

“The Mitre”



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EDITORIAL.

Like the 'local' we are 'late again' and the long-suffering Editor takes full responsibility for the delay, and offers his apologies to the readers. I would, however, like to say that we decided to publish the magazine at the end of the First Term instead of the beginning as it gave the contributors more time to hand in their articles.

Unlike the rest of the school we have been unable to increase 'in stature' as the restrictions on printing paper are still in force and the amount at our disposal is very limited. We have made up for this by our 'baby' publication 'The Mitre-ite', a small rag which is published monthly by the boys and contains everything from articles on Bijoc the school's pet monkey, to weighty jokes from the staff. Everything is printed regardless of style and English; the only test being in its ability to make the readers laugh.

The response to the call for articles and stories has been more enthusiastic this year and I take this opportunity of thanking the School for the effort made. The old boys have not been so keen to help, and our Old Boy's Corner is not as full as it should be. At first we thought we would have to leave them out of this issue but due to the effort made by one of the Staff we have been able to put together a few notes, and keep the 'Mitre' complete.

I mentioned that we were rationed with paper so I had better take my own hint and conclude now to leave room for something better, than a dusty, old Editorial. If you have felt bored reading through this, remember that a magazine must have an Editorial and that it is the painful duty of the Editor to write it.

THE HEADMASTER'S SPEECH ON PRIZE DAY

My Lord Bishop, The School's Committee, the staff, Parents and Friends, of the Bishop's School. In welcoming His Lordship to our Prize Distribution I must make the happy comment that wherever he may go, here at least he comes "home" for this is his very own school, the Bishop's School!

It is customary on these occasions for a Headmaster to give a report of his work; I do so briefly as the Lord Bishop has but an hour to spare us. In inviting His Lordship to preside here this afternoon, so as to enable him to get away within the brief time he has given us, I assured him we would cut out the "frills" and hence we are not having the concert programme that we had originally contemplated; I would ask you to please forgive the absence of this and at the same time I promise you we shall more than make good this item during the course of the year.

Numbers—When I came to this School there were 130 on rolls and 32 boarders; the situation for the future was most precarious, as we could not have carried ourselves long with that number and with a huge cut in Government Grant to bear. I saw that the first urgent need of the School was to make it attractive, and to offer more and more the numerous facilities that become a great School. It has been a hard up hill climb, but I have had splendid co-operation from my staff and Parents alike, and my School Committee have trusted me, and let me go ahead with my work. I think we have much for which we are to be thankful and our co-operative work has born fruit today, and with God's blessings we are 250 strong and our boarding establishment stands at 94.

With regard to Staff—We have been extremely fortunate, as during my stay here our academic staff has remained as it was, and stability in this is all important in education. At the end of last year we had to bid farewell to our P.T. Instructor Mr. Morecroft and we welcomed Mr. Sewell in January in his

place. Mr. Sewell has a very wide experience in this type of work and one has but to see the width of his shoulders to realise that physical fitness is a matter of grave concern to him.

Cambridge Results—I have pleasure in stating that of the 14 boys who appeared for the Senior Cambridge in December, 1947, 10 passed, 3 in the first division, 4 in the second division and 3 in the third division. In the Junior Cambridge 6 boys passed out of the 10 that took the examination. We await the 1948 results with bated breath.

I should like to tell you of the three new innovations that have been introduced here since I came; first with great difficulty more to the students than ourselves we have anticipated the Government Order and have started the teaching of Hindi in the Devnagri script, and I must say in this connection that Mr. Baakba is making a very splendid contribution to the school. Last year three boys appeared for the Matriculation Examination of the Bombay University, and I am glad to announce that two of the three passed the examination successfully, one doing very well. This is the second new innovation, and thirdly for the first time, as I am aware, we sent up five boys for the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music and I am glad to report, that every boy passed exceedingly well, 4 boys obtaining distinction. I add at this stage that we sent up 17 boys for the Government Drawing Certificates, all of whom passed without exception.

A few evenings spent with us would give you some idea of the numerous outside activities which prevail here and I am pleased to say that in all of them I think we reach a fairly high standard. Mr. Mollan runs the Hockey with great success and we are looking forward to three matches ahead, Junior, Senior and Mixed staff vs. a mixed school team, against the Cathedral School. Last year we beat the Cathedral School on their grounds at Bombay as also St. Peters School, Panch-

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gani at Poona, which will give you some idea of Mr. Mollan's work. Mr. Baakza runs the school athletics as also the volley ball and in both of these he achieves a great deal. Mr. Sewell runs the swimming and in his short stay here has got many boys interested in this all important activity. Mr. Francis organises and runs the school foot-ball and last year kept the school very busy with an enthusiastic foot-ball programme; we beat Panchgani in this activity as well. Mr. Bunter organises the Cricket and assisted by Mr. Wright spends hours coaching and helping the boys in this popular game in which we were also successful against Panchgani. Mr. Robey is in charge of the Tennis Programme and is busy trying to make a few Davis Cup players out of the material we have at Bishops; he himself is a Tennis Player of no small repute. Mr. Oliver runs our indoor games Club which is quite an attraction during the short periods of breaks.

We are proud of our small library and here Mr. DeSena is the man at the helm and is making an excellent job of this cultural activity in addition to his work in connection with the literary and debating society.

I take this opportunity of thanking all the Staff, the Ladies particularly in connection with their long and laborious work in the book room and I fervently hope that we shall be together for a long time yet to work as the splendid team we are.

There is a great deal I would like to say but time does not permit it and I conclude this short report by thanking the Parents for their splendid co-operation and I urge upon them the greater necessity of their boys fuller education which does not mean only obtaining distinction marks in the class room but an all-round building of the boy so that he will be able to face the world with courage and with character knowing full well that he has the backing, the experience, the teaching and the environment of a good home and of a school very worth



STAFF AND PREFECTS



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while. I should appreciate it very much if we discussed our weak points with your suggestions and I assure you on behalf of all of us on this stage that we shall endeavour to do our best to see that we advance all the time.

I thank you.

Prize Distribution—26th February, 1949.

PROGRAMME.

5:30 P.M. Arrival of THE LORD BISHOP OF BOMBAY. Introduction of the STAFF and PREFECTS by the HEADMASTER. Introduction of the SCHOOL'S COMMITTEE by the Rev. C. J. C. NEWELL, Vice-Chairman of the School Committee.

Distribution of Prizes.

ACADEMIC		GAMES.	
Standard I.		Hockey, Seniors	HARDING
English	Lewis, G.	Hockey, Juniors	MANSFIELD
Proficiency	Lewis, G.		and HARDING
Progress	Cumine, S.	Football, Seniors	HARDING
Maths.	Sobavala, C.	Football, Juniors	MANSFIELD
		Boxing	HARDING
Standard II.		Cricket	ARNOULD
Proficiency	Ginwalla, F.	Volley Ball	HARDING
Progress	M. Advani	Tennis, Doubles and	
English	W. Ingam.	Singles	HARDING
Maths.	Daruwalla, R.		
Standard III.		Best all round in School for Year	
Proficiency	Hall, T.	Cock House	HARDING
Progress	Lachinath.	Best Patrol	BULLS
English	Meherhomji, A.	Athletics	MANSFIELD
Maths.	Hall, T.		

Standard IV.

Proficiency	Raut, S.
Progress	Advani.
English	Mordecai, I.
Maths.	Pedro, G.

Standard V.

Proficiency	Chhaganlal
Progress	—
English	Venkat, K.
Maths.	Chhaganlal

Standard VI.

Proficiency	Darbary
Progress	Nag, H.
English	Thomas, D.
Maths.	Darbary

Standard VII.

Proficiency	Waran, R.
Progress	Sekhri, R.
English	R. Shashoua
Maths.	G. Singh

Standard VIII.

