

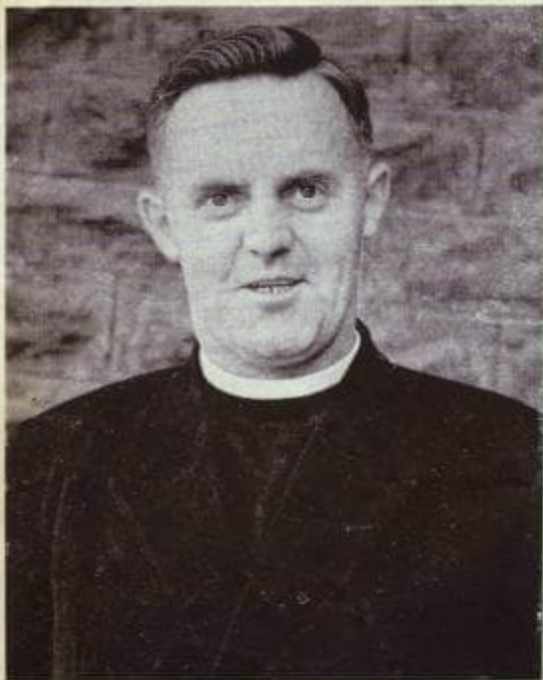
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THE ABU ORIOLE

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The Magazine
is affectionately dedicated
to our former Principal
Rev. Br. J. A. Keane

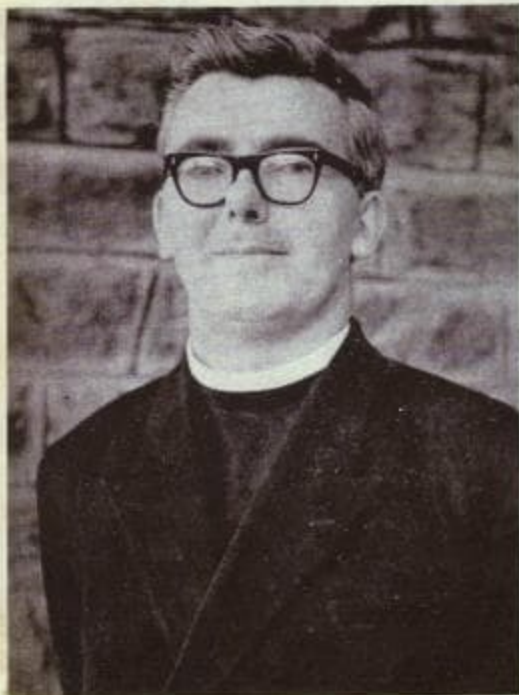


Rev. Br. J. A. Keane, Principal (1964-1968).

Br. Keane came as Principal to St. Mary's with the ideal: the welfare of boys and School and he has certainly achieved in five years a very great amount. His manly bearing, his kind but firm discipline made for the efficient running of the Institution which he has brought from strength to strength. His kindly understanding and diplomatic handling of difficult and intricate problems made him linked by all, both in school and outside.

Br. Keane is a man of action: a born teacher, the School under his able administration has, perhaps, never had better results both in the public examinations and class promotion tests. The parents of our boys had their fullest trust in him and knew that their children would be sure

Br. Keane—an Appreciation



Rev. Br. J. B. Judge, New Principal (1969)

to get the very best, academically, spiritually and morally. His Staff were happy and contented and knew what he expected from them and gave of their best: to one and all he was 'the pater familias.' He saw the shortcomings and needs of the School and lost no time in getting things done: a magnificent two-storey building to house a dining-hall and class rooms, new playing fields, a direct water-supply (a crying need) to the School, the formation of the Old Boys' Association, the formation of a Junior Curia of the Legion of Mary, the founding of the Social Service League, the planning of a new chapel and a new multi-purpose assembly hall, were but a few of the many achievements that Br. Keane, in his master mind, had thought of and put into execution.

He was an organiser par excellence but he always gave the example and the boys had only to follow. His versatility stood him in good part and it can be said that Br. Keane could turn his hand to anything, be it class-work, games, music, concerts, sports organisation, drill displays, debating and elocution competitions or any cultural activity.

His relations with the ecclesiastical and civil authorities were of the best and could leave

nothing to be desired. His dealings, too, with the local Institutions show what tremendous regard all had for his advice, guidance and help. It can be truly said that he could not have achieved so much in such a short time if he did not have one and all behind him.

He will live in the memory of those boys, Staff Members, parents and all who had any connection with him while he was Principal of St. Mary's School, Mount Abu.



EDITORIAL

The year 1968 may, in many respects, be regarded as a historical one for St. Mary's School, Mount Abu—a year where sickness was practically nil, examination results, perhaps, never better in the eighty years of its existence, where a very high standard at games was attained, where the boys themselves gave of their best at elocution, extempore-speaking, quiz and drama contests, at concerts and plays and where Nature itself seemed to bless the School on every side.

However, the highlights of the year were certainly the opening, in March, of the spacious dining hall for the boys with two airy classrooms alongside, and later on, in July, the occupying of six much-needed classrooms on the first storey. These were landmarks in the long history of St. Mary's—events which will be looked back on with a sense of pride and adulation. They will be looked forward to by the crowds of boys who will enter the precincts of these temples of learning where our boys will imbibe sound moral principles to fit them for the world of to-morrow with its snares and materialism.

The School Authorities here in St. Mary's are ever aware of their duty to the boys now going through their class-rooms and are mindful, too, with kindly solicitude, for those who have left—our ex-pupils. The very *raison d'être* of a school like ours is to train up boys in the way they should go, to impart to them religious and secular knowledge and to make them good citizens and honourable men, proud of their country, school and its teachers.

STAFF-1968



STAFF (1968)

Seated: Mr. I. R. Goyal, Br. H. D. O'Neill, Br. J. A. Keane
(Principal), Fr. Bonaventure, Br. E. O. O'Keeffe

Centre Row: Mrs. J. Khambatta, Miss A. Cordozo, Sr.
Ellenore, Sr. Martina, Sr. Claudia, Mrs. C. D'Souza,
Mrs. P. Verghese.

Back Row: Mr. E. T. James, Br. M. R. Foran, Mr. D. Asarsa,
Mr. H. J. Ludwig, Br. J. B. Judge, Mr. B. Asarsa.

(Inset: Br. J. V. Lynch).



CLASS III



1st Row (seated): S. Jayaswal, A. Trivedi, J. George, Mrs. C. D'Souza, B. Khambatta, S. Lobo, P. Kane.

Middle Row: S. Nagesh, K. Faria, R. Moolchandani, K. Patel, S. Datta, R. K. Makeja, A. D'Souza, N. Dhakkal, N. Pereira, C. James.

Back Row: P. Goyal, A. Makeja, F. Shahpurwala, P. Dhupia, G. Verghese, J. Amin, R. Ranevat, R. Singh, T. Shah, D. Choudhury, J. Sequeira, S. Ramlal.

CLASS IV



1st Row (seated): S. Shah, K. Shah, M. Bhargava, Mrs. P. Verghese, K. Patel, D. Jani, L. D'Mello.

2nd Row: N. Singh, J. Singh, I. Stone, M. D'Souza, C. Dreger, L. Lawrence, W. Noronha, K. Burges, G. Vincent, G. Lobo.

3rd Row: R. Gomes, N. Thapa, S. Puri, D. Jani, J. A. Pinto, J. Vaz, M. Merriman, V. Lobo, R. Shahpurwala, P. Dias.

Back Row: M. Vaidya, D. D'Souza, C. Mendonca, V. Patton, C. Gabriel, N. Singh, A. Tiwari, C. D'Costa, A. Stogh, M. Jani.

CLASS V



1st Row (seated): K. Menon, O. P. Nazareth, H. Bhargava, Miss A. Cardozo, R. Lobo, R. Kalra, S. Bhatt.
2nd Row: M. D'Souza, M. Pinto, S. Shah, D. Jeddo, K. Monteiro, E. James, V. Albuquerque, H. Pereira, T. Paul, J. Vakaria, J. F. Thattil, C. Lawrence, H. Patel.
3rd Row: H. Shahpurwala, N. Bhargava, D. Pereira, D. Sharma, M. S. Pawa, B. Saldanha, R. Andrade, B. Paes, A. Shenoi, E. Stone, R. Desai, K. Gupta.
Back Row: K. L. Gohil, G. Singh, E. Fernandez, P. S. Deora, P. McMahon, A. Priestman, M. Weir, B. Bakshi, C. Augustus, C. Pereira, M. Nazareth.

CLASS VI



1st (Row seated): M. Drego, C. Paes, L. Alphonso, X. Irani, Mr. T. Verghese, G. Pinto, R. K. Kutty, R. Coelho, N. D'Souza.
2nd Row: L. Pinto, L. Miranda, G. Nazareth, Z. Lobo, H. Patel, S. Nair, C. Patton, T. Mendes, F. Noronha, M. D'Silva, P. Patel, I. Crasto.
3rd Row: D. Desai, P. Francis, G. D'Lyoma, J. Jose, K. Fernandes, V. Noronha, D. Stone, V. Machado, P. Mehta, G. Gonsalves, S. Prasad.
Back Row: N. Shenoi, S. Sharma, N. Singh, S. D'Souza, R. D'Souza, J. Contractor, G. James, M. Singh, H. Shah, F. Dias, V. James.

CLASS VII



1st Row (seated): G. Drego, M. Corca, K. Kannon, R. D'Souza, Rev. Br. J. V. Lynch, H. D'Souza, A. Babbar, M. Vaishnav, E. Flanagan.
2nd Row: H. Goyal, J. Martis, A. D'Mello, A. D'Souza, L. Machado, V. Joshi, C. D'Mello, B. Singh, S. Singh, D. Srivastava, C. Pinto.
3rd Row: R. Menezes, C. D'Lima, G. Singha, V. Nazareth, M. Patel, N. Augustus, J. Olia, T. Mendes, V. Dantas.
4th Row: K. Rathore, M. Bazari, N. Sikand, D. Singh, M. Choudhury, D. Singh, C. McKingley, V. Bhargava, V. D'Souza.

CLASS VIII



1st Row (seated): Y. Patel, D. Garth, R. Rodrigues, Rev. Br. I. M. Deasy, S. Trivedi, K. Kutky, L. Moniz.
2nd Row: A. Medina, R. Lobo, K. Mukherjee, A. Vaz, S. Rao, R. Jani, A. Bakhru, A. Bhargava, J. D'Souza, S. Narayan, A. James.
3rd Row: E. David, C. Mendonca, S. Albuquerque, A. Kanagat, N. Fernandes, P. Arbuthnot, M. Shahpurwala, C. Mathias, A. Murray, P. Nagar, R. Singh.
Back Row: D. Asarsa, N. Desai, D. Saldanha, M. Stone, C. S. Rathore, P. Bakhru, A. SenGupta, A. Menezes, D. Mathias, J. Pereira, D. Pereira.

CLASS IX



1st Row (seated): L. Bunyan, J. Rodrigues, V. D'Souza, A. Grasto, Rev. Br. M. R. Foran, N. Monteiro, D. Khurana, B. Rathore, A. Chatterjee.
2nd Row: T. Jani, P. Oberoi, P. Bilimoria, J. Pinto, R. Khamar, S. A. Kazi, T. Merriman, C. Weir, D. Pinto.
3rd Row: P. Israel, W. D'Roza, R. Shinde, D. Starr, G. Bunyan, A. Albuquerque, C. D'Souza, G. D'Mello, A. Viegas.
Back Row: Z. Ukani, K. Contractor, W. D'Souza, S. S. Gujral, M. Samarchi, A. D'Costa, K. Singh.

CLASS X



1st Row (seated): B. Paes, D. Almeida, K. O-Fernandes, Rev. Br. J. A. Keane, E. Alva, U. Sen, S. K. Kutty.
2nd Row: C. Starr, C. Miranda, M. Norohna, K. Parmar, S. Kak, R. Middlecoat, S. G. D'Mello, F. Caston, D. Mascarenhas.
3rd Row: A. Menon, R. Machado, S. Kazi, C. Joshi, N. Takker, A. Joshi, F. J. Dias, J. Nazareth.
Back Row: B. Parmar, Z. Lobo, E. Pinto, L. D'Silva, A. Priestman, H. Almeida, D. Andrade.



CLASS XI

1st Row (seated): V. Norohna, D. Patel, Rev. Br. H. D. O'Neill, Mr. L. R. Goyal, J. D'Lima, E. Soares.
2nd Row: S. Shahpurwala, M. Rodrigues, A. Jain, M. Menezes, R. Sen, K. Cooper, M. Lobo.
Back Row: R. Padukone, R. Bansal, J. Patel, K. Louis, F. Gomez, W. Dantas, J. Jaliwala.



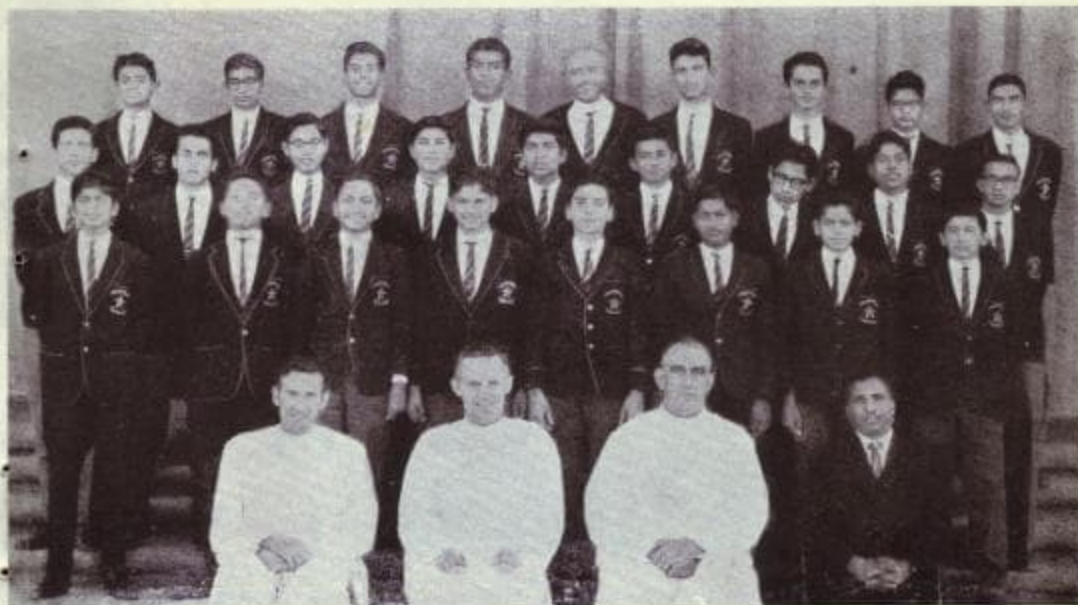
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 1st Row: H. Fernandes, O. D'Cunha, N. Singh, R. Bunyan, D. O-Fernandes, R. L. Goyal.
 2nd Row: G. Duckworth, A. Amin, A. Noronha, U. Patel A. Almeida, H. Duckworth, S. Shahpurwala.
 Back Row: N. Fernandes, I. D'Mello, J. Edwardes, A. Tandon, V. Dantas, E. Rodrigues, N. Rathore, M. Suraliwala.

TOGETHER CLASS XI 1966
 ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, MOUNT ABU. INDIAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE, 1966.

	ENG. LANG.	ENG. LITT.	HINDI	MATHS with ADD MATHS.	PHY.	CHEM.	HEALTH SCIENCE	PTS.	DIV.
ALMEIDA, A.	3	3	5	3	5	6	7	19	1st
AMIN, A.	7	3	6	3	8	5	2	19	1st
BUNYAN, R.	3	3	8	2	3	3	1	12	1st
DA CUNHA, O.	2	4	6	3	4	5	4	17	1st
DANTAS, V.	2	2	7	2	4	3	3	12	1st
D'MELLO, I.	5	6	8	3	3	3	3	17	1st
DUCKWORTH, G.	1	3	8	3	3	3	2	12	1st
DUCKWORTH, H.	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	7	1st
EDWARDES, J.	1	4	3	2	3	3	2	11	1st
O-FERNANDES, D.	6	6	8	5	5	6	3	25	2nd
FERNANDES, H.	5	3	8	2	6	7	4	20	1st
FERNANDES, N.	5	6	8	6	9	6	6		3rd
GOYAL, R. L.	8	4	5	2	3	4	5	18	1st
NORONHA, A.	1	4	6	1	2	3	3	10	1st
PATEL, U.	5	5	4	3	6	6	3	23	2nd
RANAWAT, N. S.	2	6	3	3	3	3	3	14	1st
RATHORE, N. S.	4	6	8	6	5	7	6	29	2nd
RODRIGUES, E.	3	2	6	3	6	5	4	17	1st
SHAHPURWALA, S.	6	2	8	3	6	3	3	17	1st
SURALIWALA, M.	6	6	6	3	8	7	5		3rd
TANDON, A. K.	3	3	3	3	7	5	7	17	1st



CLASS XI - 1967

Seated: Rev. Br. H. D. O'Neill, Rev. Br. J. A. Keane, Rev. Br. E. O. O'Keeffe.
1st Row: C. D'Souza, E. Alva, D. D'Mello, N. Sharma, H. Commissariat, C. Gopal, N. Miranda, L. Braganza.
2nd Row: N. Eve, G. Middlecoat, V. Kulkarni, K. Brady, C. Monteiro, J. Curtis, J. Nazareth, P. Aubert, D. B. Sur.
Back Row: D. Patel, V. Puri, D. D'Costa, D. D'Souza, H. S. Gujral, B. Kak, L. Prestos, C. Pinto, J. Patel.

