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HEADMASTER'S REPORT FOR 1949.

Mr. Chinmugund, Parents, Ladies and Gentlemen, boys,
I present to you my second report.

I am very glad to say that we go forward in strength; in the first year of my stay here, the numbers on rolls rose from 130 to 168, in the second year this number rose to 234 and now the number on rolls stands at 268, which has eclipsed the largest number we have ever had on rolls since the inception of the School. The percentage of Anglo Indians and Europeans has necessarily decreased with the exodus of so many that appeared under that category, but I am glad to say that with a judicious and careful sifting we have generally contrived to enrol a type of scholar who is a credit to our School. I must particularly mention the sons of our Military Officers who appear to have a better team spirit, a greater enthusiasm in the general conduct of the School and a much finer spirit of esprit-de-corps than the average. Obviously backed by their parents they are keen on games particularly, and this is of infinite assistance in keeping a live School going. I must emphasise that I am not endeavouring to say that their response is cent per cent and absolutely all that can be desired: what I am trying to say is that their attitude to the pulsating, living progress of the School, is more perceptible than the general disappointing apathy towards these things by the majority of those that form our numbers.

1949, the year under review, has been a very active one, made so by the hard work and general selflessness of the Staff. The general impression is that the Schoolmaster is a very fortunate man - those holidays, - but very few realise his continued nervous tension and strain, those long hours organising and running games for his boys, those piles of homework books with their "howlers" for the uninitiated, but bitter disappointments for him. When others are finding time for a siesta, and evening off, a game of cards, he is still plodding along with his day to day routine.

I take this opportunity of thanking all my Staff and particularly those who have given up their spare time so enthusiastically for the progress of the School. Mr Mollan ran a very successful Hockey Season, and Mr. Francis as successful a Soccer season; Mr. Sewell conducted the Swimming and Boxing with extraordinary credit, and Mr. Baakza and Mr. Wright organised the Athletic meet, which was really a splendid success. Mr. Bunter's Cricket gave the School that interest in the game which is so necessary and this in spite of the rain; Mr. Baakza's Volley Ball was fought out with characteristic enthusiasm as indeed Mr. Robey's Tennis. Mrs. Brewin and Miss Toscano have always been there, helping where they could and at all times backing up with their real enthusiasm. Mr. Oliver's Indoor Games have been a source of keen competition particularly during those long periods of rain, and indeed, so keen has been the enthusiasm that Indoor Games have now been allowed by the Games Committee as a Competition for the Inter-House Competition.

WORK. Our work in the Classroom has been very creditable. On paper our Senior Cambridge results for 1948 do not look so splendid: 9 out of 18 passed, but when one comes to analyse the truth of the statement it will be observed that 7 were boys from other Schools, who because of the serious political upheavals in the country we admitted, and gave a sporting chance to pass. In the Junior Cambridge, which has now been discontinued, we passed 2 out of 3. Our Cambridge, results, received only the other day, are very satisfying, as we sent up the whole Class without any sifting, as is the practice in so many Schools — 12 out of the 15 sent up passed, with 2 boys V. Mordecai and D. Riordan, obtaining First Class passes. We sent up 8 candidates for the S. S. C. Examination and passed 4; this Examination is becoming more popular and this year 12 appeared for the Examination - we await the results of their labour with bated breath: 16 Candidates appeared for the Government Drawing Examinations last year and every candidate passed. Miss Joan Sweetland is to be congratulated on her excellent Music Examination Results; 4 appeared for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, and all passed with very high marks. 2 appeared for the Trinity College

Examinations and again both passed with very creditable marks. Besides these boys 4 others appeared for the above Music Examinations sent up by other teachers and all passed. I look upon our Musical effort with no small pride as nurtured by Mrs. Venketaramiah, it has bloomed beautifully and we can now be really proud of our achievement.

STAFF. At the end of last year we had to bid farewell to two excellent masters: Mr. A. L. Robey B.A. (Hons), C.T. dip and Mr DeSena C.T. dip. who have left the country. Both gentlemen had done yeoman service in the School and on behalf of the School and myself I wish them a very happy and successful future. The School is very fortunate in filling their places by two very able personalities. Mr. Olliver B.A., C.T. dip. is a person with over 20 years of wide Teaching experience, and I know that he has been selected from a host of applicants to appear for no less than 3 Headmasterships - once by the Public Services Commission when he and I met on the same forum. His main "crime" in not being selected on all occasions is the fact that he is a bachelor—of course I am a little different: In Mr. Marks, M.Sc (Lucknow) we have a young man of real ability and enthusiasm, and a keen scholar. I need add nothing more to his qualifications, than to tell you that he passed his M. Sc. in the First Class at the age of 19. If that cannot inspire our boys to accomplishments, nothing will: I look forward with enthusiasm to the two new members who have joined an enthusiastic team, and I hand them all here in your presence the flaming torch of Progress and the School Motto — Thorough. At the conclusion of this term Bishop's says farewell to a well-loved character, Mrs Brewin, as she goes to England with her son. Mrs. Brewin has served Bishop's for 30 years and has always been an example to all around, with her zeal, her thoroughness and her enviable cheerfulness. Many of those whose fingers and minds she so gently guided in their first lessons are today successful men, who speak of her in the most endearing terms. Bishop's loves Mrs. Brewin and we send her from our midst with utter reluctance; we wish her all joy and happiness and many more years of active living; not Farewell, not Goodbye, but "God bless you, Mrs Brewin," are our departing words.

GAMES. As I have said hitherto, we have had a very busy "out-door" year, but I should like to see yet more boys playing games and more regularly, and what I should like to feel is that parents are backing us in our work. Too easily I fear do boys get letters of excuse from parents, and it certainly seems to me sometimes that boys *run* their parents; perhaps we are beginning to believe in "the child is father of the man" in a literal sense! who was it, on his return from America recently, said that the thing that struck him most, was the way in which the parents obeyed their children? We must, in the interest of our boys, learn to see that we adults, by virtue of our experience, knowledge, forethought and so on, are guides, philosophers and friends to our children; and we must use the word NO! hard and firmly when we feel it is in their interest. A blind obedience to children does not help at all in the long run. Forgive the digression; what I had intended to say at the onset was that Games rounded off a boy's education and put into him those essential qualities of character ability, personality and initiative, qualities that we cannot build in the Classroom. We are flooded by scholars without these essential characteristics—you will see them in any Government Office—and what I want you to see (and I give you here the advice of my many years of enthusiastic Schoolmastering) is that your boy plays games — Games and character are synonymous. Government has realised this very important fact and according to the latest Government instructions, unless your boy takes an active part in games, attends them, and accomplishes a certain fair standard of achievement, his promotion will be a matter of jeopardy. Please help us to build your boy according to the recognised canons of modern education.

DRESS. I am a stolid believer in "dress maketh a man". It is my firm belief that a person "acts" his dress! In rags - there you have a beggar, and in a costume - a swimmer; in tail coats, a dignitary and so on. In this School we endeavour to inculcate the habit of dressing with care, cleanly and neatly, not ostentatiously; but I am overwhelmed with dismay sometimes when I see boys out of their homes after class, and some frequently in the company

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of their parents. If you are satisfied fundamentally, that to dress neatly and cleanly is an essential attribute, please help us in our work to inculcate this.

