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INTRODUCTION

BY

THE HEADMASTER

In introducing this the first number of the HIGHLANDER, I am going to say a good deal about how it came into being.

Somewhat over a year ago the Slim School Former Pupils Association was founded, and we sent out a News Letter to as many Old Boys and Girls of the School as we could locate; this was accompanied by a short History of the School. The News Letter, which covered several sheets of foolscap, was typed and duplicated in the School Office.

The response to this venture was wonderful; we received many letters generously applauding the effort and many more asking for news; and the suggestion was made that we should try to have the News Letters printed. However, this proved to be too costly; for as you will see in the note on the Association which is to appear elsewhere in this Journal, there was to be no subscription nor entrance fee nor any financial obligation for members.

The second News Letter was to have gone out to Former Pupils during August of this year; and Brenda Baldwin did stalwart work as Secretary in collecting material for it: news of the School, information about Former Pupils, and answers to their many questions. She also compiled a steadily growing address list. All this she managed despite the strain of working for GCE; but in the rush and bustle which followed, when the whole School joined in preparing for what happily turned out to be a truly wonderful Speech Day weekend, there was no time to edit the Letter; so it was decided to send it off at the beginning of this term.

During the holidays we learned to our sorrow that Brenda was returning to England — the "Last of the First", for Alan Bamford had left at end of term, and they both appear in the opening Register of January 1951. I was dismayed at the thought that the Association was without a Secretary; but not for long. Valerie Fletcher took the files from my hands and set to work.

Soon Valerie came to me and suggested that we should have a School Magazine. "There is nothing I should like better," I replied, "but where is the money coming from?" If lack of funds had prevented us from printing the News Letter, I felt, what possible chance could there be that we could afford a Magazine! I had reckoned without Valerie — as Head Girl, she had seen to all that first. The School would support its own Magazine and was determined to have it.

A few days later the Editorial Staff met for the first time: the sub-Editors Valerie Fletcher and Roger Goose; the Treasurer Sheila Stone; and myself. We decided to investigate fully ways and means, and in the meantime to hold a Competition to choose a title for the School's "Journal to be". The prize was shared by Helen Perry and Ann Prothero, and our title was finally chosen. Meanwhile we had written to several printers to ask for estimates of the cost of production. (It is still a long, long way to the Printers!)

Tonight, 10th November, we met again and decided that, in a modest way, we could begin. We planned the cover, estimated how many pages we could afford — and how many photographs — and how many copies we should print. Then I asked the School to produce the material.

As I write, at this early stage in our Journal's History, I foresee its quiet growth into something well worth-while and particularly our own. I welcome it as one more link to bind those who have lived and worked and played and worshipped here to those who do. I hope its tone will always be gay and light-hearted, as a sign that we are happy and well, but it is a serious venture all the same, for it takes our doings into a wider world than our own.

I must apologise to all readers for the long-windedness and other defects of this introduction, which is the first thing to be written for the HIGHLANDER; but, as I am able to ensure that this article shall not be edited, I am convinced that it should not be edited; for it is written in the spirit in which the Journal was conceived, one of determination that it will be a success. From what follows you will be able to judge.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we present:—

THE HIGHLANDER
The Journal of Slim School
Cameron Highlands.

THE SCHOOL FROM TANGLIN



Top Left: Bukit Lowick Staff Mess. Top Centre: Hopetoun Boarding House and Staff Mess. Left to Right: In front of the School, the Assembly Hall and 3 new Classrooms. Right Front: The Pavilion and Playing Field.

SCHOOL NEWS

MICHAELMAS TERM, 1954.

On returning we found School very different:—there were now 130 pupils to be accommodated, 60 girls here and 70 boys at Hopetoun! St. Patrick's dormitory had been divided into a boys' common-room and a Library, and 3 new Classrooms in bashas and a large Assembly Hall had been built.

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Miss Friend and Miss Cousens had left, to marry; there were several new members of the Staff:—Mr. Milne, Mr. Willemsen, Miss J. Pringle and Miss Hancock; there were many more new pupils than usual; and this is in any case always the busiest term.

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At last the Confirmation Service was really held. After waiting so long and having it put off so many times we were still crossing our fingers before the day arrived. Henry, Bishop of Singapore, confirmed Brenda Baldwin, Hazel and Dorothy Sawdon, Judith White, Anne Mac-Condach and "Emo" Williams. The Service was one which we shall not forget — the Choir sang an Anthem and we all joined in the Hymns we had been practising so long. The next day the Communicants went to Strathiel to help Major and Mrs. Benn entertain the guests who had gathered there to meet the Bishop.

We had a very successful Guy Fawkes Barbecue, and a Carol Service which surpassed last year's. Mr. Fielding had been driving the Choir for most of the term and they sang many beautiful carols. Anne Whitburn led as usual, backed up by some good trebles (and hard-working altos). We had great fun decorating the two halls for the Christmas Parties and the Dinner, both of which were a huge success. We sang Carols round the Christmas Tree and were each given a small present. (These were appropriate, and caused more merriment, especially when certain junior boys found they possessed a bar of soap, at last!). We were all feeling very proud of ourselves, too, for the School Football team reached the finals of the Cameron Highlands Cup.

The holidays started for the girls on 10th and for the boys a day later. (We have had to break up on separate days since the School was enlarged, as we are too many for one convoy).

Among those who left was Nicholas Groves-Raines — without him and his beetles School seems very different, but his special section of the School Rules is still read out each term: "Beetles and other livestock must not be taken into the Dormitories"!

HILARY TERM, 1955.

By the start of this term all the new people had settled down and the older pupils had become used to the School's large size. Peter Angove, the Head Boy, left during this term and the Prefects seized the opportunity for a Party (before he left, not because he left!) They had a wonderful feast, thanks to Mrs. Skyum and Mr. Sim, and but for the sad occasion it was a hilarious Party. When Peter left, Alastair MacKinnon succeeded him. Half-way through the term Sgt. Drummond, WRAC, married Police-Lt. Harold Navin of the Police Special Force operating against terrorists in Malaya. The Service was held in the School Hall. Once again it was a memorable occasion and the Choir sang "Jesu, joy of man's desiring". Francis Derry was the only bridesmaid and the girls had great fun helping her with her dress and posy, beforehand.

At Half-Term, on account of our successes in the Trinity College of Music Exams, the whole School had an extra day's holiday. We had table-tennis tournaments and a Barbecue. During the exams, Major Bitten, a Public Relations Officer, came to the School and took many Photographs, some of which appeared in an article on the School published in "Soldier" magazine under the title "School of Adventure".

Near the end of the term that part of the School which had sufficient good marks to be 'recommended' twice went for a picnic on Tanglin Plateau. Those who did not go consoled themselves by discovering that those who did go were goody-goodies!

This term Mrs. Bleakley the Matron, Miss Pringle, Miss Dickenson, Mr. Willemsen and Mr. Binns left.

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TRINITY TERM, 1955.

We had a new Matron, Mrs. Hart, and several new Staff this term:— Mr. Turner, Mr. Mayers, Miss Kent, Miss Jones, Miss Griffin. We had to get down to work quickly for we had not only the yearly exams but also GCE. This term however the Artillery decided to fire into the Jungle from Tanglin Plateau and the noise was shattering. They even fired at night so we lost our sleep listening to the echoes reverberating round the hills. (An echo lasting 12 seconds has to be heard to be appreciated!—Ed.)

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We now had the Cinema in the School hall; and another improvement was that an Officer of the Army Catering Corps came up with a Warrant Officer for a fortnight to advise and instruct the Chinese Cooks. At this time, too, we found ourselves described in Parliament as sitting in "Straw Huts" for Classrooms, and this was reported in a front-page article in the Straits Times.

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Once the exams were over we began preparing for Speech Day. Each Form produced a Play from which four were to be presented. The Choir were practising some lovely songs and a glorious Schubert Anthem, "The Lord's my Shepherd", for the Confirmation Service.

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On Speech Day the Bishop of Singapore presented the prizes. Afterwards we gave a PT display, and the guests visited the Art, Photography, Needlework and Gardening Exhibitions. In the evening the Bishop confirmed Angela Stirk, Judy Kitchin, Trevor Compton, Roger Goose, Brian Greenwood and Robin Oxland. For Mr. Fielding and the Choir this was the climax of their hard work and they well deserved the praise they received. The next day we held Morning Service which was attended by the guests, and the School nearly lifted the roof singing their three favourite hymns to the rousing tunes to which Mr. Fielding had set them. The girls then played a Stoolball match for the edification of Parents. That evening we gave a Concert, when the Choir sang for the last time with Mr. Fielding who left at the end of term. Brenda Baldwin and Gwyneth Thomas did a sword-dance, the mouth-organ band performed, and the four plays were acted. The next day we all relaxed. We had a choir party at Bukit Lowick with really marvellous food and more cream-chocolate cake than we could eat. On the following days we had the Junior and Senior Parties, both of which were very successful; and with the midnight feasts the term ended.

Mrs. Burt left to be married, and Miss Kent also left. Anne Whitburn, Head girl, went back to England just before Speech Day and missed all the triumphs which should have been hers. Alastair MacKinnon, Head Boy, left at the end of term, as did our last remaining "founder" members, Alan Bamford and Brenda Baldwin.

MICHAELMAS TERM, 1955.

At the beginning of this term, Miss Hancock became Girls' Housemistress; Mr. Battye Deputy Headmaster; Captain Tanner, Administrative Officer, joined us; and we had several new members of the Staff: Mr. Page (Boys' Housemaster) and Mrs. Page, Mr. Corker, Miss Boll, Miss Langham and Mr. Bamber. Although we lost so many seniors at the end of the term and most of the new pupils were juniors, very soon everyone settled down for what has proved to be a busy term.

