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The month has been distinguished by an unusual amount of rain. Few Cottonians can remember a wetter October. It is customary to bask in the October sunshine and to glory in the beauty of our surroundings. But the rain and the cold drove us indoors for the greater part of the month and, perforce, an extra amount of work was forced on us. Nevertheless, there were bright patches and, in spite of the realisation that Cambridge and School examinations were not far distant there was always comfort in the thought that the holidays were fast approaching. Of course, we are always sad to leave the School precincts but holidays are holidays and Delhi and other places on the plains cannot be lightly ignored during the winter months. Towards the end of the month there was an improvement in climatic conditions. Whether or not we should blame atomic tests for our unusual weather we do not know. What we do know is that the unseasonable weather has interfered very considerably with our outdoor activities. It is to be hoped that November will live up to its usual standard of blue skies and bright sunshine, at any rate up to November 24th when we embark on our holidays!

Gandhy Jayanti was celebrated on October 2nd. It was a perfect day and the School made the most of its town leave. The bad weather returned on the next day but cleared towards the evening. The Hindi Society had a very successful Meeting that night.

October 4th was another cheerless day but we did receive the good news that the School had won First Prize in an Art Exhibition and that Rajesh Khanna had been awarded a Second Prize. We offer him our heartiest congratulations. As the bad weather continued it became apparent that the rain would interfere with the Sports. It had already seriously upset our training schedule. To compensate, however, we saw the introduction of Socials with Auckland House when we went to that school for a party on October 6th. What a success it was, made all the more successful by the fact that none of our Staff was present! It will suffice to say that a good time was had by all and we are most grateful to Miss Twiss and all at Auckland House for their hospitality and for the pains they took to make the Social the outstanding success which it undoubtedly was. No boy in the School today can remember the last Social with Auckland House. We ourselves feel that they are well worthwhile and hope very much that Miss Twiss and the Headmaster will give us their whole-hearted support in this not unimportant aspect of the lives of the two schools. We think they will be fruitful of much good and we hope that every boy who has the privilege of attending these socials will by his good manners and general behaviour make his contribution to their success. We have it from the Headmaster, who, unfortunately, has so far been unable to attend a Social, that he has no objection to them and, so, now that the ice has been broken we look forward to welcoming Auckland House at this school as a fairly regular measure in subsequent years. We returned Auckland House's hospitality on October 13th when Mr. and Mrs. Brown very kindly gave us their help in organising certain games. The Social was to have been held after our Sports but as the Sports were postponed, because of bad weather, it was put forward. The day before we had been to a very successful party given by Nita Saxena of Auckland House for the senior boys. The weather was worse than ever, road and rail traffic had been disrupted.

The weather took a turn for the better half-way through the month and we were able to have our Sports on the 18th when Sirdar Sohan Singh very kindly presided and presented the prizes. We witnessed some good running but as training had suffered so severely timings were not as good as they might have been. Except for House Trophies and the Victor Ludorum medals, prizes were dispensed with this year and Certificates introduced. The total number of events was also reduced in number and that enabled us to complete the programme comfortably before it was dark and cold. After the presentation of prizes, S. Sohan Singh granted the School a holiday. We should like to take this opportunity of thanking him for spending so much time with us and for presiding at our Sports. Full details of the Sports appear elsewhere in this issue.

On October 20th, a large party of boys was very kindly invited by Auckland House for their Annual Sports. We were glad to participate in one of the events and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon's sport. We are grateful to Miss Twiss and her staff for having invited us. The Headmaster presented the prizes.

After the Sports we started our Hockey season while a few selected boys started their training for the Boxing match against Sanawar. Our fixtures with Sanawar at Boxing and Hockey will take place on November 10th and 11th and we are looking forward to welcoming the Sanawarians once again. Our Second Eleven will play at Sanawar on November 8th. With the improvement in the weather we have been able to complete our Inter-House Tennis Tournament and our Inter-House Shooting Competition. The Tennis trophy went to Ibbetson while the Shooting Cup was won by Rivaz. Ashok Lamba of Lefroy won the prize for the Best Shot in the School. The Inter-House Table Tennis Tournament presented no difficulties as it was played in Irwin Hall. The standard was as high as ever and competition in the finals particularly keen. The 1st VII trophy was won by Ibbetson with Curzon second. The 2nd VII trophy went to Curzon with Lefroy second.