MID-WEEK PICTURES and LATE SHOWS. I am not going to dwell on this topic, as educationally and in every way the obvious wrongness of it is patent. May I request with all the fervour I can command, to disallow mid-week pictures and late shows, in the interest of our boys. You will be aiding us in our efforts, and in the long run it, is the boy who will benefit most.

HOME WORK. Your son has now got a home work note book. Up to Class 5 every boy has 3 subjects home work for a day and from Class 6 upwards 4. Please check this home work book each day and sign it; it is one of the little things you can do to co-operate with us and indicate to your boy that you are interested in his progress and his welfare.

SLACKING. This may be due to many reasons - poor eyesight, poor health, poor teeth, run-down physical condition, inaptitude and many other conditions, one being sheer honest slacking! In the case of a boy doing badly for two consecutive months please let us talk the case over; co-operation between a parent and a School produces really amazing results. Have you tried to say "No" to the "happy wants" of a habitual slacker? Try it. It's simply marvellous in results if you don't give in to threats of suicide and more promises which never materialise!

WRITING AND TALKING. A custom has developed in our country everybody is writing to everybody else. Others "talk" and Poona is simply horrible. The other day a small snake was killed on the School estate. I heard a boy describing the incident -- the snake was a huge python that fought with a master for fully half an hour before it was killed: This is typically Poona! Let us you parents and us of the School--be a team. Don't talk about us, and particularly to or in front of your children, but to us. Let us sort out your problems and ours by a better mutual understanding of each other and the common problems that beset us. Towards

this end we are contemplating next term starting something in the nature of a Parents' Society or Club. I feel this is a move in the right direction in very many ways, and to stop the utter senseless and intensely annoying fables I sometimes come across which are so easily believed by some and which so easily do us and other institutions grave harm, we are going to organise Parents' days next term, when the School will be thrown open for a day to its parents to see us at work and play and to form their own impressions, unbiased by injurious, maligning gossip.

LANGUAGES. The language question is becoming really exasperating; according to Educational practice, languages demand at least one period a day. Today we are studying English which to 60% of our boys is foreign, Hindi because it is the national language, French because it is essential for the ever-growing popular S. S. C. Examination, and now we have just received an order to start teaching Maharatti, the regional or Provincial language. We have also a facility for Latin. I am given to understand that the "Army" who represent a great proportion of our School are militating against the idea with fanatic zeal as the great majority of them are not Maharattas and much to their utter joy their Inter-Provincial transfers are so brisk that they dare not contemplate the scheme with enthusiasm. If any parent has a very serious objection to this last government order, please see me about your troubles which I shall represent, on your behalf, to the authorities that be.

DISCIPLINE. It is fundamentally axiomatic that the State of our civilisation, the success of our greater schemes, the quality of our greater men depends upon discipline and yet it surprises me how many parents are continually asking for special favours on the plea that they have never asked before! It becomes very difficult to keep any big organisation going if one is to keep making exceptions, particularly when the reasons are only known to the parent concerned and the Headmaster, and the rest of the School are left to conjecture! When you are tempted to seek obviously special favours, which are quite unnecessary, think again then again, and don't ask; it will save us all that unnecessary

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embarrassment. And under this same head please make your boys' attendance at School regular. During the long periods of Examinations no one is ever absent from School, yet throughout the term there is always someone absent and more surprising than ever is that in accordance with the School's rules so many produce letters of excuse. No one can object to genuine absenteeism, but so often a boy missing from Class during the day is seen at a picture or some other public show in the evening. In such cases please learn to say "No!" to your son with a parental emphasis, never fearing the disastrous consequence! And finally please support us with enthusiasm in all endeavour to do on behalf of your boy and give them all the encouragement they deserve by turning out in full force for all their main events: Prize Distribution, Athletic Sports, Swimming Sports and so on; a keener living interest in the affairs of the School by its parents is not only an encouragement to the boys, but also to the Staff and in fact it is the outward sign of an inward interest in the boys, your boy in particular, and the School; no School can grow up healthy without the living enthusiasm and interest of its parents which must be deeper than mere academic interest.

In return, on behalf of the Staff and myself, I re-dedicate ourselves to you, the parents of the Bishop's High School, and to you, our boys, today and throughout the coming year.

extremely high standard of work, he made our fellow boys and their eyes riveted on him. The victory was completely decided before the interval from Bishop's High School to the school's new house to the occasion. The school was in for some vigorous practice and soon after that...

In the selection tournament for school representative football, Bishop's High School triumphed. At the end of the year the new Bishop's is made of every engagement and to our opponents. It was mainly due to the courage shown by our school team during that we returned victorious from our friendly campaign.

INDOOR GAMES. 1949.

The story of Indoor games in Bishop's, is the story of Jack and his Beanstalk all over again. Indoor games began just two years ago with the donation of a table tennis table by Mr. Baakza, and in the early stages the enthusiasm was confined to members of staff, but once the infection was passed on to the boys it has spread like wildfire, and is to day the 'rage' of the boys at all times, much to the annoyance of Mr. Sewell whose room is unfortunately situated near an array of our ping-pong tables. The grinding of his teeth can sometimes be heard above the din of the pattering balls and the shouts of the players.

To Mr. Robey, the man who believed in 'Thoroughness' with a capital 'T' goes the first credit for organising indoor games. He introduced order where chaos prevailed. From then onwards the enthusiasm and keenness of the boys themselves has been the mainspring of our growth from strength to strength. Honourable mention must be made of some of our lads who gave us the required fillip when, for a time, we found ourselves in the dol-drams of lethargy.

The coming of Tata was a noteworthy event. With his extreme high standard of play, he made our fellows sit up and rub their eyes vigorously. Our stalwarts found themselves completely dwarfed before this stranger from Brobdignag. But the lads from Bishop's knew how to rise to the occasion. Varma and Kehela went in for some vigorous practice and soon out-Tatad Tata.

In the selection tournament for school representatives to Panchgani, Tata found himself at the ropes in the singles 'joust'. Kehela had at last triumphed. At Panchgani our lads demonstrated the stuff Bishop's is made of. Every engagement was a rout for our opponents. It was mainly due to the contributions made by our Indoor games champs, that we returned victorious from our friendly campaign.

And now I come to Gordon Hanson. He was with us for about six months, and though not a high calibre player himself, he took a keen interest in the game. At a time when we were slipping badly, he came forward and organised a series of extremely popular tournaments. The training it gave our boys bore fruit later on at Panchgani. Tata has been our secretary for the second year running. He isn't the dazzling type but with his quiet efficiency he knows how to keep our club on the move. Well done lads. Keep the colour flying.

E. J. OLIVER (Secy)

ARNOULD HOUSE NOTES.

HOUSE MASTER Messrs Robey, Wright and Bunter.

HOUSE CAPTAIN P. Dinshaw.

VICE-CAPTAIN H. Winckler.

We began the year by welcoming Messrs Robey and Wright into our ranks, and their assistance and guidance went a long way in bringing us to the top as 'Cock-House' for the year. The coveted trophy came to us after a lapse of two years; but much of this success was only possible through the corporate effort of all members of Arnould, Juniors and Seniors, throughout the year, who, in 'work and in play', put their shoulders to the wheel. There is no doubt that certain individuals did contribute largely towards ultimate victory, of which we are extremely proud, but what was still more commendable was the large number of entries for the various events, from among the 'lesser brethren' that displayed the true spirit of pulling together for a common cause.