The GCE results arrived; we had over 61% passes, including one at Advanced Level. The weather has been very bad, but has not managed to dampen our spirits. We had a very successful half-term weekend although it proved too wet for a Guy Fawkes Bonfire. We did however manage a Staff vs. Pupils hockey match. We played with several balls at the same time, and had great fun tripping up those members of the staff who had been generous with bad marks. We were all very muddy and bruised when we tottered off the field at the end. The Armistice Day Service was a stirring one, and Slim raised more for the Poppy Day Fund than any other unit in the Cameron Highlands.

Sgt. Navin, (née Drummond), on leaving this term was awarded a Mention in Despatches for her fine service to the School.

At the end of this term, Mrs. A. M. Skyum leaves us to take another appointment in Singapore. She has done for the School much more than most people realise. The kitchen and our meals have improved beyond recognition since she became our Housekeeper. She has made each Party a success, sparing no pains to produce the wonderful food, which requires so much extra work and planning.

For nine months Mrs. Skyum worked on a lovely crocheted Altar Cloth which the Bishop of Singapore consecrated last year, and she has now given a beautiful pair of spiral brass candlesticks to our Church.

We shall miss Mrs. Skyum very much; we are grateful for all that she has done for us; and we wish her every success in her new appointment. We hope she will regard us with the affection in which we all hold her.

VALERIE FLETCHER

As Head Girl, Valerie Fletcher has proved herself to be the mainstay of the School. In organizing the Church, parties, dancing and other branches of School Life she has given up much of her spare time. Her invaluable help with the Choir this term is greatly appreciated by everyone. She has taken an active and leading part in all our school sports and activities, and nothing has been too much trouble for her. - We shall all miss her very much, and we wish her "Bon Voyage" and success in everything she undertakes.

S.A.S.

HONG KONG

Hong Kong is a mixture of old customs and beliefs and the new ideas of the western world. Most young Chinese girls and boys wear American clothes and hum American tunes, but their older sisters wear attractive Chongsams and have their hair cut into the latest American styles. Refugees from Communist China still throng the streets of Hong Kong wearing dark samfus. These people are usually very poor and often become beggars, as work has become very scarce because of the great influx of people. Great barbed-wire fences can be seen stretching across the hillsides near the border, to prevent refugees from entering Hong Kong. It is not that the authorities want to stop people from entering, but Hong Kong has already become far too overcrowded.

The Peak is the highest point in Hong Kong; it is here that the Europeans live and the Naval, Army and Air Force people have their quarters. The Peak can be ascended by train or road. Many people prefer to visit the Peak by night when there is a wonderful view of the thousands of tiny coloured lights scattered over Hong Kong and Kowloon towns.

The Tiger Balm Gardens are one of the most popular places visited by the public. They are owned by Au Boon Haw whose main villa is here; he also owns one in Singapore. His Hong Kong villa is built in a typical Chinese style of architecture, with curved roofs and engraved walls. In the main garden there is a swimming-pool which is surrounded by many weird Chinese gods. The gardens continue high up the hillside, here and there being grottos containing idols and creatures. Stories of evils or of struggles against evils are portrayed in these gardens.

Also of interest in Hong Kong are the fish markets of "Aberdeen". It is here that all the fisherfolk gather to sell their catch. Aberdeen is the main fishing port of Hong Kong, and during bad weather all the junks collect in the Harbour to sell fish. Floating restaurants have been set up and all kinds of fish can be obtained.

Trips around the Islands to Silver Mine Bay and to other fishing ports make a day's outing. The ferries pass the Leper Islands and the islands where the poor people and children are sent for free holidays by the Government.

Hong Kong is a very interesting place and one well worth a visit if ever the opportunity arises.

JANET BLACKER, (VI).

FILM REVIEW

During the year we had a number of good films — some we saw in the A.K.C. in Tanah Rata, the later ones in our own School Hall; this was a popular arrangement, for it meant we did not have to wear School Uniform.

During the Christmas term we saw "The Cruel Sea", a really fine film about the War, recapturing the tenseness, the long waiting, the grim fighting spirit and determination of the War years. It was a film which left everyone feeling intensely patriotic. We experienced a similar feeling after seeing "Malta Story" (in both films, Jack Hawkins took the leading part.) "The First of the Few" and "The Red Beret" were also about the War, featuring the part played by the R.A.F. Consequently they were well received by the Junior boys, who described them as "dead lush!"

We had some very good English comedies last term — "The Titfield Thunderbolt", which the Seniors enjoyed perhaps more than the Juniors, who, however, found "Top of the Form" just as satisfying: it is the story of a somewhat unorthodox Class of Schoolboys on a trip to Paris with Ronald Shiner. "The Runaway Bus", starring Frankie Howard and Margaret Rutherford, was as funny as is to be expected when these two are passengers in an Airways bus which strays into an Army target-area. The other outstanding comedy of last term was "Doctor in the House", and it was the first film to be shown in the School Hall. Although at first we found the sound rather poor, it was one of the most popular films that term, and deservedly so.

"Mogambo", an American Technicolour film of Africa, was a success; the girls enjoyed the part played by Clark Gable and the boys seemed to appreciate Ava Gardner. "Call me Madam" was a popular musical, the songs were gay and catchy, the dancing good. At the end of the term we had a free show and we saw "The Black Shield of Falworth". This was a romance of the Middle Ages, showing knights charging on the tilting-ground, scaling castle walls for a few words with their lady-loves, and discovering a plot to disinherit the King. At the end, Tony

Curtis and Janet Leigh were married, the sinister plot was confounded and all the lands and titles were restored to the wronged. The atmosphere was too 20th-Century to make it really convincing, but the picturesque sets and costumes made it a popular film.

This term we have had good films nearly every week. The first was "Rainbow Jacket", an exciting and realistic picture of the racing world, and the intrigue and worry behind each big race. A few weeks later we saw "The Caine Mutiny", a long Technicolour film of the U.S. Navy.

It was an unusual film with plenty of action and atmosphere. The Seniors appreciated this film more than the Juniors, but the next, "Happy Every After", an Irish comedy, everyone enjoyed. The colour, acting and plot were very good, David Niven looked exceptionally "caddish", and Yvonne de Carlo was appropriately out of place amidst the country settings.

"Young at Heart", starring Doris Day, was particularly popular with the light-music fans, for she and Frank Sinatra sang a number of popular songs, although there was not much story to the film. "The Quiet Man", another Irish comedy, this time American, was one of the most popular films of the term. The Technicolour did justice to the beautiful scenery, the old Irish folk-songs gave a quaint charm to the film, and the atmosphere was truly of Ireland in the first years of the Century. The tempestuous love story of Maureen O'Hara, a hot-tempered village girl, and John Wayne, a strong-silent type home from America, was made the business of the village, and Catholics and Protestants alike joined in, cheerfully interfering and taking sides.

"The Long, Long Trailer", an American domestic comedy, proved a popular choice, and was followed by "Rose Marie" at half-term. Although we enjoyed the songs, much of the beauty of the scenery was missed because the version we saw was not in Technicolour. The film seemed to rely more on beautiful settings and scenery than upon plot. "O'Rourke of the Royal Mounted" was a Western, with Indians fighting Mounties, and Alan Ladd saved the day. The Juniors enjoyed this film immensely and contributed greatly to the blood-curdling screams and cries of the screen Indians.

"The Green Scarf", a British film about a deaf-mute on trial for murder, was the most gripping film we had seen for a long time. The tension towards the end was almost unbearable and everyone agreed that it was the best film of this term.

Since we have had a new projector and screen, attendances have been even bigger than before and the Saturday Night performances are always eagerly awaited.

THE SCHOOL BADGE

The School Badge was designed by the Headmaster in consultation with the Art Mistress and senior pupils. It was first executed, other than in the original pencil sketch, by the Art Class in the form of a Shield in Sculptured Paper which now hangs in the Art Room. Shortly afterwards, Mrs. Benn, Senior, produced from the original design an embroidered Blazer badge, which has since been produced in quantity in London and is on sale at the School, price \$1.70.

The Blazer badge is in the shape of a shield; its design is substantially the same as on the cover of this Journal, except that the flames springing from the torch emit the words "Stat Lux In Monte". The colours, on a navy blue background, are: red and gold for the flames and lettering, green for the mountains, and silver for the torch.

The Badge now appears at the entrance to the School in place of the former sign-board.

THE SCHOOL MOTTO

At the conclusion of his Report to the Parents and Visitors on Speech Day, July, 1954, the Headmaster said that he proposed to adopt as the School Motto the words "STAT LUX IN MONTE" (Upon the Hill-top stands a guiding Light.) "This", he said, "I derive from the words of the Psalmist: 'I will lift up mine eyes unto the Hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord who hath made Heaven and Earth'. I hope you will approve."

We all hope you will.

THE SCHOOL PRAYER

You are invited when making your Prayers to use this Prayer for Slim School:—

ALMIGHTY GOD, in whom we live and move and have our being, make this School as a Field which the Lord hath blessed; that whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely and of good report may here for ever flourish and abound. Preserve in it an unblemished name, enlarge it with a wider usefulness, and exalt it in the love and reverence of all its members as an instrument of Thy Glory.—Amen.

SCOUTS

Our Troop is named 12th Tapah, Malaya. It consists of five Patrols with six or seven boys in each. The names of the Patrols are:— Lion, Elephant, Wolf, Kestrel and Buffalo.