In addition to the Hindi Society we have had a Cotton Society Meeting at which Satinder Singh gave a most interesting talk on Aviation. Further, the School Council has had its monthly meeting and has once again put forward its suggestions for improvements in the School.

The month concluded with a very happy and successful party for the senior boys at Auckland House. The ghostly atmosphere so cleverly created by Auckland House in no way damped our spirits, as was very noticeable at the supper provided for us. We hope to have a return party before Auckland House closes down for the vacations.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Sunil Chand of Ibbetson on his article which appeared in 'The Statesman'. We very much hope that in the years to come he will join the band of Cottonians who had their works published from abroad and in India. We have in mind, in particular, Roy Farran, Richard Blaker, who wrote a novel based on his life at this School, and Ruskin Bond, whose latest novel was published in England this year. Sunil Chand's article has been posted in the Information Centre.

School closes on November 24th when the bulk of the School will leave for the winter vacation. The Cambridge candidates and the N.C.C. will stay on till December. The N.C.C., who were inspected by Commander Butalia, Circle Commander of 8 Circle, NCC, on October 27th, will be leading for Camp (Jullundur Cantt.) on December 7th under 2nd Officer F. Paul.

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The School saw the following films during the month:

October	6	...	VOO DOO TIGER
	13	...	ALL ASHORE
	20	...	LOVE LOTTERY

New Member: P.S.Nat (I 1947-55) - 3B Hindu College Hostel, University Enclave, Delhi-8.

New Addresses:

Kanwaljit Singh (L 1948-54) - c/o S. Basant Singh, Superintending Engineer,  
 Surinder Singh (L 1948-53) - P.W.D. (B & R), Amritsar.  
 S. S. Nakai (R 1948-52) - Room 40, Block B, Medical College Hostel,  
 Amritsar.  
 J. C. Ross (I 1922-27) - Survey of India, Hathibarkala, Dehra Dun.  
 R. E. Nissen (I 1920-21) - 3 Auckland Square, Calcutta-16.

NEWS:

We were happy to have with us for a few days Partap Sharma, upon a holiday from St. Xavier's College, Bombay. Another welcome visitor was R.E. Nissen, now Divisional Personnel Officer, Sealdah Division, Eastern Railway, who visited the School after some thirty years and was able to see the Athletic Sports.

Yatindra Singh writes from St. Joseph's College, Darjeeling, where he is studying Science and plans to go abroad next year.

Kanwaljit Singh and Surinder Singh (120) are now at the Khalsa College, Amritsar, and are both playing in the College Cricket team.

Ranjit Puri writes from the U.S.A. where he is happily settled in the Institute of Technology, Cambridge 39, Massachusetts.

I would be grateful if someone could supply me with the address of S.P. Bhatia (C 1950-52).

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AUTUMN AT BCS

Autumn is the season which inspires poets and we seem to remember having heard it described as a season of mists and mellow fruitfulness. We have no experience of autumn mists while the fruits we enjoy at meals could scarcely be described as mellow. But autumn is a popular time of the year, even though it be a time when we are called upon to do more work than is good either for our bodies or our souls! Rouser on autumnal mornings is anything but welcome; long hours of 'prep' are not conducive to high spirits; masters seem more vigilant than ever and pocket money balances are nil. And yet, it is not difficult to see why autumn is so popular. It is not that we are deterred by the prospect of Cambridge and other examinations, nor is it that we receive anything special in the way of diet in order to make up the weight we have lost through hard and merciless work. We like autumn for the simple reason that it proclaims that the end of term is not far distant and that soon we shall leave the cold Himalayan blasts behind us and be in warmer climes. We shall miss Rouser and miss our work and our games but there will be compensations and those will more than balance all that we shall miss of our School life. We can appreciate the autumn tints and the falling leaves; we admire the distant views of the snows; we appreciate the earnestness of the Staff; we delight in House activities and all the fun associated with them but home is home and the joy of lying in bed just a little longer without the strident notes of the morning bell to rouse us from our warm beds is worth much and an undiluted joy. Good, too, is it to see relatives and friends again and glorious to bask in the winter sunshine of Delhi and other places. Yes, autumn at BCS is a popular time of the year but its popularity is largely linked with the joys of home to which we look forward with keen expectation. And, so, let Cottonians rejoice in the fact that autumn is here.

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We have received the following:

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 YPS News Bulletin, The Doon School Weekly.