We bid farewell to H. Winckler, our wizard swimmer, D. Riordan the Senior Victor Ludorum and to S. Kehela. May good fortune attend them wherever they may be, and may their achievements inspire the 'coming generation' of the House to emulate their good example.

'Keep it up, Arnould!!!'

P. DINSHAW.

HARDING HOUSE. 1949.

HOUSE STAFF Messers Mollan, Sewell, Oliver.

CAPTAIN Barney Devlin.

VICE CAPTAIN L. Pereira (1st term) Khambatta (2nd term)

Again, owing to my predecessor's absence, I am writing the house notes for this year.

All through this year we have been knocking at the door of Fame. There has never been a time, when Harding has not been considered by the other Houses, when they have been assessing their chances of coming to the top.

We started the year very well by winning the Senior Hockey and Volley-ball, and it looked as if we would retain the championship we had won last year, but Dame Fortune had deemed otherwise, and we never quite reached the coveted position.

Early in the year we had the misfortune to lose Pereira, Essai and Harris, who, however did give us a good start in the race for Championship. Louis would have been a great asset to us in Soccer, Boxing and Athletics and Ronnie Essai was our shining star of Tennis.

Following our success in the first term, our Seniors won the Soccer and Cricket in the Second term, lost in swimming and athletics but avenged our defeats by winning in Boxing and Tennis. We also won both Junior and Senior Scientific Boxers' Cups. Our Juniors did not do much, although we have such prominent members as Westerling and Saleh. They have it in them but they must fight harder to achieve success. Another reason for our downfall, was our failure to collect enough work points, which are, as of as much importance, as all the games points put together.

Now I must mention the spirit and zeal of our house captains Barney Devlin, Alf Pereira, Vicky Mordecai, Gordon Hanson and Jal Khambatta who put in such valuable efforts to make

Harding supreme. Never mind chaps, just remember that true sportmanship requires a smile in defeat, and although we have not met with many a defeat, we must endeavour to follow the principle.

In conclusion I should like to thank Mr. Mollan for the keen interest he has taken in promoting the welfare of the House and Mr. Sewell and Mr. Oliver for their kind assistance during the year.

S. SHIRAZI

MANSFIELD HOUSE 1949.

HOUSE MASTERS Messers Francis,
DeSena, Baakza.

HOUSE CAPTAIN P. Triddon

VICE CAPTAIN B. Pereira.

First, I must thank our House masters for all the help given to us during the year. Most of the boys tried their best on the games field and were justly rewarded with the Championship of a number of games but where they excelled in games, they failed entirely in the field of work and did disgracefully in the monthly tests. This applies mostly to our Seniors but it does not mean that the Juniors did any too well and even they have plenty of room for improvement. This must be altered next year and I hope to see the Seniors and Juniors doing much better in their monthly tests.

For the last five or six years it has always been the Juniors who have pulled the House together and in some cases won the championship, but this year the Seniors seemed to pull their weight as well. If this continues, I hope we have greater success next year.

As always, in the House there were a number who did nothing for their house and a few that did all they could and spared no effort to bring us to the top. Raina and Stevens were the most outstanding of the 'few' and I must really thank them for their tremendous efforts to put us on top. If only every boy could do his bit with as much sincerity and effort as these two, there is no doubt we would be Cook house.

One point I must congratulate the House on. Whatever we played, we played with a sportsman-like spirit and though we lost games, there was no occasion I can think of, where the House and the teams showed an unsportsman-like attitude. My thanks to all of you for this help.

P. TRIDDON.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN'S NOTES. 1949.

As this year's School Captain I have undertaken, on behalf of Barney Devlin, our Headboy of 1949 who has completed his School career, to give a brief outline of the 'haps' and mishaps of the year.

We started the year with eleven prefects which included Barney as Headboy and Louis Pereira as Vice-head. By the end of the first term we had to say goodbye to Louis and some of the other Seniors who took their S.S.C. examination in March, but we were compensated for their loss by the selection of four boarder prefects in the second term.

Our first term was taken up with Hockey and Volley-ball. We were just 'getting our hands in' and then came Chicken-pox which put us in quarantine and caused the cancellation of our hockey fixture against Cathedral School, Bombay. This fixture was to have been played on our ground and they would have had to turn out a really good and fast team to match our own. Our Swimming was also cancelled due to the quarantine.

Soccer, followed by Cricket, were the main activities of the Second term, not to mention Boxing practice and those five mile runs every evening—the throwing of Medicine balls, and the punching of bleeding noses! Cricket was our longest season and we did quite well in this field of sport which produced a few talented players of this 'gentleman's game'.

Our Inter-house boxing, due to the Polio scare, which resulted in another two weeks of enforced quarantine, was postponed till October. After this period of doing nothing, we visited our friends and foes of St. Peter's Panchgani.

The tournament brought forth mixed results. Although our Seniors lost a game or two, our Juniors performed very creditably and helped to pull us through. Mention must be made of the Indoor Club which produced some talented and experienced players of table tennis, who distinguished themselves in their sphere. We must thank Panchgani for the excellent time we had as their guests.

Boxing, Athletics and Tennis completed our games for the year, and Arnold proved to be the Champions followed by Harding and Mansfield.

December brought us to the end of the year and once again we had to say goodbye to our Seniors. At the same time we also lost two worthy members of our staff—Mr. Robey and Mr. DeSena who went overseas. To them we not only say goodbye but good luck in whatever they do, Bishop's will never forget them and their invaluable efforts during the past years.

In conclusion I take this opportunity of wishing Barney and all the Seniors the very best of luck in the future.

S SHIRAZI

HOCKEY REPORT. 1949.

Almost the first question put to me this year was, "What about a game of Hockey Sir?" and if I remember correctly it was put to me by one of the Junior boys. Well they (Juniors and Seniors) did play hockey, and plenty of it. Towards the close of the season I had many a boy saying 'Please may I be excused from playing this evening?'.
 At the commencement of the season I was faced with a grave problem—that of securing playing fields. Perhaps our parents are aware that the school has no playing fields of its own; but we are fortunate in having parents who serve in the armed forces and friends who are interested in our school and so we were able to play on the I.A.M.C. and B.M.H. grounds. Col. Ardeshi and Lt. Kulvant Singh of the I.A.M.C helped us in this connection and it is to them that I must say 'Thank You!'.
 The games were so arranged that the boys played four games of hockey every evening. The boys were divided into sets and games were played according to the league system. I thank all members of staff who refereed these game.
 The Inter-House tournament was held in March and the teams all played their hardest. All the matches were played on the I.A.M.C. ground and the results were as follows:

	Seniors	Juniors
Harding	5 points	1 point
Mansfield	3 points	3 points
Arnould	1 point	5 points

As usual, I am sorry to say that the attendance of spectators at these games was pitiable. It seems that our boys have not got the right House Spirit. Perhaps our parents could help us to inculcate this spirit by insisting that their sons turn out to witness these games and they themselves turn out to watch matches.

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HOCKEY XI 1949.



'BIG LEAGUE' BASEBALL!

This year our Senior and Junior teams took a trip to play against Panchgani. We expected our Seniors to win, but they lost, the score being 3-1. Our Juniors, however, brought off an unexpected win and defeated St. Peters by the only goal of the match.

