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END OF A TERM

This month is the last of our Spring term. It has been a busy month, one of our busiest. Our efforts in the classroom over the past three months were assessed in the form of the Consolidated Form Order. Our spirit and proficiency at Cricket reached an exciting climax in the traditional fixture against Lawrence School, Sanawar. Our play actors tramped the boards to make the School A.D.S. show a success. In May, perhaps more than at other times, did we 'fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run'. And, may we say with pardonable pride, this has been a very successful term indeed.

Construction: Work has been continuing, particularly on the drainage system, which has been considerably improved. The output, however, is somewhat limited by the shortage of labour at our command.

Visitors: We were very glad to have with us for a few days the Bishop and Mrs. Wilkinson; also the Rev. T. Dustan. An interested and very welcome visitor on the day of the Sanawar match was Raja Sir Maharaj Singh. We were also happy to put up about thirty Sanawarians with four members of their Staff, who passed through Simla on their way to hiking spots in the interior.

Hiking: Plans are being made to send out two parties of boys during the holidays - one to Mussoorie and the other to Naini Tal.

Gifts: We are grateful to Mr. Pawa, one of our parents, for the presentation of one dozen table tennis sponge bats. We must also thank Mr. Anand, another parent, for his kind offer to present us with the steel body of a bus, as soon as we are able to purchase the chassis.

An Appeal: The 97th anniversary of the School will be celebrated at the Founder's Day Fete on 28th July. We shall be grateful for any donations or gifts, made either in cash or in kind.

Holidays: A busy term having come to an end, we wish our boys and parents a cheerful reunion, and a very happy holiday:

'And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays.'

1st Eleven: Played at B.C.S. on 26th and 27th May.

B.C.S. won by 166 runs. .

Scoreboard: B.C.S: 148 (Gurpratap Singh 23, A.S.Dulat 21,
Uminder Singh 35; B.P.Singh 5 for 54)

145 (Gurpratap Singh 40, Hirinder Singh 18;
R.Montford 4 for 25, B.R.Patel 3 for 27)

Sanawar 52 (S.Gaekwad 13; Gurpratap Singh 6 for 12,
Uminder Singh 3 for 15)

75 (K.S.Dhami 19; Amarjit Singh 3 for 10,
Gurpratap Singh 3 for 29,
Uminder Singh 2 for 18)

2nd Eleven: Played at Sanawar on 24th May.

B.C.S. won by Five wickets.

Scoreboard: Sanawar 90 (J.P.Singh 26; R.S.Kalha 8 for 24)

103 (K.S.Sethi 27; Chhattar Singh 4 for 30,
R.S.Kalha 4 for 35)

B.C.S. 109 (Arun Kumar 32, R.S.Kalha 25,
Chhattar Singh 21;
K.M.Singh 4 for 31, A.Gaekwad 4 for 33)

92 for 5 (Arun Kumar 34 not out,
S.J.Sondhi 26 not out;
A.Gaekwad 5 for 31)

(Our congratulations to both the First and Second Eleven teams for bringing off the 'double' so convincingly - Ed.)

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CRICKET COLOURS

The following Colours for 1956 were awarded on 19th May:

First Eleven

Second Eleven

* Hirinder Singh (Captain)
* V.R.Sud
* Uminder Singh
* I.S.Ahluwalia
* Vinod Nayar
Amarjit Singh
A.S.Dulat
Kanwal Sunder Singh
A.K.Lamba
R.K.Malhotra
Gurpratap Singh

* Chhattar Singh (Captain)
* R.S.Kalha
Ravijit Singh
Inderjit Singh
S.J.Sondhi
Ramesh Chandra Arora
S.S.Ahluwalia
S.Bhargava
R.L.Sud
Arun Kumar
Anil Sikand

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We have received the newsletters of The Modern School, New Delhi,
The Bible Public Schools, The Yadvindra Public School, Patiala.

Appointment: On 23rd May, Hirinder Singh was appointed School Captain. We know that every boy and member of Staff will join with us in our congratulations to him.

Cricket: Prior to our fixtures against Lawrence School, Sanawar, our teams were kept in fighting trim over five outside matches:

B.C.S. vs Northern Railway, Headquarters:	Drawn
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B.C.S. vs Punjab Secretariat, Chandigarh:	Lost by 7 wickets
B.C.S. vs Bhargava Municipal College:	Won by an innings & 66 runs
B.C.S. vs Northern Railway, Divisional:	Lost by 3 wickets

Seven internal matches were also played.