The Troop has been organised since 1952, when Captain Oakley raised it. He was succeeded by Mr. Wilby, a very good Scoutmaster, who unfortunately left soon after receiving his Warrant. During this period the troop became too large for the meetings to be held on only one night of the week, so the Troop was broken into two halves, meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays respectively. The Club time we had allocated to us we spent in learning and passing Tests and building our own Dens. These dens were small but had enough room for six or seven people. They were built of trees, bracken and other materials. They were situated in the jungle round about the School. Each Sunday a Patrol took its turn at going out to cook and eat its own lunch in its den.

Each year an Inter-Patrol Competition is held, and each Patrol tries its hardest to win the silver Cup. Points are awarded to the Patrols for the several things they have to do: for the best den; the best-sited den; cooking; and bridge-building, which is one of the main items. This Cup has been won by different Patrols each year. Last year it was shared by Elephant and Lion. Both the Patrol Leaders were Gurkhas.

When Mr. Wilby left the School, Mr. Fielding took over. For a while the Scout Troop did not get on well, because little help came from the Association in Malaya. But this was overcome and soon all was well again. Then Mr. Fielding left, and we lost all hope. However, this term a new Master, Mr. Bamber, has taken over assisted by Sergeant Orchard, R.E. At half-term we sometimes have wide games, with everyone joining in; the Scouts have their own wide games during the term as well.

We hope the Scout Troop will continue to flourish.

M.N.

1st CAMERON HIGHLANDS GIRL GUIDES

This term we have had many new members. A few Guides have already won their Second Class, but most are recruits with no badges yet.

At the end of each summer term the Guide Captain arranges a competition for the Inter-Patrol Cup. Last term the competition consisted of making a Union Jack, a knot-chart, a table, a shelter, and a collection of wild flowers. The Patrols went down to the place selected,

which is a grassy plateau, and started collecting wood for the shelters. Some made the shelter, whilst others lashed together a table and the rest made a fire on which we cooked our lunch with some fair success. Later it started to rain, so we took cover in our shelters, which were made out of creepers, grass, bracken and ferns, on a wooden framework.

When the rain had stopped we collected, while the Union Jacks, flowers, and knot-charts were inspected. While that was being done, one from each Patrol washed-up the lunch things. When the Marks went up, Swallow had won with 51½ points. The Leader collected the Cup on Speech Day.

The Guides gave a performance for the visitors on Speech Day. A basha hut was set "on fire"; and we were playing games when one of the Guides noticed it. There were three people inside, so some Guides went to rescue them, while others went for a stretcher. Then the patients were brought out and resuscitated by the Holger and Nelson method of artificial respiration; they were then given a hot drink and taken away on the stretcher. In the meantime, one Guide was rescued by a life-line from the bottom of a steep bank, and a Guide who had sprained her ankle was also treated. The whole performance took about a quarter of an hour.

Now I have something to say for the whole Company. We are not a big but a very happy Company. We are isolated and do most of our work indoors, but thanks to our Guide Mistress we enjoy Guiding. Miss Jones and Mrs. Page, a new Mistress, make Guides a very enjoyable meeting. Between them they arrange Tests for us to pass and other activities. So, on behalf of the Company, I would like to say "Thank you very much" to Miss Jones and Mrs. Page.

M.H. (P/L of Swallow Patrol).

THE PEDLAR

Over hill and over vale
With my horse and cart I trail;
The people stop and stand and stare
When I go travelling here and there.

Buttons and bows do I sell,
Trinkets, pots and pans as well.
All the people cry "Please stop,
O, stop your little travelling shop!"

At the end of the day I go travelling on
With a gentle breeze and the sinking sun.
I make my bed in a bush, to see
The moon and stars shine down on me.

SHIRLEY WEBB (R5).

THE STAFF HOCKEY TEAM



Left to Right Back Row: Messrs. Mayers, Turner, Corker; Miss Jones; Mr. Bamber.
Front Row: Mr. and Mrs. Page, Miss Griffin, Mr. Batty, Miss Hancock, Mrs. Corker,
the Headmaster (Referee?).

SCHOOL OFFICERS — MICHAELMAS 1955



Left to Right Back Row: B. Bedford, K. Whittaker, P. Tiley, A. Hodges, J. Allen, J. Jervis,
R. Holt, L. Holmes, A. Collins, M. Amos, V. Edwards.
Front Row: K. Halley, J. Blacker, LALBIR, H. PERRY, R. GOOSE (Head Boy), V. FLETCHER
(Head Girl), A. AMOS, S. STONE, Akalsing, A. Prothero.

GAMES

CRICKET

The standard of cricket at Slim is not very high, although there are a few good players. A. Collins is the best cricketer in the School; his batting is excellent; his bowling can be deadly and his fielding is fairly sound. Peter Tiley is a good batsman, always on the attack.

During the Summer term the School played one match against a "Change of Air" team, which we just managed to win. The opposing side batted first and were all out for 47. Slim replied with 71 although at first we lost six wickets for 19 runs. Then R. Goose joined Mr. Fielding and they raised our score quickly. Mr. Turner, an outstanding bowler, took 7 wickets for 21 runs.

Cameron proved themselves to be the best House Team. Their team work was very good and Peter Tiley's batting helped tremendously. Maxwell unfortunately lost both their matches, and Frazer well deserved their victory over them.

J.A.

FOOTBALL

The Football Team is something of which we are justly proud. It is the central attraction of our school sport, and so it is backed with great enthusiasm by all. The team consists of one Master, four Ghurka boys and six English boys. Our Captain is Akalsing who plays centre-half for the School and for the Cameron Highlands XI. During this term we have welcomed three new players, who have settled down well and have already gained their 1st XI Colours.

So far this season we have not lost a single match and have a creditable goal-average of seven per match with none scored against us*. In the last Cameron Highlands match our School had three representatives, but owing to the strong opposition they could not help the Camerons to victory.

Since we reached the finals of the Cameron Highlands Knock-out Competition two years ago we have gone from strength to strength. Mr. Clelland, Mr. Fielding, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Turner have all played for us, and under their skilful coaching and playing the team has improved greatly. Although all save Mr. Turner have now left us, our team is still one of the strongest in the Camerons; and since we have begun playing the League matches we have been in the lead.

Part of our success is due to the excellent teamwork and spirit among the players: as each new player joins the team he quickly becomes an integral part of it. We hope we may never lose this quality of comradeship and the success it brings.

(* Score to date for four matches 27-Nil—Ed.)

R.H. & J.G.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

The Junior Football Team has played only three games, all of which were played against the Convent School. The first time they played, they played on the School Field which was wet and slippery. As our team wore plimsolls and their team were bare-footed they were much steadier on their feet. The result was that they won, the score being 3—2.

The second game was played on the Padang. This time the ground was drier and harder. The team had been changed round and both sides played a very good game. The final score was 1—all.

The third time we played on the School Field again. The Convent, if they won this game would receive three cups from the Nuns, so naturally they were all-out to win. Thanks to our centre-forward, Nigel Halliwell, who scored five goals, we won 10—3.

On the whole this team played very well, and many of them will be in the School team when they are older.

(Junior Football Colours were awarded to K. Benn (Captain), M. Hardisty, V. Wyer, R. Mottram, Balaram, and K. Prothero.—Ed.)

M.H.

HOCKEY

During this term we have been unfortunate in the Hockey League. Owing to the bad weather we have played only one match, that against the B.M.H. In this match the team did not play as a team but as eleven individuals; also, the team was not as strong as it might have been. However we beat the B.M.H. 3—0. Goals were scored by Kulraj Limbu (1) and Peter Tiley (2 goals).

Misfortune befell the B.M.H. when the most stable player in their defence was called away on duty.

Team: Jogindrasing, Trevor Compton, Brian Greenwood, Paul Sharpless, Akalsing (Captain), Roger Goose, Brian Bedford, Dick Holt, Peter Tiley, Kulraj, Lalbir.

P.T.

GIRLS' GAMES

The arrival of Miss Hancock at the beginning of September last year brought great changes to our games. She had just arrived from England and had many new ideas for games.

The introduction of Stoolball was the first change that she made. This game is a slight variation from cricket; the wicket is in the form of a notice-board and the bats resemble wooden Badminton-racquets. A few inter-form matches helped to bring forth our "Form Spirit."

Rounders was beginning to be rather boring, as we had played it so often; but Miss Hancock stepped in again with Danish Rounders. For this game no bats are required and the players hit a large rubber ball with their fists. This game appeals even more to the Juniors than to the Seniors and their enthusiasm showed up when they beat the Senior Team in our Knock-out Competition.

A game which the seniors began to enjoy very quickly was Volley ball. At first this consisted of a timid game of catch-ball, but they soon got the idea of the game and put more energy into it. It has now turned into a fierce but friendly game.

At the beginning of the year Seniors showed great promise at their Netball. They felt quite confident of their capabilities of beating any other team, but having none to compete with they had to be content with their confidence.

Things went slightly better where Hockey was concerned. The Seniors showed great interest and willingly took in all the coaching that Miss Hancock could give. A Hockey Club was started and this helped to improve the style of many of our Senior Members. Some Juniors joined in, helping to make up the numbers for practice games with the Seniors; and although most of them were beginners they improved greatly and were a great help.