W. Marshall was awarded colours for his consistent play throughout the season. He is a reliable back.

In conclusion, I would like to say 'Au Revoir' to Barney Devlin, our Hockey captain. He is a dashing forward and a goal-getter and has proved himself to be an efficient captain.

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A. MOLLAN: (Secy.)

FOOTBALL NOTES.

The football season, this year, was by far the most enthusiastic season we have had so far and in spite of the league matches being run for the sake of the game, without the promise of reward, they were as keenly contested, as in previous years.

We started with a pick up match and by the fourteenth of June the league matches were in full swing. Our outside matches were against Ornellas High School, St. Vincents and some outside teams. Also against Shivaji School. Just at the height of the season, however school had to be closed due to a case of Poliomyelitis, and a number of outside matches had to be cancelled. As no one was allowed to enter the school the league matches also suffered.

The House matches started on the 10th of August and were keenly contested throughout. The results were as follows:

Juniors : 1st round,	Arnould,	Harding	Mansfield,
	0	2	2
	0	-	2
2nd round,	1	-	1
	1	-	1
TOTAL	2	5	5

Seniors : 1st round,	A.		
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	0	-	2
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	0	2	-
	0	-	2
	-	2	0
TOTAL ...	0	8	4

FOOTBALL NOTES

The football season this year was by far the most successful. COLOURS WERE AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING BOYS: Riorden, Raina, Hanson, A. Pereira.

Before concluding I would like to thank all members of staff who helped with the refereeing and in particular Mr. Sewell who was there almost every evening to see that the Youngers also had their share of football. ...

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This season we introduced the 'Set' system of play, in order to get as many boys as possible interested in the game. We managed to complete the first round of the Tournament, but the broken nature of the term, due to 'polio', upset a great deal of our Games' programme, so that we had to abandon the rest of the Tournament.

The House Matches were also run on a revised system - full day's play, over the week-end. This brought out, specially in the Senior Division, keener interest and better cricket, and was highlighted by tall scoring in most of the matches. A. Pereira's 88 for Harding vs Mansfield, was an excellent knock; and although Harding was assured of its first place in the Senior Tournament, the interest was maintained right to the last game when Arnould beat Mansfield after a very closely contested game.

In the Juniors, Arnould was easily victor, and except for one match (vs Harding), won all the remaining fixtures.

The tour to Panchgani consisted of a Senior and Junior fixture. Our Seniors fought back gallantly in spite of the formidable total of 203 runs collected by our opponets, but the unfamiliar ground conditions decided the issue and we finished the only innings 69 runs behind their score. Kehela (28) and Triddon (20) were our chief run-getters, while Tata and Shirazi shared the bowling honours.

The Junior effort was less commendable. Having established a good lead in the first innings, we completely went to pieces in the second venture, while the Junior 'Saints' by virtue of diligent batting gradually mastered the situation, and went on to beat us by two wickets after a most exciting finish. J. Sewell's 35 was the only achivement of note.

Colours were awarded to KEHELA and TRIDDON.

P.D.B.

INTER-HOUSE BOXING 1949.

The Inter-House boxing finals were held in the Army P.T. School Gymnasium on the 29th October.

There was a very good attendance and the boxing was very much appreciated. 106 boys took part in the competition 61 Juniors and 45 Seniors. There were fourteen different weights and a total of 95 contests were fought before the tournament was brought to an end. Special mention must be made of B. Noguier and A. Pereira who were awarded the School Challenge trophies for the most Scientific boxers Junior and Senior respectively.

The results were:—

Winner	JUNIOR	Runner Up
BANTAM WEIGHT (49-56 lbs.)		
W. David (A)	Vs.	W. Roberts (A)
FEATHER WEIGHT (56-63 lbs.)		
B. Noguier (H)	Vs.	D. Sen (H)
LIGHT WEIGHT (63-70 lbs.)		
K. Gazdar (M)	Vs.	S. Dalaya (H)
WELTER WEIGHT (70-77 lbs.)		
F. McCarthy (A)	Vs.	T. Thomas (H)
MIDDLE WEIGHT (77-84 lbs.)		
Sher. Mohamed (A)	Vs.	J. Sewell (M)
LIGHT HEAVY WEIGHT (84-91 lbs.)		
N. Mody (M)	Vs.	I. Mordecai (M)
HEAVY WEIGHT (91-98 lbs.)		
R. McMullen (M)	Vs.	T. Perkins (M)
SPECIAL CONTEST		
P. Khanduri (A)	Vs.	H. Nag (M)

Winner SENIOR *Runner Up*

BANTAM WEIGHT (98-105 lbs.)
 P. Raina (M) Vs. A. Mirza (H)

FEATHER WEIGHT (105-112 lbs.)
 V. Mordecai (H) Vs. Rahimtoola (A)

LIGHT WEIGHT (112-119 lbs.)
 A. Pereira (H) Vs. S. McMullen (M)

WELTER WEIGHT (119-126 lbs.)
 M. Mordecai (A) Vs. S. Shirazi (H)

MIDDLE WEIGHT (126-133 lbs.)
 B. Devlin (H) Vs. P. Triddon (M)

HEAVY WEIGHT (over 140 lbs.)
 D. Riordon (A) Vs. H. Winckler (A)

SPECIAL WEIGHT
 A. McArthy (H) Vs. W. Green (H)

SPECIAL CONTEST
 V. Banaji (M) Vs. J. Khambatta (H)

BEST LOSER

Junior: F. Mordecai *Senior:* H. Nag

SCIENTIFIC BOXER

B. Noguera Vs. A. Pereira

HOUSE POINTS

Harding	136
Mansfield	119
Arnould	94

INTER HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Harding House

T. Sewell.

SWIMMING AND DIVING, 1949.

Keen interest was shown when the school opened for the first term in January but interest flagged on account of the bath not being filled for three weeks and secondly on account of the outbreak of Chicken Pox, which prevented us from using the baths for almost two months. This meant that during the first three months no progress was made.

The school then closed for two months summer vacation and it was not until it reopened on June 6th that we really got down to serious practice. The preliminary eliminations started on June 22nd and continued up till the final day July 2nd.

Entries for both Swimming and Diving were very good. Seventy one boys took part in the various swimming events and fifty one in the diving. The swimming was up to school standard but no one was outstanding. Diving was not so good, as no spring board was available for practices.

Although the Finals were held on a Saturday morning, a fair number of parents and guests attended and Brigadier H.M. Mohite presided and gave away the prizes.

Results —

SENIORS. (over 16 years)

			Time.
1 length Breast stroke.			
1st J. Williams (M)	D. Nag. (M)	B. Devlin (H)	25 3/5 secs.
1 length Back Stroke.			
1st Shustary (A)	Riordon (A)	Winckler (A)	28 secs.
Best time in heats.	J. Williams.		26 secs.
2 lengths Free Style.			
1st Winckler (A)	Shustary (A)	D. Nag (M)	48 secs.
Best time in heats.	H. Winckler.		45 secs.
4 lengths Free Style.			
1st Winckler (A)	Riordon (A)	D. Nag. (M)	1mt, 59 secs.
Best time in heats.	H. Winckler.		1 min, 54 secs.



ATHLETIC FINALISTS 1949.



SWIMMING FINALISTS 1949.