INDIAN SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION, 1967. RESULTS.

	ENG. LANG.	ENG. LIT.	HINDI B	MATHS/ ADD. MATHS.	MATHS.	PHYS.	CHEM.	DIV.
ED. ALVA	2P	3P	4P	3P		3P	4P	I
W. AUBERT	2P	1P	3P		2P	6P	3P	I
K. J. BRADY	5P	3P	7S	4P		9F	6P	II
L. BRAGANZA	4P	2P	3P	2P		2P	4P	I
H. COMMISSARIAT	4P	1P	1P	3P		7S	7S	I
J. CURTIS	4P	6P	8S		3P	8S	6P	II
D. D'COSTA	2P	1P	4P	5P		3P	3P	I
D. D'MELLO	2P	2P	4P	3P		3P	3P	I
D. D'SOUZA	3P	2P	6P	5P		4P	5P	I
K. D'SOUZA	3P	1P	3P	3P		3P	4P	I
N. EVE	2P	3P	7S		1P	3P	6P	I
C. S. GOPAL	1P	1P	7S	2P		3P	3P	I
H. S. GUJRAL	4P	5P	6P	3P		6P	7S	II
B. KAK	2P	3P	2P	3P		3P	4P	I
V. KULKARNI	2P	2P	5P	2P		2P	3P	I
G. MIDDLECOAT	3P	4P	8S		3P	6P	6P	II
N. MIRANDA	6P	3P	8S		3P	8S	7S	II
C. MONTEIRO	2P	2P	7S	3P		2P	2P	I
J. NAZARETH	2P	2P	2P	2P		2P	3P	I
D. PATEL	5P	3P	7S		2P	7S	6P	II
J. PATEL	4P	7S	3P	4P		6P	3P	I
C. PINTO	4P	3P	6P	4P		7S	6P	II
L. PRESTON	3P	3P	8S		2P	5P	5P	I
V. PURI	2P	2P	2P	3P		3P	4P	I
N. SHARMA	2P	1P	3P	2P		3P	2P	I
D. B. SUR	3P	6P	3P	4P		6P	8S	II

No presented: 26. 1st Divisions: 18. 2nd Divisions: 8.



S C H O O L

D I A R Y

January:

- 1st New Year's Day. All's quiet at school.
- 4th Principal arrives back from Chandigarh.
- 9th School year planned.
- 13th New building progresses.
- 19th Day scholars avail of the school library.
- 26th Republic Day celebrations at Polo Ground. 3 Staff members attend.
- 31st Servants are busy with class-rooms and playing fields.

February:

- 1st Principal goes to Sirohi.
- 7th Real winter weather sets in; frost in lower fields.
- 11th Roof completed on ground floor of new building.
- 18th Heavy rain this evening.
- 23rd School book shop complete with texts and stationery.
- 26th The Sisters arrive.
- 28th Mr. H. J. Ludwig, our new Music Master, arrives.

March:

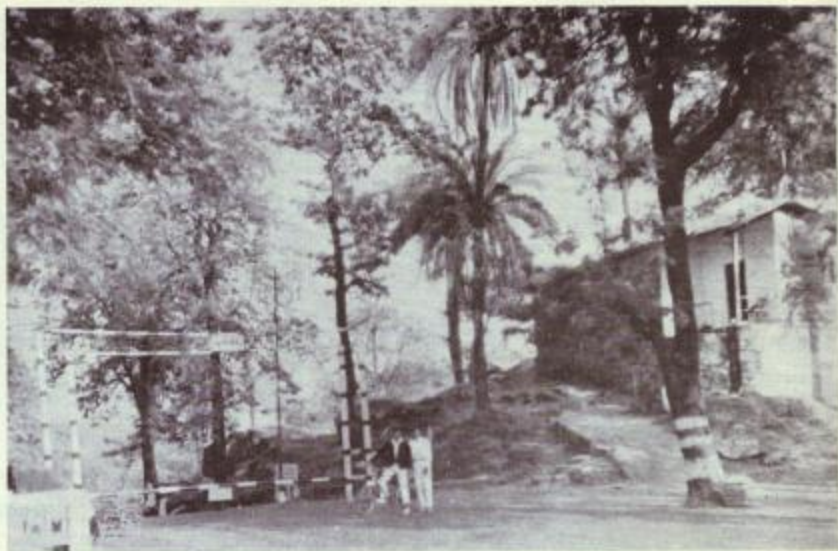
- 1st Br. Deasy arrives from Patna.
- 3rd Tiles laid in new dining hall.
- 8th 1st Bombay Party arrives in school. Many new faces.
- 9th 2nd Bombay Party arrives in school. More new faces.
- 11th Classes begin. School Captains chosen this evening.

- 12th Hockey this evening. Houses picked to-night.
- 14th Usual Thursday half holiday. Hairdresser is here. Shoe-repairs.
- 15th Holi. Full holiday. 63 small boys climb 'Plummy' with Principal.
- 16th I.S.C. Results: 18-8-0-0. Full holiday.
- 17th St. Patrick's Day celebrated. 'Jungle Exercises' at 4.30 p.m. Film: 'Air Raid Wardens.'
- 19th Full holiday. Class IX go to Anadhra Village. Whist drive.
- 23rd The 4 top Classes attend Military Display & drama at 8 p.m.
- 24th Cricket on 4 fields. Curia Meeting. Hockey 'Cake' Tournaments in full swing.
- 30th Legion of Mary Acies at St. Anne's.



Nakki Lake Mt. Abu

*The Toll Bar
"A Great Landmark"*



April:

- 1st House games in hockey begin to-day.
- 7th Palm Sunday. Cricket at Polo—Grounds: Present Pupils Vs Past-easy victory for the present pupils
- 10th Easter holidays begin. Hockey: Present V Past (3:0).
- 11th Holy Thursday ceremonies in Church at 5.30 p.m. Night Adoration.
- 12th Good Friday. Ceremonies at 2.30 p.m. No official games.
- 13th Easter Vigil Ceremonies.
- 14th Easter Sunday. Caves 'rediscovered' near big pitch. Film: "Sword of Ali Baba."
- 15th Hikes for all classes.
- 24th Photographs for School Magazine taken.
- 26th Classes XI & VIII on picnic.

May:

- 2nd St. Mary's play National Police Academy in hockey at Polo Grounds.
- 5th Ice-cream in afternoon. 1st XI Vs Staff in hockey.
- 12th School 1st XI hockey Vs Walter School (3:0). Film: "7 Faces of Dr. Lao."
- 15th Some mist this morning. 1st XI Hockey Vs Govt. High School (3:0).
- 20th Coaching Camp opens in Polo Grounds. Classes VII to XI attend.
- 22nd Jungle walks for most classes. Patrician Meeting at 5 p.m.
- 23rd Ascension Day. Full holiday. Hindi Film "Farz" in town attended by about 120 of our boys.
- 25th Red Cross Fete in town. Our boys ran 4 stalls.
- 26th Morning walks for small boys. Film "Fury River" screened at 8 p.m.
- 27th 1st Terminal examinations begin.
- 30th Farewell dinner for Staff in honour of Sr. Dorothy who leaves tomorrow.

June:

- 1st School 1st XI play Coaching Camp in hockey.
- 2nd Whit Sunday. Film, "Clarence the Cross-Eyed Lion" enjoyed by all.
- 5th End of Term holiday.
- 6th End of Term holiday. Small boys gather mangoes. Evening games.



*Our boys at hockey match in town
"...for ever and for ever St. Marys!"*

Staff Quarters, handball and basketball courts with the 'two Plummys' in the background.



- 9th Classes VI-XI attend closing ceremony of the Coaching Camp.
- 11th Football season begins unofficially. His Lordship the Bishop came.
- 13th Principal's Feast. Full holiday. Morning concert. Evening football game. Film, "Guns in the Afternoon" screened at 8 p.m.
- 15th St. Patrick's are Cock House for 1st Term. Tea, dinner and free film show, "The Hanging Tree."
- 19th Social Service Fete at 5 p.m.
- 20th A few Monsoon clouds roll up.
- 22nd The Principal leaves to attend a meeting in Bombay.
- 23rd School Cricket XI versus the Maharajah of Kishengarh's XI (at home).
- 27th School Patronal Feast. Full holiday. Film: "Golden Arrow."
- 29th Last Saturday of the month—full holiday.

July:

- 3rd School Football XI play the Military at the Polo Grounds. Educational Films at 8 p.m.
- 5th Houses games in football. First Moonsonal shower at 9 p.m.
- 7th Typical Monsoon day. Unofficial indoor games begin. Film: "F.B.I. Code 98" was screened at 8 p.m.
- 10th Rain did not stop walks. Documentary films: N. Ireland & Commonwealth games, 1962.
- 14th Swimming and a good deal of fishing this Sun morning. Film: "Ride 'Em' Cowboy" was enjoyed by all.
- 18th School 1st XI football played the Abu Cluo at home. Film, "Jumbo" was screened to-night.
- 21st 'Shallow Bay' besieged by small boys for a full morning's swimming.
- 24th Many go fishing this evening. Educational Films: Manchester City Vs Manchester United—thoroughly enjoyed by all.
- 26th Proclamation of Ranks. No rain for some days.

- 28th School 1st XI defeated the Azad Club by a narrow 3:2 in football. Film: "Honeymoon Machine."
- 31st Founder's Day. Full holiday. Film, "Six Black Horses" shown to boys at 5-30 p.m. Retreat for Catholic boys began at 8 p.m.

August:

- 1st First day of Retreat. Heavy rain all day: 13·8" in the past 48 hours.
- 4th No House games. Film: "Four Girls in Town"
- 10th Heavy rain. Swimming and fishing. No film.
- 14th Marching practice. Walks. Desks and furniture from old classrooms moved into new building for Classes VI-XI. Patrician Meeting.
- 15th Our Lady's Assumption. India's Independence Day. Flag hoisting and March Past at 9 A.M. No. film. Whist drive after dinner.
- 16th Full school holiday. Quarter-finals football in B and C Divisions.
- 17th Concert practice gets under way. Walks for all.
- 26th 2nd Terminal Examinations begin. Mr. Verghese leaves for Canada tomorrow. Staff dinner in his honour.
- 28th Field being prepared for our annual Sports.
- 31st Examinations end. Hindi Film, "Cycle Thief" was screened at 8 p.m.



Out for 'jungle walks'

September:

- 3rd** Class IX walk the 18 miles to Abu Road on picnic.
- 5th** End of term holiday. Small boys enjoy a morning's swim. Sports practice begins at 6 p.m.
- 7th** Class VIII on picnic to Oria. Quiz and ex tempore speaking contests (inter-House) this evening.
- 8th** Birthday holiday. Swims at Shallow Bay. Film "Guns of Wyoming" was screened after dinner.
- 11th** Last Proclamation of the year. Walks to 'Tiger Path'
- 14th** St. Patrick's win the Cock House for the 2nd Term also. High tea 'barra kannā' and free film for St. Patrick's.
- 15th** Legion of Mary Reunion at Sophia Convent School. Social Service boys on picnic to Delwara. Unofficial Sports practice.
- 16th** Sports grading begins. St. Joseph's House in the lead.
- 22nd** Many final events in Sports take place this evening. Film: "The Whole Truth."
- 26th** 1,500 metres race this morning. Half holiday. 150 boys go to a function at the 4th Gorkha Rifles.

- 28th** Rehearsal of annual concert for schoolboys.
- 29th** Rehearsal of concert for Sophia High School.
- 30th** Concert in honour of the Residents of Abu.

October:

- 1st** Dushera. Full holiday. Drill practice at 9 a.m. with the Military Band in attendance. "3 Stooges in Orbit" enjoyed by boys & Staff.
- 2nd** Drill practice. Full holiday. Annual Concert for parents. His Lordship, Rt. Rev. Leo D' Mello Bishop of Ajmer-Jaipur presides and distributes the prizes.
- 3rd** Annual Sports Day. His Lordship, the Bishop presides and distributes the prizes. A large representative gathering attend.
- 4th** Sports holidays begin.
- 6th** A few hikes and unofficial picnics. Film, "Killers" screened after dinner.
- 9th** Back to class after the Sports recess.
- 11th** Tennis and handball begin. The Senior School has taken basketball very seriously.
- 13th** A great spirit of study prevails. Quite a bit of 'small cricket' this

Sunday morning. Film: "Robin & the 7 Hoods."

- 20th** Basketball, handball and tennis inter-House tournaments get under way. Film: "The Great Race"—adjudged as one of the best of the year.



Shabbir Shahpurwala, whose photographic skill has contributed much to this Magazine.

- 21st** Diwali. Full holiday. Sports for Servants and their children at 4 p.m.
25th Class IX on picnic.
Many study books around.

November

- 2nd** Catholic boys pray at the graveyard.
3rd House games in basketball. Film: "The Great Race."
4th Classes VI and X spend the day at Oria on picnic.
10th Patrician Meeting. Film: "The Outlaws is Coming."
11th Inter-House debate.
18th Cambridge boys do their Hindi written paper.
25th Junior and Middle school sit for their final examinations.
28th Most of the Cambridge boys finish their exams to-day.

December

- 1st** Prize Distribution. Film.
2nd All Examinations terminate.
3rd 1st Bombay party leaves. Cambridge boys leave on tour.
4th 2nd Bombay party leaves. The rest is silence.



PARENTS' CRICKET TEAM

Seated: M. Stone, K. MacDonald, J. R. Almeida (Capt), J. L. Shah, S. C. Bakhru.
Back Row: Drego, J. Saldahna, P. Browne, G. Lobo, E. T. James, R. Bunyan.

The Social Service League

The St. Mary's Social Service League (S.M.S.S.L.) was as active this year as in previous years and we began our meetings and work very soon after re-opening in March. As the President and Vice-President had been chosen at the end of 1967 we had elections only for the Secretary and Treasurer. Normally meetings were held every Thursday in the Tenth Classroom and then in the parlour after the occupation of the new classrooms.

Our work is indeed very diversified and our scope is certainly very wide. As in previous years we visited the General Hospital in town and the appearance of our boys was like the visit of an angel of mercy to the poor suffering folk there for whom we often supplied medicine, bandages, injections, food, clothes and fruit. We

continued to go the Harijan Colony where we did much to help the less privileged people of our town and here we had many demands on our funds and besides supplying them with clothes we did not forget the children to whom we often gave sweets, old footballs and keds. 'Charity begins at home' and so we were ever mindful of our own servants and their children and we have helped many a one throughout the year. This year, too, an added 'sphere' came to our charity in the setting up of a workers' 'School Village' and we had special members who looked after that as their special work. We went to Torna Village, as in previous years, but we were not so successful there this year as the people there have now come into much cultivated land of rice and wheat.



SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP

Seated: A. Chatterjee, K. Cooper (President), Rev. Br. M. R. Foran, R. Sen, U. Sen.
2nd Row: N. Desai, A. Kanagat, P. Oberoi, P. Billimoria, B. Rathore.
Back Row: D. Patel, J. Jaliwala, J. Patel, R. Bansal, R. Khamar.

SOCIAL SERVICE GROUP (TOWN UNIT)

Seated: S. Shahpurwalla, Rev. Br. M. R. Foran, A. Jain.

Back Row: S. K. Kutty, Z. Ukani, A. Tiwari, R. Padukone, K. C. Jain.



*L. to R.
Srs. Ellenora, Dorothy
& Claudia*

*1st. Communion, 1967
M. D'Souza, P. Diaz,
M. Weir., G. Vincent,
K. Burgess, G. Stone*



During the hot weather in May and June we organised several 'icecream days' and young and old from the School were very appreciative of it. On June 19th we ran a very successful fete for our school boys and every one had a good time with games, eats and drinks and ice cream. However, we were not able to procure any powdered milk this year which was somewhat of a drawback to us and to its recipients of other years.

On July 27th 1968 we had the privilege of celebrating the 100th meeting of the S.M.S.S.L. A high tea was arranged during which the Spiritual Director spoke and he was followed by the President who traced the history of the Social Service since its inception in May, 1965.

