"!

The last few words in the extract "Nec procul a nobis locus est, ubi Taurica dira Caede pharetratae spargitur ara deae" mean "And not far from me is the place where the terrible Tauric altar of the quiver-wearing goddess is bespattered with blood". Boys who happened to know that, in the Tauric region (namely, the Crimea), human sacrifices used to be offered to the goddess of hunting (Artemis or Diana), had no difficulty in giving a satisfactory rendering of this final section. Others, however, found it more or less of a stumbling-block, and gave such translations as the following:—

"The dire shore of Taurus is sprinkled with the blood of the quivered goddess" (!)

"Terrible Taurica was slain in slaughter by a bolt from the quiver of the goddess" (!)

The funniest version of all was given by a boy who was quite ignorant of the signification of "pharetratae" (quiver-wearing), but knew that "pharus" means "a light-house". Therefore, making a bold guess, he put down "The altar of goddess is sprinkled with the blood of the *light-house*". (! !)

NOT A LOTUS-EATER.



THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

AGAIN we have accomplished a good Term's work. The Society, which justified its existence long ago, has flourished for eight successive years, and has greatly benefited all its members, past or present. It has stimulated their interest in all sorts of literary, social, and political subjects; has given them a broader outlook than many schoolboys have upon current affairs; and has afforded them the opportunity of taking an active part in the management or the proceedings of a complete organisation.

Numerous Bedans who, when they first addressed the "House", were nervous, hesitating, and incompetent, have learnt, by persistent practice, to express themselves very tolerably, and a few (e.g., Thomas, Moffitt, Rose, Gibson, Eggleston) have become exceedingly good speakers.

The information which must be acquired before and during a debate by anyone who is an active member of the Society, the mental training which he gets by discussion and argument, and the power and influence which ability to speak well always gives, are all things valuable not only to a boy at school but also to a man out in

the world. A boy, therefore, does well to take as prominent a part as he can in the Society's operations. As a matter of fact, most of the School's most distinguished pupils have figured often, at one period or another, in the Debates.

Not every meeting of the Society is for debating purposes. From time to time enjoyable concerts, teas, or parties of one sort or another, take place; and the Annual Picnic—held at Hexham, Brampton, Ripon, etc.—gives members an opportunity of combining a few hours' pleasure in the woods or on a lake or river with the delight of visiting Naworth Castle, Lanercost Priory, Fountains Abbey, and other historical scenes.

The Meetings and Motions this Term have been as follows:—

1914.
Jan. 20—"That this House approves of further increases in our Navy."—Carried.
Jan. 27—Mock Election of a Member of Parliament.
Feb. 3—Lecture on "Napoleon".
Feb. 10—"That this House disapproves of present day school rewards and punishments."—Not carried.
Feb. 17—"That this House considers that the Government ought to appeal to the country in the present crisis."—Not carried.
Mar. 3—Cup Debate. See below.
Mar. 10—Readings.
Mar. 17—Inter-Debate with the Y.M.C.A. "Modern Civilization is a failure."—Carried. The affirmative position was taken by the Bede School representatives.
Mar. 24—"That this House expresses sympathy with Messrs. Poutsma and Morgan."—Not carried. Mr. Back was among the speakers.
Mar. 31—Concert. Amateur Theatricals. Mr. L. A. Sayce gave an amusing entertainment, of which chemicals were a prominent feature.

During the evening Mr. H. H. Joseph, the Hon. Treasurer, was presented with a fine antelope skin tobacco pouch, which was a gift from the Committee and the Members in token of their regard for him, and of their gratitude for the interest which he has always taken in the Society.

OFFICERS FOR THE TERM:—

President: J. W. Engvall. (VI).
Vice-President: V. H. Finney. Upper V.
Treasurer: Mr. H. H. Joseph.
Secretaries: G. C. Lee (resigned). Upper V.
R. R. Crute. VI.

Ex-President: L. Smith. VI.
Committee: O. Harrison. Lower V.
D. J. Hutton. VI.
A. Petch. Lower V.

An account of the Cup Debate, which appeared in the *Echo*, Wednesday, March 4th, 1914, is appended.

R. R. C.

BEDS SCHOOL DEBATING SOCIETY.

HALF-YEARLY "CUP" DEBATE.

Last night, at the 220th meeting of the Bede School Debating Society, the eleventh half-yearly competition for the Airy Challenge Cup was held. Mr. J. Engvall presided, and the subject discussed was Milton's well-known declaration (which occurs in his sonnet on the Lord General Cromwell) that "Peace hath her victories No less renown'd than War." The contestants were Messrs. F. Wayman, Scorer, Best, and Petch. Mr. Wayman won the cup, just beating Mr. Scorer.