The news that at last they were going to have a match was very pleasing to all the girls, as they felt that at last they were being given the chance to show what they could do. Even if their hopes fell slightly

when they heard that the team they were to play was from the Singapore Regiment, Royal Artillery, they still practised assiduously. As it was their first match they were all nervous at the beginning, but as they saw the other side overpowering them they began to fight back. The team could have done better if they had tried to attack but they were all very unsure of themselves and stuck to the defensive. They left the field with a score of 3—0 against them, but we all felt proud of their efforts considering the disadvantages they had to overcome.

The team was as follows: Victoria Cousins: Janet Blacker, Miss Kent; Deirdre Derry, Sheila Stone (Captain), Frances Derry; Helen Perry, Angela Stirk, Miss Hancock, Monica Arnos, Lesley Holmes.

In the summer, although we had had very little practice, we held our annual Sports Day. Here much hidden talent came out and House-Spirit reached its highest point. The weather stayed fine throughout the day, putting everyone in the mood for Sport. The Seniors of Cameron ran to victory in their relay race, while Frazer's Juniors ran away with the Junior Relay. Many Seniors were disappointed at not being allowed to throw the Javelin or Discus, but they had to be content with the running and jumping events. The result of the day was a narrow win for Frazer, which we felt was well deserved by the members of the House, who had tried extremely hard.

This Christmas term, the weather has been against us all the time, making games extremely difficult; but whenever it does permit, games are carried on with usual enthusiasm.

S.A.S.

THE GURKHA BOYS AT SLIM SCHOOL

On 15th May, 1952, the first six Gurkha boys arrived at Slim School. We were selected from the Special Gurkha Boys' School in Sungei Patani. It had been planned for two years before the final decision was made. Major B. G. Hickey, who was O. C. of Boys' Training Company at this time, and Mrs. Hickey can be remembered as our parents, because they are the people responsible for the arrangements made for the articles and clothes which we required at this school.

As it was our first term, we did not know anything about this place; so we needed more help when we came up here. Major and Mrs. Baker and our Headmaster, Major W. C. Harrison, had to provide everything which we required at the Gurkha Re-training Camp at Brinchang.

After the first six boys, in two terms the Gurkhas at Slim School increased to eighteen; but unfortunately twelve of them had to leave about one year later. The reason for this was that most of our boys

were backward in education and some of them were over-age for the General Certificate of Education. None of those boys who left reached the G.C.E. level while here. Most of them are now in the Army. The reason for the failure to reach the summit is that most of our boys started education late, in fact very late; they started when they were about eleven or twelve. All the Gurkha boys were very good at games and physical training. Our football team consisted mainly of Gurkha boys.

After the disintegration of the Gurkha boys, the remaining six had to move from Brinchang to the School, because we did not have very good accommodation, and also to improve our English by mixing more with the other pupils.

The reason for sending Gurkha boys up here is so that we may go to Sandhurst after passing the General Certificate of Education Examination. So far, by their brave conduct and leadership some Gurkhas have managed to reach up to Major in the British Army; but not by education. Now we are doing quite fine compared with the English boys. At one time we were all Boy Scouts and four of us were Patrol Leaders; the first people who passed Proficiency Badges in this School were Gurkhas.

I hope we will not disgrace the name of Gurkhas, for they are all depending on us to show what we can do.

AKALSING THAPA. (VI)

DASAHRA OF GURKHAS

Dasahra is one of the most important festivals of Gurkhas, which is held every year just for the remembrance of our gods' and goddesses' heroic deeds. Dasahra is celebrated for ten days. On this festival friends and relations all get together and amuse themselves. This festival is especially for the reputation of Rama, Sita Devi, (Rama's wife), his brother Laxamana, and a goddess, Durga.

Rama was the elder son of King Dasarath. According to the wish of his father, Rama was exiled into the jungle for 14 years. Rama was accompanied by his wife and his brother, Laxamana.

The giant, Rawana, the king of Lanka (Ceylon), planned to kidnap Sita Devi and he succeeded in his plot.

Rama could not defeat Rawana, so he decided to pray to goddess Durga (Destroyer of evil enemies) in order to release Sita Devi from the captivity of Rawana. Rama prayed for nine days, and on the eighth day at midnight the goddess Durga appeared to him, and she blessed Rama. On the ninth day he kept a vigil all the night and he killed the giant Rawana on the following morning after receiving the holy marks on his forehead.

On the same day the goddess Durga killed another giant, whose name was Mahishashura. She met Mahishashura mounted on a bull. They both fought enthusiastically, one on a tiger and the other on a bull. Unfortunately, the giant's head dropped on the ground when Durga swung the kukri right through the giant's neck.

That is why we sacrifice buffaloes and goats. Dasahra got its name from King Dasarath. He was a good King and his people loved him, but his second wife was very cruel because she wanted her son to be the king and so she persuaded the king to send Rama into exile. Her son did not rule the kingdom because he loved Rama and wanted him to be the ruler. Bharat (the Queen's son) brought Rama's slippers and put them on the throne. Rama, Sita Devi and Laxamana came to their kingdom after the exile and Rama saw his slippers on the throne. Bharat came out of the palace and greeted Rama and led him to the throne and he was crowned.

JOGINDRASING GURUNG, (IV).

MY PETS

I used to live on a farm in Wales, with all sorts of pets. I had two pet horses, one of which was a Welsh Cob, and the other a Hunter. I had a pig that followed me to School one day, and several other pets. I would like to go back to them now, but I can't.

Now I'm going to tell you about my pig. One fine day, I got up early, and went to see her. She was very hungry, and finished her food quickly, but I didn't know that she was so hungry, and I started off to School. After passing through a couple of fields, I heard a grunt, but I took no notice thinking it was a badger. Then I heard another grunt, I turned round, and there was my pig behind me. I tried to send her back, but she wouldn't go, so I let her follow me.

After a time I came to the main road, and waited for the bus, still trying to send home my pig. The bus came and I didn't know what to do, so the driver said "Bring her on the bus." So my pig came on the bus, and wasn't there a scramble! When it was time to get off the bus, the pig came off as well, and then I went to School, and so did the pig.

The teacher was astonished, but when I told her the story it was alright, but the Class didn't do any work because the pig wouldn't go out. Well, that's one story about my pet, and my best one too.

LESLEY DAVIES, (R2).

THE LIBRARY

Until this term the Library was divided into three main sections; Fiction, General, and Text-books. During the past year, however, the number of books has increased so much that the text-books are now kept in their appropriate form-rooms instead of on the Library shelves.

Throughout the year books have been arriving in large parcels from England, which has meant a great deal of work for the Headmaster and the School Librarians* in cataloguing them all. As books arrive the dust-covers are taken off and displayed in Marlborough classroom so that members of the School who do not spend much time in the Library may see what new books we have.

The "Fiction" section contains books to please the tastes of most people. They range from the famous novels written by Jane Austen or H. G. Wells to Richmal Crompton's mischievous boy "William" or the ever-popular Enid Blyton or Arthur Ransome.

In the "General" section we have books giving information on almost every subject under the sun. Many of the newer books are copiously illustrated and the more popular of them have been provided in sets of two or three copies. Most books may be taken out of the Library for a while for private use; but Dictionaries, Encyclopaedias and books of reference, of which there is a wide variety, are kept in the Library so that they are readily available to all.

One interesting book which I recently discovered is a French Bible, "La Sainte Bible", which has the date September 1st, 1897 inscribed on the fly-leaf. This term, Mrs. Corker has taken on the main work in the Library, a task for which we have in the past had to rely on our own efforts. Her kindness has resulted in the Magazines and Papers being much tidier than they have ever been before and in the books always being in order on the shelves, a convenience to those who use the Library which they are learning to appreciate.

HELEN PERRY (VI).

* (Notably Helen Perry, Gwyneth Thomas and Alan Bamford, whose good work is being carried on by the present sub-Librarians.)—Ed.

CATHOLICS AT SLIM SCHOOL

Slim is not a Catholic School but there are quite a few Catholic boys and girls here. We have our Mass every Sunday at the B.M.H. Tanah Rata. The rising-bell on Sunday does not go till eight but the Catholics have to get up half an hour earlier, for our Mass starts early. We come back after an hour and have a late breakfast.

We are given religious instruction every Saturday morning, the Nuns from the Convent coming to School to teach us. At the end of each term we have an exam on what we should have learned.

On one day of each term (a Sunday) we are taken out for breakfast and lunch by the Priest. We go to the Priest's House, or what most of us call the Mission House. We return to School at about three o'clock to a Football Match, or if it is wet we have a free afternoon.

M.S.

DRAKE

Drake was a robber of Spanish gold,
With men so merry, and hearts so bold.
He fought back the Spanish Armada that came,
For he robbed the gold of the Spanish Main.

Bowls was the game which he was playing,
When a messenger came up hurriedly, saying:
"The Spanish Armada, they come, O Knight!"
Drake took his turn calmly; said "Later we fight."

The Spanish ships were as big as could be;
The English at war were a sight to see.
Drake fought like a wounded tiger so fierce.
His war-cry the ears of the Spanish did pierce.

The cannons of both sides so loudly did roar,
Decks were damaged and running with gore.
The Spanish at last gave up and ran;
The English did win with many a man.

NABINCHANDRA GURUNG, (R5).

LEW YOOK LIN

Nearly three years ago the School adopted Lew Yook Lin in St. Nicholas Home Penang. She is now almost four years old, full of life and she speaks both Cantonese and English. She has been blind from her birth. Each term we send her a sum of money, and if any of us are in Penang during the holidays we go and see her and take her out. We have always wanted her to come and visit us at School, but so far she has not been able to; we hope one day however to make this visit possible.