A very special feature of our League this year was the formation of a town unit in the persons of our day-scholars from Classes Nine upwards. They have been a great help to us in contacting people personally and in doing our purchases for us and helping us generally in many ways.

They normally attend our meetings once a month and were very enthusiastic indeed.

During the Parents' Week we ran a snack stall every night of the Concert and on Sports' Day we sold ice cream and cold drinks, all of which greatly helped our finances. On October 21st we held the Servants' Sports which was very successful and useful prizes were distributed in the form of winter clothing and cooking utensils. On Diwali Day we gave sweets to the children who were all in a festive mood on this big Hindu Feast.

Our day to day work included supervision of the small boys during morning service, looking after the bathing room and other menial duties. Taking all in all we have had a very successful year and though our numbers were not very large with an average of 25 we have, I feel, achieved much. We are thankful to the Spiritual Director, co-operation, assistance and help.

KUSHRU K. COOPER (*Class XI*)
President (1968)

The Legion of Mary (1968)

As in the last three previous years St. Mary's School, Abu, has three Praesidia of the Legion of Mary, each of which continues to flourish and grow stronger. This year each Praesidium averaged about 18 members each and each Thursday night after dinner saw the members of each Praesidium hasten to the various venues for their weekly meeting. The three Praesidia in St. Mary's, together with the Praesidium at Sophia Convent School, make up a Junior Curia in Mount Abu and this prevails for the last three years.

Meetings were held almost immediately after re-opening in March but the Acies

was not held until March 30th at St. Annes Parish Church where all four Praesidia gathered to take their promise. Throughout the year each Praesidia has been very active and certainly much good work has been done, all the time keeping strictly to the spirit of Frank Duff, the Founder of the Legion.

On June 16th a joint effort was made by all four Praesidia to put up an exhibition on Vocations and judging by all accounts it seemed to be an unqualified success. Patrician meetings were held normally every two months and all the subjects were most interesting and instructive. Other

work undertaken included visiting Catholics and non-Catholics, visiting a neighbouring village of farmers, organising a book barrow for the distribution of pamphlets and booklets.

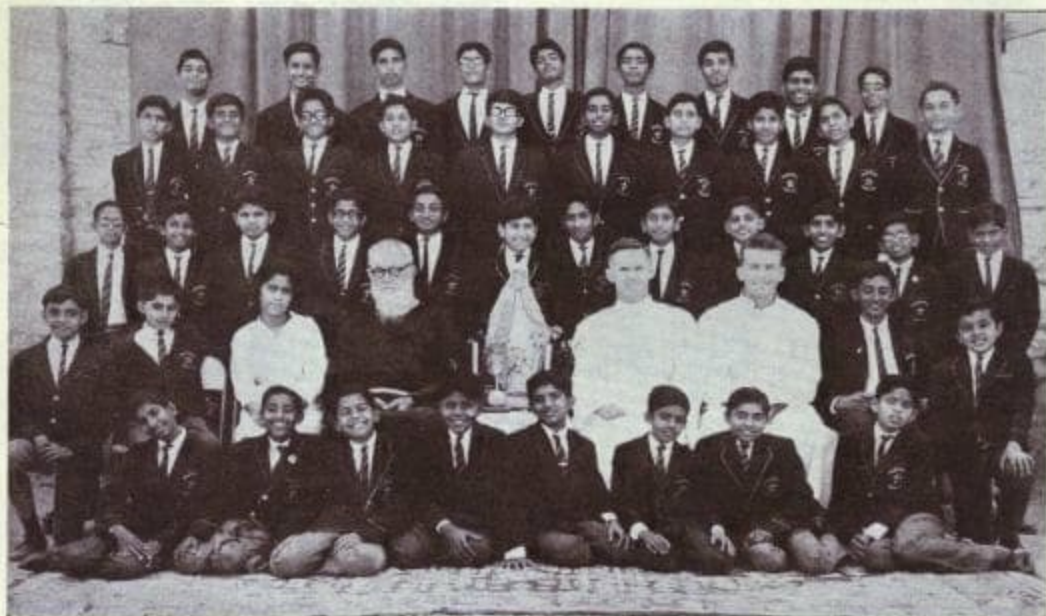
A Curia meeting was held regularly every month either at St. Mary's or at Sophia Convent. All the members of the Curia were most enthusiastic in giving every encouragement to the Legion and in finding ways and means of improving it. A resume of the proceedings of the Curia meetings was usually given at the following weekly meeting of each Praesidia.

The Annual Legion Social was held this year at Sophia Convent High School

on September 15th and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. The afternoon's entertainment included games and music and there was plenty to eat.

What good the Legion has done in St. Mary's in 1968 only God Himself knows but it is certain that many of our boys are better boys because of it and the Sacraments are approached more regularly and more fervently because of the Legion of Mary. Finally a word of thanks and appreciation to our three Spiritual Directors who have done so much and who have been a tremendous example to us, Legionaries.

MICHAEL MENEZES
(Class XI)



LEGION OF MARY (3 Praesidia)

- In front:* E. David, A. James, L. Moniz, D. Garth, N. Monteiro, A. Medina, R. Rodrigues, V. D'Souza.
At side: N. Fernandes & A. Crasto.
1st Row (seated): D. Mascarenhas, Miss A. Cardozo, Rev. Fr. Bonaventure, O.F.M. Cap., Rev. Br. J. A. Keane, Rev. Br. L. M. Deasy, M. Menezes.
2nd Row: J. Rodrigues, C. Mendonca, A. Viegas, M. Norohna, G. D'Mello, L. Bunyan, A. Albuquerque, C. D'Souza, D. Almeida, S. Albuquerque, K. O-Fernandes, J. D'Souza.
3rd Row: E. Soares, W. D'Roza, V. Norohna, J. Nazareth, M. Lobo, J. Pereira, T. Merriman, C. Weir, J. D'Lima, D. Starr.
Back Row: A. D'Costa, F. Gomez, E. Pinto, W. De Souza, K. Louis, Z. Lobo, W. Dantas, F. J. Dias, M. Rodrigues.



THE CRUSADERS (1968); with Br. O'Neill, the Spiritual Director.
The President, Loy Machado, is on Br. O'Neill's right.

THE CRUSADERS

The Crusaders were started in St. Mary's in 1965 and since then very many boys have been members of the Eucharistic Crusade. I think we had the biggest group ever this year when 48 boys were members. We had our first meeting about the middle of March when a President, Vice President, a Treasurer and a Secretary were chosen for these Offices for the whole year. There were also two other Captains, making six Captains in all.

We had the Crusaders meeting every Thursday night at 8 p.m. and after prayers we were given an instruction and we got work for the coming week. We usually worked on the fields on Thursday mornings, helped Sister in the Dormitory and settled the chapel. At the meetings we were also taught very nice hymns.

On August 22nd all members were made Crusaders and were given crosses with special ones for the Officers. It was indeed a very lovely ceremony in the chapel. After that we had a grand party and we all enjoyed ourselves very much. On the 24th October we went on our annual picnic for the whole day and we had a really nice time out. On the way back we sang songs from the Opera "Aladdin and Out" and our Spiritual Director even told us ghost stories.

Very many boys wanted to join the Crusaders this year but already the group was too big. They all liked being Crusaders because it helped them to be better boys. We also liked the meetings and we liked helping about the School, and we were able to help each other too. We are very thankful to our Spiritual Director, Br. O'Neill for helping us so much to be better boys in the Eucharistic Crusade.

LOY MACHADO (Class VII)
President



THIS is the text of an address given by Brother R. S. Stewart at the great Vocation Rally held last November in Melbourne when nearly 40,000 people attended the Myer Music Bowl to hear a Priest, a Nun and a Brother explain in simple terms the nature and purpose of their respective vocations.

The Vocation of the Teaching Brother

IT IS A FAMILIAR EXPRESSION among our Catholic people that a son of the family is going to the Brothers to school. In the Archdiocese of Melbourne, this means that the boy is receiving his education in a school conducted by the De La Salle Brothers, or the Marist Brothers, or the Christian Brothers. These three Congregations are known in the Church as Religious Teaching Brothers.

I'm such a Brother, and I would like you to think for a few minutes on the significance of these words. In the first place, I have been called to a vocation which is distinct from that of the priesthood. At no stage of a Brother's career is he required to perform duties which are essential to the vocation of the priest. Secondly, the teaching Brother is, above all, a religious. I assumed the title of a religious when I pronounced the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

These vows are solemn promises which a Brother freely makes in order to achieve his intention of becoming more closely united with Christ. By my vow of poverty I give up the right to own money and possessions, and though my life may require me to be concerned with money, I do so with the permission of my superior, and not as an independent owner. I receive in return the temporal blessing of having my needs supplied by my Congregation and also the spiritual blessing of Christ to the poor in spirit. After all, He did say, didn't He, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."?

My vow of Chastity. This requires me to surrender the right to marry. I give up physical fatherhood, consecrating my heart to the love of Christ alone. However, I receive the reward of a soul-satisfying spiritual paternity as father and guide to countless boys entrusted to me in the classroom.

The vow of Obedience. By this my will is placed under the guidance of my superior. The Community of which I am a member, the manner in which my time,

hour by hour, is spent: these are but two of the ways in which God, through obedience, maps out for me what He wants me to do. And I know that Jesus has said that he who does His will, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

As a religious I live in a community made up of men who are striving to perfect themselves in the love and service of Jesus Christ. Our residence is known to all as a religious house, and the family dwelling in that house is linked together by the virtue of charity, brotherly love in its best sense. The Brothers share with each other the joys and sorrows inseparable from any life; they rejoice in each other's successes, they sympathise in each other's disappointments. They provide for each other the companionship and social life which bind them into a new family, but, at the same time, their ties with the family in which they were born and reared are maintained and strengthened in a special way.

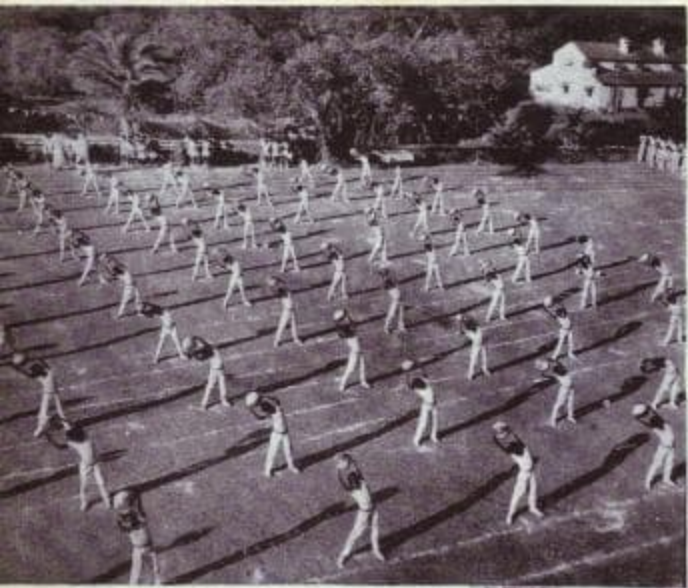
I began by describing a Brother as a Religious Teacher. I'm a religious bound to God by my vows. Finally, I'm a member of a Teaching Congregation. The Church, through the Pope and Bishops, assigns me the responsibility of moulding the character and lives of Catholic boys on the pattern of Jesus Christ and His Mother. To have the opportunity of doing just this, the Brother must be, as people generally use the term, a teacher. I prepared myself by study and training to guide boys along the road to knowledge in the subjects which forms the foundation of their careers, be it a career as a professional man, or a business man, or as a tradesman. For this reason, Catholic schools provide a complete training, vide the opportunities for participation in sporting and other healthy activities so dear to the heart of every boy. To form boys into men of right principles, men of sound religious observance, men who are to be "the salt of the earth and the light of the world": that is the vocation the Church has entrusted to men.

No wonder then, that to the teaching Brother, Christ has said, "He that shall do and teach, shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." And what of the Catholic parents who generously encourage a son in such a vocation? Has not Jesus promised a reward to one who gives even a cup of cold water in His Name? How much more then, the reward of happiness, in this life and in the next, to the proud father and mother of a religious Teaching Brother.

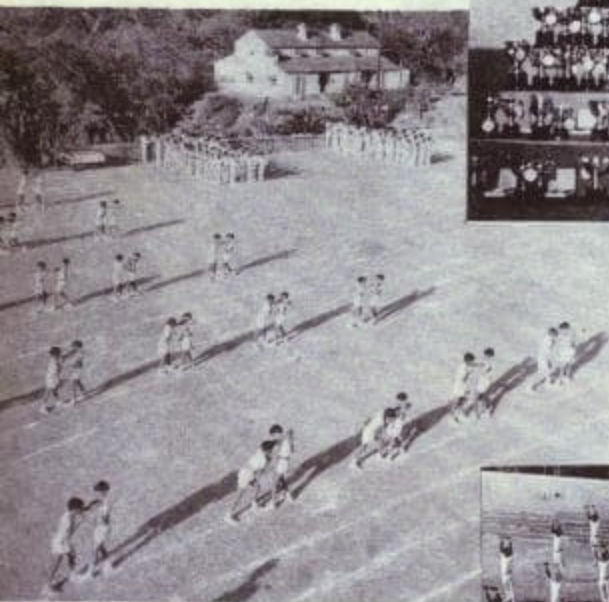
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"I am happy when I see a fine young man entering my seminary. But I am still happier when a young recruit makes his way to the novitiate of the Teaching Brothers; I know that my seminary will be the gainer."

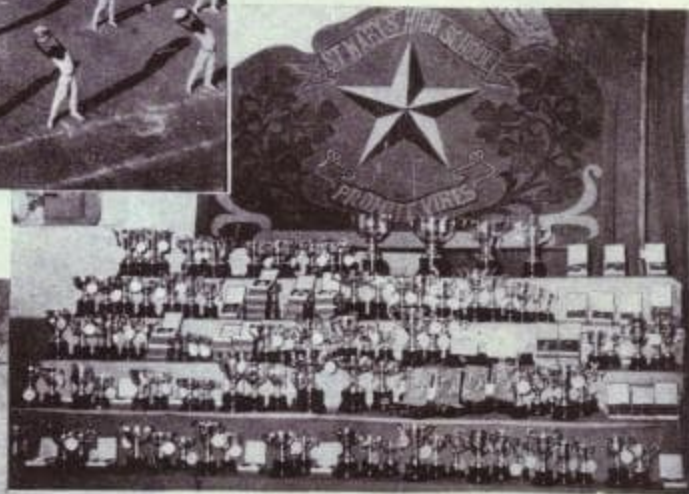
Cardinal Hayes.



Ball Drill



Boxing Drill



Prize Stand



Dumb bells

Things I like in School



I like the School because we play games and I enjoy playing hockey and we have a big field in which to play. I also like to kick the football when I play that game.

I like jungle walks because I love climbing hills. We find birds' nests in the nesting season and collecting birds eggs is my hobby. In the jungle we also find many green mangoes during May. I like to eat them with salt and chilly powder. I also like to eat the juicy black carvandaahs which we find on every bush.

I like to paddle in the streams and catch big black crabs during the rainy season. I also like to swim in "Shallow Bay."

I like singing lessons in our school because I love songs. "Lemon Tree" is my favourite song. I even like classes because we learn many interesting things and our Miss tells us lovely stories during moral lessons and catechism. I also like to recite poems. I like drawing because we can colour our funny drawings.

Things I Don't like in School



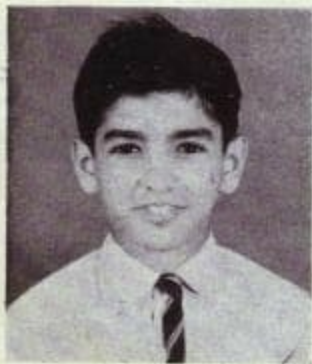
I don't like going for long walks, as I feel very tired and hot. I don't like Proclamation of Ranks because I'm always afraid that I may not have done well in my tests. I don't like the first terms tests at all as there are so many of them and I'm never prepared in May. I even don't like the September tests either and I'm afraid of the final examination in case I may fail and get a 'firing' from Dad and Mam.

I don't like having baths in the cold weather as I begin to shiver with the cold. I don't like Sunday evening when there is no film in our school. I don't like going for walks in the very hot weather and I don't think any of the boys like it.

I don't like sand-storms in our school as I get sore eyes and have to stay in hospital which I don't like either, and I don't like sour medicines, especially castor-oil. I don't like a full holiday when it is raining and we can't go fishing at Dilwara Stream.

ADOLF D'SOUZA (Class III)

On the way...to School



I come to school in the Survey truck but every morning I see the people going to work or the shopkeepers opening their shops for the day. The vegetable men put out their fruits and vegetables so that every one can see what he is going to buy. Chancha Museum is a very big shop and has many things outside the door too.

As I go along I see farmers driving their cattle along the road and nearly every morning we pass a flock of goats which is going into the jungle for grass. I also see the people ploughing their fields or reaping the rice and wheat.