Proficiency	Mordecai, V.
Progress	R. K. Verma
English	—
Sp. Diligence and application	Bhandari, H.
Maths.	Sachdev

Standard IX.

Proficiency	Frankel, B.
Progress	N. Vaswani
English	D. Kehela
Maths.	Frankel, B.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Senior Art	E. Saleh
Junior Art	K. Devlin
Debates	S. Kehela
Dramatics	S. Kehela, M. Cline
Best Scholar	G. Lewis
Music	D. Freita
Head Prefectship	J. Naylor

GOVERNOR'S PRIZES

- 1. Proficiency G. Lewis
- 2. Best All Rounder B. Devlin
- 3. Progress Varma, R.

Mr. MULLENEAUX'S PRIZES

- 1. Maths. Chhaganlal
- 2. Science Vaswani

DIVINITY PRIZES.

- 1. Lower G. Lewis 81.29%
- 2. Middle N. Westerling
- 3. Senior M. Chatelies

BEST ALL ROUNDER

Arnold	J. Naylor
Mansfield	Tridden
Harding	Devlin

SCHOOL DIARY 1948.

January.

- 13th Back to School again. What a lot of new faces.
- 14th Work again. Ugh! I'm sure the Staff don't like the idea one bit either.
- 19th Hockey gets 'under way'.
- 27th Houses meet to select Captains and other House officials.
- 28th Once again we have 'had it'. The staff beat us in Hockey.

February.

- 2nd We close school today as a sign of respect to the late Mahatma Gandhi.
- 8th A picture show in the Hall. Some of our fellows establish 'friendly relations' with the guests from 'you know where'.
- 9th Prefects and the School captain are elected to their positions.
- 12th Another public holiday to commemorate the burial of Gandhi's ashes.
- 13th We are invited to play tennis with St. Mary's Girls' School, mixed doubles. We mix.
- 16th The Mag out at last. A great surprise to most of us.
- 27th The Inspector inspects. We hope everything is to his satisfaction. We play an outside team and their referee (no names please). After a terrific struggle we manage to beat the referee and his team. Whew! Some game!

March.

- 5th The Scouts and Girl Guides have a 'mighty' feed.
- 9th We go to the Station to see Sister Superior off and wish her 'bon voyage'.

- 12th Tennis with S. M. S. again. We consolidate our position.
- 15th House matches commence.
- 18th We are sent to see 'The Magic Bow' in case it MIGHT do us some good.
- 24th A Professor Ross shows us how to draw with our toes. Mr. DeSena puts in drastic practice but finds it difficult. (Don't ask why).
- 25th Easter holidays begin.
- 30th House matches finish. Mansfield and Harding tie for first place.

April.

- 1st We celebrate the Heads first 'anniversary' with a half-holiday. Next year—who knows?
- 3rd Our -st XI defeat Cathedral on their ground.
- 6th Desperate practice for our scratch 'end-of-term' concert. Did I hear someone mention S.M.S.? It sounds like a social.

June.

- 8th We join with St. Mary's in celebrating the centenary of the Order of St. Mary the Virgin.
- 21st The first round of the Inter House Football matches completed to-day. A draw between all houses.
- 25th Anglo-Indian meeting held in our school Hall today. The Jive experts amongst the Scouts, 'do their stuff'.

August.

- 5th Final weighing-in for the Boxing today.
- 9th Boxing tournament commences.
- 17th Boxing semi-finals completed. Arrangements with St. Peter's Boys' School, Panchgani are concluded. They are to meet us in all games at the end of this month.

- 21st Boxing finals. Harding lead.
- 31st Holidays again. Zip-i-de-do-dah!

September.

- 15th The schoolboys, and masters like snails, creep unwillingly to school.
- 27th We are granted a half holiday to attend the Red Cross fête at Dastur.
- 28th Devlin's team wins the Volley Ball League.

October.

- 1st The Indoor Games Club is formed.
- 11th Sword fencing practice in full swing. The sword is already replacing the pistol in the Yonkers games.
- 18th Cricket house matches commence.
- 22nd The Governor visits the school and grants us a holiday.
- 26th The Cricket house matches end.
- 28th Cross-Country run to-day. This time everybody followed the correct course.

November.

- 2nd Athletics, Badminton and Billiards start.
- 9th Kehela 2 and Mirza 1 win the Table tennis.
- 16th Sports day. Everyone has a wonderful time.
- 20th Tennis tournaments in full swing.
- 24th Nativity Play.
- 29th Cambridge and School examinations.

December.

Home Sweet Home!

ART IN BISHOP'S.

For its cultural value, aesthetic appreciation, and inspiration, art still continues to hold pride of place in the syllabus and receives its full share of attention. The encouraging results of the Bombay and Cambridge Art Examinations furnish evidence that the boys are responding satisfactorily and making the most of their talent in the subject. We must, in this connection, commend the Seniors of '47 whose achievements in Cambridge Art are worthy of emulation. All those who appeared for Drawing, passed, the majority with credit whilst the painstaking efforts of Crone and Linford were rewarded with distinctions. Their imaginative compositions in water-colour, were certainly of a high standard. The results of the Bombay Art examinations for 1948 have certainly set a record which we hope will be maintained. Seventeen appeared for the Elementary and Intermediate Examinations and all were successful. The 'Art Exhibition Board' with its array of 'best efforts' still continues to attract in the School Hall, whilst an art Album, recording class-specimens and spontaneous efforts is also on display. Apart from the more stereotyped drawings there has been much fun in the execution of large fancy posters for advertising school functions, whilst spatter-work and spray painting provide an enjoyable outlet for those not so artistic.

Dramatic Art is also carefully fostered and the seed sown last year has certainly taken firm root. Although we have no Dramatic Association yet, the response for 'actors' is now received with genuine enthusiasm, and with the stage now thoroughly renovated, and an attractive gold-crested screen to provide an incentive, we feel certain that even the very shy and retiring will wish to take part in school plays. We opened the year by enacting that delightful musical fantasy 'Rendezvous' at the Dastur Fête concert. Towards the end of the first term it was suddenly decided that a variety entertainment should

be staged and much excitement prevailed as various items were considered and speedily rehearsed. Despite it being an almost impromptu performance, the concert was a great success and was well enjoyed by the audience and performers.

The Juniors opened with "Bless this House" followed by S. Cumine, who despite his tender years and diminutive size, rendered Boogie on the piano. The burlesque on 'Lord Ullin's Daughter' evoked peals of laughter. The Seniors gave us a most enjoyable action song entitled 'Widdicombe Fair' and the shadow playlet, judging by the applause, was an original treat. Stds. 1 and 2 executed a Red Indian dance which throbbed with colour and movement and the Seniors re-appeared with a round of Cowboy melodies. Perhaps the most original item was the surprise packet, when Carmen Miranda (excellently impersonated by a-la-Solomon!) complete with bare midriff and fruity head-gear, emerged from a gaily painted band-box and danced to the provocative rhythm of 'I Yi Yi'. The two plays performed by the Seniors and Juniors were well applauded, especially the former's 'The Chinese Shilling'. S. Kehela and B. Frankel fooled their parts admirably, as also B. Devlin who acted with appropriate verve and gusto and displayed his characteristic initiative when a minor calamity threatened!

Another semi-impromptu concert for the boys was held at the end of the second term, the two major items being a dramatised version of the Greek legend 'Echo and Narcissus' and the delightfully amusing Lewis Carrol extract 'The Mad Tea Party'. These items interspersed with action songs, musical playlets, and a dramatic poem were greatly appreciated by the boys.

We regret having to bid farewell to some of our Seniors who showed good histrionic promise, but we know that with our old stagers S. Kehela, E. Saleh, D. Freitas and M. Cline

and such newcomers to the stage as D. Riordon, A. Pereira, R. Essai and K. Devlin, our theatrical skill will in no way be impaired.