5 minutes Endurance test. (open)

1st Winckler (A)	8 lengths 93 feet.
2nd Stevens (M)	8 lengths 59 feet.
3rd Riordon (A)	8 lengths 16 feet.
Nag. (M)	

Inter House Relay

1st Mansfield	Arnould	Harding	1mt. 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.
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SENIORS. (14 to 16 years)**1 length Breast Stroke.**

Time.

1st Stevens (M)	D. Williams (M)	V. Mordecai (H)	24.5 secs.
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1 length Back stroke.

1st D. Williams (M)	Stevens (M)	Triddon (M)	25.6 secs.
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2 lengths Free style.

1st Stevens (M)	Eynott (M)	Triddon (M)	52 secs.
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Best time in heats. Stevens 51 secs.

4 lengths Free style.

1st Stevens (M)	Triddon (M)	Levy (A)	2mts. 3 secs.
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JUNIORS. (12 to 14 years)**1 length Breast stroke.**

1st D. Fowles (A)	H. Nag (M)	Perkins (M)	32.4 secs.
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Best time in heats. Fowles 31 secs.

1 length Back stroke.

1st Perkins (M)	Gazdar (H)	G. Saleh (H)	32 secs.
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1 length Free style.

1st Perkins (M)	G. Saleh (H)	D. Fowles (A)	24.2 secs.
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3 lengths Free style.

1st Perkins (M)	H. Nag. (M)	L. Mordecai (M)	1mt. 39.8 secs.
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JUNIORS. (Under 12 years)**1 length Breast stroke.**

1st Roberts (A)	Snooks (M)	Lowe (A)	34.2 secs.
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Best time in heats. Roberts. 33 secs.

1 length Free style.

1st Contractor (A)	Snooks (M)	Roberts (A)	29.5 secs.
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2 lengths Free style.

1st Contractor (A)	Snooks (M)	Roberts (A)	1mt. 3 secs.
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DIVING.

SENIORS. (over 16 years)

Standing Dive.	Pereira (H)	D. Nag. (M)	Winckler (A)
High Dive.	Winckler (A)	Pereira (H)	Riordon (A)

(14 to 16 years)

Standing Dive.	Marley (M)	V. Mordecai (H)	Levy (A) } Tridton (M) }
High Dive.	Tridton (M)	Stevens (M)	Marley (M)

JUNIORS. (12 to 14 years)

Standing Dive.	Khanduri (A)	Perkins (M)	H. Nag. (M)
High Dive.	Perkins (M)	G. Saleh (H)	Kothawala (M)

(under 12 years)

Standing Dive.	Contractor (A)	Snooks (M)	Lowe (A) } Roy (M) }
High Dive.	Lowe (A)	Snooks (M)	Spraegs (H) } Contractor (A) }

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

SWIMMING.

SENIORS. (over 16 years)	1st Winckler (A)	Shusstary (A)
(14 to 16 years)	1st Stevens (M)	D. Williams (M)
JUNIORS. (12 to 14 years)	1st Perkins (M)	H. Nag. (M)
(under 12 years)	1st Contractor (A)	Roberts (A)

DIVING.

SENIORS. (over 16 years)	1st Pereira (H)	} D. Nag. (M)
	Winckler (A)	
14 to 16 years)	Tridton (M)	Marley (M)
JUNIORS. 12 to 14 years)	1st Perkins (M)	G. Saleh (H)
(under 12 years)	1st G. Lowe (H)	Snooks (M) } Contractor (A) }

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

SENIORS.

1st Mansfield. 190 points.

2nd Arnould 123 ..

3rd Harding 43 ..

T. SEWELL. (Swimming Secy)

JUNIORS.

1st Mansfield 116

2nd Arnould 104

3rd Harding 64

SPORTS DAY:

Our Annual Sports were held on November the 18th. On the Sub-Area Sports ground. The parents of the boys turned out in full force to see their sons in action, and were a very appreciative audience indeed. We were glad to see so many of them out this year and hope that they will give us even more support next year.

There were some striking performances and the most outstanding were by Walley, Westerling, Raina and Riordan. The House relay was the most exciting event on the programme and was won by Arnould in both the Seniors and the Juniors. A girls race was also organised and was won by Celine Judge who certainly kept up the tradition of the Judge family by emulating her elder brother Cyril.

After the sports, the Head gave a speech, in which he congratulated all the winners, and thanked those members of staff who had done so much work behind the scenes, to make sports day such a success. Having thanked Brigadier Surve and Mrs. Surve for their kind patronage he asked Mrs. Surve to distribute the prizes.

The results were as follows.

SENIORS

CLASS 1.

		Time.
100 Metres	... D. Riordan (A), B. Devlin (H), S. Shirazi (H)	12 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.
200 Metres	... D. Riordan (A), B. Devlin (H), S. Shirazi (H)	26 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
400 Metres	... D. Riordan (A), B. Devlin (H), K. Devlin (M)	60 secs.
800 Metres	... B. Devlin (H), K. Devlin (M), H. Winckler (A)	2 mins.
1500 Metres	... B. Devlin (H), K. Devlin (M), D. Riordan (A)	5 mins. 15 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
Cross Country	... B. Devlin (H), K. Devlin (M), W. Marshall (A)	19 mins. 28 secs.
Putting	... D. Riordan (H), B. Devlin (H), H. Winckler (A)	26 feet 8 inches.
High Jump	... D. Riordan (A), B. Devlin (H), K. Mansur (H)	5 feet.
Long Jump	... D. Riordan (A), B. Devlin (H), K. Mansur (H)	18 feet 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
Hop, Step & Jump	... D. Riordan (A), B. Devlin (H), K. Mansur (H)	39 feet 4 inches.
Relay	... Arnould, Harding, Mansfield	3 mins. 1 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

CLASS 2.

100 Metres	... P. Raina (M), P. Stevens (M), G. Hanson (H)	13 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.
200 Metres	... R. Sekhri (A), P. Raina (M), P. Stevens (M)	28 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
400 Metres	... R. Sekhri (A), P. Raina (M), P. Stevens (M)	63 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
800 Metres	... P. Raina (M), R. Sekhri (A), N. Mody (A)	2 mins. 36 secs.

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HAPPY CAMPERS.



SCOUTS BRIDGE BUILDING.

1500 Metres	...	P. Raina (M), R. Sekhri (A), P. Stevens (M)	5 mins. 30 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
Cross Country	...	P. Raina (M), C. Tevendale (A) E. Marley (M)	22 mins. 12 secs.
Putting	...	G. Hanson (H), P. Raina (M) R. Sekhri (A)	24 feet 2 inches.
High Jump	...	R. Sekhri (A), P. Raina (M), P. Triddon (M)	4 feet 7 inches.
Long Jump	...	R. Sekhri (A), P. Raina (M), G. Hanson (H)	15 feet 10 inches.
Hop, Step & Jump	...	P. Raina (M), R. Sekhri (A), G. Hanson (H)	32 feet 9 inches.

JUNIOR

CLASS 3

100 Metres	...	J. Solomon (A), N. Westerling (H), D. Fowles (A)	14 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
200 Metres	...	J. Solomon (A), N. Westerling (H), D. Fowles (A)	30 secs.
400 Metres	...	N. Westerling (H), J. Solomon (A), D. Fowles (A)	1 mins. 10 secs.
800 Metres	...	N. Westerling (H), Fowles (A), R. Ragbir (H)	2 mins. 53 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
Cross Country	...	N. Westerling (H), J. Solomon (A), K. Venkataramiah (A)	16 mins. 35 secs.
High Jump	...	G. Saleh (H), N. Mody (M), S. Mohamed (A)	4 feet 2 inches.
Long Jump	...	J. Solomon (A), N. Westerling (H), S. Contractor (A)	14 feet
Relay	...	Arnould, Harding, Mansfield	1 mins. 36 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.