Often we meet a bus or a car and we have to slow down as the road is too narrow. We often see women carrying heavy loads on their heads. Sometimes I see men coming from the fields with baskets of onions or cabbage.

As we come to the Toll Bar we slow down again and come up St. Mary's road until we get to Paddy's Bridge and then we have to go very slow and the truck bumps a bit and we bump too. Then we have a very steep climb to our school where we arrive safely in the B Feild.

MILIND VAIDYA (Class IV)

What I want for Christmas



Dear Santa, I am writing early to you this year because I'm afraid you did not get my letter last Christmas. The weather here is quite warm now. How is it there?

There are so many things I would like to have for Christmas but I suppose I can't have them all in one Christmas and so I'll be writing to you again for a few more Christmases. I know your bag will be overloaded and I don't want the reindeer to get tired or drop dead in the snow, and I don't want your sleigh to break down. If you're coming by air you won't be able to take so much.

Well, I want to tell you now what I want. I would like to have cowboys' clothes and two real pistols, two holsters and a fast horse with a saddle and everything and there should be Red Indians too. I should like to have Red Indian clothes also so that I can disguise myself as a Red Indian. I think that's all for the present.

I wish you a speedy and good journey.

Thank you, Santa.

RAJIV DESAI (Class V)

JUNGLE WALKS



My friends and I often go for jungle walks. Around our town school there are so many lovely walks and even in the Monsoons we can go into the jungle.

I like 'Plummy' Valley the best because it is so wide and there are many birds and fowl around. During the Rains we can swim there. Then there is School Valley which we small boys like very much because it is near school and we don't have to walk very far. It is near 'Nesting Valley' too.

Not very many boys know where 'Secret Valley' is but it was discovered when Br. O' Connor was here. It's not far from school and you can go there by the Gym way but you'll need a guide the first time you go.

With most of the big boys 'Tiger Path' is the most popular because from there they can go to 'Lime Orchard' and even to 'Nesting Valley'. 'Flaggy' is also a very nice walk and you can go to the waterworks and even to Khodra Dam from there. From 'Flaggy,' you can see Alwar Palace, the Polo Grounds, the whole of town,

new Road and our School.

I like to go to 'Shallow Bay' even when there is no water in it. But I like School Lake the best. You can get a lovely view of the Plains from the back of School Lake and you can go up to 'Temple Rock' just above the Lake.

But it's not just all walking all the time. On any of these walks you can catch butterflies or collect fruits of different kinds when they are in season. You can even fish in Dilwara Stream if you like to go that way and go into Shellgaon and look at the soldiers practising at the shooting range. You can also swim there if it's the Monsoon time.

There are other places too but they are a bit far off. Trevor Tal is a very good place for a picnic and one of the best in Abu for fishing. There are so many places to which our boys may go for nesting, exploring and shooting as well as gathering fruits. I think jungle walks in Abu are some of the best in India.

N. RAM KUMAR (Class VI)

OVER THE



HILLS

Almost every Sunday of the school year I go out for walks with one Staff member or other and I enjoy myself very much. I look forward to Sunday, not because it is a holiday for us boarders but because of the exploration we can do in the jungle, on the roads, in the valleys, in the hills or climbing the various mountain peaks all round the School.

I have climbed 'Plummy' (Bhimalaya, over five thousand feet high) many times but I always find something new every time I go up there. But it's not so easy to get to its 'twin brother', 'Sergeant Plummy' (some eight feet higher), whose proper name is Parak Hill. The way is longer and we have to zig-zag a few times on the way up.

There are quite a few boys in our school who do not know where 'Bamboo Hill' is and they are looking at it every day. It is just beyond big pitch and an easy climb. I often go to 'Flaggy' and have a good view from there.

Yes, I have gone to Golden Horn but I have not yet ventured to climb it as I have more respect for my life. But it has been climbed first by a Br. Walshe, they told me, and then by Br. D'Rozario and

last year's S. C. Class. Congrats, boys! I think the best way to get at it is from the side facing our school. I just go to the base and look up....

I have been to the Craggs a few times and I found the best view of the Plains from there. It's a very broad view indeed. One can also get a lovely view from Anadhra Point and Sunset Point.

I frequently go to the 'Easter Caves' which were re-discovered by our Principal and some boys on Easter Sunday, 1968. There again I find some new ones and new entrances and exits.

By far the most important hill with the small boys is 'Spongy' but not very many of them have gone to the top. Nearly every Sunday a group goes to the base and there's fairly good nesting there too.

We have all been to 'Balancing Rock' and it's a pretty good climb but we don't mind that. I wonder will that famous rock ever get unbalanced?

So Sunday morning is surely the best day of the week for going over the hills and when we don't play cricket we're off.....

GERARD D'SYLVA (Class VII)

Our School



Workshop

If on Wednesday or Saturday, before walks, you happen to pass by the School Workshop, you will certainly hear the whirring of sawblades, cutting deep into the wood but these blades do certainly produce marvellous results.

Apart from being a hobby fretwork also provides amusements for us boys, especially in the Junior and Middle School. If you just walk into the room and look round, this is what you will see: on the shelves, directly in front, there will be dolls, whittled pieces of wood, painted figures and many other coloured objects. On the right, boys will be cutting and whittling pieces of wood.

On the whole it is great fun to do a little bit of fretwork. The following steps can be taken to finish an article: (i) you buy a blade and a flat piece of thin plywood: (ii) you can cut the wood in two ways, first with an ordinary saw and secondly with the 'machine.'

To operate this machine you have to pedal furiously and the blade moves up and down at a great speed. A flat piece of plywood is placed on the flat stand. The blade cuts through the wood, along the lines, and soon you have your item ready.

The next step is to paint that article. You may paint it yourself or request someone to do it for you. In the fretwork shop there are a number of brilliantly-painted Donald Ducks and Mickey Mice.

After painting your articles you can do whatever you like with them. Some boys put them in their lockers while others keep them safely in their trunks and at the end of the year take them home. Others again give them away as gifts.

So if you feel bored on Saturday evening, just step into the Workshop and you can be profitably occupied for the rest of the evening until walks begin.

ATUL KANAGAT (Class VIII)

MAY

ALTARS



In the schools of the Christian Brothers May altars are erected every year for the entire month of May and our School in Abu is not an exception. On the night of the last day of April groups of boys from the various classes are seen going round making preparations for the putting up of the altar. Tables, cloths, nails, pins, flowers and a host of things have to be got. The Sister in charge of the Sacristy is usually very generous but she can't supply everybody.

This year all the work was done after dinner and the boys did everything themselves. Really a good deal of hard work was put into it until nine o'clock when we were called to dormitory. However, most of the work was done—just the put the finishing touches in the morning. The four top classes did some hard hammering and now and then a boy from another class would drop in to get some ideas from next-door.

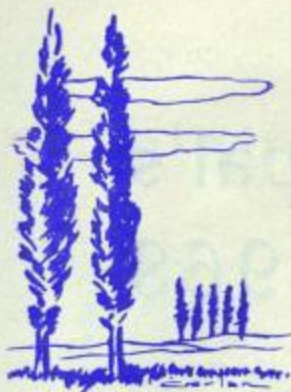
The designs for all the altars were usually the same. Nearly all the altars

had a curtain at the back and the statue was placed on a large table. Our general Manager had many demands for empty bottles and jam jars and tins and the Art Teacher was very helpful too with blue paper and gold to make the 'Ave Maria.'

This year it was not easy to get flowers but the day-scholars helped us out and no day passed when we didn't have some. We lit the candles before morning prayers in class and again before the Catechism lesson. Also the teachers said some extra prayers in honour of Our Lady and some classes sang hymns.

Every evening, during the month of May, all the Catholic boys assembled in chapel for Benediction at 7.15. I think it is a custom that we won't easily forget. Visitors to the school were greatly impressed with the May altars and expressed their satisfaction at the wonderful efforts of the boys.

GILROY D'MELLO (*Class IX*)



ABU

through the seasons



The sun smiles weakly through the crisp morning air of a January morning on the plateau of Abu. Peace and quiet prevail, broken now and then by the chirrup of the few birds around. The morning air is cold with a coating of frost in shady places. The earth is brown and brunt up and the residents in Abu enjoy their fire at night. February brings the blossom season and heralds the Spring. The trees are coming to life again and the hibiscus and flame of the forest first appear. Of course the cacti, the date palms and the troublesome "wait a minute" are always the same. It is warm enough now with the thermometer up to 70°F. during the afternoons. February is indeed a pleasant month though not a very busy one for the farmers. Their patient bullocks go round and round, bringing water to the parched land. In March the forest and jungle is a riot of flowers of every hue and this is the harvest season now in Abu when the farmers reap their wheat with their sickle and knives.

April is the nesting season, especially for the boys of our School, and big and small go long distances to get a 'bully's' egg or a 'did ya do it' nest. The golden oriole is there too but very rarely do we get the egg or even the nest. She is often around streams or on high rocks. The camel's foot is in flower now and the carvandahs (plums) are out on the bushes. The month of May bring the real hot weather when the mercury often touches the 90°F.

and even over. It is the mango season and the peaches too are ripe. Our small boys go out on Sundays and holidays for the wild mangoes which are in great abundance in the trees in the vicinity of the School. We often get mist in May, heralding the first signs of the Monsoons but it is not till about the last week of June that the first Monsoon showers arrive, accompanied by thunder and lightning. Fruits, such as 'jamuns' (berries), wild dates and Chinese tomatoes are everywhere now for the eating.

By mid July the Rains are in full swing and every hole is now a swimming pool. However, our boys prefer 'School Lake' and 'Shallow Bay' and 'Father's Pool' is very popular with the small boys. By August the whole plateau is one mass of that of the early part of the year. However, by mid September the Rains are over. Abu has had as little as ten inches and even less and as much as two hundred inches of rain in one season. The snakes are out during the Monsoons but we see the harmless rock snake at any time of the year. The cuckoo is heard during the rains and most of the hill birds are around.

October is a lovely month and many visitors are here from the Plains, though the countryside is bare and brown again. Woollies appear in November and it is cold but seldom is frost seen. December is indeed a dull month with many residents going away to the warmer Plains and so another year ends in Abu.

DESMOND MASCARENHAS (Class X)



Principal's Day, 1968

The 13th June is marked as a special day in our school calendar. It is indeed a red-letter day in St. Mary's because it is our Principal's Feast-day. For two or three weeks before the actual day elaborate preparations were going on and the Manager, the Art Mistress and every member of the Staff were busy. The Sisters too were preparing but very quietly. The domestic Staff spent quite a long time putting up decorations in our new dining hall and a very sweet aroma came from the kitchen.

It was officially announced that the 13th would be a full holiday and that put everybody in good form, to start with. That morning we got up quicker than usual and every boy dressed in his Sunday best before Church Service which began, as usual, at 6.30 A.m. A High Mass was sung, being offered by the boys of Br. Keane's own Class, the School choir being under the baton of Br. O'Neill. After Mass we sat down to a sumptuous breakfast after which there was not much time for the morning's concert which was to begin at 9.30. A few seconds before zero hour Br. Keane entered the hall amid thunderous applause and then began a two-hour entertainment which was a variety concert and certainly there was plenty of variety in it and plenty of budding talent. Every class in the School was represented on the stage, the opening item being "Hap, Hap Happy Feast" rendered by the small boys of the School. Then followed various entertaining items from 'performing fleas' to Hindi plays and from guitar selections to actions songs. Half way through the Concert the School Captain, A. Priestman, read an address and thanked our Principal for what he had done for the School and

was doing especially now in the construction of a magnificent new building to house new dining rooms and classrooms.

After the Concert it was nearly lunch time and again another lovely meal awaited the boys, every one of whom did full justice to everything that was put before them. The usual Thursday afternoon half-day functions were cancelled and the middle and senior boys spent an hour or two listening to the radio or playing records. The small boys too had their own amusements and were certainly enjoying themselves to the full, either playing 'small cricket' or football or just talking.

It was getting on to tea time and a high tea was served at 3 P.M. after which there was free time for about an hour before the football game that took up a good deal of conversation that afternoon. The match began at 5.30 that evening, between the boys from Bombay and the boys from the rest of India. For the first half the Bombayites held their own and the score at half-time was one: love. However, in the second half Bombay's defences fell and the game ended with a 7:2 score in favour of non-Bombay, the Principal himself getting two of the seven goals.

A magnificent dinner was served at 7.30 immediately after Benediction and then followed the film "Guns in the Afternoon" which the Principal attended. This happy day was drawing to a close and as many weary little souls left the film show for dormitory the curtain was drawn on a very happy 13th June and one which many of us will look back to as day to be remembered.

Turning the First sod of our new Building



The very First sod



Head-boy, K. Brady takes shovel



Blessing of the site

August 15th, 1967 was a red-letter day in the history of St. Mary's, Mount Abu, for on that evening the first sod of our new building was raised. The whole student body and Staff had assembled, forming a rectangle round the ground.

After formal blessing of the site by Rev. Fr. Ignatius, O.F.M. Cap., (in the absence of the School Chaplain), the Principal, Rev. Br. J. A. Keane, shovelled away some earth from the ground where our new building is to be raised. A burst of applause followed this historical event, for the boys fully realized what that simple ceremony for them. They realized that it meant not only for them but for generations of boys to come more class-room accommodation and much less congestion. They could now look forward to fine new airy class-rooms and a well-appointed dining hall where all can dine together.

Nor were the boys forgotten in the ceremony. The School Captain, Keith Brady, took the shovel and dug out some earth. He was followed in turn by the other three House Captains. It was indeed a turning point in the history of St. Mary's as this new building is by and large the biggest undertaking since the School was built in 1887.

On the ground floor will be a large dining hall with capacity for 300 boys and alongside it two big class rooms and a basement. The first floor will consist of six much-needed class-rooms where sound doctrines of education will be imparted to the boys and where they will be taught all that is highest in cultural and religious principles.

The Laying of the Foundation Stone of our New Building



The Principal, Chaplain and Contractors at the foundation stone



Before the Ceremony



His Lordship the Bishop of Ajmer (Jaipur) lays the foundation stone while Br. Keane & Mr. Shenoi watch

On October 4th, 1967 the blessing and laying of the foundation stone of our proposed new building were performed by his Lordship, Rt. Rev. Leo D'Mello, Bishop of Ajmer-Jaipur who had travelled specially for the ceremony and to be present at our annual Concert and Sports.

Before the ceremony the Principal, Rev. Br. J. A. Keane, traced, in brief, the history of St. Mary's and said that the new building would be a tremendous boon to the School. His Lordship replying afterwards in the School hall said that the School Authorities had every reason to be proud of the great work they had proposed for the School and he wished the undertaking god-speed and every success.

Mr. A. D. Shenoi spoke on behalf of the parents, a representative gathering of whom was present. He assured the Principal of every possible assistance and co-operation from the parents.

Then followed the laying of the foundation stone by His Lordship the Bishop—a simple ceremony certainly but full of significance for all who were privileged to witness it, for it meant a great deal indeed to the School and its alumni.



The foundation stone laid



The work begins



SCOUTING IN 1968

Scouting began in St. Mary's in 1958 and since then has flourished wonderfully. In 1966 eight boys passed their first-class badge tests and were awarded certificates in early 1967. 1968 has been a busy and very successful year too for our troop. We began in early April, under our Scout-Master, Mr. T. Verghese who gave us every encouragement. There were four patrols, viz. Hyenas, Wolves, Lions and Horses. Each of these had its own patrol-leader who was in charge of all the boys in his group, and whose duty it was to teach those boys more about scouting. The patrol-leaders were instructed by the scout-master, and they in turn passed on the knowledge to other scouts. The patrols work separately as a small group of young civilians, learning all that is necessary for developing mental and physical alertness, character and public spirit.

Every Wednesday and Saturday evening one can see the Scouts busy as bees wearing their khaki uniforms with thick belts, green berets and scarves. Attached to a scout's belt is his rope and every scout wears khaki stockings. It is a pleasure to see them lined up ready to obey all orders. Then the troop leader hoists the flag and all sing. Scout prayers follow, after which they all troop off to their respective patrols. After an hour or so the meeting is concluded by lowering the blue and yellow scout flag whilst they sing the National Anthem.

In St. Mary's the Scouts learn all types

of knots, such as the reef knot, clover-hitch, sheep shark, bowline and fisherman's knot. This year we learnt how to lash logs and how to signal with coloured flags. First-aid lessons were also given in 1968 and we now know how to treat fractures, bruises and stings. We were also taught how to give artificial respiration and how to tie bandages. In gadget-making we learnt how to make wooden hooks, pegs, shoe-stands as well as bucket-holders.