C. E. DeSena.

THE DEBATE PERIOD.

The last period every Wednesday continued to be utilised for debates, although they were held only once a month to allow for more thorough preparation and the acquisition of good sound material. The difficulty, as always, has been to find a change of principal speakers and there is yet much difference from the house, to voice an opinion when the debate is thrown open. However, there is evidence of less self-consciousness than hitherto, although much has yet to be achieved in speaking clearly, fluently and emphatically. Limited space prevents a thorough enumeration of the various subjects proposed for discussion but they were all well within the scope of the average pupil. For diversion, hat-speeches, quizzes, General Knowledge contests and spelling bees were introduced at intervals and proved very popular. An innovation of musical recitals were held at the end of each month. The sublime compositions of List and Chopin were included at first but as it is characteristic of human nature to dislike the unfamiliar, so such selections were not so popularly received as the more familiar light classics. Unfortunately there is so little opportunity now in India of hearing real music as opposed to the jerky gruntings of the dance band, and it is much to be regretted that the younger generation has almost no chance of coming into contact with the great masters of music.

We hope the last period every Wednesday continues to be regarded by the upper classes as one of good purpose and real value.

C.E.D.



NATIVITY PLAY

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'The Christmas Story', an entirely original interpretation of the age-old Christmas story of the First Nowel was performed in the School Hall on November 24th. Due to the many and varied activities in the final term, and the approach of the Cambridge Examinations it was not possible to introduce dialogue into the play, as practices and rehearsals had to be at the minimum. However, the absence of dialogue in no way lessened the charm and appeal that the story of the Nativity always holds as the season of Peace and Goodwill draws nigh.

The play opened with a Christmas prologue (recited by B. Frankel) and whilst bells and triangles tinkled forth Jingle Bells in gay spirited fashion (played by Stds. 1 and 2) the curtain parted, revealing a drawing-room scene where a mother (Miss Toscano) at the request for a bed time story begins narrating the story of the First Christmas to her two sons (S. Cumine and D. Fowles). The Christmas story is then unfolded and presented in ten tableaux with the narrator (B. Devlin) to describe each scene and render its particular significance.

The first scene reveals Gabriel (Miss M. Windsor) proclaiming Mary (Miss J. Baker) as the Mother of the coming Saviour. Bathed in sapphire glow the scene provided a most impressive introduction with its touch of quiet dignity and reverence. Miss Windsor gave a charming rendering of the Bach-Gounod classic 'Ave Marie'. The second scene portrayed the 'Vigil' where Gabriel proclaims the glad tidings of a Redeemers birth to shepherds, whilst the third takes us to the way to Bethlehem where Joseph (D. Riordon) and Mary leave Nazareth to be taxed. Herod's resplendent court is then depicted with its worldly atmosphere, where intrigue and a servile obedience to Rome served as an admirable foil to the simple faith of the shepherds and the lofty selflessness of the Magi. Brilliant in its illumination this scene blazed forth the pomp and glamour of the Oriend. The fifth tableau presented

the market place, and was intended to reveal the effect of the news of the Messiah's birth upon the crowd—the merchant, publican, self-righteous Pharisee, and penitent sinner. Scene six portrayed little children also desirous of finding the Holy Infant. Dark in its setting, except for twinkling lanterns, the tableau was rendered more touching by the acting of the younger boys. The last four scenes were primarily concerned with the Holy Nativity. The carols 'Sleep Holy Babe' and 'Silent Night' were sung once again for their lingering appeal, whilst, as each tableau was staged the school choir and the audience sang carols appropriate to the unfolding story. The hymn 'Praise my Soul the King of Heaven' sung by everybody during the final tableau brought to a conclusion a performance characterized by sincerity, simple dignity and reverence.

The success of the play was largely due to the boys themselves who threw themselves so wholeheartedly into their parts and acted with so little selfconsciousness and so much enjoyment. Special mention must be made of Mr. and Mrs. Bunter who once again trained the School Choir and of Miss Sweetland who assisted the choir throughout and sang two charming solos.

A collection was taken during the performance, part of the proceeds being given to Panch-howd for orphaned children and the remainder being added to the School Dramatic fund.

CAST.

Joseph	D. Riordon.
Mary	Miss J. Baker.
Gabriel	Miss M. Windsor.
Cherubs	G. Baskett, W. Clapham, W. Roberts, D. Dubois.
Shepherds	A. Pereira, G. Pedro, N. Westerling, C. Judge, A. Carrol, G. Lewis.
Herod	E. Saleh.
Magi	L. Pereira, S. Kehela, J. Vaz.

Slaves	D. Freitas, F. Zubair, P. Desai.
Roman	K. Devlin.
Pharisees	S. Shustary, J. Williams, D. Williams.
Beggars	D. Dordi, D. Vakeel.
Maidens	M. Cline, N. Mody.

C. E. D.

ARNOULD HOUSE, 1948.

HOUSE MASTER Mr. Bunter.

HOUSE CAPTAIN J. Nayler.

VICE-CAPTAIN J. Vaz.

This year Arnould House made a gallant attempt to win the House Championship, but lost to Harding by four points. The Work Points we gained were a great encouragement to us and when we won the Cricket our hopes soared high, only to be dashed when we were beaten by Harding and Mansfield in Athletics and Tennis. I feel however, that though we lost we went down fighting and maintained our reputation for 'spirit'. Congratulations to the House on this!

I must congratulate Jamal, Mody and Fowles for their splendid efforts to put us 'on top'. Let us hope they continue the good work next year.

And now I must wish you fellows of Arnould the best of everything in the new year. Keep on trying and perhaps next year will see you four points ahead of the other houses. Goodluck chaps!

John Nayler.

HARDING HOUSE, 1948.

HOUSE MASTER	Mr. Mollan.
HOUSE CAPTAIN	W. Doody.
VICE-CAPTAIN	B. Devlin.

This year has been most eventful for Harding House which, after a number of years, finally took the House Championship.

Our hopes of being 'Cock' House were very low indeed at the start of the year for we lost the Hockey, but our boys tried harder instead of becoming discouraged, and used this failure as a stepping stone to future successes. Each boy gave of his best and contributed to the final well earned victory. I must thank all the boys in the House and in particular Barney Devlin and the two Pereiras for their excellent work on the sportsfield, which assured our ultimate success. Thanks Fellows!

Congratulations to all those who helped in each activity and may the spirit displayed this year continue and improve throughout the coming years. Keep it up Harding and see if you can do the hat trick. Goodluck!

William Doody.

MANSFIELD HOUSE, 1948.

HOUSE MASTER	Mr. Francis.
HOUSE CAPTAIN	D. Kehela.
VICE-CAPTAIN	B. Pereira.

Mansfield started well this year and it looked as if they would retain the Championship they won last year, but partly due to a run of bad luck, and partly due to the nonchalant attitude displayed by most of our Seniors our hopes were dashed to the ground. I am compelled to make a severe

criticism of our Seniors, who, with but a few exceptions, definitely did not pull their weight. Just as I criticize our Seniors I congratulate our Juniors who went all out for victory—and got it! Their excellent work was the only redeeming feature of Mansfield's achievements this year. Truly they tasted glory in defeat! The manner in which they kept the red banner flying was indeed a rare source of encouragement to an otherwise disappointed Captain.

My thanks to Raina who emulated the feats of 'Our Judge' of last year, to Sawhney who was never far behind him and to a few of his colleagues, who helped us to win the Athletics. In other games bad luck, chiefly in the form of injuries and illness, dogged our footsteps, particularly in Football and Cricket, and Swimming, which he had high hopes of winning was cancelled. What really brought us down, however, was Work. Our efforts in this field were nothing short of disgraceful.

