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We write at the end of November when there are unmistakable signs that winter is fast setting in. November has always been a busy month for the School and so it has proved this year. Our main preoccupation has been examinations. The School Examinations gave over on the 22nd November but, unfortunately, the Cambridge Examinations are still on us and those of us who are taking it are burning the midnight oil and hoping that our labours will not be in vain. So far, all candidates believe that they have done enough to satisfy the examiners and we hope their belief in this will be justified. If every candidate gets a First the School, we have been told, will be granted a holiday next year. What we actually hope is that a holiday will be granted if every candidate passes. And if we all pass we hope that that will be an inspiration to other candidates in the years that are to come.

Our first 'activity' during the month was the celebration of Diwali. The Second flat was given over to merry-makers and there was a splendid display of fireworks. Fireworks are, of course, of two types, the harmless and the 'really good'. The latter seemed to be much in evidence but, luckily, damage was slight, and only two boys had to be taken to hospital for treatment. In any case, a good time was had by all and everybody voted Diwali a success. The next day the School was allowed the holiday which had been granted by S. Sohan Singh, who presided at our Sports. We were back at work on the 4th and the same evening witnessed the finals of the School Table Tennis Championships. The standard of play was remarkably high, a fact which the Headmaster mentioned when giving away the prizes. The winners of the events were:

COTTON	(Open)	Singles Cup ...	Gurcharan Singh (R)
ISIS	(Open)	Doubles Cup ...	S. Basu (I) and A. Batra (C)
SINKER	(Under 14)	Singles Cup ...	Sunil Advani (C)
VANCOUVER	(Under 14)	Doubles Cup ...	Balwinder Singh & Daljit Singh (L)
EMERSON	(Under 11)	Singles Cup ...	Gurbirinder Singh Gill (C)
FARIDKOT	(Under 11)	Doubles Cup ...	G.S. Gill (C) and Gurinder Parkash (I).

The finals of the Debating Competition (Soni Shield) were held on November 7th when R.S. Sandhu (L) was adjudged the best speaker. The judges were the Headmaster, Mr. Cowell and Mr. Williams. The Debating Society is one of our most flourishing societies and speakers on this last occasion were forceful, amusing and informative. Gauba, the youngest competitor deserves a special word of praise. Earlier in the day our 2nd XI had left for Sanawar for its annual hockey match. The School lost by 2-0 and the game described as 'fast and keen'. The team returned on November 9th and that same evening we were glad to welcome the Headmaster of Sanawar and three of his staff together with the first batch of the Sanawar invaders. And very welcome invaders they were. The second batch making up a total of some 80 boys and girls and staff, arrived at mid-day on the 10th. Ours is essentially a school for boys but, nevertheless, we are always glad to welcome some of the other sex and the 12 girls who came from Sanawar were particularly welcome, even though we were unable to persuade them to cheer for BCS either at the boxing or at the hockey match! As the Headmaster pointed out, though, we are glad to think that Sanawarians realise they are welcome here. We have a long association with Sanawar because of our Inter-School games and we should like that association to be of the happiest. The Boxing took place in the Gymnasium on the afternoon of the 10th. The School beat Sanawar by 8 fights to 3:

MATCH	WEIGHT (4 to 4-7)	A.K. Mehra	beat G.S. Anand.
PAPER	WEIGHT (4-7 to 5)	H.S. Sekhon	beat T.S. Shergil.
MIDGET	WEIGHT (5 to 5-7)	Tejinder Singh	beat A.K. Kapoor.
MOSQUITO	WEIGHT (5-7 to 6)	I. S. Bawa	beat M.S. Bhagat.
G N A T	WEIGHT (6 to 6-7)	Daljit Singh	lost to A. Mehra.
F L Y	WEIGHT (6-7 to 7)	Jeswant Singh	beat J.P. Singh.
BANTAM	WEIGHT (7 to 7-7)	R. Dotiwalla	lost to A.K. Seth.
WEATHER	WEIGHT (7-7 to 8)	S. Sandhu	beat K.M. Varma.