CLASS 4

100 Metres	...	R. Walley (H), N. Chinmulgund (A) M. Chatelier (M)	15 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.
200 Metres	...	R. Walley (H), M. Chatelier (M), A. Bhagwat (H)	32 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
400 Metres	...	R. Walley (H), A. Bhagwat (H), M. Chatelier (M)	1 mins. 15 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.
800 Metres	...	C. Baskett (H), R. Walley (H), A. Bhagwat (H)	2 mins. 58 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
Cross Country	...	C. Baskett (H), A. Gasper (A), R. Smith (H)	17 mins. 40 secs.
High Jump	...	N. Chinmulgund (A), B. Whittenbury (M)	3 feet 7 inches.
Long Jump	...	R. Walley (H), A. Bhagwat (H), N. Chilmulgund (A) } A. Noguier (M) }	12 feet

CLASS 5.

50 Metres	...	A. Gasper (A), R. Rustomji (A), A. Roy (M)	8 $\frac{3}{5}$ secs.
80 Metres	...	A. Gasper (A), R. Rustomji (A), T. Fowles (M)	13 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
High Jump	...	R. Rustomji (A), B. Singh (M)	3 feet 3 inches.

House Champions

	Senior		Junior
Arnould	349 points	Arnould	437.5 points
Mansfield	272 points	Harding	369 points
Harding	212 points	Mansfield	259.5 points

Victor Ludorum

Class 4	10-12 years	R. Walley	(H)
Class 3	12-14 years	N. Westerling	(H)
Class 2	14-16 years	P. Raina	(M)
Class 1	over 16 years	D. Riordan	(A)

CAMBRIDGE RESULTS. 1949.

CLASS I.

Vaswani, Frankel

CLASS II.

Mirchindani, G.

Lall, R.

Uppal, V.

Sekhri, C.

Doody, W.

CLASS III.

Kehela, D.

Ardeshir, F.

JUNIOR CAMBRIDGE.

Saleh, E.

Triddon, P.

BISHOP'S THROUGH THE AGES.

This article was made possible, mainly through the help of Mrs. Brewin, one of the oldest members of our staff, who has been with us for thirty years, and Mr. Lunn who very kindly loaned me some old Bishop's magazines from which I obtained most of my information,

To the north of St. Mary's church stands the group of buildings known as The Bishop's High School, which is a Church of England institution. When the school was first built it consisted of three blocks, the Junior school, the Principal's house, with boarding establishment attached, and the resident master's quarters. The founders were the Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army Sir (afterwards Lord) William Mansfield, and the Rev. John Harding, Bishop of Bombay, in 1864. The staff comprised men loaned by the Army.

By 1875 the school had come under the direct influence of the Education Department, and it was during this period that H. C. McNee was appointed as Headmaster. He served the school, with success, for twenty five years until Mr. Dunne took over in 1900.

During this period students were prepared for the Bombay Matriculation. Physical training was conducted under the guidance of Military instructors, and the school achieved a high standard in all games, carrying off most of the medals in the Junior tournament of Bombay and winning the Championship of the Inter-Schools Cricket tournament and the Athletic sports held in Poona in 1902. Shooting was encouraged and the school held the Governor's Cup for shooting. This was quite an achievement as there were only about fifty or sixty boys in the school, with boarders numbering about a dozen. After seven years as Head Mr. Dunne left to go to Mount Abu as Head and Mr. Moore took his place.

Mr. Dunne seemed to have been very popular and most of the boarders and a few day scholars left school to join him at Mount Abu. The Panchgani school had just opened and proved to be another drain on Bishop's. Mr. Moore did his utmost to keep the boys but only about twenty-four remained including two boarders. The following year, in 1908, Mr. Moore left, and the Rev. Hewitt, Chaplain of St. Pauls took up his duties as Headmaster.

The period between 1907-1908 was uneventful. Sports were neglected and the sporting spirit had died down, as it was impossible for twenty-four boys to form teams to play against other schools. After an eleven month stay Mr. Hewitt retired and Mr. Miller who was the next Headmaster tried his hand at increasing the number of boys, for, at his arrival, there was only one boarder and just a few day scholars. After some time he increased the numbers to forty-seven day boys and five boarders, and the standard of the school was very much improved. His term of office lasted from 1910 to 1911.

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Mrs. Brewin has been at Bishop's for thirty years and is an integral part of the formula that makes "Bishop's." Hence, one can well imagine how the departure of Mrs. Brewin will effect us.

Although we can never hope to replace Mrs. Brewin, we may all aspire to live up to the example set by her.

We know that wherever Mrs. Brewin goes she will represent Bishop's motto "Thorough". Bishop's wishes Mrs. Brewin "God Speed" and our affection accompanies her.

In 1908 Capt. Todd founded the '1st, Poona' troop of Boy Scouts, and the school had the honour to be the first to take up scouting in the Bombay area. More than seventy percent of the boys joined and several camps were held. In 1911 Lt. Withers re-organised the troop. Three patrols were formed, (the Pigeons, Jackals and Beavers). Special classes were held and many outings were organised. A little later Mr. Pakenham-Walsh of the Royal Engineers took over and brought scouting to its peak in Bishop's.

Mr. Hider became Head in 1911. Previously he was an Assistant Master in Bishop Cotton's Simla and when he took over there were fifty students. He was very much like Mr. Dunne and did much to improve the school. Jubilee dormitory was built (1914) and later extended, the extension being known as Younker dormitory. Formally classes were held in the dining room (one of the present dormitories) to the clatter of cutlery. As this could not continue the present dining-room and Laboratory were built and the 'Lab' had the reputation of being the finest in Western India. The first floor was not yet built.

Mr. Hider took a keen interest in games and did much to improve the library. He introduced the 'Set' system into games, very much like our present House system, Set A being Red, Set B Green and Set C Blue. Later the sets were changed into Houses which derived their respective names from the founders William Mansfield, Rev. Harding and another priest Rev. Arnould. Under his excellent training, Bishops almost carried off the Inter-School Athletic Shield again. Mr. Hider left in 1916 and became the Principal of St. Thomas' Free School, Calcutta.

Immediately after the departure of Mr. Hider, Rev. Cooper took over and was the first Headmaster to be with the school for a long period, twenty seven years. After his arrival the roll numbers jumped to seventy two and gradually increased to a hundred. During his stay the number of boys kept on increasing and in 1923 the Wadia dormitory was built. Later the floor above the dining room was erected, the back of the central building was extended and the two classrooms, now the third and

fourth standards, were built, and the tennis court was constructed. A shed, for shooting practise, was erected on the lowers, and electricity replaced the oil lamps. The first magazine of Bishop's appeared in 1920.