Before closing I must take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Francis our House Master for his firm support this year; and heres wishing next years skipper the best of luck—and KEEP THE RED FLAG FLYING MANSFIELD!

David Kehela.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS NOTES.

Another year has come and gone and on the whole it has been a year of achievements and successes. There is ample evidence to prove that our efficiency on the playing field has improved a great deal and we won a number of the outside matches we played. We performed very creditably against St. Peter's, Panchgani, and avenged our defeat of last year.

The Indoor Games Tournaments revealed several promising youngsters with plenty of talent and they will make a name for themselves once they reach Senior status. There

FOOTBALL

1. Mr. H. V. Sawhney, Deputy I. Captain

2. Mr. R. S. Sawhney, Deputy II. Captain

3. Mr. J. S. Sawhney, Deputy III. Captain

was a steady increase in the School roll and the example of some of our new boys is something for our 'slackers' to follow. Amongst these newcomers were the Skates brothers, whom we were indeed very sorry to lose so early in the year, for they were indispensable both on and off the sports field. Our good wishes follow them wherever they go.

We have made great progress in Scouting thanks to the able guidance of Mr. Lunn but we could have done better in some of our other activities.

I take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Lunn and the members of the Staff for their encouraging support throughout the year and the prefects for their ready co-operation. And finally I bid farewell to 'Bishop's' the happy hunting ground of my School Days. May it rise to the pinnacle of 'Thoroughness' and success in the future.

John Nayler.

HOCKEY, 1948.

Towards the close of the Hockey season it was common to hear a senior boy say 'Please Sir, may I be excused from playing this evening, as I have played almost every evening!' This statement was quite true as I was able to give 88 boys a game every evening. I divided the boys who were keen on playing into Four Sets, two sets played from 4 P.M. to 4-55 P.M. and the other two from 5 P.M. to 6 P.M. Besides these Set matches I also arranged a number of matches for the School XI and for the Staff team. The valuable practice gained by the School XI in the Matches against the Military Teams such as the I.A.M.C. enabled them to defeat Cathedral High School and St. Peter's, Panchgani. The House matches proved to be keenly contested despite the lack of support from the boys of the various houses. There was never a time



HOCKEY

L. to R: Standing—Billimoria, A. Pereira, B. Pereira, Skates II, Marshall.
 Sitting—Khambatta, Chatlier, Nayler, Mr. Mollan, Devlin,
 Skates I, L. Pereira.



FOOTBALL

L. to R: Top Row—Vaz, Doody, L. Pereira.
 Middle Row—Stevens, Chatlier, A. Pereira, Raina.
 Sitting—Kehela, B. Pereira, Mr. Francis, Devlin, Nayler.

when there were more than a dozen boys cheering their respective Houses and the total strength of our school is 200! The honoured position at the head of the League was shared by Mansfield and Harding.

C.H.S. vs. B.H.S.

This time the match was played in Bombay and was won by our team. The game started at 4 P.M. and those of us who have experienced Bombay's heat will understand the tiring effect it had on the players. The match was full of thrilling moments and many a time I felt our opponents would triumph over us. But our players, especially the defence, held the fort gallantly, and in the second half we did most of the attacking. The Cathedral goalie brought off many spectacular saves. Bobby Jones played a splendid game for C.H.S. and Barney Devlin, John Skates and Milton Chatlier were the outstanding players in our team. A splendid solo effort by Chatlier resulted in the only goal of the match, and this was scored in the first five minutes of the 'extra' time given. Thus we avenged the defeat we had sustained last year when C.H.S. beat us by one goal. Well done Bishop's!

St. PETER'S vs. BISHOP'S.

Once again the School XI proved their superiority by winning this match in a most convincing manner, and treating the spectators to a fine display of Hockey. Our forward line combined most effectively and were rewarded for their splendid efforts. Milton Chatlier, Alfie Pereira and Barney Devlin were outstanding in the forward line. We did most of the attacking and had it not been for the brilliant saves effected by their goalie, we should have won by a wider margin. The score, when the final whistle blew was as follows: B.H.S. 4 St. Peter's 2. The match was played on the I.A.M.C. ground and amongst the vast crowd of spectators were girls from Hutchings, St. Mary's and the Training College.

AWARD OF COLOURS.

The following boys were awarded School Colours:

- B. Pereira—for splendid goal-keeping.
- J. Khambatta—a stalwart and reliable defender.
- J. Skates—for a magnificent effort as centre-half.
- M. Chatlier—a dashing 'goal-getter'.

A. Mollan.

TENNIS NOTES, 1948.

This appears to be Harding's 'Annus Mirabilis'. They have not only won the Inter House Tennis League for the third consecutive year but have annexed the coveted 'Cock House' shield after a lapse of several years. They owe their tennis triumph chiefly to Barney Devlin who received invaluable support from Ronnie Essai, and this pair proved to be rather a formidable combination. Barney who was the most improved player of the '47 season won the singles title for the first time and Ronnie is certainly the most improved player of the '48 season and his powerful driving from the base line was a treat to watch.

Arnould had the services of John Nayler and Taj Jamal. John shows plenty of promise and has developed quite a powerful service but should try and bring it under control and be more accurate. Jamal cannot hope to improve his game until he learns to use his backhand and vary his strokes.

Mansfield had to rely on David Kehela and the comparatively unknown Peter Stevens. David proved a real stalwart, and his stonewall tactics, helped him considerably in his singles encounter, much to the annoyance of his opponents. He received adequate support from young Peter Stevens the 'find' of the season. Peter has a free and easy style and shows great promise of developing into a fine stroke player. His service is rather weak and he needs to remedy this fault.

The prospect for next year seems bright for Harding as they will still have Barney and Ronnie and also a useful reserve in Alfie Pereira. Arnould and Mansfield will miss John Nayler and David Kehela respectively. They need not feel downcast as new 'stars' are bound to rise. Congratulations Harding! Good Hunting next year Arnould and Mansfield.

A. Robey.

VOLLEY BALL.

We started our Volley Ball in September and ran the everyday matches on the League system. Five teams were drawn from the senior boys and the team that won the series of matches were presented with medals. Devlins team consisting of B. Pereira, M. Mordecai, R. Raina, Jamal and Mr. Oliver won the tournament.

The Inter-House competition results were as follows. Arnould first, Harding next and Mansfield third.

We did not run a Junior House competition this year but intend to start one next year. Instead we ran a Junior league on the same lines as the Senior League. The Champions were Kehela's team consisting of Banaji, Noshier Mody, Shustary, Nag I., and R. Sekhri.

A. Baakza.

FOOTBALL NOTES, 1948.

This year we had a very crowded season, for besides football we had Volley ball and Boxing to fill in the few spare moments we could snatch away from the main game.

Besides the usual outside matches against any teams that cared to meet us, we ran a football league amongst the boys themselves. There were two sections, the Juniors and the

Seniors, the Juniors having been divided into six teams and the seniors into five teams. The league was very keenly contested and was a great improvement on our last years efforts, both in the standard of football displayed and in the spirit in which the rival teams battled for first place. The Junior division was won by Westerling's team which won almost every match they played and the Senior league was won by Basil Pereira's team.

We met Panchgani again this year and made up for the poor game we played last year by defeating them. They put a gallant defence but were unable to handle our forwards who were used to playing against adult teams. When the final whistle blew the score was 3-0 in our favour.

Colours were awarded to the following boys for their consistency in play and turn out throughout the season. Naylor, Kehela, B. Pereira and Devlin.