We sent her a Christmas present of \$70/- and some toys of the kind that make a noise and Miss Kelly has just written to say how much she enjoyed them. Sheila Stone is taking over from Valerie Fletcher as School correspondent with St. Nicholas.

V.F.

MALACCA

Malacca is Malaya's oldest town. It was badly bombed by the Japanese in 1945.

There are still remains of the Malacca Fort to be seen today. It is a large stone building which stands on a hill over-looking the sea. Outside the Fort there are many graves. One of them is a big square one, and six children are buried there. They all died in the same year and month. It was probably an epidemic of Small-pox. Most of these children were Dutch.

Just outside the Fort there is the Malacca Gate, which is a tall stone building with a heavy wooden gate in one side. It may have to be removed as there is a danger that it may fall.

There is a Malacca Museum which has been opened recently, in which there are many interesting things to see, especially the old Malayan spinning-wheel. There is a "trick" box, which has a shutter on top of it, but when you try to find the keyhole you can't. There are old Malayan wedding-dresses which are beautifully embroidered.

Outside the Museum there is a small car-park, and round it there are guns which were used when the Second World War was on.

People may not swim in the Straits of Malacca because of sharks. Instead there is a swimming-pool hollowed out of the rocks, and filled with sea-water. It is near Tanjong Klim.

Malacca is a large fishing port and many traps are set out at sea. Often when you drive along the coast road you may see the nets out to dry.

Malacca has rather a large jetty and many small ships call there.

ANNABELLA ENNOR, (R2).



THE SCHOOL FROM BUKIT LOWICK



Extreme R. The Basket-ball Pitch; R. centre, the 3 Basha Huts, L. centre, (white roof) the extended kitchens.

OUR JOURNEY TO SLIM SCHOOL

Our holidays are over, and all the last-minute packing has been finished. The final goodbyes are said, and we are off on our long journey to the Cameron Highlands. We settle down in the train and try to make friends with the new children, to whom this long, exciting journey is so strange, while others talk about their holidays to old friends.

As the train travels on from Taiping, through Kuala Kangsar and Batu Gajah, it is a relief to think that soon we shall be in the cool climate. At Ipoh more girls board the train, some new, some old, but all with happy expressions on their faces.

At about two-thirty p.m. we reach Tapah Road station. Outside the station two "coffins"* wait to take us up the forty-mile hill, which winds and turns so much that it makes more than one feel sick. The "coffins" are not very large and hold about ten children. These vehicles take us to the terminal point just outside Tapah where we join the children from South Malaya. Once everyone is settled the long slow journey begins. Up and up the "coffins" travel, past Sakai (Aborigines) villages and Forest Reserve huts. The convoy cannot travel very quickly as the road is a steep climb to nearly 5000 feet above sea-level and there are steep drops on one side or the other. At several points there are beautiful waterfalls near the road and the wild flowers which one sees

are of lovely colours. The views through the valleys are wonderful, and from a certain part of the hill one can see, if it is a clear day, the hills of Penang (over 100 miles away).

At last, at about a quarter to seven, we reach Tanah Rata, a small village in the Cameron Highlands. From there we have to travel about three miles to school. The journey has been tiring, and by now most of the juniors are almost asleep.

We see the School once or twice during the twists and turns of this final stage, and people shout with joy and relief. At last we have reached our destination — Slim School.

ANN PROTHERO, (VI).

* (Armoured 3-ton lorries, with small shuttered windows just large enough to take a child's neck, once, by gymnastic feats, the head has been thrust through for the farewell waves.—Ed.)

MY VOYAGE HOME!

By the end of my first Christmas term I felt extremely excited and a little home-sick. The day of our departure to the humid plains soon became a reality.

On our arrival at Kuala Lumpur, we were greeted with the news that all rail-travel South of Seremban had been cancelled because of floods. Each day we had to be ready to move at short notice, but despite all the uncertainty our five days in Kuala Lumpur were very enjoyable, owing to the kindness of our friend Sgt. Woodruff.

During the fifth day we were delighted to hear that the only means of transport to Singapore that could be found for us was Her Majesty's Destroyer "Consort". We were to go aboard at 10 p.m.

Travelling by T.C.V., with a Daimler armoured-car as escort, we arrived at a small hotel just outside Port Swettenham, where an excellent meal was served.

By 10 o'clock we were safely aboard the destroyer, and almost immediately she began to move gracefully away from the port. We were all shown to the wardroom, and given delicious steaming cocoa.

After a fairly comfortable night, spent on the floor of an officer's cabin, I made my way to the wardroom where I joined the others for breakfast. The weather was bad but, although we all managed to get thoroughly wet, we were far too excited to have any cares at all.

After an excellent breakfast a Midshipman took three of us on a very interesting tour of the ship. This was by far the best part of the whole trip.

We inspected the ship's guns and the engine-room, and then the young officer took us to the ship's radar. This was of especial interest since "Consort" possessed some of the newest radar equipment in service at that time.

The food during the whole voyage was excellent; it was comforting to hear, after lunch, that we might roam as we wished about the ship.

At about three in the afternoon we sailed into Singapore Harbour and, after thanking the Captain and crew for their wonderful hospitality and kindness, we were carried by fast launch to the Quay where our parents were waiting for us.

ROGER GOOSE, (VI).

THE NATIONAL PARK IN KENYA

I am going to tell about when I went to the National Park in Kenya.

One day when I was about nine years old my Daddy's friend got an Army car and took us out to the National Park. When we arrived at the gates, there was a Notice Board saying "Do not get out of your cars!" Inside, the scenery was lovely.

First we saw some wild buffalo. Then, further on, we saw some giraffes. There was a family, a Mother and a Father and two baby ones, eating the leaves off the trees. Later on, we saw an ostrich who was just full of fun. When we went on a bit farther, in the distance we saw a skeleton of an animal. Daddy said it was a giraffe's which had been eaten by a lion.

While we had our tea we watched the birds. They all seemed scared of something. Daddy looked on the hill and we saw many cars and people watching something. My Daddy's friend suggested going and having a look. So when we arrived at the top of the hill we saw a lioness, a lion and five or six baby cubs. We watched for quite a while, while they crossed over the hill. It was getting late so we started on our way home. On the way we saw many deer, rams, zebras and buffalo all prancing around. When we reached home we were all nearly asleep.

PAT CROFT (R2).

LIFE IN LIBYA

Libya is situated in the desert land of the North Coast of Africa. The people are mainly Arabs, with a few Egyptians. They live in houses most of which are made of sand and stone, with flat roofs. The landscape is bare, rocky desert with a few palms scattered around. Fringing the beaches grow many kinds of tropical flowers, trees and shrubs.

The sea in summer is calm and clear. The rocks beneath the sea are of many different colours. Shoals of small fish dart amongst them. When the tide goes out piles of shells of many different shapes, sizes and colours are left on the shore.

The markets are quite clean, but many flies congregate on the food and on the people who don't seem to mind these pests. The "Souk", or market, is a narrow, covered-in roadway with lots of small shops crowded along each side.

Like all countries, Libya has its festivals, one of which is the Ramadan. The people rest by day and make merry at night; this happens every day for about a week. While the festival is on there are singing, dancing and feasting which make a very colourful sight. Native girls do many tribal dances, and are dressed in bright costumes. At the end of the feast the people go back to their houses and rest, but they do not sleep while the festival lasts. After it is over they sleep for nearly three days.

SUSAN LANE & ROSEMARY FORD (R5).

SPRING

Spring is the time for all flowers to bloom
 Like delicate patterns weaved on a loom.
 That is the time for the lambs to be born
 In their mothers' fleeces all cosy and warm.
 The lavender and heather sway smoothly with ease;
 The daisies and cowslips are dressed to please;
 The fish are just swimming; the birds building nests;
 And farmers and housewives are taking a rest
 Enjoying Springtime while they may;
 But boys and girls are out at play.

JUNE RICKETTS (R3).

BOYS' WEAPONS

A catapult and a pea-shooter are two of a boy's favourite weapons. Many a window has been broken by a stone shot from a catapult.

Another weapon is a ruler. It is usually used in class-rooms. It works like this. First you bend the ruler towards someone, with a pellet on the bent end, then you let go. The pellet can be made a little better by being dipped in ink.

Many schoolboys put a drawing-pin on a chair point upwards. You can guess what happens. Home-made darts can be pretty effective if they land on a person's rear end.

Water pistols can be very handy if filled with ink and shot in someone's ear. Another weapon well-known is an air gun which can serve many useful purposes. In Frobisher dorm the pillow is the most-used weapon. Many boys carry lizards and slow-worms and other insects to scare girls.

G. ALLEN (R2).

HOUSE NOTES



Half-Term Barbecue.

FRAZER.

During the last School year we have held our own against the other Houses but it has been a hard struggle. In sports we lost all three trophies, the Hockey, Football and Cricket Cups. Since most of the School team played against us in the Hockey and Football Matches, this was hardly surprising. Lalbir and Paul Sharpless did their best and we congratulate them on gaining their Colours and playing for the School

in both teams. The Cricket team, although not very strong, showed a very fine team-spirit and we congratulate Keith Prothero, a Junior, on outstanding play. Victor Edwards, Ivan Knight and Tony Amos were in the Team entered from the School to compete against forty others from units in the Cameron Highlands in a Cross-country Run. They came second, third and fifth and we are very proud of them.

In spite of our failure to win any of the other trophies throughout the year, we secured the Sports Cup after an exciting rivalry with Cameron. On the strength of that as well as our high total of work-marks we gained the House Shield at the end of the year, which was a fine achievement. Well done, everybody! but don't rest on your laurels. So far this year we have not done very well, but good House Spirit should compensate for any lack of individual brilliance.