Between 1920 and 1932 the standard of sport improved greatly for Rev. Cooper was himself a keen sportsman and played golf, and many other games. When he visited England for further studies he gained very valuable information from the M.C.C. coaches and passed on this information to the boys when he returned, so that the standard of cricket reached its peak in the Inter-Schools competitions. About 1921 there were a series of fixtures between Bishop's and the Cathedral. The sports were held with great keenness and much friendly rivalry. During this period a record score was set up by the Captain Gordon Brewin, the score being 136 not out. In 1922 the school was very successful in the Inter Schools competition and won the Shield outright but this was the last year they entered. There was a great deal of unpleasantness, including the stoning of the school bus by some of the unsuccessful rivals and Mrs. Cooper who accompanied the boys was almost injured. At this time too the school carried off the Maxwell Cup and the Tata Shield for shooting.

Every year Mr. and Mrs. Cooper gave the school a fancy dress ball. The affair was lavishly carried out and people from all over were invited. In 1930 these dances ceased owing to Mr. Cooper's ill health. From that time his wife helped him to carry on the work of the school, until in 1946 he peacefully passed away in the school he had served so well, and was buried in St. Sepulcher's Cemetery Poona.

His wife then became Headmistress and looked after the school until the board were able to get a new Headmaster. In 1947 she retired and Mr. Lunn became head.

He has been with us for four years only and yet within this period the school has recaptured some of its former glory. Once more the 'sporting spirit' is in evidence and we have been very successful against the Panchgani and Cathedral schools. Work

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too, has improved under the threat of the 'Monthly Report' system and the number of boys has risen to about 250. Due to the hard work of Mr. DeSena the library has improved considerably and with the introduction of new books, carpets, and furniture Bishop's now has a library to be proud of. Scouting too has revived under the Head, who is himself a keen scout and 'alls well'.

The motto of Bishop's is 'THOROUGH' and traditionally a true Bishopite endeavours to be a thorough good sport in every sense of the word.

J. COOPER, STD. 8

OUR BOGUS STD. 7.

Mr. Bunter is our class master. Whenever our Arithmetic is unsatisfactory he either detains us, or just sits back with exasperation. Alf Pereira is the class prefect and always has the co-operation of the 'muscle boys'. We will deal with the rest of the boys as they sit in class.

Firstly there is DESAI. He hails from Khatiwar and is known as Pandoo; but please don't underestimate him for he does not wear a 'lungoti'. Next comes KHANDURI He is "tops" in class and says he hails from Nepal. Next to Khanduri warming the desk (but doing little else) is that good-natured boy FREITAS who resembles a 'Punkie' (small butterfly). Then comes LEVICUS, the scale breaker from Bagdad who spells life with a capital 'GRUB'. Darbary follows next and is the 75lb. kichie of the class and our master mathematician SALEH the BALDY follows Darbary and when asked what use he was making of his pocket money he replied "Hair Restorer." MORDECAI comes next and spends the greater part of the day being rude to ALFY who sits behind him. Then comes

McMULLEN and BYRNE. The former is massive in size and the latter is miniature in brain. KESWANI is next and hopes to become the future Prime Minister. Near Keswani is TATA. His characteristic nose has given him hopes of becoming 'MR. BOMBAY CITY', 1975 that is! NAG is next and is always in trouble and then of course comes DASTUR who tries to behave like a Texan and is always doing dare devil stunts on his bucking cycle.

I sit next to Dastur but I am not going to write about myself as some unkind critic might say "What flattery!". Next to me is SWEETLAND who is well known for his mighty four inch biceps (hero worshippers please note).

In front of Sweetland is that creature of humility from Tokio who proudly claims to be related to Tojo. The last row is headed by KHARAS that inhabitant of 'Maple White Land' who is well known for his double chin.

NAG 2, a genius like Erathosthenes, was the first to measure the class room. Unfortunately he does not know the terminus, of Bus No. 9!!! NORMAN who sits behind SOLOMON is called 'Betty' on account of his streamlined legs, and is looking forward to the next 'Miss Poona' contest. We wish him the best of success. Then comes GASPER and STEVENS who are completely overshadowed by 'LON ERIC'. He was going to settle down and raise chickens but for some unknown reason his work was hindered. Our deepest sympathies to him.

And now nothing remains but for me to assure all and sundry that no offence has been intended and to hope those whose legs have been 'pulled' will not be too harsh with me when we meet again.

A. MIRZA, STD. 7.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR SPORTS ?

- BOXING.** Q. Joe Louis had his first fight with Joe Walcott at:—
 (a) Cominsky Park (b) Madison Square Gardens
 (c) Yankee Stadium
- Q. Dead End Kid is a name given to:—
 (a) Tony Zale (b) Marcel Cerdan (c) Rocky Graziano?
- Q. 1949 all round Sportsman for Britain was :—
 (a) Freddie Mills (b) Dennis Compton?
- Q. Winner of 1948 Olympic 100 meter was:—
 (a) Harrison Dillard (b) Mel Patten (c) Roger Bannister.
- Q. Longest Bicycle race in the world is ? Distance ?
- Q. The World Football Championship is to be held this year at?
- Q. British Real Tennis Champion, James Dear, competed for the world title in New York last year. Who was his opponent?
- Q. Gordon Richards has been Britains Champion Jockey.
 (a) 11 times (b) 17 times (c) 21 times (d) 24 times.

TRUE or FALSE.

- Gene Tunney, beat Jack Dempsey
 Tony Zale beat Marcel Cerdan
 Ted Williams rates Baseball's No. 1 player
 India's No. 1. Squash player is Abdul Bari
 Freebooter won the Grand National this year.

V. BANAJI, STD. 6.

1. (b)
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 3. (a)
 4. Tour de France. About 3,250 miles.
 5. Rio de Janeiro.
 6. Pierre Etchebaster
 7. (c)
 8. True
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THE FAITHFUL DOGS.

Once upon a time we had a little dog called Betsy and we called her little baby boy, 'Bingo.' Betsy was presented to me by my father and mother. She had a very pretty face and she loved me and I loved her.

When it was bed time she would sleep under my bed. When Bingo began to grow up he was given milk and meat as a meal and he was very playful.

One night when I was in bed I heard a lot of growling, so I got up and put on the light; but no one was there. After a while I heard growling again and got my stick and went outside with my pet dogs. They led the way and I followed. When we got to the gate we found the guard fast asleep and a robber inside. So I took my stick and hit the robber on the head. It was bruised badly. I informed the police as my parents were in Bombay, and they found the robber was a man they had been looking for, for many months. So they gave me a reward for the good deed that I had done.

From that day onwards both my pretty little dogs got an extra meal every day for catching the robber. When both of them died I got a new little puppy.

ADI MEHER-HOMJI, STD. 4.

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 3. (c)
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 6. (f)
 7. (g)
 8. (h)
 9. (i)
 10. (j)

THE TWO BROTHERS. YM

There were once two brothers they were in fact, twins, but they were called brothers as they were not very identical. The elder one's name was Harry and the younger one's name was Dick. They both loved each other very dearly.

When they grew up they had to leave the house and go to a village some miles away where they were to work in a cloth mill, which was owned by a very rich merchant. They worked there for eight or ten years and then thought that they were old enough to go away and travel in search of adventure.

After they had told the merchant what they had decided, they bought two horses out of their savings. Harry's horse was jet black and it shone in the sun. Dick's horse was brown. It was a horse that was very grateful and had a lovely coat.