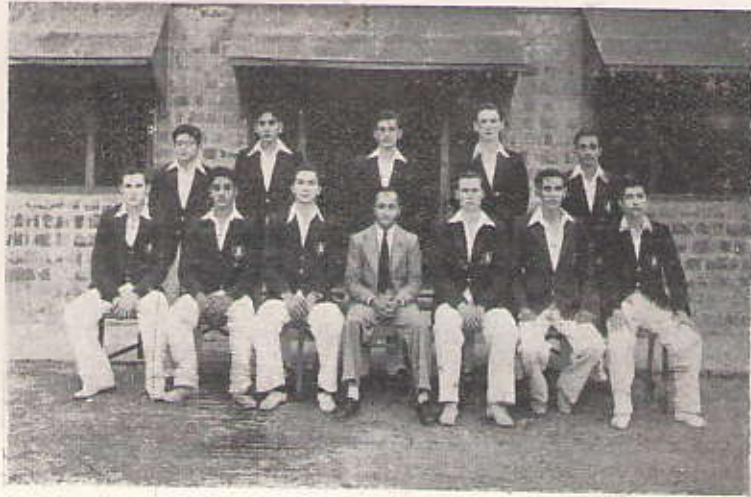
The House results were as follows: A draw between the three Houses, Harding, Mansfield and Arnould.

My sincere thanks to all the members of the staff who helped out in the refereeing and gave up their spare time to make the season such a success, to the Captain Basil Pereira who helped where help was needed, and to all the boys who played.

L. Francis.

CRICKET NOTES.

We opened the season earlier than we did last year, so that we had had some practice before we met the 'saints' from Panchgani during the Michaelmas holidays.



CRICKET

L. to R' Standing—Billimoria, Vaz, Varma, Riorden, Mirza.

Sitting—L. Pereira, Jamal, Nayler, Mr. Bunter, Devlin,
Kehela, Khambatta.



COCK HOUSE

1948

HARDING

Reckoning on their performance of the previous year, our XI faced the encounter with some misgivings. They won the toss and elected to bat, but it soon became apparent that our bowling somewhat passed their understanding and we skitted them for a meagre 35. Our opening batsmen did not fare too well in comparison, and we had lost 4 wickets for 13 runs. It was Jamal and Devlin who stayed the rot and took the score to 65, passing their total on the way. The rest of our side went on to score 94, which was almost 60 runs ahead of Panchgani. They opened their second encounter with far greater caution, Huq and young Moreas laying the foundation for a good score. Their remaining batsmen, however, repeated their performance of the first innings, and were all out for 86. The difference of 25 runs was soon equaled by our opening trio, which gave us a convincing victory of 8 wickets in hand. Special mention must be made of Jamal and Devlin with the bat, and the splendid analysis returned by R. Varma, who in all captured 8 wickets for 16 runs.

We were engaged in almost a dozen outside fixtures during the season, and we recorded 3 wins, 4 draws and 4 reverses. J. Naylor, although lacking the experience of our previous skipper, Y. Jaffer, handled his side judiciously.

The Inter-House Matches were very keenly contested and resulted in Arnould heading the League, Mansfield gaining second place. B. Pereira's 44 for Mansfield against Harding was the most outstanding performance of the Tournament.

Colours in Cricket were awarded this season to Naylor (A), Devlin (H) and Jamal (A). Thanks are once again due to colleagues on the staff for their help, both at nets and for matches.

P. D. Bunter.

BOXING NOTES, 1948.

The annual boxing tournament was again held at the Army P. T. School this year. As Brigadier Mohite was unable to preside Brigadier Choudri very kindly consented to do so. We were unable to hold our Inter Schools boxing tournament this year as one of the participating schools was unable to take part, but we hope to be able to do so next year.

Our warm thanks go to Mr. Frankel, who helped us so much once again this year, to all the members of the staff who helped to make the evening such a success, and particularly to Mr. Morecroft who organised the tournament and trained the boys.

The results are as follows:

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Juniors.

Red		Green
	BANTAM WEIGHT (49-56 lbs.)	
B. Singh (M)	Vs.	*J. Venketramiah (A)
	FEATHER WEIGHT (56-63 lbs.)	
K. Gazdar (M)	Vs.	*T. Wordsworth (H)
	LIGHT WEIGHT (63-70 lbs.)	
*G. Saleh (H)	Vs.	C. Sampson (A)
	WELTER WEIGHT (70-77 lbs.)	
W. Dubois (H)	Vs.	*K. Venketramiah (A)
	MIDDLE WEIGHT (77-84 lbs.)	
*J. Mordecai (M)	Vs.	Y. Madraswalla (M)
	LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHT (84-91 lbs.)	
*N. Mody (M)	Vs.	S. Kehela (A)
	HEAVY WEIGHT (91-98 lbs.)	
N. Agarwal (M)	Vs.	*V. Mordecai (H)

Seniors.

Red		Green
SPECIAL WEIGHT (Under 91 lbs.)		
*A. Dalaya (H)	Vs.	C. Smith (A)
SPECIAL WEIGHT (91-98 lbs.)		
K. Devlin (M)	Vs.	*B. Frankel (T)
BANTAM WEIGHT (98-105 lbs.)		
*R. Shashoua (A)	Vs.	N. Rahimtoola (A)
SPECIAL BANTAM WEIGHT (98-105 lbs.)		
S. McMullen (M)	Vs.	*V. Banaji (M)
FEATHER WEIGHT (105-112 lbs.)		
*A. Pereira (H)	Vs.	R. Sekhri (A)
LIGHT WEIGHT (112-119 lbs.)		
B. Pereira (M)	Vs.	*M. Chatlier (M)
WELTER WEIGHT (119-126 lbs.)		
*L. Pereira (H)	Vs.	P. McMullen (H)
MIDDLE WEIGHT (126-133 lbs.)		
*B. Devlin (H)	Vs.	S. Hanney (A)
LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHT (133-140 lbs.)		
W. Doody (H)	Vs.	*J. Nayler (A)

SCIENTIFIC BOXERS CUP.

Bruce Frankel—Senior.

Victor Mordecai—Junior.

BEST LOSERS CUP.

Basil Pereira.

HOUSE POSITIONS.

Harding	111 points.
Mansfield	105 points.
Arnould	90 points.

We thank the following for their generous donations:

- Mr. Frankel.
- Major Brown.
- Rev. Jeffroy.
- (A) Col. Stevens.
- Mr. Ingham.
- (T) Mr. Lunn, (Junior).
- Mr. Lunn, (Senior).
- (A) Rev. Newell.

ATHLETICS, 1948.

The year 1948 has been a very successful one for athletics and is noteworthy chiefly for the discovery of new talent amongst the Youngers and for the keenness displayed in the events.

Cross Country.

For the second time in succession we held the cross country at Hadapsar. Two courses, one of four miles for the Seniors and the other of two miles for the Juniors, were laid and the points were awarded on timing. There were many entries, particularly for the Junior events and all displayed a keen interest. It was pleasant to see so many parents there and they did much to encourage the boys.

Inter-House Athletics.

The finals for the Athletics were held on Sub-Area Sports ground on the 16th November. Mr. Newell presided and Mrs. Newell kindly consented to give away the prizes. We congratulate Mansfield House and Arnould House on winning the Senior and Junior Championship respectively. For the others it is worth remembering that the only satisfaction worth having is in playing the game fairest, hardest and for the team....Victory must be accepted modestly and Defeat gracefully.



BOXING FINALISTS



ATHLETICS

Our thanks to Mr. Wright, who undertook the difficult task of awarding the points, and to all the officials who gave help where it was needed, so willingly.

Results.

Classes. Senior. Class 1, over 16 yrs., Class 2, 14 to 16 yrs.
Junior. Class 3, 12 to 14 yrs., Class 4, 10 to 12 yrs.,
Class 5, under 10.

Houses. (A) Arnould. (H) Harding. (M) Mansfield.