The seniors' prize, given by Mrs. Ferguson, was then competed for by the officers of the Society and other members precluded from being candidates for the Cup. Messrs. Engvall, Crute, L. Smith, Finney, and O. Harrison made the contest an extremely close one; but the first-named, whose speech was full of ideas and remarkably clever and humorous in places, gained the award. Messrs. Ellis and A. Eggleston spoke as non-competitors, the reasoning of the latter being, as usual, very clear, close, and cogent. He disputed Milton's proposition, and showed that, though Napoleon's achievements in peace were perhaps even greater than his triumphs as a general, his wonderful and lasting legal code is known to few people outside of France, whereas his victories at Jena, Austerlitz, and Marengo are "renown'd" throughout the world.

The whole debate was good, and at least seven of the speeches had notable merit. Several contrasts and comparisons were very skilfully drawn, and quotations from Bacon, Ruskin, Carlyle, and Shakespeare were appositely used. One thing which made an effective appeal to the audience was the mixture of arrogance and modesty on the part of one youth who, having demolished (as he thought) an argument of Benjamin Franklin's, added "But I'm not such a great man as Franklin." He may be right.

The headmaster adjudicated, and Mrs. Ferguson presented the cup and the prize to the successful candidates. In acknowledging a vote of thanks proposed by Mr. H. H. Joseph and seconded by the cup winner, Mr. Ferguson congratulated the members and Mr. Joseph on the continued vitality and the proved usefulness of the Society.

SPEECH DAY.

SPEECH day was celebrated on December 18th last in the Victoria Hall. The following account of the proceedings, and that of the Old Bedans' Dinner, appeared in the *Sunderland Echo* :—

"The Mayor (Ald. Stansfield Richardson) presided over a large attendance of parents and friends. Among those on the platform were the Recorder of Sunderland (Mr. Edward Shortt, K.C., M.P.), the Mayoress (Mrs. Richardson), the Headmaster (Mr. G. T. Ferguson), the Deputy-Mayor (Coun. E. H. Brown), Coun. Johnson, Coun. J. S. Nicholson, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Gordon Bell, Coun. G. W. Bain, Coun. New, Coun. A. F. Young, Miss Boon (Headmistress of the Bede Girls' School), Coun. Charlton, Coun. Cairns, Mr. A. Harrison, Coun. Dr. Gordon Bell, Coun. Watson, and the members of the school staff.

The Mayor, in opening the proceedings, expressed the pleasure it afforded him to attend on that occasion. He would like to bear his testimony to the industry and enthusiasm of the Education Committee. Those members of the Council who were not members of the Committee could scarcely realise the large amount of hard work they gave to the discharge of their duties. Proceeding, the Mayor urged the boys to take full advantage of the opportunities which the school afforded for obtaining a good education. He hoped that the present boys would seek to maintain the high traditions of the school. (Applause.)

The Headmaster in his report stated that during the year the school made satisfactory progress in most respects, both with regard to general work and also games, societies, and such-like activities. The highest number of boys in full-time attendance was 310. There were also 13 student-teachers, who attended on Fridays only. The following was a summary of the principal examination results obtained :—London University: Matriculation—1st Division, 3; 2nd Division, 6. Oxford University: Local Senior—Honours, 7; pass, 9; distinction, 1; passes in oral French, 3; oral German, 4. Oxford University: Local Junior—Honours, 13; pass, 13; distinctions, 4; oral French, 3; oral German, 10. A. H. Jones was bracketed first in drawing at the Oxford Junior Examination in July, 1913. He was the fifth Bede School boy to be absolutely first or bracketed first in drawing at the Oxford Senior or Junior Examinations within the past five years.

The school cricket eleven had its best season, winning five of the eight matches played, and losing none. The general school football flourished, though the school team was far less successful in matches than usual: Matches played, 12; won, 4; lost, 5;

drawn, 3. The swimming practices went on vigorously. G. H. Smith won the School Swimming Championship. He also won the Open Swimming Championship of Sunderland—a feat which another Bede School boy accomplished in 1896. In gymnastics the school made great advances.

The Debating Society fully maintained its usefulness and popularity. The Arts and Crafts Society did good work, and held a satisfactory exhibition. The orchestra had many enjoyable meetings, and gave some public performances worthy of praise. The issues of "The Bedan" (the school magazine founded in 1898) came up to a good standard; the general knowledge examination paper published in the December number, 1912, produced a most entertaining and successful competition. The school library was re-established.