EDITOR:

Patarnali Nanda.

OPEN DIVISION

160 yards	1. Hirinder Singh (R) 3. R.L.Sud (L)	2. K. Sundar Singh (C) TIME 11 sec
220 yards	1. K. Sundar Singh (C) 3. R.L.Sud (L)	2. Hirinder Singh (R) TIME 25 sec RECORD
440 yards	1. K. Sundar Singh (C) 3. Anil Sikand (C)	2. K.S.Sandhu (L) TIME 58.2 sec
880 yards	1. K. Sundar Singh (C) 3. Anil Sikand (C)	2. Hirinder Singh (R) TIME 2 min 20.5 sec
Mile	1. K. Sundar Singh (C) 3. S.J.Sondhi (R)	2. Anil Sikand (C) TIME 5 min 34 sec
Long Jump	1. K. Sundar Singh (C) 3. K.S.Sandhu (L)	2. Hirinder Singh (R) DISTANCE 18 ft 8 in
Hop, Step & Jump	1. Hirinder Singh (R) 3. K. Sundar Singh (C)	2. R.K.Malhotra (I) DISTANCE 39 ft 6 in
High Jump	1. Uminder Singh (R) 3. Amarjit Singh (I)	2. Hirinder Singh (R) HEIGHT 5 ft 2 in
PUTTING THE SHOT	1. Hirinder Singh (R) 3. I.S.Ahluwalia (I)	2. Uminder Singh (R) DISTANCE 31 ft 11 in
100 yards hurdles	1. Hirinder Singh (R) 3. Ravijit Singh (L)	2. K. Sundar Singh (C) TIME 13.8 sec

UNDER 15 DIVISION

100 yards	1. Mohinderjit Singh (L) 3. Maljit Singh (L)	2. R.S.Rana (C) TIME 11.3 sec
220 yards	1. Mohinderjit Singh (L) 3. S.J.S.Panwar (L)	2. Maljit Singh (L) TIME
440 yards	1. R.S.Rana (C) 3. Padam Singh (C)	2. Maljit Singh (L) TIME 62.2 sec
880 yards	1. R.S.Rana (C) 3. Ajit Singh (L)	2. Balwinder Singh (L) TIME 2 min 33.3 sec
100 yards hurdles	1. R.S.Rana (C) 3. Arun Kumar (C)	2. Mohinderjit, Singh (L) TIME 15.7 sec
Long Jump	1. R.S.Rana (C) 3. Ajit Singh (L)	2. S.J.S.Panwar (L) DISTANCE 15 ft 10½ in
Hop, Step & Jump	1. R.S.Rana (C) 3. Ajit Singh (L)	2. S.J.S.Panwar (L) DISTANCE 35 ft RECORD
High Jump	1. S.J.S.Panwar (L) 3. Mohinderjit Singh (L)	2. R.S.Rana (C) & M.P.S.Sidhu (L) HEIGHT 4 ft 8 in
Putting the Shot	1. R.S.Rana (C) 3. Gurpal Singh (C)	2. S.J.S.Panwar (L) DISTANCE 30 ft 8½ in RECORD
Throwing the Discus	1. R.S.Rana (C) 3. S.J.S.Panwar (L)	2. Gurpal Singh (C) DISTANCE 103 ft 7 in RECORD

UNDER 12 DIVISION

100 yards	1. Prem Kumar (R) 3. Inderjit Singh (L)	2. Harjit Singh (R) TIME 13.1 sec
220 yards	1. Prem Kumar (R) 3. R.S.Sidhu (L)	2. Inderjit Singh (L) TIME 31.4 sec
80 yards hurdles	1. Harjit Singh (R) 3. Inderjit Singh (L)	2. Prem Kumar (R) TIME 13.7 sec
Long Jump	1. Prem Kumar (R) 3. Inderjit Singh (L)	2. Harjit Singh (R) DISTANCE 12 ft 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Hop, Step & Jump	1. Harjit Singh (R) 3. J.Chopra (I)	2. Prem Kumar (R) DISTANCE 28 ft 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ in
High Jump	1. Prem Kumar (R) 3. Inderjit Singh (L)	2. Harjit Singh (R) HEIGHT 4 ft 1 in RECORD