We should like to thank Major Som Datt, who refereed, and Mr. Kemp and Mr. Jagdish Ram who judged, for acting as officials. Our own representatives were Mr. Brown (judge), Mr. Advani (Timekeeper), Dr. Jagjit Singh (Medical Officer) and Indarjeet Singh, 56 (M.C.).

After the boxing, the teams were photographed separately and collectively and with the many staff who happened to be in the vicinity. Even Mr. Carville, our trainer, was persuaded to be photographed. We think his picture should be placed in the gymnasium alongside those of Joe Louis and other stalwarts. Following photographs, everybody found his or her way to the tea tables for the tea which had been provided by Major Dvisor. Later, all Sanawarians, except the staff, were taken to the pictures by the Cottonian teams. The picture was good and the dinner was good. The non-appearance of the Sanawar girls at the school, however, caused a mild flutter. We were quietly alerted but just as we were about to set out to rescue them from perils unknown they returned as lively as crickets, none the worse for having come home a little later than expected. And so to bed.

The First Eleven hockey match was fixed for the next morning at 10 o'clock and resulted in a win for the School by 1-0. It was a good game and had the School forwards taken full advantage of the many chances that came their way the score would have been much higher. The Sanawar party left after a hurried lunch.

During the next week we hurried through our Inter-House Hockey Tournaments and on Saturday, 17th, we witnessed an excellent Final between Ibbetson and Rivaz 1st Elevens. Ibbetson won. In the 2nd Eleven match Gurzon beat Rivaz. This marked the end of our games for the year. After the Headmaster had given out the Hockey trophies, Table Tennis Colours were awarded. These were:

1st VII ... S.K. Ghaddah (Capt.), Gurcharan Singh, S. Basu, A.S. Dulat, Arun Kumar, Uminder Singh and A. Batra.

2nd VII ... Balwinder Singh (Capt.), I.S. Bawa, S.K. Raina, R.S. Sawhney, P. Nanda, S. Advani and Daljit Singh.

The Headmaster then presented the challenge trophy for 'The Sportsman of the Year' to K. Sundar Singh (C). We congratulate Sundar Singh on being selected for this great honour. Gurzon House was presented the Cock House Shield.

The Carol Service was held in the School Chapel on the 18th evening,

The Linlithgow and Headmaster's House dormitories had a thoroughly enjoyable Christmas Party on the 22nd, and after tea and games, Santa Claus presented a gift to each boy. That same morning we had seen the boxes being loaded into trucks and taken away to the railway station to be booked to our destinations. What a grand feeling it gives, to know that in two more days we should be on our way home.

The 23rd was a very busy day for all the boys and Housemasters. We were all eagerly helping in our Common Rooms and dormitories to decorate and to prepare for the End of Term Suppers. This is a day which everyone in School looks forward to, and we did celebrate in real style. And so ended 1956 when the main body of the School left for home - and holidays - on the 24th. A few of us, who are in the N.C.C. and who are taking the Cambridge examinations, are still here, working hard.

And with this issue of the Newsletter, 'The Mitre' goes to sleep for the winter and it shall awake when our new term opens on the 6th March, 1957.

The films during the month of November were:

3rd ... Scot of the Antarctica.

10th ... Alfred Hitchcock's I CONFESS.

17th ... Charge at Feather River.

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NEW MEMBERS

- Anluwalia, S.S. (I.1952-56) - 13, Kasturi Buildings, Churchgate Reclamation, Bombay.
 Chhattar Singh (I.1948-56) - 31, Middlesex Road, Mnow. (M.B.)
 Driver, Homi N. (I.1935-39) - 'Usha Kiran' (Flat No.8), Marine Drive, Bombay-1.
 Dulat, A.S. (R.1951-56) - c/o Mr. Justice S.S. Dilat, House No.2, Sector 4, Chandigarh.
 Inderjit Singh (L.1948-56) - c/o F Kapur Singh, Narang Villa, Simla.
 Mahinderpal Singh (R.1938-42) - c/o Rallis India Ltd., 320, Linghi Chetty Street, Madras.
 Malhotra, R.K. (I.1948-56) - Vishnu Lodge, Solan. (Simla Hills).
 Mehra, N.D. (I.1949-56) - Santosh Villa, 25 Jawahar Nagar, Delhi.
 Ravijit Singh (L.1947-56) - Dholpur Stone C., P.O. Barauli (Dholpur State) Rajasthan.
 Satinder Singh (I.1947-56) - 5, Wellesly Road, New Delhi.