With regard to the achievements of Old Bedans, law, medicine, the Church, engineering in all its branches, education, journalism, commerce—in short, nearly every honourable calling or occupation that could be named had Old Boys of Bede School among those who were engaged in it. Many of these Old Boys were acquitting themselves with credit and some with distinction. Of the eight Old Bedans (mostly scholars or exhibitioners of their colleges) who were at Oxford or Cambridge last school year three gained additional exhibitions. In a single month three Old Bedans passed Part I. of the Historical Tripos at Cambridge, one took a good Honours Degree at Oxford, 10 qualified (as students of Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne) for Durham University Honours Degrees or Pass Degrees in Science or in Arts, and one of the 10, Stanley Robson, M.Sc. was awarded a Royal (1851) Exhibition of £150 a year for two years, he being the third Old Bedan to gain such a scholarship since 1910.

To prevent any possible misconception he would like to remark that Bede School had never put before it as its sole object, or even as its principal object the preparation of boys for the University. It could and did prepare for the university such boys as wished to go there, but it recognised the fact that about 90 per cent. of its pupils would never go to any university, and it acted accordingly. That was, it offered in the lower and middle forms a curriculum including all the important general subjects which must always form the basis of a good education for nearly all boys, whatever line of life they meant to follow; and then, as far as the premises and other limitations would allow, it gave boys in Forms V. and VI. a fairly wide choice of subjects in which to specialise. Whether the education (general and particular) which the boys had received had, or had not, an all-round fitness as a preparation for life-occupations in the main industries of Sunderland and in various professions might be tested by one striking fact. Almost every boy who left Bede School either had a position to go to or got one very quickly, and when employers applied to him (as they

often did) for boys to fill desirable posts, repeatedly he was obliged to express his regret that no boys were available, every old pupil being already booked.

The condition of affairs at the school in the current term was, on the whole, very encouraging. The general tone was good. The boys worked cheerfully and earnestly, and remembered that the school existed for the development of high character and the cultivation of good manners, as well as for the promotion of sound scholarship. The number of boys in full-time attendance was larger by 10 than in December, 1912. The fees-total for the fee-paying boys this term was substantially larger than the previous "best on record," and some new boys had already passed the entrance examination for admission on their next re-opening day, January 12th.

The most momentous event of this term was the decision, made by the Council last month, to acquire land at Low Barnes for new buildings for the school. Everybody connected with the school was truly thankful that now there was a fair prospect of escaping, before very long, from the present buildings, the general inadequacy, imperfections, and scattered situation of which were too well known to require comment. The report closed with a record of thanks to the governors of the school and to the teaching staff for their loyalty.

The Recorder then distributed the certificates and prizes to the successful students.

Afterwards the Recorder expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present on that interesting occasion, and offered his congratulations to everybody connected with the Bede Collegiate School. The record contained in the report read by Mr. Ferguson was a record of which any school might well be proud. He was pleased to hear that there was an Old Bedan Association, because it was of the greatest possible importance that old Bedans should stick to each other in after life. (Applause.) He was glad to see they had a Bede School for girls as well as a Bede School for boys, and he was pleased to notice the interest the scholars of each of the schools displayed in the welfare of the other. It was an admirable omen for their association in a future condition of life. He could imagine nothing more delightful than a wedding party in Sunderland where the bridegroom had been the head boy of the Bede Boys' School and the bride the head girl of the Bede Girls' School. (Laughter.) Continuing, he said that records of the kind contained in the report were not attained without hard work from everybody concerned. Indeed, there was nothing in this world that was worth having that could be obtained without work. He hoped it would not be long before they would see a Bede boy Mayor of Sunderland and another Bede boy the Recorder distributing the prizes. (Applause.) He urged them to cultivate habits of observation; the observant man was

a much stronger and generally a much more successful man than one who went about with his eyes shut and his mouth open. (Laughter.) He noticed that old Bede boys were scattered almost all over the world, and he hoped that when any of the boys in their future came across a man who was an old Bedan they would treat him as a brother. (Applause.) School days were the best days of life. He used to think they were not, but he knew better now. As Recorder of the borough, he was proud of such an institution as the Bede School. The curriculum was admirable; they had great chances, and he impressed upon the boys the importance of making the best possible use of their opportunities. He wished them and the school every success. (Applause.)

After the votes of thanks came the "Prologue" in Latin and English; a burlesque of Chevy Chase, which was extremely funny and greatly enjoyed by both actors and spectators; a fine display of Swedish drill and gymnastics, and some good music and singing.

OLD BEDANS' ANNUAL DINNER,

(December 31st, 1913.)

"SCHOOL DAYS—once they are nicely over—are generally regarded as being the happiest of one's life, and it is for the purpose of recalling old times and renewing old friendships that the Old Bedans' Association exists.

