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INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

At a solemn service in our Holy Trinity Chapel, Cottonians dedicated themselves afresh to India. Prayers for India were said. The Headmaster unfurled the National Flag. The National Anthem was sung. A deep silence followed.

The afternoon's celebrations were cancelled as a mark of sympathy for the death of the Punjab Governor's wife, Mrs. C.P.N. Singh. A condolence message was sent by the Headmaster on behalf of the School.

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Building Construction: Outside the Office we now have a cemented pathway, hedges, and a garden. Birdwood Court, at the back, has been likewise improved with a cemented pathway running through it. The Sweepers' Common Room has been cleared out and is to be used by the N.C.C. The Information Room is almost complete now. The circular lawn on the first flat is ready. All we want for it now is a fountain, which we hope will be presented by some Old Cottonian. Details may be had from the Headmaster's office.

Memorial Stones for the Chapel have arrived. It is hoped that the Bishop will unveil these during the Founder's Day Service in September.

Visiting Teachers: Young teachers under training, seeking practical training, visited us from St. Bede's College from the 6th to the 16th August. We were happy to provide the necessary facilities.

Dramatic Competition: The Headmaster and Mr. Asrani were invited to judge a Dramatic Competition organised by the girls of St. Bede's College on 26th August. Selected items were to be put up later for the public.

Speech Day: In a few days Speech Day will have come. We do hope that, as ever, a large number of Old Boys will visit us, and a large number of parents and friends. To them all we extend a very sincere invitation.

Editors: Jairam Asrani and Patanjali Nanda.

SOCCKER AGAINST SANAWAR

2nd ELEVEN: Played at B.C.S. on August 9th.

BCS won 4-0

1st ELEVEN: Played at Sanawar on August 11th.

Sanawar won 2-1

We were happy to have had one team which came across here, and we are grateful to Sanawar for the hospitality and kindness they extended to our First Eleven.

The following represented BCS:

<u>FIRST ELEVEN</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SECOND ELEVEN</u>
R. L. Sud	Left Wing	Ramesh Chandra
K. Sundar Singh	Left Inner	Anil Sikand
Hirinder Singh (Capt)	Centre Forward	H. J. Thapa
Ravijit Singh	Right Inner	Balwinder Singh
Mohinderjit Singh	Right Wing	Maljit Singh
Ranbir Singh Rana	Left Half	R. K. Malhotra
Indarjeet Singh	Centre Half	T. S. Ahluwalia (Capt)
A. K. Lamba	Right Half	S. S. Lamba
K. S. Sandhu	Left Back	V. Sud
Uminder Singh	Right Back	S. K. Chaddah
V. Nayar	Goal	Amarjit Singh
Mr. J. Williams	COACH	Mr. R. Goss

S. Sondhi was awarded 2nd XI Colours as Centre Half, but could not play against Sanawar as he incurred an injury at the last minute.

R. K. Malhotra made a magnificent attempt to make up for this reverse.

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The following are the winners of the Open Prizes for 1956:

Bruce Reading Prize	A. K. Basak (L)
Durrant Reading Prize	Indarjeet Singh (L)
Shakespeare Prize	Indarjeet Singh (L)
Hailey Literature Prize	Indarjeet Singh (L)
Glancy Dramatic Art Prize	Indarjeet Singh (L)
Anderson Essay Prize	Ajit Singh (L)
Ramsukh Dass Geography Prize	Ajit Singh (L)
Maharaj Singh History Prize	Gurpratap Singh (I)
Titster Science Prize	R. K. Malhotra (I)
Titster Mathematics Prize	P. Nanda (I)
Irwin Divinity Prize	A. S. Dulat (R)
Hindi Penmanship Prize	N. N. Madan (C)
C.P.N. Singh Hindi Prize	Vijay Sud (C)
Hans Raj Art Prize	Rajesh Khanna (C)
Keith Percy G.K. Prize	Nikhilesh Prasad (C)

New Member: N.K.Bharucha (C.1933-40) — 'Usha Kiran' (opp.C.C.I),
Sir Dinshah Vacha Road,
Churchgate, Bombay.

New Addresses:

B.P.Rampal (R.1951-54) — 'Gyan Nivas', Hazoori Bagh Road, Srinagar, (Kashmir).
H. Uberoy (R.1948-55) — c/o Mr.Amrit K.Uberoy, 163-D, Thompson Road,
New Delhi.
Joginder Singh
Anand(I.1947-51) — 64, Gwyer Hall, Delhi.
S.L. and
S.K.Bahl (C.1952-53) — 12, Jorbagh Nursery, New Delhi.

OCA NEWS

OCA (Delhi) held a Meeting on the 11th August at 85, Man Nagar, New Delhi.
OCA (Delhi) congratulated Mr.E.G.Carter on his appointment as Headmaster of
the School and wished him every success. The members present also wished
newly-formed OCA (Bombay) all luck and success.

Hitesh Uberoy (R.1948-55) is now at Hans Raj College, New Delhi.