Enrolment from 1st January to 1st December, 1956: Annual Members 5.
 Life Members 16.
 Honorary Member 1.

NEWS:

- R.G. Advani (I.1950-52) - dropped in for a few hours on his way back to Bombay from Lucknow and we were delighted to see him.
 Homi N. Driver (I.1935-39) - Formerly in the Navy, Homi is now running a Florists' concern called 'Pushpa Milan' on Marine Drive.
 Dulip Singh (L.1952-53) . we have just heard from his father in Malaya that "Dulip has done his first term at Sandhurst. He is in the top company - 'Sovereigns Coy'. His Coy. won 'The Best Company' on Drill Cup. He was selected to play hockey for the 3rd XI Royal Military Academy - a signal honour because as 'freshie' is allowed to represent."
 We are delighted to hear this news and wish Dulip all success in the future.
 A.S. Kullar (I.1952-54) - wrote from Kharakvasla a few days ago. Amarjeet is half way through his training at the Academy. He gives news of S.P. Bhatia who has completed his training period at Kharakvasla and now goes on to the Military College, Dehra Dun.
 Kr. Mahinderpal Singh (R.1938-42) - is with Rallis India Ltd. He paid us a very quick visit which was just time enough to enrol him as a Life Member.
 R.K.S. Pasrich (L.1946-50) - is now happily settled at the Graduate School, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. U.S.A.
 Shanti Singh (I.1948-51) - paid us a short visit early in November. Shanti has recently completed his B.A. (Hons) in History and plans to join the Army. He gives news of his brother Kamla Singh (I.1948-52), who has completed his B.A. (Hons) in English and will shortly be proceeding to the U.K., and Rameshwar Singh (I.1948-52) who is joining the Roorkee Engineering College.
 P. Sharma (C.1952-54) - recently returned from East Africa. Paid us a visit before returning to St. Xavier's College, Bombay.

NEW ADDRESSES:

- Bhatia, S.P. (C.1952-54) - No.1680, Cadet S.P. Bhatia, F Squadron, National Defence Academy, Kharakvasla, Poona.
 Dulip Singh (L.1952-53) - O/Cdt. Dulip Singh, Sovereign's Company, Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey.
 Sidhu, Harbans Singh (I.1948-49) - wrote to us from Delhi where he is now with Protos Engineering Company (Siemens-Schuckert dept.) He graduated this year from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur, obtaining First Class Honours in Electrical Power Engineering. His address is: c/o Protos Engineering Co. Private Ltd., Siemens Department, 'E' Block, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

Position	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975					
COCK HOUSE																									
HOCKEY	League "A"	League "B"	League "C"	Matches "A"	Matches "B"	Matches "A"	Matches "B"	Matches "C"	Proficiency Challenge	Proficiency Challenge	Proficiency Challenge	Proficiency Challenge	Proficiency Challenge	Leagues "A"	Leagues "B"	Leagues "C"	Matches "A"	Matches "B"	Leagues "A"	Leagues "B"	Leagues "C"	Matches "A"	Matches "B"	Tennis	
CURZON	2	2	3	6	9	2	2	12	18	18	18	18	6	12	18	4	3	3	6	6	1	2	3	1½	4
LEFROY	1			3	2	6	1	18	12			18	18	6	2	2	4	1	3	1	3	1	9	6	2
IBBETSON	4	3	1	9	6	4	6	6	12	12	6	6	6	6	1	1	9	2	4	1		6	2	6	6
RIVAZ	6		2	6	4	3	3		6	6	12	12		12	2		3		6			2	½		4