The next morning they set out on their journey. After three days of endless riding, they began to realise that the food they had taken with them was beginning to get less. On the fourth day they came to a jungle through which they travelled for miles and miles and at last arrived at a spring where they managed to get some water. While Dick was having a drink a big cobra came out from the trees and tried to attack them but Harry pulled out his knife and charged blindly at the cobra, stabbing it right through the head and sticking the dagger into the tree. Then Dick took his gun out of its case and shot the cobra dead. Then they continued their journey.

After a few more days a lion fell upon Dick, who fought with a bravery but did not succeed. He was torn to pieces by the beast and his brother in a great fright went speeding away on his horse. Then he felt sorry that he had run away and killed himself.

RUSSO MEHER-HOMJI. STD. 4.

MY EXCITING HOLIDAY. 1949.

On our return from our holidays last summer, my fellow passengers in the railway compartment happened to ask me where I had come from. I told them that I was returning from Naini Tal, and then I went on to describe my holiday.

My new surroundings attracted me so much that the day after I arrived I started hiking and tracking in the surrounding countryside. I had great fun even though I was alone, and thoroughly enjoyed sliding down the hill side, even though I sometimes met with disaster. I discovered so many beautiful spots and soon built a hut at one of them. I then got together a gang of friends and started exploring in earnest.

Five days after my arrival we decided to explore a hill which had attracted me ever since I had first seen it. Having climbed about half way up, Tom noticed some caves in the hill side and we went to investigate. As we entered, we observed various small carvings of idols on the rocks. Suddenly one of them started moving and we got scared and ran out of the cave. After we had recovered our nerve Clarence, who was a bit curious, decided to investigate and discovered that the movement of the idol was caused by a snake under one of the pillars. We explored a great many places round about and found many things of interest.

One day Jack decided that we should have a picnic, so after making the usual preparations, we set out for the lake. When we arrived there, Tom went nesting, Jack went fishing, Dick went butterfly catching and the rest of us hired a boat and went out boating. After lunch we all went out shooting and shot various wild birds, which we cooked at our hut in the evening, together with the fish that Jack had caught in the morning. It was a most enjoyable picnic which I shall always remember.

One of my friends who owned a horse decided to teach me how to ride and though I learned in a month, I cannot remember how many falls I had. Besides horse riding, I sometimes used to go down to a small plain in the valley and have a good game of hockey with my friends. There are many other things too numerous to relate that helped to make my holiday such a success. This holiday is perhaps the best I have ever had.

R. WOOD STD. 4.

THE HAUNTED HOUSE.

One day, last year, two boys went for a picnic. Their names were John and Harry. They came to a wood where they decided to have their picnic.

There was a pool near by and Harry said 'Let us have a swim John'!

"Yes, that would be fun" said John.

They had a swim and then when they were drying themselves Harry said "Let us go and explore that haunted house John" so after hiding their food, they went to explore the house.

They went in and John said, 'My, isn't it dark and gloomy, it seems like a haunted house'. Then suddenly a door slammed behind them and they heard foot steps on the stairs.

John said, "I-I s-say Harry what w-was t-that?" and as they turned round a sunbeam shone on a skeleton; the boys took to their heels and ran out of the house.

Then Harry said, "Why are we getting so scared? There are no such things as spooks and living skeletons. We must have imagined it. Lets go back". So they went in and explored the first floor rooms.

These rooms were gloomier than the others and as they went round they heard creakings and groanings. Then they got very scared.

Harry said, "John, c-c-can't you hear t-that-t-?"

John said, "Y-Yes-s I-I think it is a g-gug-ghost".

"Nonsense J-John I-I sss-said th-that there were nnn-o such t-t-things as gug-gosts".

"I say there are g-ghost"

"There arn't"

"There are"

And in a minute they were quarreling and squabbling.

Suddenly they heard mad shouts of laughter and cackles and groans and they just took to their heels and ran and ran until they reached home. They never went ghost-hunting again.

N. CHIMMULGUND. STD. 3.

THE HONEST GIRL.

Once upon a time a boy saw a lovely golden wrist watch in his neighbour's house. He made up his mind to steal it, so after a few days he quietly crept over the wall, took it, and put it in his pocket. The next day was his sister's birthday and he decided to give it to her.

When he gave it to her she refused it and started to ask him questions as to where he got it from. After he had told her a few lies he told her the truth. She told him to give it back but he felt afraid and thought that the neighbours might hit him. So the sister took it to the neighbour who thanked her and gave her a small present.

S. CUMINE, STD. 2.

BABY OLIVER

Oliver Cromwell was a very famous man who lived about three hundred years ago. Here is a story of Oliver when he was a baby.

One day Oliver's father and mother took him to his grandfather's house. His grandfather had a mischievous monkey which was allowed to run about the house.

One day after breakfast his mother put him in the cradle and went away. The monkey picked him up and took him on to the roof and began playing with him. When his mother returned she got very frightened and put cotton wool all round the house. Then the monkey put the baby back in the cradle.

A. GASPER, STD. 2.

JUSTICE FOR ANIMALS.

Patrick was a very unkind boy. His parents and his school-masters scolded him but it was no use. If he saw a dog he would hit it with a stick and if he saw a donkey tied to a post he would undo the string and hit it till it ran away.

One day, in his dreams, his dog pushed him off the bed and said 'Little friend, go and clean my shoes!'. As the boy said that he would not, the dog hit him so hard, that it made him jump, so he had to clean the shoes. From this Patrick learned a lesson. All animals have a mind and can think; all animals have feelings and can suffer, and all animals can love and have a right to be loved.

RUSSI, JEEJEEBHOY, STD. I.

THE SCARECROW

I love to be a scarecrow,
With torn and tattered clothes,
I love to live in the corn fields
With two or three other crows.

D. SURVE, STD. I.

BISHOP'S GHOSTS.

An extract from the 1920 Mitre,

Most buildings that have been in existence for a considerable number of years and have a history attached to them are said to have their ghosts. Now some of you will be surprised when you hear that our school is said to have ghosts.

Very many years ago the Headmaster's bungalow belonged to the military and it was used as the residence of the officer in command of the troops at Poona. There are two stories that have been handed down to us by the Old Boys of the school about ghosts. These stories are rather peculiar and may require a pinch of salt to help them down.

"While the bungalow was in the hands of the military', so runs one story, 'there lived in it a Commander-in-Chief who was addicted to liquor. One evening, in a drunken fit he seized his sword and hacked off his wife's hand. As a result, ever after this deed the silver hand of a ghost, similar to the pearly white hand of the lady, has haunted the drawing room in which the deed was done'. The knowledge that a silver hand wanders about in his drawing room cannot be very welcome to the Headmaster.

The next story is stranger than the first and is as follows:—
 "Several years ago the Headmasters of the school used to live in that part of the school which is now occupied by the fourth standard classroom and library (Ed. Probably our present Std. 10 & 11 classrooms). The wife of one of the Headmasters suddenly became very ill and died before she could be taken to hospital. Her poor husband was greatly upset by her death because he loved her very much, in fact his love for her was so great that he did not like the idea of having her buried in the cemetery where she would be away from him. In order that he might have her near him he caused her grave to be dug in the fourth standard classroom and, as he desired that no one should know exactly where her grave was he made the grave and the floor the same level. The ghost of this lady is said to wander about the classrooms of the main school buildings, opening and closing desks and sighing all the while. If any boarder wishes to make her acquaintance he is advised to spend the night alone in Std 4 (10) classroom without a light.

W. A. W.