Cross Country.

Class 1. Pereira L., Singh C., Devlin B. (H) 18 mins. 42 secs.
.. 2. Frankel (H), Devlin K. (M),
Tevendale (A) 21 mins. 4 secs.
.. 3. Mody N. (A), Mody N.2 (M),
Venketramiah K. (A) 17 mins. 4 secs.
.. 4. Fowles D. (A), Dubois D. (M)
Kadam (M) 16 mins. 53 secs.

ATHLETICS.

Class 1.

100 metres	...	Pereira L. (H), Devlin B. (H), Nayler (A)	12 1/5 secs.
200 metres	...	Pereira L. (H), Devlin B. (H), Riordan (A)	26 2/5 secs.
400 metres	...	Pereira L. (H), Nayler (A), Devlin B. (H)	59 3/5 secs.
800 metres	...	Pereira L. (H), Nayler (A), Devlin B. (H)	2 mins. 21 secs.
1500 metres	...	Pereira L. (H), Nayler (A), Singh (M)	4 mins. 5 1/5 secs.
Putting the Shot	...	Devlin B. (H), Riordan (A), Pereira B. (M)	23 feet 11 inches.

Long Jump	...	Chatlier (M), Devlin B. (H), Pereira L. (H)	18 feet 1 inch.
High Jump	...	Austin G. (M), Riordan (A), McMullen P. (H)	4 feet 8 inches.
Hop, Step and Jump	...	Devlin B. (H), Riordan (A), Naylor (A)	33 feet 1.5 inch.
Relay	...	Harding, Arnould, Mansfield.	

Class 2.

1500 metres	...	Raina (M), Sawhney (M), Uppal (H)	5 mins. 36 3/5 secs.
100 metres	...	Raina (M), Sawhney (M) Mordecai M. (M)	13 3/5 secs.
200 metres	...	Raina (M), Sawhney (M), Shashoua (A)	30 secs.
400 metres	...	Sawhney (M), Raina (M), Shivaji (M)	1 min. 12 1/5 secs.
800 metres	...	Raina (M), Sawhney (M), Shivaji (M)	2 mins. 43 secs.
Putting the shot	...	Ardeshir (H), Uppal (H), Mordecai M. (A)	19 feet 10 inches
High Jump	...	Raina (M), Uppal (H), Shivaji (M)	4 feet 6 inches.
Long Jump	...	Raina (M), Sekhri (A), Sawhney (M)	15 feet 3 inches.
Hop, Step and Jump	...	Raina (M), McMullen (M), Uppal (H)	33 feet 8 inches.

Class 3.

100 metres	...	Mody I. (A), Madraswalla (M), Solomon (A)	14 4/5 secs.
200 metres	...	Mody I. (A), Mohamed S. (A), Venketramiah (A)	32 secs.
400 metres	...	Mody I. (A), Mody 2. (M), Mohamed S. (A)	1 min. 13 1/5 secs.
800 metres	...	Mody I. (A), Smith C. (A), Mohamed S. (A)	2 mins. 43 4/5 secs.

High Jump	...	Mohamed S. (A), Byrne (M), Gilbert (H)	3 feet 9 inches.
Long Jump	...	Byrne (M), Venketramiah K. (A), Judge (M)	12 feet 5 inches.

Class 4.

100 metres	...	Irani (M), Fowles D. (A), Gazdar (M)	14 4/5 secs.
200 metres	...	Irani (M), Fowles D. (A), Duke (M)	34 secs.
400 metres	...	Fowles D. (A), Duke (M), Gazdar (M)	1 min. 15 2/5 secs.
800 metres	...	Duke (M), Fowles D. (A), Rahimtoola R. (A)	2 mins. 57 3/5 secs.
High Jump	...	Saleh G. (H), Contractor (A), Hall (M)	3 feet 8 inches.
Long Jump	...	Saleh G. (H), Contractor (A), Fowles (A)	11 feet 4 inches.

Class 5.

80 metres	...	Rustomji R. (A), Venketramiah I. (A), Ingham (H)	13 2/5 secs.
50 metres	...	Rustomji R. (A), Roy (A), Venketramiah J. (A)	8 2/5 secs.
High Jump	Whittenbury (M), Mohamed T. (A), Fowles T. (M)	3 feet 4 inches.
Relay (Junior)	...	Arnould, Harding, Mansfield.	

House Championships

	Junior.		Senior.
Arnould	425 points.	Mansfield	313 points.
Mansfield	360 points.	Harding	285 points.
Harding	216 points.	Arnould	229 points.

Victor Ludorum.

Class 4—D. Fowles. Class 3—N. Mody I. Class 2—P. Raina.
Class 1—Pereira, L.

SCOUTS.

The first Poona has added another happy year to its hoary history! We look back upon excursions, good turn jobs, camps and perhaps most exciting of all our Annual camp fire at School at which we had a very splendid representative gathering of parents and friends of the School.

Our numbers have increased some what and the Troop is now 50 strong excluding a Troop Leader. This years Troop Leader is Barney Devlin and I look forward to a very successful year with him, as he has the characteristics of a really good scout if he will take the pains and self sacrifice needed to have ones name enshrined in the hearts of ones fellow beings. Our Treasurer, Archie. Dalaya is perhaps one of the most selfless Scouts I have ever met; here indeed we have the real Scouter of tomorrow; nothing damps his ardour and I hope he gets back from the world the full measure that he is willing to give to it. Sammy Kehela is our fighting Secretary; O! those Courts of Honour! The Bull Patrol with Alf. Pereira is by far the most successful Patrol and has a good bunch of workers; David Riordan's Patrol call themselves the "ideal Patrol." I shall never forgot the Patrol after their long eleven mile hike; the P.L. rested on someone's beautiful white sheet in the cool shade of a leafy tree! the Patrol? well, they were endeavouring to muddle through as best they could! too late they discovered that their lunch was a mess, the meat was like rubber and the gravy smelt of smoke! We all Live to learn!

We are getting the meaning of the laws quite well but we are frightfully bad at our badge work and I am more than a little ashamed of the very few second class Scouts in the Troop. Perhaps I am getting too old to bring about that enthusiasm which I have got from Scouts hitherto! I am seriously thinking that the time may have arrived when I must endeavour to teach Scouting by precept rather than by activity!

I shall watch for a short time yet before I decide to furl my flag and carry it solemnly and silently into myself to live within me as a very dear relic of the past! I wait to see what response I get from my boys.

The First Poona, "ALERT"!

HAZARE—INDIA'S CRICKET IDOL.

On the 17th of March, of the year 1915, a child was born to the Hazare family, and to India, who was destined to make India famous in the Cricket world.

His love for cricket was manifest at the early age of thirteen when he represented his school for the first time. Two years later he Captained his school team, and, with a magnificent unbeaten century helped them to win the coveted Rohinton Baira trophy for schools. After graduating from college in 1934, he was invited to represent the Rest in the Bombay Pentangular. So great were his achievements, that soon the whole of India heard of his prowess as an all-rounder.

In 1937 he represented Maharashtra in the Ranji Trophy, and four years later he was transferred to Baroda and has played for that province ever since. In 1940 he was invited to play for India against Lord Tennyson's team. In between the years 1940 and 1944 Hazare was at his best. He scored 316 not out for Maharashtra against Baroda in the Ranji Trophy and in 1943 he scored a brilliant 248 for the Rest against the Muslims in the Pentangular also capturing six wickets for 23 runs—a truly magnificent all round feat.

He toured England with the Indian in the year 1946 and scored the highest individual score for an Indian tourist by hitting up 244 against Yorkshire, the champion county. This year in Australia Hazare had the distinction of scoring a cen-

tury in each innings of the fourth test, on one of the worst Australian wickets. He is the only Indian tourist to have achieved this distinction. He also holds with Gul Mahomed the worlds record partnership of 577 runs for the fourth wicket.