Just before Speech Day our House Captain, Anne Whitburn, left, and we miss her very much; she, more than anyone else, made possible the success of the House last year. At the end of term we lost Alan Bamford, our "founder" member, and Mr. Jones. We welcomed to the House Miss Jones, Miss Boll, Mr. Page and Mr. Bamber. The new House Captains are Valerie Fletcher and Tony Amos.

V.F.

CAMERON.

Our House Captains Alastair MacKinnon and Brenda Baldwin both left in July, and their places were taken this term by Helen Perry and Peter Tiley. Our Games' Captains since September, 1954 have been Akalsing Thapa and Sheila Stone, who are also the School Games' Captains: we realise how fortunate we are to have them both in our House.

Our achievements during the past year were good, but far from our best. Although we did well at games, the Shield for good work went to Frazer as did the Athletics Cup; but they were the only trophies which we did not win. After a hard game, drawn, we shared the Football Cup with Maxwell; but the Hockey and Cricket Cups we gained for ourselves.

We congratulate Akalsing, Peter Tiley, Jogindrasing and Alastair MacKinnon who gained their School Football Colours last year, and Brian Greenwood, a new entrant to the team, who has gained his this term.

We were very pleased to hear that Peter Tiley has passed the Army Apprentices Examination, although this will mean a big loss to the House after Christmas.

We were sorry to lose our Housemaster Mr. Clelland, during last term, but he was immediately replaced by Mr. Mayers. Miss Hancock had to leave our House on being appointed Senior Mistress, and for a while were without a Housemistress; but from the new Staff this term we welcomed Mrs. Page and Mr. Corker. We hope during this year to achieve a higher mark than we did last year and that so Cameron will win the Challenge Cup.

H.P.

MAXWELL.

While last year was not one of outstanding success for the House in Sport and Games, we were no mean opponent for the other Houses.

The Football matches were played in the Christmas term. Our hopes ran high when we won our first game against Frazer 3—1. However we fully realised that to beat Cameron's strong team we would have to be on top form. Team-spirit and determination were very strong; skilfully led by our Captain, Kulraj Limbu; wonderfully heartened by our late Housemaster, Mr. Fielding; and assisted very ably by Dick Holt (a School Colour and a member of the Garrison team) we held Cameron to a draw and the half-share of the Cup.

The Hockey and Cricket teams were less fortunate, losing to both the other Houses; but all members of our teams did their best. Though we thought we had a good chance of winning the Cricket Cup, Cameron beat us in the first match; in the second, after crushing Frazer's batsmen, we found the tables turned on us by their bowlers, and only the fine efforts of "Proff" Marshallsay and "Haggis" Halley saved our defeat from being a rout.

We record our pride in the achievement of Keith Halley in finishing fourth in the Garrison Cross-country run, and our gratitude to Mr. Fielding, now Headmaster of the BAC School Taiping, for all he did to help the House in every field. We congratulate Dick Holt on passing the Army Apprentices Examination.

R.G.



BUTTERWORTH

Butterworth is a quiet little place,
 Though for its size it has plenty of grace.
All you can do there is ride, or swim,
 Or watch the boats o'er the water skim.

If you can ride you have plenty of fun,
 Cantering and galloping in the sun.
You gallop and gallop for miles and miles,
 Till you get the sensation of bursting with smiles.

CLAIRE GUNDRY-WHITE (R4).

THE FIRE-WALKING

On 1st September, I went to see the fire-walking. It was a Chinese feast-day. Mrs. Robertson and another of Mummy's friends took me. The English people had chairs to sit on. In front of us the Chinese had built a fence. It was a half-circle in shape, and all the non-Europeans had to stand behind the fence. In the middle of the fence there was a pile of cinders which some men had covered with straw. We had to wait about a quarter of an hour until they had raked the ashes into a square. After half an hour the procession started.

First a very old man walked across the ashes and stepped into coconut milk. The next man came. He walked across the burning ashes, jumping as he went.

When he stepped into the coconut milk he fainted. He had to be carried away over a man's shoulder. Both men had spikes stuck in them, and there were coloured paper-flowers on the spikes. A third man came and when he had crossed the cinders he was going to faint, so the people who were in charge tried to take the spikes out of him. But he refused to let them, because he was supposed to reach the temple with the spikes. It was a dreadful sight. Many of them fainted. Only about two managed to get across.

These people have a different religion from ours. They believe that, when one of their family or a relation is very ill and has little hope of getting better, if they walk across, the person who is ill will recover.

JUNE SINCLAIR (R3).

CLUBS.

THE ART CLUB

This Club is open to any members of the School who are interested, and consequently it consists of Juniors and Seniors; some of the latter will be taking Art in G.C.E. next year. Until this term the Club was run by Mrs. Burt, who left to be married at the end of last term; and she arranged our Speech Day Exhibition. It included Life Drawings, Lino Cuts, Charcoal Sketches, Imaginative Paintings, Still Life Paintings, Paper Sculpture and Illuminated Lettering. Ann Hodges's Imaginative Paintings and Nabin's drawings were particularly admired.

Miss Langham, who joined us this term to teach Art and Music, has helped us in many ways and we have all made progress.

Out-door Sketching, fairly popular last term, has been prevented by the rain, and only occasionally has it been possible.

We hope the Art Club will continue to keep the high standard which it has previously attained and that next year's Exhibition will be as good as this year's, if not better.

L.H.

THE "ASPHALION" CLUB

While we were sorry to lose Mr. Turner this term, the "Asphalion" Club has continued to "go with a swing," thanks to the leadership of Mrs. Page. Many new ideas have been tried out successfully, despite the lack of members.

Many of the older members of the Club have either left the School or joined the table-tennis club, which is on the same night, unfortunately. The result of this, however, is that the remaining members are those that are really keen and interested in the club and its activities.

Many letters have been despatched to the ship, which is now under the command of Captain R. G. Boyd. Correspondence has also been kept up with the Headquarters of the British Ship Adoption Society in London. As yet we have not heard from the ship this term, but we hope to soon.

An ambitious project has been started, in the shape of a large wall-map, which will show the position of the ship from day to day. This is a map of South-East Asia and Australia, and the land stands slightly above the surrounding sea, having been cut out of cardboard. This map will be finished by the end of term.

Various items of interest have been mounted on cardboard, and will be put up on the wall of Spencer Class-room. These include the code of flags, the badges of rank of ships' Officers, and the different coloured funnels of the shipping companies. Further items of interest will be put up on the walls at intervals.

Next term we hope that the club will be larger, so that a wider scope of activities can be enjoyed. A new set of ten badges is on the way from London. I am sure that I am right in saying that the best wishes of the whole school go with the club for future success, as they do with our ship "Asphalion" and all her Company.

K.H.

THE CHESS CLUB

Although two terms ago the Club threatened to die out through lack of members, since that time it has become popular again and now has a good membership of enthusiastic players.

Among its more exciting and useful activities this term there were such things as a lightning tournament, a simultaneous match and a talk on scoring. These three activities proved a source of great interest and amusement to the members, scoring turning out to be extremely useful at a later meeting, when we were all introduced to the "guico piano" opening.

Besides these attractions, many sessions were devoted to the playing of normal chess games. These have had some marked effects on the standard of play of the members. As the Club included many people who had only recently learned the game and one person who had never played it before, these improvements were very obvious.

Thanks to the skill and experience of Mr. Mayers, the Club has been lively and active and a source of great pleasure to all its members.

V.E.

THE DRAMA CLUB

Our Club this term is run by Miss Griffin and the Junior Group is taken by Mr. Page and Miss Boll. We are not producing a play for the end of this Term but we should be able to manage one for the Easter Term. We have realised our many faults in diction by hearing our voices played back to us on the Tape-Recorder. We had a considerable shock when we heard ourselves and it certainly made us pronounce our words more correctly and clearly. We recorded a play called "Check to the King of France" by Margaret Irwin, which is set in the reign of Francis I in the Sixteenth Century.

We have had practice in straight acting by running through a burlesque Mime by Margaret Macnamara called "The tall, tall Castle." The only spoken parts are the Prologue and the Epilogue which help to explain the story and the characters.

During the term we have read many other plays including "Three Caskets", which is an adaptation of a scene in "The Merchant of Venice", where Portia's suitors try to win her hand by picking the casket in which lies a likeness of her.

Last term several Form Plays were produced for Speech Day and Miss Griffin made an excellent job of the make-up for all of them.

The greatest assets to our small group are Victor Edwards, Ann Hodges and Dick Holt; they would be a help to any Club of this sort. We are losing Dick at the end of this term which will make it difficult for us to produce a play next term unless we get some new boys who are actors. We have great difficulty in finding plays which we are able to cast successfully, but we should be able to find one in time for next term.

J.J.

THE GARDENING CLUB

Miss Boll takes the Gardening Club every Wednesday evening. The gardens are divided between the Houses, which encourages competition.

The rain prevented any successful planting and most of this term's activities consisted of clearing the growth of last term and planning for the Easter term.

By then the gardens should be a blaze of colour if the latest planting is successful.

H.W.