THE NEW LOOK

Old Cottonians and visitors to the School will have noticed that the first flat has a new look. The first flat is, of course, the entrance to the School and should look pleasing and attractive. We notice, amongst other things, the cement road leading from Lefroy Common Room to the flat itself. There is a Lawn round-about bordered by an attractive bed of flowers. Creepers are growing up the walls and hiding the ugliness of buildings which have been bare for some years. One side of the flat, near the stadium and pavilion, now has a hedge which, in course of time, should add to the attractiveness of the surroundings. The area near the Office is a garden and the concrete plinth which has been laid down ensures that one can walk in the knowledge that one will not have to plough through a quagmire. The drainage system has been very considerably improved but much still remains to be done. Another hedge has been laid near the Prep department, together with beds of flowers. The stairway to the Art Room has been repaired. Other improvements are either now being carried out or have been planned and it is hoped that they will be completed by the winter. Not so often seen by visitors, for it is tucked away near the range, is the new Hobbies Centre. It is an attractive building and adds to the beauty of the School. The Hobbies Centre is still in its infancy but already boys have obtained a great deal of fun working at their hobbies. The new Information Centre is in use but has not yet been completed. The Headmaster was able to obtain some of the latest colour schemes for schools from a leading architect in England and it is hoped that these schemes will be implemented in time, both in the Information Centre and in the classrooms. Apart from the attractiveness of the room itself, the Information Centre will help the boys in their general knowledge and keep them up to date with current affairs, both at home and abroad. All this is but a beginning. A great many needs have to be met. For the round-about we require a fountain with coloured lights. We have no doubt that Old Cottonians will give this need their very serious thought. More important still is the necessity to improve our dormitories and classrooms. A plan for the dormitories has already been drawn up and we sincerely hope that work on them will start as soon as term ends. It would make a considerable difference to the life of the School if all plans envisaged for the benefit of the boys could be implemented. Now, what we wish to draw to the attention of all those who have any association with the School is the fact that we shall be celebrating our Centenary in 1959. The Headmaster tells us he proposed to start a Centenary Fund with which vast improvements can be made to the School. Everyone is agreed that there is much to be done—better dormitories, classrooms, playing fields, roads, Science and other equipment. That does not in any way mean that the School is derelict at the moment. Far from it. But some improvements are always possible in any school and the School authorities are right in believing that we should not accept anything that is second-rate. We hope very much that our Centenary fund will receive a full measure of support from parents, Old Cottonians and friends. The Fund has now been opened and donations can be sent direct to the Bursar, Mr.A.C.Advani. No matter how small your contribution it will be gratefully welcomed. One of the plans we have in mind is the demolition of the Prep building and the setting up of a modern block with classrooms, staff quarters

SCHOOL DIARY

Soccer: After the matches against Sanawar the Soccer season ended with the Inter-House Tournaments. The games were hard and clean, with the following results:

		<u>FIRST</u>	<u>SECOND</u>	<u>THIRD</u>
First Eleven:		Lefroy	Ibbetson	Curzon & Rivaz
Second Eleven:		Lefroy	Curzon	Ibbetson

Boxing: The Inter-House Boxing Tournament is in session as this issue goes to print. The boxing has throughout been spirited if not always scientific, and we are looking forward to keen fighting in the finals on September 1st. It has been decided to award certificates instead of cups as trophies.

Marathon: Training is in full swing. With effect from this year the course is being changed owing to objections raised by the Simla Municipality about boys running through town. The new course, for all divisions, lies along the Sanjauli—BCS card road, past St. Bede's College, the Secretariat, and the garages.

Hindi Society: met on the 17th to discuss the proposition, "The Rod is the Logic of Fools". Lefroy House proposed the motion, while Curzon House opposed it. After a very interesting and lively debate, in which the House took full share, the motion was defeated by sixty votes to fourteen.

Philatelic Society: held its inaugural meeting on the 26th. The Society was addressed by Mr. Carter on the subject of how to start a stamp collection. After the talk, members had an opportunity to see Mr. Brown's unique, personal collection.

Cotton Society: met on the 23rd, and was addressed by Mr. Goss on the subject of Classicism and the Romantic Revival. It was a knowledgeable analysis of the subject, and the Society is grateful to Mr. Goss for his talk.

Photographic Society: is now running smoothly. The interest taken by both boys and Staff is indeed encouraging.

Headmaster's Birthday: We were very happy to wish all the best to Mr. Carter on the 16th. The School made a presentation to him and he very kindly gave us a holiday! His youth remains a secret, but we know that he will be with us a long time yet.

Fete Holiday: This was celebrated on the 3rd, for last month we broke yet another Fete record.

Junior School Operetta: Once again the younger members of the School are tramping the boards in preparation for the operetta 'The Yellow Cap'. This is to be staged on Speech Day.

Cinemas in School:

- 4th August ... Appointment in Honduras.
- 11th August ... Because you're Mine.
- 16th August ... Skirts Ahoy.
- 18th August ... Peter Pan.
- 25th August ... Blue Lagoon.

We are grateful to the British Information Services, New Delhi, for some interesting Educational shorts which they have sent to the School.

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We should like to thank all those who have furnished us with a copy of their Newsletter and/or Magazine.