Hazare, like Merchant, is a solid batsman who can stay long at the wicket. His cover drives are delightful to watch and he executes other strokes with equal felicity. He bowls medium fast out-swingers and is fast off the pitch. He is a very steady bowler who can bowl for an indefinite period of time and is a reliable slip fielder.

During the present West Indies tour Hazare is almost certain to do well. He has already shown signs of brilliance by hitting up a faultless century for the West Zone against them.

And so we leave Hazare, going on, making history with the bat and ball. India wishes her Idöl and future Captain the best of luck.

S. Kehela. Std. 8.

RANGOON—'THE GOLDEN EAST'.

Rangoon will certainly charm any visitor to Burma with its ancient picturesqueness and its colourful inhabitants. Rangoon! The very name has charm and conjures up visions of Golden pagodas, heavy with the scent of flowers and filled with the tinkling sound of temple bells.

The town itself is filled to capacity with various types of motor vehicles, garrys and rickshaws. No one who has seen the Burmese people can fail to be attracted by their unique and pretty costumes. The combination of colours they wear is simply perfect and therein lies the secret of their charm. They wear 'loongies' of brilliant hues, made of rustling silk, and a jacket of a similar superior coloured fabric. The women adorn their hair with flowers while the men affect a folded silk handkerchief tied about their heads.

As you steam up the river the first glimpse of the town you get is the landmark of the huge golden dome of the Shwe Dagon Pagoda, standing out in all its splendour, dazzling the eyes as it catches the golden glint of the sun. To get up to it one has to ascend an almost perpendicular flight of stone stairs, on either side of which are flower stalls, kept by dainty, jewel-bedecked maidens. The exquisite carving and mosaic work depicted on all sides are beyond description.

There are several beautiful lakes in Rangoon and in the surrounding countryside, of which the most interesting are the Royal Lakes, where a band plays twice a week and on moonlight nights. One can also enjoy a delightful evening in a punt or canoe and then adjourn to the Boat club.

Rangoon will certainly charm the visitor with its hints of ancient splendour that surround the golden pagodas, the charm of its dainty maidens in their picturesque costumes of brilliant coloured, rustling silks, and the air of mystery that accompanies the yellow robed monks with their queer, sun tinted umbrellas. Yes it is all these and many more which go to make the splendour of the 'Golden East'.

S. Harris. Std. 8.

BY DECCAN QUEEN.

The shadows of evening had just fallen when I arrived at the station barrier and bought myself a ticket for the Deccan Queen. I was very excited for this was the first time I was travelling by this train.

On the platform all was hurry and confusion but I worked my way through the crowds of porters, hawkers and other travellers till I found myself a window seat in an empty compartment. I opened a book and tried to read but my mind

was so confused that I could not concentrate. The fifteen minutes the train had left to start simply dragged past. At last a shrill whistle echoed through the station, the bell clanged, the engine whistle shrieked and the guard waved his flag. We were off. Bombay faded into the distance.

As the train rushed on the trees and houses seemed to go wheeling back. The sky, however, seemed to be racing with us. The wind whistled past the window, and the earth slipped past beneath. We rumbled through tunnels and over bridges, going onwards and forever upwards. Cattle grazing in the fields turned to gaze at us as we flew past then settled down to grazing unconcernedly, while birds wheeled overhead. And so we sped on, round steep embankments through vast waste land, between steep mountains and tunnels.

We entered Lonavla, the highest point on the line, when a heavy drizzle obscured the landscape but when we left the moon showed signs of breaking out and shedding her silvery light.

The mountains were like pictures of fairyland. Silvery streams of water rushed down the thickly wooded mountainsides. The peaks, wrapped in a mist, seemed to rise to meet the sky, piercing the thick black clouds, standing out in bold relief, when a flash of lightning illuminated them for one fleeting second, while the thunder echoed and re-echoed from peak to peak. I sat entranced in a dream world.

Then almost before I knew it, we steamed into Poona, back once again to the haunts of men. But when I walked out of the station I still carried the memory of a beauty I shall never forget.

James Williams. Std. 8.

A DANGEROUS ESCAPE.

The Scouts had arranged an outing to Sinharh, a historic ruin at the foot of the ghats. Four of us separated from the rest of the party and were grouped at the base of a hill, resting, and after refreshing ourselves we decided to go to the summit of the ghat, which, a villager told us, we could reach by taking a certain path. We climbed for about a mile and met another villager who told us that the path did not lead to the ruins, which we were trying to reach so we decided to leave the path and cut across the thick scrub to the base of a cliff which towered above us.

We had already cycled about twenty one miles that morning, having breakfasted some hours previously, and were told not to expect food for another two hours at least. Besides this we had been climbing for an hour and a half, and every ten minutes of the climb had been interrupted by miniature waterfalls, so difficult to cross, varying in width from ten to twenty feet. We were wet through and suffering from the cold, due to the icy winds which blew at that height.

We, however, continued up the almost perpendicular slope which was covered with thick undergrowth, some of the bushes being taller than us, and after another hours hard climbing we reached a clearing. Now to add to our discomfort a heavy mist was sweeping down on us and we decided that the only thing to do was to head for the base of the cliff about fifty feet away. By the time we reached the cliff the mist had enveloped us.

By our calculations we reached the conclusion that if we kept the cliff face to our right and walked beside it we should reach the path, so after making sure all of us were all right we set off. For about twenty feet the slope was clear of bushes but after that we had to push our way through a veritable jungle

of undergrowth. Walking along that cliff was like trying to walk along the side of a pyramid covered with thick jungle—sideways. It was now that we began to realise our peril. First the leader slipped but just managed to save himself with the help of a stick he was carrying; then two others slipped but again, just saved themselves.

A little later the leader fell and nearly slipped down a deep chasm, but he saw it in time and managed to hold himself back. As the last boy crossed he dislodged a stone by accident and sent it clattering down the deep gully, and as we listened to it bumping down one thought was in all our minds—what would it sound like if one of us were to bump and bounce down like the rock?

We repressed our shudders, brought on by this gloomy thought and continued till at last the mist cleared and the sun broke from behind the clouds and bathed us in his warm glow. Here, lay the blue lake at our feet, glittering in all its splendour and there the clean sparkling hills reared their heads in pride. The sparkling drops on the trees was wonderful to see and the sound of birds singing inspired us to sing too.

Thirty feet below us we could see the faint outline of the path but to get to it we had to adopt the only method we knew. We slid down to it, sometimes moving one foot sometimes ten, stopping ourselves from going too fast by the simple expedient of digging our heels into the earth. If we did this too abruptly we fell forward on our faces—tasting mud. If we did not dig our heels in we fell on our centres of gravity—painfully. But it was soon over and in twenty-five minutes we were back on the path and two hours later safe at the foot of the ghat.

Ravi Warran. St. 7.

OUR ANNUAL CAMP-FIRE.

Our Camp fire was held on the 27th of November on a cold, rather misty, evening. The fire itself was lit at 7 P.M. before the big gathering of friends and relatives who had come to share in the fun and frolic.

The first item was given by the Scouts and Guides who sang some cowboy songs to the accompaniment of the guitar and accordian. The guests also joined in if they knew the songs. After this came the football match between the Redskins and the Zulus. This match was very interesting though the odds were very uneven. There were about three Zulus to one Indian but of course the Redskins won. What really made the match interesting was not the game but the biting, pinching and kicking which went on amongst the players.

Another very good item was the boxing match between Sen Gupta (Ronnie Essai) and Squashed Tomato (Alfie Pereira). Sen Gupta won a beautiful cup (tooth mug) and Squashed Tomato got the runners up prize— medal (card-board). Besides these items others were given by the St. Mary's Guide, who played their parts very well.