THE MUSIC CLUB

Although we had started a Musical Appreciation Club several times, it fizzled out at each attempt despite the enthusiasm of most members. We found, however, that the gramophone was always in demand, for both Jazz and Classical Records. During last Christmas term the School acquired several new long-playing records — for the Light-Music fans, "The Glen Miller Story", "Black and White Magic", and a Swiss Dance Record; for other tastes we had some Strauss, Tchaikovsky, Beethoven's Symphony No. 8 and Handel's Organ Concertos Nos. 2 and 4. The latter

proved very popular with everyone and were soon adapted to the mouth-organ! The Gramophone Stewards jealously guarded these records, and very often members of the Staff kindly lent theirs for a weekend, so we had a variety throughout the year.

This Christmas term we were given about \$150 to spend on new records, so it was with joyful anticipation that we made out two lists, one of Classical records, the other Hit Tunes and Dance Music. There was great excitement during the first few days after their arrival, and large groups were clustered round the gramophone in every spare minute.

We now have the latest Hit Tunes and Dance Records, besides Schubert's 9th Symphony, Beethoven's 3rd and Brahms's Waltzes which are a favourite with everyone, for Mr. Fielding played them so often before Assembly. We also have Grieg's Piano Concerto, some Choruses from the "Messiah" and two Carols sung by a Children's Choir. The novelty of the new records has not yet worn off, especially the "Dear John Letter" which, to the Juniors and their current American vocabulary, was one of the "High-spots" of the collection.

V.F.

THE NATURAL HISTORY CLUB

This Club, popularly known as the "Bugs and Beetles Club"*, was started at the beginning of this term by Miss Hancock. It is attended every Wednesday evening by twelve enthusiastic specimenhunters. Our main aim is, of course, to seek young specimens of insects, beetles, snakes, lizards etc., and in the early stages of their development to tend and nurse them into full growth, at the same time observing them and making notes. So during this Club-time most of the members go out in search of new and interesting specimens.

Up to now we have been looking after young snakes and the larvae of many insects. Our collection of moths and beetles, so abundant in the Cameron Highlands, ought to prove an interesting exhibit at the end of the year.

A.A.

* (Shades of Nicholas Groves-Raines!—[Ed.]).

THE NEEDLEWORK CLUB

This being Michaelmas term, some people have taken the opportunity to make Christmas presents. These include a Duchess Set, a tray-cloth, a cloth rabbit for a small brother, and two bibs for youngsters: also two dolls for a baby brother and sister.

Although it is a good time to make Christmas presents for ones family, some are also making clothes for themselves. Three-tiered skirts are very popular, and about half a dozen will soon be seen around the School. Another article of clothing being made is a white blouse with puffed sleeves and lace.

The Needlework Club began as a very small group but during the term has grown considerably, showing an increasing popularity. Anyone who likes to use a needle, either to knit or sew, or embroider is always welcome.

C.G.

THE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

In the past two terms the Photography Club has taken great strides forward under the leadership of Mr. Battye. Unfortunately we have been hampered by the fact that we have no darkroom, so we have not been able to any darkroom work. Most of us now possess cameras; at the end of last term Mr. Battye purchased an extremely good single-lens Reflex-type camera which has been of great interest to us all.

The main activity of the Club has been in the actual taking of the photographs, although we have done some theory of the working of the camera and of work in the darkroom. As the weather has been extremely poor in the past term, most of our work has been confined inside; so we have done a lot of portraiture.

Mr. Battye himself has taken some very good pictures with his new camera; many copies have been bought by members of the School. Several of the senior girls have had their portraits taken by him while acting as models for the Club. He has been able to do his processing himself, as he has a small darkroom of his own.

It is a pity that the weather has been bad or we would have been able to take some landscape photographs of the wild Malayan Jungle. We hope next term to have a darkroom of our own where we will be able to develop and print our own films and thus learn much more about the theory of Photography.

R.M.

SCOTTISH DANCING

We have been making very good progress under the expert tuition of Miss Griffin assisted by Mrs. Page. We have learned many new Dances, including Rory O' More and Flowers of Edinburgh. We have at last learned to do the Eightsome Reel correctly by walking through it and by learning each separate movement thoroughly.

The Club last term was under the supervision of Mrs. Burt. With her help we put on a very good show for the Speech Day Concert. The Senior girls danced the Reel of the 51st Division, and the Juniors did a very pretty dance called Blue Bonnets. The music was recorded on the Tape-Recorder and on the night of the performance a "slight technical hitch" occurred, so that in some parts the music became almost inaudible. In spite of this difficulty the timing and footwork were very good.

Two members we miss very much are Brenda Baldwin and Gwyneth Thomas who left at the end of last Term. Not only did they join in the Seniors' dance on Speech Day but they also did a Sword Dance together, which was a great success. They dressed in swirling kilts and lace-trimmed blouses which looked lovely, especially when seen under the stage lights.

Our progress this year gives promise that we shall be able to produce an even better performance for next year's Speech Day.

J.J.

THE FORMER PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

The Aims of the Association are:—

1. to foster amongst those who attend the School a lasting interest in its welfare;
2. to provide for those who have left a link with (a) the School, and (b) their School friends after they have left;
3. to create, at Slim School, an abiding interest in the welfare and well-being of its former pupils;
4. thereby to create a school whose traditions for the next decade or so will be made by its Pupils past and present.

The following is quoted from the circular letter sent out in March, 1954 proposing the formation of the Association:—

"There will be no qualification for membership other than that you have been enrolled as a pupil at Slim School (for one day or a thousand years — it makes no difference how long you were here) and that you wish to take an interest in your old school. There will be no subscription to the Association, other than what you wish to subscribe to it in the

way of newsy letters about yourself and others. There will be no benefits other than your own satisfaction at helping to maintain a fast-growing Slim School Tradition; at being able perhaps to find old or new friends through the medium of the Association's address-list; at receiving up-to-date news of our progress; and perhaps, as you grow older, in foreseeing and helping us to meet our needs."

ADDRESS LIST

NOTE: The qualification for membership is that a letter has been received from you at the school after you have left, giving your address and your news. Those who have so qualified are given a membership Number. Those without numbers are invited to qualify for membership by writing to the School Secretary of the Association. **COPIES OF THE JOURNAL ARE BEING SENT TO ENROLLED MEMBERS.** You are invited to help defray the cost of printing and postage by sending postal orders to the Headmaster, Slim School.

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Field Marshal Sir William Slim
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President: Colonel J. H. H. Coombes
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(The following are the last known addresses of members)

Membership No.	NAME	ADDRESS
39	Baldwin Brenda	The County Grammar School, Winchester, Hants
27	Bilton, James	Harodunas Hotel, Victoria Terrace, Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire, Wales
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	Blunt, Felicity	12, Upper Gordon Road, Camberley, Surrey
30	Brakes, Merrill	Hillcroft, 5 Giles Hill, Winchester, Hants
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28	Ellis, Joyce	Flat 5, Kneller Hall, Whiton, Twickenham, Middx.
5	GALER, David Esq. (Master)	} 48, Torrington Park, Friern Barnett, N. 10
	Gray, Lawrence	
1	HARRISON, W.C., Major, RAEC (Headmaster)	} c/o Mrs. Gibbons, Families Camp, Maghall, Liverpool, Lancs
25	Henderson, Margaret	} (21, Main Road, Taiping, Perak)
	Henderson, William	
18	Herbert, Jill	} 40, Raydale Road, Darlington, Yorks
	Herbert, Maureen	
15	Luffman, Gordon	} Lynton, 4, Oldville Avenue, Clevedon, Somerset
19	Luffman, Molly	
35	MacKinnon, Alastair	} 23250266 S/L/Cpl. A. Mackinnon, R.M.P. Inkerman Barracks, Woking, Surrey
20	Mangalsing Gurung	} 21137252 Spr. Mangalsing Gurung, Depot Bde of Gurkhas, Sungei Patani, Kedah, Malaya
21	Millichip, Michael	} 22845376 A/T M.J. Millichip, Army Apprentice School, Harrogate, Yorks
8	Mitchell, Janice	} 20, M.F.Q. Grandshaft Barracks, Dover, Kent
7	Mitchell, Jean	
29	Nandalal Ale	} 21179115, 1 Coy. R.E., Depot Bde of Gurkhas Sungei Patani, KEDAH, Malaya
31	OAKLEY, Capt., E	} Army School of Education & Depot RAEC., Wilton Park, Beaconsfield, Bucks
23	Phillips, Clifford	} 1931076 B/E C. Phillips, I.T.S., RAF, Conford, Nr Wolverhampton, Staffs Or 3U Block Green Hill, Woolwich, London, S.E.
	Poett, Joanna	
	Priest, James	} Southover Manor School, Lewes, Sussex
	Priest, Thomas	
4	PRINGLE, Miss Eve (Senior Mistress)	} 2nd. King's African Rifles, Bwana Macuba, N. Rhodesia
32	Rabbetts, Keith	} Beal, Berwick-on-Tweed, GREAT BRITAIN
	Rawlinson, Colin	} 38, Longfellow Road, Coventry, Warwickshire
19	Rawlinson, Hilary	
8	Robson (nee Wilson) Ann	} Limpley Stoke Hotel, Limpley Stoke, Nr. Bath Somerset
10	Sanderson, Caroline	} Mrs. Robson, 214, Whitmore Way, Basildon, Essex
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34	Sawdon, Hazel	
42	Story, Jill	309 South Promenade, Blackpool, Lancs
		4, French Road, Catterick Camp, Yorks

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41	Thomas, David	} 4, Bank Place, Ashton-on-Ribble, Preston, Lancs X
40	Thomas, Gwyneth	
22	Tiley, Anthony	} c/o Mrs. Butler, 5, Forest Bungalows, Bordon, Hants
13	Tiley, Peter	
2	Walters, Jean	26, Allerton Grange Avenue, Leeds 17
14	Websdale, David	70, Buckingham Road, Bicester, Oxon
38	Whitburn, Anne	130, Willow Road, Ambrosden, Bicester, Oxon
	Wilson, Ann	See Robson, Mrs. A

Our letters to the following have not been answered, so it may be that we have the wrong addresses:—

Donelly, Ronald	{ c/o 2818050 WO II Donnelly, 3rd King's African Rifles, KENYA
Olyott, Stephen	The Royal Grammar School, Colchester, Essex
Preston, Anthony and Andre	} 89, Queen's Road, South Farnborough, Hants
Rampling, Roy and Robert	
	} 514, Becontree Avenue, Dagenham, Essex

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The Master of SS Asphaltion	
The Secretary, British Ship Adoption Society,	{ HQS Wellington, Temple Stairs, Victoria Embankment, WC2.