Hindi Society: New ground was broken with the first meeting of the Society on 9th May. After an opening talk by the Headmaster, on the importance of Hindi, Mr. Shankar took the Chair. Mr. Chatter Singh was elected Secretary. Sixteen speakers then talked on a variety of topics, encompassing both the serious - such as a paean on Subhash Chander Bose - and the humorous - such as the autobiography of a blackboard.

Cotton Society: At this month's meeting of the Society, Mr. Carter spoke on the Lighter Aspects of Literature. He punctuated his talk with most amusing instances of lapses by the great, of limericks, and of epigrams. We are grateful to him for a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The A.D.S. Play: After just over a month of intensive practice, we had the Dress Rehearsal of 'Lord Babs' on 30th May. Judging from the peals of laughter, the boys appeared to have enjoyed the show immensely. A review of the play will appear after the public performance on 2nd June.

Mark Reading: was held on 30th May. Classwork over three months pointed to improving standards.

Chicken Pox: The first term seldom passes without a spell of some epidemic common to schools. This year it has been chicken pox. It is, however, completely under control now.

Cinemas:

2nd May:	Friendship of Great Nations
5th May:	Sword and the Rose
9th May:	20,000 Leagues under the Sea
12th May:	California Passage
19th May:	The Clown
26th May:	Triple Attraction

Holidays: On 31st May the School closed, for a fortnight's holiday.

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To The Editor:

Sir - May I protest against the spate of holidays we have had of late. Must we get a holiday if we win the Sanawar matches? Must holidays be forced on us for other flimsy reasons? It would be more legitimate if we extended those that follow Speech Day - until they run into the winter vacation! This is worthy of serious consideration.

Yours etc.,
A Sixth Former (almost)

(The Headmaster assures us that such malpractices will cease)
(forthwith - Ed.)

New Members: 1) P.Gogte (C. 1954-55): 867, Shivaji Nagar,
'Gopikasaram', Poona-4.

2) Schinder Singh (I.1952-55): c/o Col. Shamsheer Singh
Makerpura Rd., Baroda.

3) D.H.Davison (I.1941-42): Bishop Cotton School, Simla.

Visits: We are glad to have had staying with us at School this month Prashida, Kanwaljit Singh, D.C.Khanna, Raj Bhasin, and Hargurdial Singh. Kanwaljit is still with us.

We were also happy to be visited by Kamla Singh, Brig. M.N. Batra, Col.S.Bannerjee, S.C.S.Pasrich, Harkrishan Singh, N.K.Ahuja, P.S.Nat, and S.R.Luthra.

News from Letters:

H.S.Randhawa (C.1947-50): is now an assistant manager of a tea garden in Assam. Hardial is now a life member of the O.C.A.

P.Gogte (C.1954-55): hopes to join Ferguson College, Poona.

Schinder Singh (I.1952-55): is busy studying Hindi prior to entering college in Baroda.

Baljit Singh (I.1949-52): has just been commissioned from the Military College at Dehra Dun.

Brijesh Narain (C.1952-54): writes to say that he is doing well at Loughborough College in the U.K. He hopes to go over to go over to the continent this summer. O.N.Aggarwal is with Brijesh at Loughborough.

J.T.Densapa (L.1944-46): at present studying Public Administration at Exeter University College, Devon (England).

J.Sawhney (C.1946-55): has obtained admission in Elphinstone College, Bombay.

Y.S.Nakai (R.1948-52): is to be congratulated on winning the Heavyweight title at the Inter-University Boxing.

New Addresses:

Shivraj Kishore (I.1946-48): c/o Burma Shell Company, New Delhi.

H.S.Randhawa (C.1947-50): Khobang Tea Estate, P.O.Talap, Upper Assam

P.T.Namgyal (L.1935-41): His Highness Hony.Lt.Col. (8th G.R.)
Maharaj Kumar of Sikkim, Padma Bibhushan,
O.B.E.,
The Palace, Gangtok, Sikkim.

Comments on The Mitre:

'Having gone through the March and April issues of the 'Mitre', let me assure you that I enjoyed every word of it. I am sure that so have all Old Cottonians. I wish the publication every success'
- Rameshwar Singh (I.1948-52)

'At the end of each month we proudly and anxiously look forward to the arrival of 'The Mitre'. It gives us a fine picture of all the activities in School. Thank you very much for 'The Mitre'.
- Raj Kumar Bhasin (L.1951-55).