The evening passed all too soon and before you could say Jack Robinson it was nine o'clock and the campfire had to be put out and the guests leave for home. On the whole it was a very enjoyable evening.

S. McMullen. Std. 6.

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT.

Our new governor, Rajah Maharaj Singh, visited our school on the 9th of October.

He arrived on the stroke of ten and was received by Mr. Lunn who brought him round to the various classes. As he left each class the boys lined up and marched out to line

the drive and give him a rousing farewell. Before he left he called us all to him and asked if anyone did not want a holiday. As no one was foolish enough to answer he told us we could have a holiday if Mr. Lunn agreed to it.

Then he told us he would introduce three prizes, one of which was to go to the best all round boy.

When he left he certainly did get a rousing cheer and we got the promised holiday.

D. Darbary. Std. 6.

MY PICNIC.

My brother Russo, my sister Rhona and I went for a picnic into the woods. We took plenty of nice things to eat and when we reached the woods we chained our bicycles and went for a walk through the woods with our lunch basket. When we reached a shady spot we sat down, and after having our lunch we played some games.

As we were leaving in the evening it grew very dark and then it started to thunder and rain. We could not see anything. Rhona began to cry and we also got very frightened and covered ourselves with the carpet.

Sometime later I felt someone giving me a good shake and peeped out of the carpet to see who it was. I saw that it was a bright sunny morning and the person waking me was my mother. Then only did I find out that the picnic was a dream.

Adi Meher-Homji. Std. 3.

MY TEDDY BEAR.

I have a little teddy bear
 It sleeps with me all night,
 And in the morning when I wake,
 It always hugs me tight.
 I have a little rabbit too;
 It always sleeps with me,
 And in the middle of the night
 They fight,
 And wake me up you see.

B. Singh. Std. 1.

JAM.

There was a boy from Ham,
 Who went and got some jam.
 But the jam was so sticky,
 He called to his dog Mickey.
 And that was the end of the Jam.

W. Roberts. Std. 2.

"WILT THOU?"—"I WILL!"

The Staff and boys of "Bishop's" take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Mollan on his forthcoming marriage to Miss Barbara Bose on the 8th of April. We have been looking forward to this happy event for a long time and assure him that we will be at the Church to witness the 'Passing of a Bachelor'. We hope he remembers his promises of 'high' teas and dinners for the remaining bachelors. In case he doesn't, will the future Mrs. Mollan please remind him.

OLD BOYS

JACK WARNER, has been heard on the air broadcasting Cricket Commentaries.

DOUGLAS DADY, has just arrived in the Union, S. Africa where he has gone to try his fortune with his brother JOE.

GEO. JENKINS, M.C., is now Lt.-Col., Delhi, A.H.Q.

KEN McKENZIE, a Sapper in the Survey Dept., Portsmouth, is now expecting his commission and to be posted to Scotland.

DONALD CROSS, is in a Firm in Brighton, his brother OSWALD is a Chartered Accountant and frequently hops to the Continent as the Firm's Representative.

DEREK ASPREY, is with the Lucas Battery Coy. at Birmingham.

AUBREY CHAPMAN, has joined the Overseas Food Corporation at Tanganika.

NORMAN CAREY, is Squadron Leader at Amballa.

The ARDESHIR brothers are both happily married and well placed in business Firms in Bombay.

PHIROZE BILLIMORIA, works for Baker & Sons, Bombay.

NUSBY PUDUMJI, is a Stipendiary Steward, whilst his brother SOLI is at Ahmednagar in the I.A.C., with his friend F. SURVE, both 2nd Lts.

The DASTUR brothers, PHIROZE in an Insurance Coy., and JEHANGIR in a Swedish Electric Firm reside in Bombay.

AUBREY DONNELLY, Sub-Inspector of Police, Bombay.

RUSSI BAHADURJI, Pilot Officer in Tata's, SAWAK BAHADURJI, the Inter College Athletic Champion is attending Wadia College. ADI BAHADURJI is in the Coal Mines at Jamshedpur.

FILOO KHAMBATTA, one of Tata's Ground Staff, and ADI in the Merchant Navy represent the Sea and Air in their family.

IKEY AARON, is busy in the Stationery line.

VICTOR NOEL, is now in Australia.

VICTOR PEREIRA, Major, Army Sel. Board, NOSHIR GRANT, Major R.I.E., N. COOPER, Seed Merchant, R. MODY, Motor Expert, D. DADY, Gold Medalist. I.M.A.D.D., R. O'CONNOR, all passed out together.

SHAVAK and ADI BILLIMORIA, the former is in Bombay and the latter an Engineer, at Jamshedpur.

SYD. CORDER, the All-India unbeaten Cycle Champion is studying Engineering at Loughborough College.

BEHMAN MOSS, F.R.C.S., is working in a hospital in England his brother JISSA is doing his medical finals.

PETER HENWOOD, joined the Army.

FALI MEHTA, once Head Boy, is doing business.

YADGAR CHENOY, studied in Manchester, is now in a motor business in Secunderabad.

I. E. MCKENZIE, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Bombay.

SHAFI AHMED, Pakistan Navy.

E. ANI, of Iraq, is in a Date Factory.

LESLIE YOUNG, is in Batavia.

DADY PATEL, killed in Action in Italy.

D. NOWROJI, died after an operation.

JERRY DaGAMA, an Engineer and LLOYD DaGAMA are both in Bombay.

G. POCHA, of Pocha's Seed Merchants, DADY DADY, Artist.

P. BUNTER, of Bishop's Staff, belongs to Poona.

ERIC WALLACE; Frankel's Poona.

MACKIE MODY, is a live wire in the Israelite Press, Poona.

J. A. F. DALAL, Major, S.M.E., Dhapuri.

R. CRONE, Naval College, England.

Capt. FONSECA, A.D.C. to G.O.C., S. Command, Poona.

Brigadier NARAWANE, 2nd Div., recently visited Poona and met O. B's.

TREVOR MILLARD, somewhere in Australia.

R. I. P.

It is with deep regret that we announce the sudden demise of our late friend, Mrs. E. Cooper, wife of the late Mr. A. R. Cooper, at her residence, No. 1, St. Peter's Street, Poona.

The Editor begs to acknowledge receipt of the following:

The Cottonian—Bishop Cottons, Simla.

The Phoenix—St. Peter's, Panchgani.

The Borderer—Cathedral School, Bombay.

Mrs. Cooper will always be remembered, not only for her kind and untiring devotion to the school and people, but more especially for her kindly care for the "Yankers," which earned for her the affectionate title of "Mamma Cooper."

By her death, all those who knew her in school and society will no longer realize they have lost not only a sincere friend but a great personality.

The news of the sudden deaths of Mrs. Abraham and Mrs. Lunn came as a great shock to us and we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives. In great sorrow cold words are but a poor consolation, but the depth of feeling behind them does help to ease in some measure, the loss of those so dear to us. In this spirit we offer a sympathy too deep for words.

R. I. P.

It is with deep regret that we announce the sudden demise of our late Headmistress, Mrs. Eva Cooper, wife of the late Headmaster, the Rev. A. R. Cooper, at her residence in Gidney Park, on December 11th 1948.

As Senior Mistress, she was associated with the School from the time her husband was appointed Headmaster, and for the whole period of his twenty-seven years in office, served as such until his death, when she very ably continued as Headmistress for a further period of two years.

Mrs. Cooper will always be remembered, not only for her zeal and tireless devotion to the school and pupils, but more especially for her motherly care for her "Yunkers" which earned for her the affectionate title of "Mammy Cooper."

By her death, all those who knew her, in School and socially, will, no doubt, realise, they have lost, not only a sincere friend but a great personality.



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