At the annual meeting in the Park Hall Mr. G. T. Ferguson presided, and the officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. G. T. Ferguson, vice-presidents, Messrs. R. Littlehailes, R. Grimes, and W. Nimmo; hon. secretary, Mr. W. Nimmo, assistant secretaries, Messrs. T. H. Rae and J. M. Herring; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. W. Pollock. A strong committee was also elected. It was decided that the Association adopt club colours, and the matter was left in the hands of the committee. A reference was made to the loss the school had sustained by the death of Mr. A. E. Hodgson, and the secretary was instructed to forward a letter of condolence to his relatives.

Afterwards the party adjourned to the Palatine Hotel, where an excellent dinner was served by Mr. J. Hugall and his assistants.

Mr. Ferguson presided, and there were also present Messrs. R. W. Willis, H. B. Widdows, J. W. Hawkins, J. H. Wills, L. W. A. Happe, R. F. Jarman (masters at the school), C. H. Boyd, G. S. Harrison (head prefect), and some forty Old Bedans.

Mr. G. Haswell proposed the toast of "The School." In a characteristic speech containing many touches of humour, he said Mr. Ferguson

and Mr. Willis, who were present that evening, would after so many years regard the school as home. They (the old boys) could only feel for it the same as a retired burglar might feel for prison. (Laughter.) He did not believe that school-boys left school with any violent regrets. (Laughter.) These came later. (Hear, hear.) Bede School, he went on, was not only a place where pupils were prepared for Oxford Locals and other examinations, but it was a place that sent out countless people to take up responsible positions in all parts of the world. (Applause.)

The toast, with which the name of Mr. Ferguson was coupled, was heartily honoured.

Mr. Ferguson, responding, expressed pleasure at seeing so large an attendance. It was a great delight to him to renew old acquaintance with those who had once been his pupils. The school, judged by any ordinary tests, was going on in every way prosperously. (Hear, hear.) The numbers had increased, being 40 more last term than in the corresponding term of last year. The academic successes had been very gratifying, and athletics had flourished. The most notable feature of the year was perhaps the success achieved by Old Bedans, the chief feature being that no fewer than 10 old boys had gained their university degrees. (Applause.) A good deal of the work of the school did not lie in the mere achieving of academic or athletic successes. They tried to develop high character, to cultivate good manners, and to teach the boys to be unselfish and of good behaviour. There were hundreds of boys who had passed through the school whom he honoured and respected as fully as he could honour and respect any man, who yet never distinguished themselves at the school but whose personal characteristics and behaviour were such as to make it impossible for one to think of them with anything but liking and feelings of admiration and regard. (Hear, hear.) He expressed personal regret that the school had had the misfortune to lose a very valued member of its staff in the person of the late Mr. Alfred Hodgson. They deplored his death most sincerely. His kindness, his loyalty, and his excellent work were such as to command the respect of everybody with whom he was brought into contact, and he was perfectly sure they all felt the utmost sympathy with his wife and relatives. Concluding, Mr. Ferguson appealed for greater support for the Association, and expressed the hope that all Old Bedans would become members and make the Association a strong and far-reaching one. (Applause.)

Mr. W. Nimmo proposed the toast of "The Staff" and referred to the great debt which they, as Old Bedans, owed to the energetic and capable gentlemen who were the masters at Bede

School. The toast was musically honoured.

Mr. R. W. Willis responded. Some parents, he said, thought that the learning of Latin or geography, or woodwork or whatnot was education, but it was nothing of the kind. The boy was merely being provided with means with which to carve out his own education—about which there was no finality. What they had to do was to make a boy feel that he had a place to fill in the world—to fill with credit to himself and to those belonging to him; he must be taught that he was a responsible member of society. (Applause.) He referred to the loss they had sustained by the death of Mr. Hodgson. The school had lost one of its best men, the masters a hardworking, amiable colleague, and the boys a friend as well as a master.

Mr. H. B. Widdows proposed the toast of "The Association." While they were to be congratulated upon having that Association, he said, they had not the numbers that one might have looked for, and he urged upon every member to endeavour to get one other old Bedan to join them. It was very pleasant to have such re-unions as that one, and with increased membership there were many fields of activity open to such an Association. An annual pamphlet would be very useful, and a match between the old boys and the present boys on the football field would, he was sure, arouse great interest. (Applause.) The toast was heartily honoured, and

Mr. C. S. Swann responded. Everyone would agree, he said, that the value of such an Association as theirs was very great in bringing into fellowship again those who had rather lost sight of one another since leaving school, in renewing old friendships and making new ones, and in preserving and strengthening the spirit of loyalty to one another and to the old school where they had spent so many happy days. (Applause.)

Songs were excellently rendered by Messrs. Renney, Rae, and Jarman, and the proceedings closed with "Auld Lang Syne."