During 1968 our scouts had the opportunity of meeting many other troops at camping grounds in Mount Abu. These various troops had on display many gadgets and models of bridges, hunters' fires, camps, tents and flag posts and our boys made beautiful copies of them which were exhibited at our Scout's party held in early November. The function opened with our Principal, Rev. Br. J. A. Keane, hoisting the scout flag and this was followed by a march-past. Those scouts who had passed the tests for the first-class badge received their certificates. There were then games such as bun-eating, bursting the balloon, four corners and a special game on knots for the younger scouts. Tea followed and then all saw an exhibition of gadgets and models. Amit Chatterjee was adjudged the best scout of the year and received a cup. The function concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

ALLAN CRASTO (Class IX)



Waiting for the pot to boil

PICNICS 1968

Small Boys on Picnic

The year 1968 was a good one for picnics and every class in the school had at least two, not mentioning the large number of unofficial hikes and countless outings during the course of the year. In and around there is a big choice of places to go but for most of the year the great drawback is the non-swimming picnic.

Nearly every class went out on Easter Monday for a full-day 'hike.' The day was tolerably cool and walking was easy. Trevor Tal, Sargeant Plummy, Dilwara Dak Bungalow, Plummy Valley, School Lake and one or other of the parks in town (for the small boys) were some of the places chosen that day. At the end of April Classes Eight and Eleven went to Abu Road and Oria respectively for their Masters' Feasts. At the end of April too the Principal took a Legion group to Trevor Tal and enjoyed the day out there.

There were very many picnics during the Monsoons though Class Seven were out on their Master's Feast to Oria again and didn't get too wet. Other unofficial picnics took place during the Rains and these picnickers had the advantage of swimming in many places. The dak bungalows at Dilwara and Oria afford great shelter even though they be locked as our hikers can always stay in the varandahs.

However, the great month for picnics is September. Class Nine went to Abu Road on 2nd, setting out very early via the jungle path, with two guides. That week was 'picnic week' and the weather was pretty good for most of the outings. There is so much to be enjoyed on a picnic—getting away from class for at least one day, enjoying the 'picnic grub' which certainly does taste better than anything in school, even on 'big' days, plenty of fishing and butterfly hunting, nesting and climbing peaks or just taking a little nap which can't be done in class.

There were picnic too in October. Most of the Legion of Mary picnics took place then as did the Social Service outing and the Crusaders were out too. However, it's not so suitable as our final examinations are too near though the weather is ideal and there's a bit of swimming too.

Without doubt Abu Road is the 'perfect place,' for the four top classes and no place else satisfies. Why? The main attractions are cycling, having lunch at one of the restaurants or at the railway station, swimming at Big Bridge or going out to Seawa by cycle for a swim. Going to Abu Road also necessitates getting up before five in the morning, having an early breakfast and off on the 17-mile hike to the Plains. There's certainly a great thrill in it and a picnic is not a picnic without a good walk. We thank the School Authorities for the grand outings we have had in 1968.

MEET THE BROTHERS



*Arvind, Sunder and
Vivek Albuquerque—Bombay*



*Loy, Rennie and
Vincy Machado—Kuwait*



*Edward, Vardon &
Clarence James—Bombay*



*All the Janis (Abu) Davendra,
Dinesh, Mukesh Trilok
and Rajendra*



*All the Shahpurwalas—
(Aden,) Hasan, Farhad, Riyaz,
Mehboob and Shabbir*



*David, Michael and
Ian Stone—Bombay*



*Giles, Melroy and
Cedric Drego—Bombay*



*Ganga, Dhanjay and
Naranjan Singh—Nana*



*Vivian Marion and
Valerian Norohna—Bombay*

INDIAN SCHOOL CERTI



R. Sen



J. Jaliwala



R. Padukone



E. Soares



J. Patel



M. Rodrigues



J. D'Lima



K. Cooper



S. Shahpurwala

FICATE CLASS - 1968



K. Louis



A. Jain



R. Bansal



M. Menezes



D. Patel



V. Norohna



W. Dantas



M. Lobo



F. Gomez

JUNGLE EXERCISES



On the evening of St. Patrick's Day, 1968, and keeping to tradition the game "Jungle Exercises" or "Jungle Warfare" was played to honour Ireland's great National Patron, St. Patrick. The Middle and Senior Dormitories had combined with St. John's and St. Francis' Houses on one side and St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's on the other.

Each 'side' had a force of about seventy boys in its ranks and on each warrior's forehead was a rectangular piece of cardboard with a number in either red or blue, the numbers ranging from 1 to 5. This cardboard was to be tied across the forehead and had to rest on the eyelashes. The numbers in blue were given to St. John's and St. Patrick's while the other two teams had the red. The site of the 'battle' was the area between the A Division hockey-cum-football pitch right up to the School Lake.

Both armies were given about fifteen minutes to plan their attack and to occupy the strategic points along the route. From the moment the whistle was blown the two sides were pitted against each other. When boy from one side, saw one of the 'enemy', he had to be in such a position that he could see the number on the forehead and hence call it out, with the name of the boy. The boy whose number had

been called had to surrender his card and from then on he was 'dead' and out of the game.

The 'battle' waged on and both sides suffered heavy casualties. The rules were often stretched to their utmost limit and there were a few occasions when they were seriously violated. One 'soldier' had his card neatly camouflaged with a neat fringe of hair! Another 'gallant' tied his card upside down! However, taking all in all the game was an unqualified success.

At precisely six, the whistle was blown for the teams to retreat. Boys from each side, poured out from various entrenchments and hideouts on the surrounding hills and gathered round the chief judge, Br. J. A. Keane, to find out who were the victors. The counting of the captured cards went on, and the losses and gains on both sides were heavy. After some calculation it was announced, amid thunderous cheers, that the combined St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's had proved their superiority in guerilla warfare over their rivals, who were close behind in points.

Truly, it had been a most pleasant and extremely interesting evening and I can vouch that everyone enjoyed himself thoroughly.

MICHAEL MENEZES (Class XI)



DINING ROOM STAFF (BOYS)

In front: Baboo Singh, Magan, Kasia Vakta, Rama.
Seated: Mr. E. T. James (General Manager).
Back Row: Magan, Rupa, Baboo Lal, Kasia Vajja, Hira, Nathu, Kasia Panna.



DOMESTIC STAFF, 1968

In front: Baboo Singh, Magan, Hira, Kasia Vakta, Rama.
Seated: Mr. E. T. James (General Manager), Mr. Joseph Guard (Asst. Manager).
1st Row: Kalyan, Moti, Sava, Visram, Poorna, Hoham, Megha, Ganesh, Shanker
2nd Row: Prabhu, Jogia, Shanker, Bhila, Panna Lal.
Back Row: Magan, Baboo, Kasiar Vajja, Nathu, Kasiar Poorna, Man Singh, Rupa.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS-1968

AINSLEY F. PRIESTMAN: Ainsley, though only in Class X, was chosen School-Captain by a large majority of voters from Classes VIII to XI at the beginning of the school-year, 1968. Of magnificent physique, Ainsley can hold his own at almost any game and is averagely good at his studies. He came to this school in 1963 and has lived at Abu Road for many years. However, it is as a long-distance runner that he has really made his name though there is none to beat him at the javelin. The Captain of St. John's House he has brought them to victory on many occasions.

HARVEY B. ALMEIDA: Harvey joined St. Mary's only in 1965 from Mazagon, Bombay and was chosen Deputy Head Boy at the beginning of 1968. Like A. Priestman, Harvey is also in Class X and is average at his books. It is as a sprinter that Harvey excels and is, perhaps, the best athlete in the School. He has found his way into the inter-school relay teams last year and it was largely due to him that victory was ours. He is the Captain of the powerful St. Francis' House and takes great interest in all its doings.

JITENDRA C. PATEL: Jitendra (affectionately known to all as "Jittu") hails from Mombasa and has been in St. Mary's since 1961. His two elder brothers, Navin ('63) and Dinesh ('67) were here for a number of years also. Jitendra is in the School Certificate Class this year and the only House Captain from the top class. He is quite good at his studies and has a good head for Science and Mathematics. The Captain of St. Patrick's, he is easily the best hockey player in the School and has shown his prowess in many outside matches.

EDGAR I. PINTO: Edgar's being chosen captain was a surprise to some but he has certainly proved his worth, being very popular with his House and in the School generally. Edgar came here in 1963 from Byculla, Bombay, and had an elder brother here. Good at his studies, he is a good actor too and deeply interested in his House, St. Joseph's. He is the third captain this year from Class Ten and has greatly improved at all games and at athletics during the year. Edgar, like the other three Captains is very co-operative with the Staff.



*Ainsley F. Priestman
Captain of St. John's House*



*Harvey B. Almeida
Deputy School Captain 1968
Captain of St. Francis' House*



*Jitendra C. Patel
Captain of St. Patrick's House*



*Edgar J. Pinto
Captain of St. Joseph's House*



*Vice Captains, K.Singh, M.Menezes,
K. Cooper, B. Baes.*



1st XI HOCKEY

In front: A. Joshi (goal-keeper).
Seated: Keith MacDonald, K. Cooper, J. Patel, Rev. Br. H. D. O'Neill, A. Priestman, K. Louis, B. Paes.
Back Row: H. Almeida, E. Pinto, K. Singh, F. J. Dias, Kenneth MacDonald, D. Pereira, M. Choudhury.



SCHOOL FOOTBALL 1ST XI

Seated: E. Pinto, A. Priestman (Capt), Br. H. D. O'Neill (Coach), H. Almeida, J. Patel.
Standing: G. Bunyan, K. Singh, K. MacDonald (Jn), D. Pereira, B. Paes.
In front: R. Shinde, M. Menezes.



SCHOOL CRICKET XI

Seated: M. Menezes, S. Shahpurwala, J. Patel (Capt), A. Jain, K. Cooper.
Back Row: K. MacDonald (Jn), R. Shinde, D. Patel, E. Pinto, K. MacDonald (Sn.), E. James.

The three major games played in St. Mary's (1968)



The school year opened with our playing Hockey at no less than six levels and soon our F Division boys got into the 'know-how' of the game. The House matches were prefaced by 'cake' tournaments in all fields and certainly it was a good introduction as we were well into the 'swing' of things by mid March. A good standard was attained as was proved in the outside games we played both at home and away. All four Houses proved their worth in one field or other, the honours going to St. John's in the Senior field. St. Francis' were the trophy winners in both B and C divisions as well as in the F division, while St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's took home the cups from D and E divisions respectively. A most enjoyable hockey season was had at St. Mary's while at the same time the standard was raised in most fields.

Concurrently with the hockey season ran the cricket House games, which were normally played every Sunday morning and every free day. The number of fast bowlers was lacking somewhat this year but we had Kenny MacDonald in the A Division and George James in the D Field. The latter is a very promising bowler and we should be hearing more of him in the not-too-distant future. It is indeed a coincidence that St. Patrick's should bag the trophies in all four Cricket fields. However, J. Patel and spin bowler Dilip Patel certainly did much to bring their House to victory in the A pitch while V. Bhargava, B. Parmar, C. S. Rathore and F. Caston did much in the B Division. In the C Division St.

Patrick's were the strongest from the word 'go' but much of the credit goes to G. James. The D Field had some very interesting games on Sunday mornings and there are many budding cricketers there. Some of the best all-rounders there were A. Bhargava, R. Coelho and A. James.

The Football Season began in all six fields about the end of May and the House games were precluded, like the Hockey, by 'cake' tournaments. A very successful season was had and the Houses were, perhaps, better matched, resulting in keener competition and no doubt a raising of the standard. St. Joseph's and St. John's were keen rivals in the A Field while the honours went to St. John's in the B. Our C ground was considerably 'cut' up due to construction of the new building but nevertheless we had some very enjoyable though hard-fought games there and St. Patrick's it was who literally swept the boards there. In the lower fields there were some 'tough' games too and players like Conrad Mendonca, Conrad Lawrence and Rajiv Desai were all forces to be reckoned with. In the lowest division St. Francis' were undoubtedly the stalwarts and there was no beating them. The few outside matches that we had gave good practice and experience to our boys and also showed that our standard was well up to the mark.

Taking all in all the three major games played at school in 1968 were an unqualified success and it is a year to be remembered in the hockey, cricket and football fields.



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"For I am the prime Prime Minister."



"We are potentates and powers....."



"..... this is truly interesting."



"..... he's the Emperor, Winky Wum"



"Hail Phulmoun....."

The Annual Concert

The annual concert was staged at St. Mary's on the night of Wednesday, October 3rd and was certainly an unqualified success from every point of view. Perhaps one of the biggest crowds that ever packed the school hall witnessed what was one of the finest concerts that we've had. The evening's programme opened with the school Orchestra playing Marches and certainly it was a good start, and it put the audience in good form for the rest of the programme.

The Hindi play, "Hartal" followed and was greatly appreciated by all as there was plenty of fun and action in it and the players gave of their best, Romesh Bansal certainly stealing the show. The Principal's annual report followed. Br. Keane said that he believed that functions such as the annual concert and annual speech day helped much the morale of the school. He said that parents must be convinced that they have a more important duty to perform than the mere providing their children with an expensive education. "While we are convinced," Br. Keane said, "that examination results are not the 'be all and the end all' of education yet they provide an accurate yardstick with which to measure the seriousness of purpose...."

The opera "Aladdin and Out", Act I followed and when the curtain opened we found that 'little Aladdin' had arrived at his mother's (Mrs. Mustapha's) laundry-university with Badmanazar, a magician, his long lost uncle who carries him off but Aladdin is able to get back with the help of the ring. The Act ended with the chorus of the Slaves of the Lamp. The singing was of a high order and under the able direction of Br. O'Neill and with Mr. Ernest Rowland at the piano the show was one grand feast of music and song.

The Orchestra now delighted the audience with "Copenhagen" "Hi Lili Hi-lo" "My baby's coming home" "Cuckoo" and "Stay, ladies, stay" with the final number "Uneducated man, goodbye." Edgar Pinto got a chance to show his prowess on the saxophone with Mr. Ludwig and Vivian Norohna as violinists 'par excellence.'

Act II of the Opera was now staged with Emperor Winky Wum holding court. Loy Machado, playing the part of Phulmoun, sang very sweetly and both Winky Wum and his 'prime Prime Minister' played their parts very well. Many favourable comments were evoked from one and all as to the suitability of cleverness of the costumes especially those of the Genie of the Lamp and the Genie of the Ring.

After the interval the school Orchestra was again 'on the air' with "the last Waltz" Lara's theme, "Fall in love" and a few other popular hits. The waltzes, in particular seemed to have gripped the audience and many would have liked to hear them again.

The final act of the Opera now followed where Aladdin and Phulmoun are married but by a wile the palace is removed to North Africa. However, the palace is happily brought back and they 'are all home again.' The Act closes with general rejoicing. The Orchestra brought the annual concert to a final close with a few fast numbers and "Now is the Hour." Prize distribution followed after which His Lordship, the Bishop congratulated the School and wished it every success in examinations, sports and games and in the building projects now in hand. After the school anthem the audience dispersed more than happy with the night's performance.

KEITH LOUIS
Class XI.



The Orchestra in action, with the Conductor, Mr. R. J. Ludwig.



The School Orchestra

The school Orchestra was begun in March, 1968 with just a few boys under the very able directorship of Mr. H. J. Ludwig but soon it grew from strength to strength. A few new members came at the end of March and by the middle of May we were playing no less than twenty numbers. It was all due, of course, to the drive, interest and enthusiasm of Mr. Ludwig.

By August we had five violins, four clarinets, a trumpet, a saxophone, a double bass, a guitar and percussion. Valerian Noronha really excelled himself at the piano, and is the youngest member of the Orchestra. We practised every Wednesday evening and on Sunday mornings.

However, it was on the four nights of the annual concert that the school Orchestra was at its best. It was scarcely believable that such a high standard could have been attained in such a short time and the Principal in his annual report said: "I am sure you will agree with me, when I say, that the Orchestra has made remarkable progress during the six months of its existence. There is every reason to believe that this progress will be maintained." The annual concert opened with the Orchestra playing March Melodies, and during the concert Melodious Waltzes, Musical Selection and 'Selected' followed. It was a feast of music and there is no gainsaying but that a really professional standard has been reached.

A few more instruments will be added next year and we hope more latent talent will come into the Orchestra thus building it up to be something very fine. For most of the boys, and especially for the Director, it meant much hard work at the beginning but it has paid dividends. Next year, too, better facilities will be available and our thanks are due to Mr. Ludwig and to all the boys in the Orchestra.

Michael Samarchi, Class IX.

Annual Speech, 1968

St. Mary's is situated in one of the quietest corners of this rather remote little plateau. Hence, you, the parents of our boys, and our friends and well-wishers, are doubly welcome this evening. Some of you come here year after year and your presence affords us much encouragement. Some of you have come for the first time and I hope your introduction to the Institution will be a pleasant experience.