UNDER 9 DIVISION

100 yards	1. H.S.Grewal (R) 3. Ravi Pal Singh (L)	2. J.S.Randhawa (R) TIME 15 sec
Long Jump	1. H.S.Grewal (R) 3. Ravi Pal Singh (L)	2. R.S.Chauhan (C) DISTANCE 11 ft 10 in
Hop, Step & Jump	1. H.S.Grewal (R) 3. B.A.Devidayal ii (L)	2. Ravi Pal Singh (L) DISTANCE 26 ft 4 in RECORD
High Jump	1. Ravi Pal Singh (L) 3. B.A.Devidayal ii (L) &	2. H.S.Grewal (R) J.S.Randhawa (R) HEIGHT 3 ft 2 in
75 yards (Under 8)	1. V.K.Jolly (L) 3. Rajesh Lal (C)	2. Lalit Kumar Singh (L) TIME 13.1 sec
50 yards (Under 7)	1. V.S.Mankotia (L) 3. G.B.Mehra (I)	2. Lalit Kumar Singh (I) TIME 8.5 sec
220 yards servants	1. Roop Kishore 3. Jai Kishen	2. Bhagwan Dass TIME 31.2 sec

VICTORES LUDORUM : Open K. Sundar Singh (C)  
Under 15 R.S.Rana (C)  
Under 12 Prem Kumar (R)  
Under 9 H.S.Grewal (R)

ATHLETICS PROFICIENCY CUP LEFROY HOUSE

RELAY CUP CURZON HOUSE

ATHLETICS CHALLENGE CUP CURZON HOUSE

WINNERS SINCE 1948

1948	Curzon House	Curzon House	Curzon House
1949	Curzon House	Curzon House	Curzon House
1950	Curzon House	Curzon House	Curzon House
1951	Curzon House	Curzon House	Curzon House
1952	Rivaz House	Rivaz House	Curzon House
1953	Lefroy House	Lefroy House	Lefroy House
1954	Lefroy House	Lefroy House	Lefroy House

PROFICIENCY CUP

JUG-O'-WAR

RELAY CUP

CHALLENGE SHIELD

POSITIONS	TOTALS	Under 9 Division	Under 12 Division	Under 15 Division	Open Division
1	225	12	55	113	45
2	206	4	27	124	51
3	151	5	29	53	64
4	131	11	29	45	46

ATHLETICS PROFICIENCY CUP

Event	Division	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Time
4 x 90 yards	Open	1. Rivaz	2. Curzon	3. Ibbetson	4. Lefroy	TIME 57 sec
	Under 15	1. Curzon	2. Lefroy	3. Ibbetson	4. Rivaz	TIME 58.3 sec
	Under 12	1. Lefroy	2. Rivaz	3. Ibbetson	4. Curzon	TIME 2 min 13.5 sec
	Under 15	1. Curzon	2. Lefroy	3. Ibbetson	4. Rivaz	TIME 1 min 54.9 sec
4 x 220 yards	Open	1. Curzon	2. Lefroy	3. Rivaz	4. Ibbetson	TIME 1 min 49.8 sec
	Under 9	1. Rivaz	2. Lefroy	3. Ibbetson	4. Curzon	TIME 56.6 sec
	Under 12	1. Rivaz	2. Curzon	3. Ibbetson	4. Lefroy	TIME
	Under 15	1. Lefroy	2. Curzon	3. Ibbetson	4. Rivaz	TIME 43.6 sec
4 x 880 yards	Open	1. Rivaz & Curzon	2. Lefroy	3. Ibbetson	4. Rivaz	TIME 9 min 57.3 sec
	Under 15	1. Curzon	2. Lefroy	3. Ibbetson	4. Rivaz	TIME 10 min 27.3 sec
	Open	1. Curzon	2. Lefroy	3. Rivaz	4. Ibbetson	TIME 4 min 20.6 sec
	Under 15	1. Curzon	2. Lefroy	3. Ibbetson	4. Rivaz	TIME 4 min 40.7 sec
4 x 90 yards	Open	1. Lefroy	2. Curzon	3. Ibbetson	4. Rivaz	TIME 41.8 sec
	Under 15	1. Lefroy	2. Rivaz	3. Ibbetson	4. Curzon	TIME 41.8 sec
	Under 12	1. Rivaz	2. Curzon	3. Ibbetson	4. Lefroy	TIME
	Under 15	1. Lefroy	2. Curzon	3. Ibbetson	4. Rivaz	TIME