NEWS OF FORMER PUPILS

ANNE WHITBURN's is the latest letter to reach us. After a very hectic time with all kinds of worry, she and her parents are now finally settled in a quarter in Bicester. Anne hopes to train as a teacher and maybe to join the WRAC as an Officer. She asks about her GCE — this has been sent on to her at the address she left us. Also in Bicester is Captain Mitchell who seems to have had an even more disturbed time than the Whitburns; Mrs. MITCHELL, JEAN, and JANICE are still based on the Hostel at Dover, for their father has not yet been allotted a quarter in Bicester! JEAN went on from here to the County Grammar School, Folkestone, and was hoping to train as a nurse at Harrow or one of the other 'Charing Cross' Hospitals. After leaving school she worked for a while in a shop in Dover. JANICE, at a Grammar School in Dover, was hoping to go to a Secretarial College.

ANNE WILSON is now Mrs. ROBSON. She has written us several letters, both before and after her marriage; her description of winter in London was refreshing to us as we read it in brilliant sunshine. Anne now works in a small village branch of Lloyd's Bank, which she greatly enjoys. She and her husband hope one day to live abroad, their preference being Malaya. She corresponds with JANE CANE, MOLLY LUFFMAN, and also apparently with JEAN WALTERS who wrote to say that she hopes to go to Bart's to train as a nurse, after completing her schooling and spending six months caring for infants. It was Jean who told us that JANE CANE had joined the WRAF and though in a very isolated spot was thoroughly enjoying the life; JOHN CANE was hoping to enter an Agricultural College. She also told us that EDDIE BUTLER, having passed GCE, was now in the Fleet Air Arm.

EDDIE had told us of his hopes in this respect in an entertaining letter in which he gave us the only correction so far received of the Short History which went out with the first News Letter:— Sgt. Fidler left in Spring '52. Thanks, Eddie! DAVID BUTLER wrote us several letters about his life as an Apprentice in the RAF. He had met IAN MITCHELL at Halton, passed on our news to him; but we have not had a letter from Ian. Please stir him up, David. Your kind offer to subscribe to our needs is appreciated — a Postal Order to help pay for the Journal would be very welcome. With GCE to his credit, his own motor-bike and a chance to keep up his fencing, David seems justly pleased with life.

Another good correspondent, despite the long silence from our end, has been CLIFFORD PHILLIPS who has left Woolwich Polytechnic and entered the RAF. We thank him for sending us LAWRENCE GRAY's address. (We still have not heard from Lawrence).

GWYNETH THOMAS is back at her old school, The Park School, Preston, and DAI THOMAS has entered Preston Grammar School; JEAN CAMPION is happy at Croydon High School, where she is doing very well; and BRENDA BALDWIN is at the County Grammar School, Winchester. Her parents hope to move there from Alton. Thanks, Brenda, for all your fine work as Secretary. MARGARET COOPER, like so many members, found her new school very different, and the Swimming Pool colder. She had learned several valuable lessons at a Guide Camp; tests, wasps and cooking recipes were all sources of discomfort!

JENNIFER (DILLY) TEECE, who goes to a big Convent school in Lusaka, told us of all the fun she had had in London and how she sat eight seats away from the Royal Box at Windsor Horse show when the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and most of the senior members of the Royal Family were there. In a most interesting letter, too long to quote, she gave us the address of TOM and HAMISH PRIEST.

ALASTAIR MACKINNON, following his father, has joined the RMP. He met 'EMO' WILLIAMS in Woolworth's in Llandudno. (Send us his address, please, if you know it.) The SAWDON's did not know where they would be after May '55, but HAZEL hoped to go to a commercial school and DOROTHY to another school in Blackpool. KEITH RABBETTS had been enjoying working for the General Electric Company where he was learning a lot; he had ideas of becoming a Radio Officer in the Merchant Navy. He was in touch with COLIN RAWLINSON who was doing very well at Sport at the City of Bath School. (We are sorry, Keith, not to be able to give you the address you asked for in return. We don't know it.)

JIM BILTON was looking forward to a career either in Shell, via the University, or in the Army, via Sandhurst. His letters were very interesting, and we should like some more, please. MERRILL BRAKES, who also wrote a grand letter, is doing very well at her school in Winchester; she has been swimming, and singing, for the School and her House. She sent us news of the BLUNTS and of JOANNA POETT. (Merrill asked for the name of CAPTAIN OAKLEY's son. It is Howard. The Oakleys, all three, wrote from the ship on their way home, and also kindly sent Christmas greetings to us all). We still haven't heard from FELICITY BLUNT or JOANNA; perhaps Merrill will get them to write. FELIX BLUNT wrote from his new School.

DAVID WEBSDALE is yet another member of the FPA in Bicester (what about an Oxford and Buckingham Branch, you people?). He is doing very well at school, is a P/L in the Scout Troop, beating records in Swimming Relays and finding Rugger the better game. He saw DAVID BRIGGS; and ANNETTE HOBBS is at Webbo's school. (Neither of them has written to us.)

Since MOLLY LUFFMAN first wrote we have heard from her brother GORDON who was training for a Pilot's Commission in the RAF. Both the HERBERT's wrote from Darlington and gave us the news that MOLLY was working in a solicitor's office in Yorkshire and seemed quite happy. JILL HERBERT was doing secretarial training and hoped to enter the Civil Service (Foreign Office); MAUREEN HERBERT was another to send us news of FELICITY BLUNT (whose home is in Colchester though she still goes to school in Farnborough). MAUREEN has now become used to the difference between Darlington High School (a big place with large classes) and Slim (a small etc.)!

JOYCE ELLIS was surprised (or relieved?) to find that the News Letter contained no account of her and others' "Illegal Escapades", which she had visualized as recorded, against just such a day, on the debit side of a Ledger marked "Ellis, J." (No Headmaster wants to put ideas for escapades into his present pupils' heads, Joyce! Interviews, unpleasant, personal, J. E. for the betterment of . . . yes! but publication, No! After

all, we have to live here! P.S. Do write and tell me what you did!) JOYCE really deserves an earlier membership number, and several good marks. The letter she wrote to the FPA was one of the first to be written, but it went astray. She is working for the National Diploma of Design at Hornsey Art School, a task involving three hours travel each day. Joyce's letter, with its thoughts for Lew Yook Lin, her old House (Cameron), and all her friends, gave us great pleasure.

When CAROLINE SANDERSON last wrote she had met several of those mentioned above, and was wishing for the warmth of Malaya. She asked for the address of JENNIFER CALLAGHAN. Will anyone who knows it please send it to Caroline, (and to us.)

MARGARET HENDERSON was still in Taiping when the News Letter went out, and she replied quickly; but she has now gone home and we have lost touch with her. We were delighted to hear from TARABAHADUR THAPA and to receive his Christmas Card from Sandhurst; we eagerly await more news from him, as from other Gurkha Former Pupils. NANDALAL ALE (Nandu) wrote at the end of his basic training a most interesting account of the Gurkha Festivals. MANGALSING GURUNG wrote to us in August last year. He had achieved fine results on the Range as the best shot in his Unit.

MICHAEL MILLICHIP wrote from Harrogate where he was in training for the Royal Corps of Signals. We hope to hear more from him, a former Head Boy, whom Mrs. Robson felt might be a good recruiter for the FPA.

Major and Mrs. HARRISON sent us a lovely Christmas Card from Marlborough. We would like to hear more from Bill and Betty about the Bettys and Bills (Senior and Junior). We have just received a Card, but no news, from JILL STORY.

FIELD MARSHAL SIR WILLIAM SLIM, FIELD MARSHAL SIR JOHN HARDING, MAJOR GENERAL BEDDALL and the PRESIDENT have all welcomed the Association and sent you their Greetings.



**THE HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE
TO THE FORMER PUPILS' ASSOCIATION**

Dear Former Pupils,

Those of you who receive the news of the School contained in this Journal should remember that it came to you either because we happened to have your address when the formation of the FPA was considered, or because someone to whom we were able to write gave it to us.

The growth of the FPA has been fairly rapid; but with so many former pupils not yet contacted I feel anxious to know that you, the few who do write, will try to keep it going. To do this, all that you need to do is:— whenever you learn the new address of a Former Pupil send it to me (if necessary on a Post-card); whenever you meet a Former Pupil who is not a member, try to persuade him or her to join, by writing to the School.

Best of all, Members, **WRITE LETTERS TO ONE ANOTHER**; and where you find that several of you are living in one place, appoint a Secretary to send your news to the School.

The life of the Slim School Former Pupils' Association depends upon **YOUR** efforts. This time next year I shall have joined you as a recipient, I hope, of regular news of the School and of its Former Pupils — my friends.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

R. V. M. BENN.



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