I have read recently some cynical criticisms of functions such as this. Fault has been found with the rows of immaculately clad prize-winners, the apparent flawlessness of the Institution as portrayed by the Principal's Report and the ponderous pronouncements on world affairs which Principals are apt to make on such occasions. Personally I believe that functions such as this help the moral of a school. We are very conscious of our limitations and we are ever striving to improve our standards. Furthermore, there are always some people who will not permit us to forget our drawbacks. When one is too near a painting it appears to be but series of blotches. To get a correct view one has to stand back and examine the picture from a distance. This is what I propose to do to-night.

Since we assembled here last year there is much to record. All our efforts and resources continue to be aimed at the spiritual formation of our boys. Daily instruction in religion and moral science, frequent periods of prayer, attendance at Mass and the reception of the Sacraments by our Catholic boys, are considered the most important activities of the School. Three Praesidia of the Legion of Mary and one group of Crusaders of the Blessed Sacrament enable our Catholic boys to give practical expression to the faith that has been given them. Our Social Service League performs a similar service for our non-Catholic boys. A three-day enclosed Retreat, conducted by an experienced priest was seriously undertaken by the boys of the four top classes, during the first week of August. In no field of school activity do we require the co-operation of the parents than in the formation of the minds and consciences of our pupils. Occasionally we find ourselves helpless when dealing with boys who come from careless homes. Parents must be convinced that they have a much more important duty to perform than the mere providing their children with an expensive education, fashionable wardrobe, frequent parcels and abundant pocket-money. The words of Christ wring across the centuries, as relevant to-day as when they were first uttered: "What does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul, or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?" And let us not forget that precept without example may be compared to "sounding brass and tinkling cymbals."

Every outward activity is provided for here. Inter-House tournaments, for which attractive trophies are awarded, have already been completed in the following games: Hockey, at six levels, football at six levels, Cricket at four levels, volley-ball, carroms and chess. Tournaments in basketball, tennis, table-tennis and handball will get under way within a week. Elocution, dramatics, extempore-speaking and quiz competitions have already been given their due need of attention. We hope to start our debating competitions after the Sports holidays.

In addition to an array of private hobbies, fretwork, cardboard work and painting have interested many of our pupils during the year. These boys invite you to visit their exhibition, housed this year in the first floor of the main school building.

With the formation of our Orchestra a new dimension has been given to music in the School. I am sure you will agree with me, when I say, that the Orchestra has made remarkable progress during the six months of its existence. There is every reason to believe that this progress will be maintained. During the current year also the boys of the junior school have been given regular lessons in vocal music.

I am happy to announce that the "Abu Oriole", the school Magazine, after a lapse of two years, will be soon in your hands. Half of it has already been sent to the press.

After listening to this long list of activities, one may be excused if he asked where study fits into this rather crowded programme. Those who have watched St. Mary's at work during the past several years cannot but be convinced that study takes second place only to the formation of the characters of our boys. For the fourth year in succession we have obtained 100% success in the I.S.C. Examination. Of the 26 boys presented last year, 18 were placed in the 1st Division and the remaining 8 in 2nd Division. There was, therefore, no third Division and no failure. This achievement is all the more creditable when it is remembered that the whole class was permitted to sit for the examination and no boy had been detained in Class X the previous year. While we are convinced that examination results are not the "be all and the end all" of education, yet they do provide us with an accurate yardstick with which to measure the seriousness of purpose of any educational institution. From March, 1969 we shall be adding Biology to our programme of studies.

With the formal opening of the Br. Rice Wing this evening, the first phase of our development plan has been successfully brought to a conclusion. Besides giving us a spacious dining hall and bright airy classrooms, the new block has enabled us to reorganise the older buildings. Dormitories are now less congested and when the boys return to school in March, 1969 they will, we hope, be more comfortable still. During the winter vacation we shall install a modern kitchen in the present science room and science rooms will be set up in 1st floor of the main school building. Within two months we shall start on a new chapel and when this is completed the present chapel will be converted into yet another dormitory. Then if our finances permit, we shall erect a third storey on the new block. This will house a large multipurpose hall and a spacious library. This hall then will be a gymnasium.

I am grateful to Mr. Arthur Shenoi and the Parents Auxiliary Committee for initiating the drive to collect funds for our building programme. To those parents who have already contributed to the fund and to those who have promised to contribute, I wish to say a very special "thank you." For the financing of all our schemes, we depend entirely on the generosity of the parents of our boys. You are aware that this School is conducted by a religious Community and, hence, all surplus funds must be plowed back into the Institution.

In March of the current year an Old Boys' Association was formed. A number of meetings has already been held and a first issue of a quarterly bulletin has been published. We often feel that our boys leave us at a time when they most need our help and guidance. Through the activities of the Old Boys' Association we hope to keep in contact with all our Past Pupils.

Relations between St. Mary's and the local Institutions leave little to be desired. The National Police Academy, the 4th Gorkha Rifles, the Survey of India and Sophia High School are ever eager to assist whenever we require help. We on our part will ever reciprocate the many kindnesses received from the hands of these Institutions.

For to-night's programme many people have to be thanked. Br. O'Neill, Mr. Ludwig and Mr. Goyal have been mainly responsible for the entertainment we are enjoying. I must not forget the four lady teachers who have worked often late into the night so that this programme would be a success. Our boys have worked well and besides entertaining us I hope they have learned much during the week's preparation.

For the present happy state of the Institution I must thank my Confreres, the Christian Brothers, our Chaplain, our three Sisters and every member of the lay Staff. I also thank the parents of our boys for their co-operation and understanding. And finally I wish to thank your Lordship for coming all the way from Ajmer, at a time when you are overburdened with work, in order to preside at the main functions Parents' Week.



The Principal delivering his annual address



His Lordship, the Bishop replying



John Martis receives a prize from the Bishop



The Annual Athletic Sports

The annual athletic Sports were held on October 3rd amid ideal weather conditions and were witnessed by one of the largest crowds of parents and friends that St. Mary's has seen for some years. The Sports began punctually at 2.30 p.m. and the various items were then run off with clock-like precision.

Quite a number of events had been run off before Sports Day itself, the chief among them being the jumps, discus and hammer throws, shot put and javelin throw. All these events were keenly contested. R. Middlecoat provided an upset when he won the javelin throw in the A Division, beating K. MacDonald, the favourite. Among the most exciting events before the final meet were the 4×400 inter-House relays, the 800 metres (open to A, B and C divisions) and the 1,500 metres (also open to A, B, & C). The 4×400 metres was a fast relay and there was keen competition especially between St. John's House and St. Joseph's who were second. The 800 metres came to an exciting finish with A. Priestman first and just beating K. Louis to the tape. In the 1,500 metres race K. Louis in a spectacular finish took 1st place with D. Andrade a good second, beating D. Pereira in the last few metres. The tug-of-war, inter-House, was easily won by St. John's House.

The first event of Sports' Day was the A Division Hurdles followed by B Division hurdles. Both these events were a good start to the Sports. Next the E and F divisions were run off and the smaller boys showed that they too could create close competition. Next followed the 100 metres dash for the A, B, C and D divisions. Harvey Almeida proved himself the fastest boy in the school with a good timing. All four were fine races and thoroughly enjoyed by the spectators. The lower divisions were

on the field again with Kangaroo, hurdles and flag relays.

Now came the event of the day, the 4×100 inter-school relay in which St. Mary's had entered two teams. The race had all the thrill, suspense and excitement of an Olympic and at the finish St. Mary's A was first followed closely enough by St. Mary's B. The Sports went on with inter-school girls races and the 200 metres race for each of the A, B, C and D divisions. There were more relays in the sack and tunnelling to be followed by the 400 metres in A & B.

After the tea interval the three drills were flawlessly executed, the seniors doing the dumb-bells, the middle school the ball drill and the juniors did the fascinating and novel boxing drill. After the drills the Sports were fittingly rounded off by the inter-House Relay races — very spectacular indeed and lovely to watch. St. Joseph's, St. John's, St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's won the A, B, C & D. respectively. The Meet ended with a colourful march past of the Houses in the order of merit. In a brief speech, His Lordship the Bishop of Ajmer-Jaipur congratulated the boys and said he hoped that many of them would go far in the field of sport. The following was the order of the Houses marching at the end of the Meet:

St. Joseph's	393 points
St. John's	367 points
St. Francis'	250 points
St. Patrick's	217 points

Championships were as follows:

Best Man A Division	H. Almeida
Best Man B Division	P. Israel
Best Man C Division	Ryan Lobo
Best Man D Division	C. Pereira

AMIT CHATTERJEE
Class IX.



WINNERS OF THE INTER-SCHOOL RELAY
L. to R: K. Louis, D. Pereira, H. Almeida, K. Sing.



HURDLES: A DIVISION 1st H. Almeida,
2nd K. Singh. 3rd D. Pereira



Best Man: A Division: H. Almeida



400 m B DIVISION 1st B. Paes,
2nd A. Chatterjee. 3rd G. D.Mello



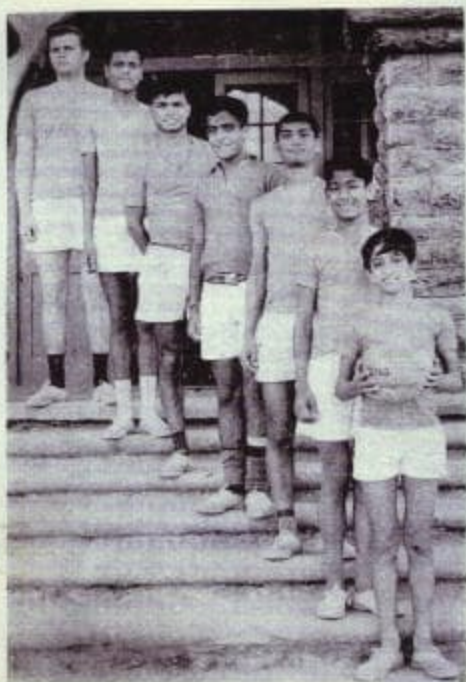
**Best Man:
C Division:
R. Lobo.**



Best Man: B Division: P. Israel.



**Best Man:
D Division:
C. Pereira.**



**INTER-HOUSE A DIV. BASKETBALL WINNERS
ST. JOHN'S.**

Reading Upwards: E. Alva, P. Israel,
A. D'Costa, K. Singh, R. Bansal, M. Choudhry,
A. Priestman (Capt).



**INTER-HOUSE A DIV. VOLLEYBALL WINNERS
ST. JOHN'S.**

Seated: K. Singh, A. Priestman (Capt.),
A. D'Costa.
Standing: R. Bansal, M. Choudhury, P. Israel.



**INTER-HOUSE B DIV. VOLLEYBALL WINNERS
ST. JOSEPH'S.**

Seated: U. Sen, V. D'Souza (Capt.), G. Miranda.
Standing: D. Starr, P. Oberai, K. Parmar.



100 m. B Division.
1st P. Israel
2nd R. Shinde
3rd A. Chatterjee



**INTER-HOUSE A DIV. FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS
ST. JOSEPH'S**

Seated: A Chatterjee, K. Cooper, E. Pinto
(Capt), R. Shinde, K. Jain.

Standing: P. Oberai, W. Dantas, K. Louis,
D. Pereira, M. Rodrigues, E. James.



**INTER-HOUSE B DIV. FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS
ST. JOHN'S**

Seated: C. Starr, N. Monteiro, A. Murray
(Capt), C. S. Rathore, N. S. Kutty.

Standing: J. S. Pinto, S. C. D'Mello, D. Singh,
C. Joshi, C. McKinley, J. Nazareth.

**INTER-HOUSE C DIV. FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS
ST. FRANCIS'**

Seated: D. Almeida, G. Mendonca, J. Pereira
(Capt), B. Rathore, A. Bakhru.

Standing: T. Mendes, N. Fernandes, T. Jani,
V. Nazareth, G. Pinto, A. D'Mello.



HANDBALL CHAMPIONS:

L to R. R. Shinde (Runner-up)
& B. Paes (Champion).



**INTER-HOUSE D DIVISION FOOTBALL
CHAMPIONS—ST. PATRICK'S**

Seated: P. MacMahon, A. James, A. Bhargava
(Capt), R. Singh, S. Raathore.
Standing: S. Prasad, R. D'Souza, M. Patel,
V. Dantas, S. Rao, N. Shenoil.

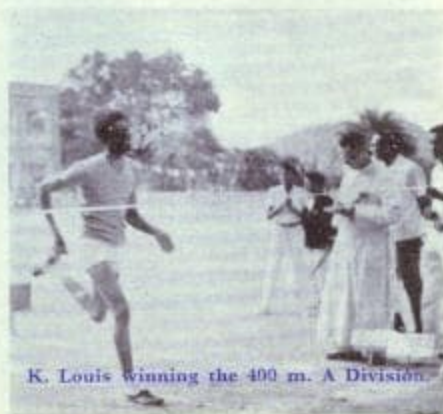


**INTER-HOUSE C DIV. VOLLEYBALL WINNERS
ST. PATRICK'S**

Seated: N. Augustus, A. Kanagat, R. Rodrigues
Standing: A. Priestman (Jr), N. Desai,
P. Bakhru, P. Bilimoria, G. James, C. D'Douza.



Small boys in action: Sports Day.



K. Louis Winning the 400 m. A Division. 58



**INTER-HOUSE A DIV. HOCKEY CHAMPIONS
ST. JOSEPH'S**

Seated: P. Israel, K. MacDonald (Jr), A. Priestman (Capt), E. Alva, E. Soares.

Standing: L. D'Silva, R. Bansal, M. Choudhury, A. D'Costa, K. Singh.

Goal-keeper: F. John Dias.



**INTER-HOUSE B DIV. HOCKEY CHAMPIONS
ST. FRANCIS'**

Seated: G. D'Sylva, A. Albuquerque, Z. Lobo (Capt), L. Bunyan, A. Viegas.

Standing: P. Vaishnav, R. Machado, N. Thaker, A. Menon, C. Weir.

Goal-keeper: W. D'Roza.



**INTER-HOUSE C DIV. HOCKEY CHAMPIONS
ST. FRANCIS'**

Seated: A. D'Mello, V. Nazareth, J. Pereira (Capt), A. Bakhru, N. Fernandes.

Standing: T. Mendes, B. Rathore, T. Jain, D. Almeida, C. Pinto.

Goal-keeper: C. Mendonca.



**INTER-HOUSE A DIV. CRICKET CHAMPIONS
ST. PATRICK'S**

Seated: J. D'Lima, V. Noronha, J. Patel (Capt.),
D. Patel, M. Lobo.

Standing: R. Padukone, D. Andrade, S.
S. Gujral, A. Jain, Z. Ukani.

Wicket-keeper: M. Menezes.



**INTER-HOUSE B DIV. CRICKET CHAMPIONS
ST. PATRICK'S**

Seated: G. James, A. Kanagat, S. Kak (Capt.),
J. Rodrigues, G. D'Mello.

Standing: F. Caston, B. Parmar, A. Tiwari,
M. Samarchi, D. Mascarenhas.

Wicket-keeper: V. Bhargava.



**INTER-HOUSE C DIV. CRICKET CHAMPIONS
ST. PATRICK'S**

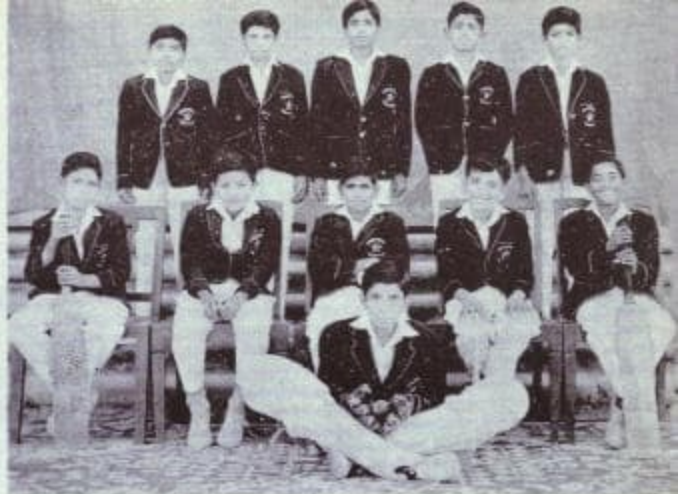
Seated: A Priestman (Jn.), G. James, A. Kanagat (Capt.), N. Augustus, S. Albuquerque.

Standing: N. Desai, P. Bilimoria, M. Norohna,
P. Bakhru, C. D'Souza.

Wicket-keeper: R. Rodrigues.



TENNIS FINALISTS:
 Champion K. Cooper (wearing watch)
 being congratulated by J. Patel



**INTER-HOUSE D DIV. CRICKET CHAMPIONS
 ST. PATRICK'S**

Seated: P. McMahon, S. Prasad, R. D'Souza
 (Capt), S. Rathore, A. James.
 Standing: R. Rodrigues, A. Bhargava, M. Patel,
 S. Rao, V. Dantas.
 Wicket-keeper: R. Singh.



**INTER-HOUSE D DIV. HOCKEY CHAMPIONS
 ST. PATRICK'S**

Seated: A. James, P. MacMahon, A. Bhargava
 (Capt), R. Singh, S. Rathore.
 Standing: S. Prasad, V. Dantas, M. Patel, S.
 Rao, N. Shenoj.
 Goal-keeper: R. D'Souza.



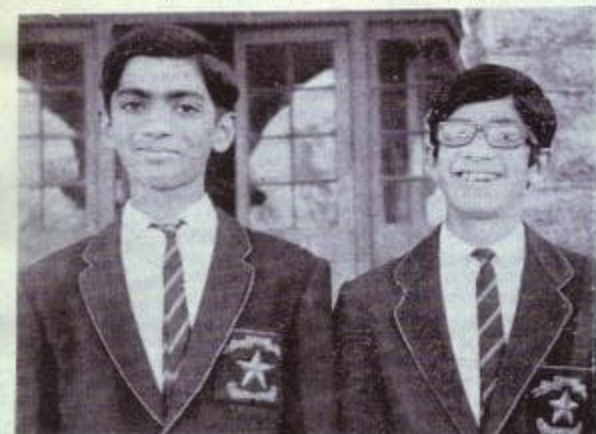
J. Patel in action at one of the inter-House matches



ST. PATRICK'S HOUSE
Cock House for 1st and 2nd Terms.



INTER-HOUSE QUIZ WINNERS ST. JOSEPH'S
Front Row: V. D'Souza, A. Chatterjee, U. Sen.
Back Row: T. Merriman, W. Dantas,
M. Rodrigues.



INTER-HOUSE DEBATE WINNERS
L to R: Z. Lobo & R. Sen.



INTER-HOUSE EX-TEMPORE SPEAKING WINNERS—ST. JOSEPH'S
Upwards: A. Chatterjee, E. Pinto,
K. Cooper, K. Louis.



ST. JOSEPH'S HOUSE
Sports Winners

Inter House Activities

On March 11th, the day school re-opened after the three months' holidays, the whole senior school was assembled to vote for their captains and vice-captains for the coming year. Ainsley Priestman of Class X was unanimously chosen as School Captain for 1968 with Harvey Almeida as Deputy Head. Jitendra Patel (better known as 'Jittu') and Edgar Pinto were chosen to make up the four House Captains. Vice captains were then picked and assigned to the Houses in the following order:

St. John's A. Priestman (Captain) ..
 " Khuman Singh (Vice-Captain)
St. Francis' . . . H. Almeida (Captain) ..
B. Paes " " (Vice-Captain)
St. Patrick's . . J. Patel (Captain) ..
M. Meneez " " (Vice-Captain)
St. Joseph's . . E. Pinto (Captain) ..
 K. Cooper (Vice-Captain)

House matches in Hockey began almost immediately and the standard was quite good all round. Hockey was played in no less than six levels and every boy gave of his best in the interest of his House. Some of the six Divisions played as many as six rounds and allotted points, after which they went on to the knock-outs for trophies at the end of the year.

The football season began with the first showers and the season was somewhat shorter than the hockey though more intense. Like Hockey there were outside games and our boys gave a good account of themselves. The same system was followed as for hockey. A volleyball Tournament had been run previously.

The Cricket season began almost immediately on re-opening school and House games were played normally every Sunday.

Cricket was played at four levels but it was difficult to judge the standard as compared with last year. We had plenty of fast bowlers but our outside matches proved that our cricketers lacked tightness of fielding and 'alertness.'

During the Monsoons we played inter-House carroms and chess and a good standard was attained, the honours in chess going to Jivraj of St. John's House. Table tennis followed after the Sports holidays in October as also did basket-ball and lawn tennis.

The Quiz and ex-tempore speaking inter-House contests reached a higher standard this year than perhaps any other year in the last decade. The answering was very prompt and correct and the various ex-tempore speakers were quite at home on the stage and certainly the audience enjoyed those few evenings.

Other activities included marching contests on Independence Day and on annual Sports Day. It is interesting to note that St. Patrick's won Cricket in all four fields. St. Joseph's were the winners in both the quiz and ex-tempore contests. St. Patrick's won teas and dinners and free films while St. John's were good steady all-rounders, though really excelling in very little. Sports Day went comfortably to St. Joseph's.

Many and varied were the inter-House activities and great and lively was the spirit that was put into them. It was edifying, at times, to see the interest which the House Captains had in even the small members of their House. Competition was keen and a better standard was attained because of the House System.

SECOND TERM: 15th September, 1969

FIRST TERM: 15th June, 1969

	ST. PATRICK'S	ST. FRANCIS'	ST. JOSEPH'S	ST. JOHN'S
Studies I	24	6	12	18
Studies II	18	6	12	24
Hockey	6	18	12	0
Cricket	12	18	6	0
Volleyball	7½	12	7½	3
Neatness	3	7½	7½	12
TOTAL:	70½	67½	57	57

COCK HOUSE: ST. PATRICK'S

	ST. PATRICK'S	ST. JOHN'S	ST. JOSEPH'S	ST. FRANCIS'
Studies I	24	18	12	6
Studies II	24	18	12	6
Football	0	6	12	18
Volleyball	7½	12	3	7½
Carroms	9	12	4½	9
Chess	12	4½	4½	9
Quiz	7½	7½	12	3
Extempore	9	3	12	6
Speaking				
Marching	12	9	6	3
TOTAL:	105	90	78	63

COCK HOUSE: ST. PATRICK'S

THIRD TERM: 23rd November, 1969

	ST. FRANCIS'	ST. JOHN'S	ST. JOSEPH'S	ST. PATRICK'S
Athletics	12	18	24	6
Tennis	9	6	3	12
Handball	9	12	6	3
Basket ball	12	9	3	6
Table-tennis	6	3	9	12
Debating	12	6	3	9
	60	54	48	48

COCK HOUSE: ST. FRANCIS'



Scene from the Hindi Play, "Hartal" ...
"let the Headmaster and teachers eat monkeynuts!"
I.S.C. Class & teachers (1968)

A scene from the Hindi Play, "Hartal" ...
"the 4th need: toffees after every lesson."



Chess finals: Champion, J. Nazareth faces camera.



SMILING FACES OF TABLE-TENNIS FINALISTS:
L to R: D. Andrade & B. Paes (Champion)

INDOOR GAMES

Organised indoor games are a special feature in our School during the Monsoons and this year they were on a larger scale than ever before. They passed away very pleasantly many a free afternoon during the dreary rainy season. However, table tennis was not played until after Sports Day but we did have chess, carroms, many different kinds of card games and other indoor games that delighted the juniors.

In the inter-House chess games six players were chosen to represent each team. The standard of play was unprecedentedly high. Two rounds were held and at the end we had St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's taking first and second places respectively, with St. Francis' and St. John's tying for third place. Jivraj Nazareth the chess champion for 1968 met Marian Norohna in a very interesting final indeed.

Two rounds gave the carrom players a chance of professing their skill. Generally carroms were far more popular than the more intellectual game of chess and there were far more entries. The House system gave close competition and added great interest to all the games. St. John's House took first place with St. Patrick' a good second. The tournament, on the whole, maintained a high standard.

The table-tennis tournaments were somewhat delayed because of the late arrival of the new tables. However, there were many fine games and like the other indoor games there was great rivalry among the Houses, but there were surprises. Certainly a very high standard was attained and there are quite a few budding players who will blossom out next year they are in Classes Eleven and Ten. The final itself showed some very fine play but the favourite, D. Andrade, was no match for the champion, Brendan Paes.

It was a great year for indoor games and one of the most successful we have had for a long time. 'Practice makes perfect' and no doubt we saw many of our boys improve every day at practically all the indoor games played in St. Mary's in 1968.

DAVID ANDRADE (*Class X*)

"Bursting balloons isn't
an easy job!"

MINOR GAMES



Minor games, played in our school, include tennis, handball, volleyball and basketball and this year each of these games got its due place in the school extra-curricular activities. Volleyball ran concurrently with the hockey season and very successful inter-House tournaments were played in the A, B and C Divisions. The standard was somewhat better than last year and the B Division got visibly better as the tournament proceeded. The beginners in the C division got into the game very quickly but never attained a very high standard. The handsome trophies certainly helped the players a great deal and helped too to keep the game alive and to raise the standard.

The following is the result:

- A Division: St. John's
- B Division: St. Joseph's
- C Division: St. Patrick's.

Not less interesting was the basketball tournament, confined, however, to the A Division. Of all the minor games played this year this game attained the highest standard in a very short time indeed. All four Houses were evenly matched and there was very little between any of them. However, the final honours went to St. John's who had an easy victory over St. Francis' in the finals, played in our new basket ball court alongside the hand all alleys.

Tennis is as popular as ever and it was

a delight to watch both the semi-finals and the finals at the end of the school-year. Right through the year, except for a brief spell during the Monsoons, the courts were in great demand and there was quite a bit of 'quequeing up' on Sunday morning and free days. An inter-House tournament was run off and the best players soon came to light. 'Jittu' Patel and Khushru Cooper displayed some magnificent play in the finals and the finals themselves were a delight to watch, the championship going to Khushru.

Handball has been popular with almost everybody in the middle and senior school right through the year and the alleys were never empty. Boys, who at the beginning had no skill or liking for the game, became quite good as the months went on. As in the three other minor games, an inter-House tournament was run off in handball too. A goodly numbers entered and we found Brendan Paes and Rajinder Shinde in the finals. However, Brendan proved too good for his opponent but nevertheless the games were enjoyed by those who witnessed them.

We are indeed thankful to the organisers of all these games and to the Staff members who took such interest in them in helping us to 'play the game'.

EDGAR F. PINTO,
(Class X)



FOUR GREAT SCOUTS:

L. to R.: H. D'Souza, C. Pinto, C. D'Lima, T. Mendes.

BEST SCOUT OF THE YEAR
Amit Chatterjee



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day, 1968 was celebrated very fittingly in St. Mary's School, Mount Abu. The day began with Church Services — a High Mass celebrated by the School Chaplain during which special prayers for the Republic of India were recited.

Promptly at nine o'clock on the morning of Independence Day the Principal, Rev. J. A. Keane, performed the flag hoisting ceremony and took the salute as each of the four Houses marched past the saluting base. The boys, dressed in full white looked very smart and certainly the marching was of a very high standard indeed; though the weather was anything but kind, being a typical Monsoon day with thick heavy mist during the ceremony.

The Principal, addressing the boys, said that India had 'become of age' having attained its 21st year of Independence. He said that when a person becomes of age it means a great deal for him and for his family. In the twenty-one years of India's freedom she had achieved a great deal. India had reached maturity and was making giant steps towards unity and industrialisation. He gave instances of the recent dams and irrigation schemes which the Govt. of India had now in hand. Since

Independence India had made great strides in every direction and said that education had been given a great impetus. Br. Keane went on to stress the wonderful agricultural progress the country had made and he said the building of roads was a major project with the country and its leaders because without good roads there could be no progress.

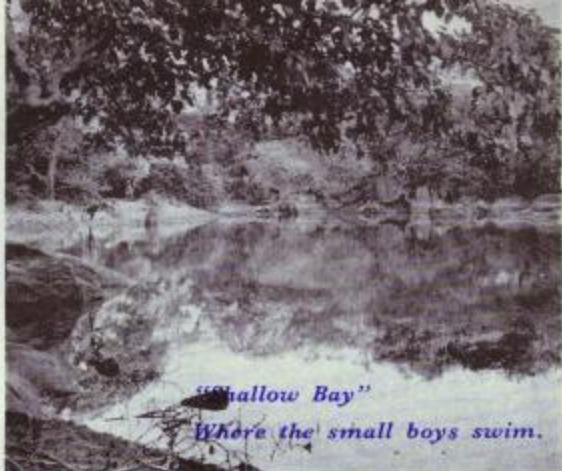
He appealed to us, boys, to be honest now in all our dealings in school so that when we grew up and went out into the world we would have that wonderful training we got in school to help us be good and worthy citizens. He asked us to be loyal to the School and to one another.

The ceremony was attended by every boy in the school and by all the Staff members. A sumptuous lunch was served to all in honour of the 'great day' and in the evening there were special football games arranged. Because of unavoidable circumstances we were not able to have a film and a grand whist drive was arranged by the Principal at which valuable prizes in cash and kind were distributed to the lucky winners. We went to bed tired but very happy as indeed it was the end of 'a perfect day.'

LIONEL D'SILVA
Class X.



"School Lake"
Where the big boys swim.



"Shallow Bay"
Where the small boys swim.

FISHING

I doubt very much if fishing this year was the success it was last year or in previous years. For one thing we had only about 36 inches of rain during the whole of the Monsoons. However, we did give some competition to the native Bhils around here. Then again we had no real fishing enthusiasts or experts like Leslie Preston or George Middlecoat.

There are many fishing spots in Mount Abu but the 'whopping' fish are caught in either 'Plummy Dam' or Delwara Stream. Trevor Tal is also a good place but too far. Enthusiastic fishers look forward to a holiday when they can go to any of the above and throw a line. On these days the supple bamboo rods have previously been cut, dried, shaped and decorated with rubber handles and complete with coloured gut and fancy floats, are brought out for a trial.

The poor earthworm is much harassed when preparations for a fishing spree are in progress and the unlucky worm is roughly dropped into a tin with more of his doomed kin. Our boys don gum-boots and rain coats and are off to the chosen stream or pool, where strict silence must be observed and any offender are liable to have his hair pulled or even worse. Of course when a fish is at the end of the line one may be pardoned when he talks or shouts.

Boys who fish at the outflow of a dam get more fish with their hands than their well-equipped near neighbours. Some clever boys trap fish in the concrete trough which they block. Other boys blockade a small area and often catch a shoal of fish. There's a great cheer when victory is achieved. I have seen a small boy catch more fish with an umbrella than the whole lot of us, smart Seniors..... Many boys are after crabs only and with great success too. Heavy black crabs inhabit the streams and rivers during the Monsoons and these gluttons bite at anything. Every boy in our School knows what to do when the crab is landed on the bank. They are quickly deprived of their pincers and are stuffed into an already loaded pocket.

The fishermen plod back to school exhibiting their catch and though most of the fish are small our head cook, Mohan is in great demand and gets many strict warnings to give good fish curry. A dinner of fish and 'chappatties' is the reward of a morning's fishing. But alas! the Monsoons are over soon and rods nets and umbrellas are put away until the next rainy season in Abu.

MELVILLE LOBO
(Class XI)

St. Mary's Abu Parents' Auxiliary Committee (SMAPAC)



Mr. A. D. Shenoi, Hon. Secretary of SMAPAC.

In his Annual Report, read at the Annual Concert and Prize Distribution programme, 5th October, 1966, the Principal, Br. J. A. Keane, outlined his plans for the erection of a new school block. During the tea interval on Sports Day, 6th October, Mr. A. D. Shenoi, father of two of our boys, addressed the parents and suggested the formation of a committee to help the School Authorities to finance the proposed extensions. A Committee to be known as the St. Mary's (Abu) Parents' Auxiliary Committee (SMAPAC), with Br. Keane as Chairman and Mr. Shenoi as Hon. Secretary was formed. The Committee's first undertaking was the sponsoring of a donation drive in the form of the sale of two-rupee 'Donation Coupons.' This drive netted Rs. 15,000.00. In July, 1968, a direct appeal to all parents to donate at least Rs. 100.00 per family was made by the Committee. At the time of writing the total sum collected stands at Rs. 26,000.00.

During the Winter of 1968-1969, the Parents' Body hopes to organise a Film Premier and/or Cultural Show in Bombay. Parents-Children get-togethers are also being planned.

HERE AND THERE

School projects completed or nearing completion include the erection of the Rice Wing comprising of a spacious dining hall and two airy classrooms alongside on the ground floor and six splendid classrooms on the first floor. Also completed is the new sanitary arrangement in the Brothers' Cottage, dormitory rooms and parlour. The Principal's room off the big dormitory is now nearing completion as is the alteration to the new middle dormitory room.

Proposed new projects include a new chapel and sacristy, a third storey to the Rice Wing, extension of the field in front of the school building and a swimming pool and a modern kitchen in the present science-room.

Visitors and ex-pupils to the School during the year included His Lordship the Bishop, of Ajmer-Jaipur; Rev. Br. Leonard, Provincial Superior; Rev. Br. McPhilemey, Principal of Our Lady of Salvation High

School, Dadar, Bombay; Rev. Brs. Curran and Mousley of Bombay; Rev. Brs. Slattery and Gomez from Kurseong, Darjeeling District. Ex-pupils included Bharat Kak, Neville Eve, Carl Aubert and his brother, Peter, Rev. Fr. R. Almeida Parish Priest of Dohad, and Mr. and Mrs. Hopcroft

The butterfly craze is as vigorous as in the days of Br. Pinto and the small boys especially hunt: blue tigers, painted ladies, king crows, bishops, monarchs, lemon pansies, baronets.

Nesting continues to be very popular with the middle school but it is doubtful if it is 'gripping' as in the days of Neil Fernandes and the Saldanha brothers.

We were sorry to lose our neighbours, the Jesuit Fathers who transferred their Novitiate from Abu last June. Another old friend, Mr. G. A. Burge, left the National Police Academy in August for duties in the U.P.



A group of ex-pupils who formed the nucleus of the Old Boys Association.



Rev. H. D'Cruz, S. J. gives some words of advice



Bruce Vieyra addresses the Meeting.



OLD BOYS' FORUM

Formation of Old Boys' Association

A letter from the Principal, Br. J. A. Keane, suggesting the formation of a past pupils' Union was circularised on January 27th 1968. The response was so encouraging that it was arranged to have a meeting of ex-students residing in the Bombay area on March 5th 1968, the venue being Sodality House, Byculla, Bombay 8.

Forty-two past pupils, ranging from Major Robert A. Smith (I.A. Retired) of our 1931 class to a group of young men from our 1966 class were present at the inaugural meeting. After a short introductory talk by the Principal the following Committee, with powers to act on behalf of the new Association and to draw up a draft Constitution, was elected:

1. Major R. A. Smith (1931)
President.
2. Mr. Frankie X. Dias (1955)
Secretary.
3. Mr. Bruce Vieyra (1936)
Treasurer.
4. Mr. Suresh Takalkar (1954)
Member
5. Mr. Patrick Louis (1959)
Member
6. Mr. Geoffrey Miranda (1963)
Member
7. Mr. Aldred Clarke (1965)
Member.

After some discussion, it was decided to call the new organisation "the St. Mary's (Abu) Old Boys' Association." Then various suggestions re activities were presented. Prominent among these were: (i) the publication of a news bulletin four times per year, (ii) one general body

meeting with dinner each year, (iii) a number of smaller get-togethers, (iv) the sending of teams to the school at appropriate seasons and the inviting of school teams to Bombay for return matches, (v) the organisation of enclosed retreats and days of recollection for our past pupils.

The School Authorities have undertaken to edit the first few issues of the bulletin, while Fr. Henry D'Cruz, S. J. (1954) consented to guide us with regard to the Retreats.

It was decided to charge an annual nominal membership fee of Rs. 5-00. This fee would help to cover postage and printing expenses and other outlay incidental to the running of the Association.

School news was sent to the old boys' Association and it is hoped that these will be more regular in 1969. The School Authorities here drew up a code of rules to guide the Old Boys' Association and 'inter alia' it was decided that Old Boys would not give financial aid to the School.

During the current year quite a few old Boys visited the school, and especially during parents' week we were pleased to meet many. The Aubert brothers were here in the early part of the year. Neville Eve and Bharat Kak came during the month of July. Mr. Philip Browne, whose brothers were also here, sails for the States at the end of this year. Narendra Sharma, Royden Bunyan, Raman Lal Goyal and Subrata Dutta were here during Sports' Week. Raghbir Singh M. K. of Sirohi is a frequent caller here and has a great admiration for his 'alma mater.'



A view of the boys' new dining hall.

The Annual Retreat

Our annual Retreat this year began on the night of July 31st but on previous years it was normally held in May. However, the weather this year was not the best as it rained heavier on the first Retreat day than it did on any other day of the year. Our Retreat was conducted by Fr. R. Mendonca, C.S.S.R. from Bombay who certainly made those three days full of life, spirit and happiness for us.

The Catholic boys from Classes Eight to Eleven participated in the Retreat. On the opening night the Retreat Master asked us to think on what we were about to do and to make a resolution to make the Retreat a success. The next three days were packed with prayer, spiritual reading, lectures by the priest, rosary, Stations of the Cross and Confessions. We had three talks from Fr. every day and those who wished could freely meet the priest privately in the grounds or in his room.

A special feature of this year's Retreat was the choir practice which every boy looked forward to with great enthusiasm. The "Our Father" was given a new turn

and we had many and varied types of hymns from "Joy is like the rain" to "Zaccheus" all of which were accompanied by a guitar. We had a rest period in the afternoon for an hour or so when we could sleep or read spiritual books.

Tea was served at 3 p.m. and from 5.45 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. we were allowed to talk and some boys sure did make full use of that time to 'blow off.' Benediction was given each evening of the Retreat and we had a short Bible Study during it.

On the last day Mass was celebrated at 7 p.m. and a high Mass was sung. During the Mass we renewed our Baptismal promises and promised to be better boys in future. A Votive Mass of Our Lady was said during which we sang many of the lovely hymns we had learned during the Retreat. Mass ended with the Papal Blessing by the Priest to all those who had made the Retreat. We are very thankful to Fr. Mendonca for his spiritual guidance and lively and soul-stirring Retreat.

WILFRED D'ROZA
(Class IX)

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His Lordship, the Bishop, the Principal and Contractor at the opening ceremony of the new building.



His Lordship the Bishop blesses one of the new classrooms.



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प्लमी

हमारी स्कूल तो एक चोटी पर बनी ही हुई है, यदि हम चारों तरफ देखें तो अनेक चोटियाँ दिखायी देती हैं। उनमें सबसे भव्य दृश्य जिस चोटी का है वह है भीमालिया। परन्तु हमारी स्कूल के लड़के उसे 'प्लमी' कहते हैं। न जाने कब और किसने यह नाम दिया था उसे! कुछ ही, प्लमी हमारी स्कूल के लड़कों के विचार का एक अभिन्न अंग हो गयी है। यह वह चोटी है जिस पर हमारा प्रत्येक विद्यार्थी चढ़ता ही है—अधिक नहीं तो कम से कम एक बार। एक प्रकार से उच्च कक्षाओंका छात्र हमारी स्कूल में पहुँचकर बोल ही नहीं सकता यदि वह इस चोटी पर नहीं चढ़ा। वास्तव में यदि कोई बच्चा लड़का अपने से छोटी-छोटी के सामने ज्ञान से वातें करना चाहे तो उसे एक से अधिक बार यह चढ़ाई करनी ही चाहिये। कहते हैं 'पुराने जमानेमें' उच्चतम कक्षा तक पहुँचते-पहुँचते लड़के छह-फुटे हो जाते ही थे। तब उनके लिए प्लमी पर चढ़ना शायद गौरव की बात न रही होगी परन्तु ज्यों-ज्यों लड़कोंका कद घटता गया त्यों-त्यों चोटी की उँचाई बढ़ती गयी।

हर वर्ष 'सीनियर' कक्षा के लड़के सोचते हैं कि जब वे स्कूल से चले जाएँगे तो उनके बाद स्कूल बिना पतवार वाले जहाज के समान हो जायगी। हम भी इसके अववाद नहीं हैं और ऐसा ही मानते हैं।

ऐसे सच्ची बात यह है कि हम इस वर्ष इस पर एक बार ही चढ़ पाये हैं। इस प्रकार हमारे लिये यह अशोभनीय बात रही। ब्रह्म रिदन एक दिन नवम्बर के महीने में उत्साहित होकर हमें उस रास्ते से लेकर ऊपर चढ़े जिधर कैटीलो पास छाई हुई है। अपनी भावनाओं की सान्त्वना देने के लिए हम रास्ते भर उनको चिढ़ाने वाली बातें करते रहे।

प्रातःकाल प्लमी वर्ष के किसी भी समय सुन्दरता की शोचक रहती है। ग्रीष्म ऋतु में सूर्योदय से पूर्व एक लाल चमक उसके ढाल को महला देती है जो किसी भी सहृदय को आनन्दविभोर किये बिना नहीं रह सकती। वर्षा-ऋतु में श्वेत कुहरा उसके मस्तक को मुकुट प्रदान करता है और यदि सूर्य को उस पर झकने का अवसर मिल जाए तो वह मुकुट स्वर्णिम हो उठता है। जब वर्षा समाप्त हो जाती है तो उसकी चढ़ानें नीली-काली दिखायी देती हैं जब कि जंगल नीला-हरा होता है और सुन्दर घास ढालों पर लहलहाते हुए सुनहरी गलीचे के समान चमकती है। नवम्बर के महीने में कभी-कभी आकाशमें बादल छा जाते हैं। सुरज तब प्लमी के ठीक पीछे से नहीं बल्कि कुछ किनारे से निकलता है। सूर्योदय के कुछ समय पूर्व जब पौ फटती है और बादल भूमिल होते हैं तथा चोटी पर श्वेत-लालई होती है तो एक अपूर्व दृश्य उपस्थित हो जाता है।

गत वर्ष कुछ पर्वतारोहक-नौसिखियों के एक दल ने अपने सब उपलब्ध उपकरणों के साथ इस चोटी पर चढ़ने का प्रयास किया और इसमें उन्हें आधा दिन लग गया। स्कूल का रिकार्ड, चढ़ने और उतरने का है आधा घंटा जो शायद कभी टूटने वाला नहीं है।

प्लमी पर विजय प्राप्त करना किसी को भी संतोष देने वाली वस्तु हो सकती है। वैसे यह बहुत खतरनाक भी है और इसके लिए बड़ी कुशलता चाहिये। रास्ते में कई ऐसे स्थान हैं जहाँ बड़ी सावधानी की आवश्यकता है क्योंकि चोटी के कुछ नीचे ही रास्ते पर ऐसी चिकनी घास है कि ज़रा भी असावधानी जान के लिए जोखिम हो सकती है। उपर चढ़ने के बाद कुछ देर तक आराम कर लें तभी

उस शिखर से दिखायी देने वाला दृश्य का सौन्दर्य उद्घाटित होता है। हम वहाँ एक और अरावली की श्रेणियाँ और दूसरी और आबू की तलहटी से मिलने वाले मैदान देख पाते हैं।

इस स्कूल के हरेक विद्यार्थी के लिये प्लमी बहुत प्रिय रही है। एक बार जब हम छुट्टियाँ बिताने जा रहे थे तो रास्ते में इसे देखने पर एक छोटा लड़का चिल्ला उठा—“गुड बाइ, प्लमी”, और इस प्रकार उसने उस भावना को सही-सही व्यक्त कर दिया जो हम सबके हृदय में थी।

शम्बीर शाहपुरवाला
कक्षा-११



Ranjit Singh



Neal Fernandes

IN MEMORIAM

Ranjit Singh

We deeply regret to announce the death, under tragic circumstances, of Ranjit Singh who finished his Cambridge Examination here in 1963. Ranjit was born on 2nd July, 1947 and came here into Class II in 1954 from Sophia Convent High School. To his sorrowing parents, brother and sister we tender deepest sympathy.

Neal Fernandes

Neal Fernandes was born on 18th November, 1958 in Bombay and came to St. Mary's in 1966 with his elder brother, Everest. Neal was one of the happiest boys in school and loved Abu and its 'jungle walks'. Neal died on 30th October, 1967 just a fortnight after being removed to hospital in Bombay.

"We have loved him in life, let us not forget him in death."

Phiroze F. Merwanji

Phiroze Merwanji was one of the three day-scholars who were in the School when the Christian Brothers took over in 1929. Having finishing his Cambridge Phiroze went for further studies but finally settled in Mount Abu. His untimely death in early January, 1967 came as a shock to all. To his wife and sons we tender deepest sympathy.

Denis Little

Denis Little spent most of his scholastic career in St. Mary's where he finished his Senior Cambridge in 1951. Denis met his death in a drowning accident in Australia in 1967.



Part of the ceilings in Dilwara
Temples "pure marble"

यों तो आबू का नाम बहुत प्राचीन काल से मालूम रहा है परन्तु यहाँ के देलवाड़ा ने इसे जगत-प्रसिद्ध बना दिया है। देलवाड़ा एक छोटा सा गाँव है जो आबू बाज़ार से डेढ़ मील दूर है और हमारी स्कूल से कोई डेढ़ मील है। इसके नाम से ही पता लग जाता है कि यहाँ बहुत से देवालय अर्थात् मन्दिर हैं। इन मन्दिरों में दो तो ऐसे सुन्दर हैं कि उनको देखकर कोई भी मुग्ध रह जाता है और उसे ऐसा लगता है कि वह किसी स्वर्गलोकमें विचरण कर रहा हो।

इन दो मन्दिरों में से पहले का नाम है 'विमल-वसहि' जिसे पाटण (गुजरात) के महाराज भीमदेव प्रथम के सेनापति विमलशाह ने साढ़े अठारह करोड़ रुपये खर्च करके आज से एक हजार पचास वर्ष पूर्व बनवाया था। विमल शाहने अनेक युद्ध जीते थे और अपने जीवन का अन्तिम भाग आबू के आसपास (चन्द्रावती तथा अचलगढ़ में) बिताया था। जीवनमें की गयी हिंसा का प्रायश्चित्त करने के लिये वे कोई महान धार्मिक कार्य करना चाहते थे और अन्त में देवप्रेरणा से अनेक कठिनाइयों से संघर्ष करने के बाद, इस अदम्य मन्दिर का निर्माण हुआ।

इस मन्दिर के द्वार में प्रवेश करते ही दर्शक अपने सामने और दाएँ-बाएँ और उपर-नीचे, संगमरमर में उत्कीर्ण कला को देखकर विस्मय से अवाक रह जाता है। सामने ही प्रधान मन्दिर में भगवान आदिनाथ की भव्य मूर्ति है जो सोने और पीतल के मेल से बनायी गयी थी। इस मन्दिर के बाहर एक बड़ा सभामण्डप है जिसमें अड़तालीस खम्भे हैं। चारों ओर दीवारों में छोटे-छोटे सुन्दर देवालय हैं जिनमें तीर्थंकरों की मूर्तियाँ हैं। स्तम्भों और छतों पर अत्यन्त दर्शनीय नक्काशी है। मन्दिर का कुल

देलवाड़ा

क्षेत्र एक सौ चालीस फुट लम्बा और नब्बे फुट चौड़ा है।

विमल-वसहि के समान ही दूसरा मन्दिर है 'लण-वसहि' जो इसी सन् बारह सौ इकतीस में बनवाया गया था। वस्तुपाल, जिन्हें उनके समकालीन कवियों ने सरस्वती का धर्मपुत्र कहा है, गुजरात के प्रसिद्ध मंत्री हो गये हैं। उन्होंने और उनके भाई तेजपाल ने बड़िया संगमरमर से यह मन्दिर बनवाया और बाईसवें तीर्थंकर भगवान नेमिनाथ को, जिनकी सुन्दर मूर्ति इसमें प्रतिष्ठित है, इसे समर्पित किया।

दोनों मन्दिरों में कौन सा श्रेष्ठ है, यह कहना कठिन सा है। इनकी दीवारों, प्रवेशद्वारों, स्तम्भों, मण्डपों, तोरणों, छतों, गुम्बजों आदि में बड़िया बेल-बूटों का काम है तथा भिन्न-भिन्न पशु-पक्षी खुदे हुए हैं। विविध प्रकार के दृश्य हैं— देवताओं, मनुष्यों, दरबारों, राजकीय जुलूसों, विवाह-उत्सवों, नाटकों, संगीत-मण्डलियों, युद्धों, चरते हुए पशुओं, समुद्र-यात्राओं, गढ़रियों, मिथुओं, तीर्थंकरों के जीवन और जैन-कथाओं के एक से एक बड़ेकर चित्ताकर्षक दृश्य हैं।

देशी और विदेशी, सभी विश्व-विदित शिल्प-विशेषज्ञों ने इन मन्दिरों की सुकत-कंठ से प्रशंसा की है। सभी का यह कहना है कि 'इनकी नक्काशी की सुन्दरता अद्वितीय है', 'किसी वर्णन या चित्रकारी से उनकी सुन्दरता की अभिव्यक्ति नहीं हो सकती', 'संगमरमर पर यह छेनी का यह चमत्कार ही नहीं है, कड़े चीज़ें उन शिल्पकारोंने कैसे बनायी होंगी— यह आज भी एक रहस्य का विषय है', 'कला और सुन्दरता का यह जीता-जागता सत्य है' आदि।

अजीत कुमार जैन
कक्षा ११

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	2nd	B. Saldanha
	Religion	C. Lawrence
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	2nd	H. Patel
	Religion	G. James
	Moral Science	D. Desai
<i>Class VII</i>	1st	J. Martis
	2nd	S. S. Dang
	Religion	L. Machado
	Moral Science	S. S. Dang
<i>Class VIII</i>	1st	A. Kanagat
	2nd	S. Trivedi
	Religion	D. Saldanha
	Moral Science	A. Kanagat
<i>Class IX</i>	1st	A. Crasto
	2nd	A. Chatterjee
	Religion	E. James
	Moral Science	A. Chatterjee
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	2nd	D. Mascarenhas
	Religion	J. Nazareth
	Moral Science	S. Kak
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