

(b) 'Lumboc' Raymond E. Wood(R 20-22) Lumboc was the joint founder of OCA (UK) along with Rev J.R. Peasey, (HM 27-35) in 1928. The then HM wrote to Lumboc to "rustle" up some OCs in England to meet the HM. He gathered some 20-30 OCs thus founding OC (UK). He remained Secretary (UK) from 1928 to 1970, that is, for 43 years, while he served in the High Commissioner's office for India in London for 40 years. He left for his heavenly abode on 26.X.81 at on approximate age of 78-80 years. He wrote in the OCA (UK) Mitre in 1969 that he formed the greatest 'cogging' Society in Latin" along with Bishop Ronald W. Bryan", Bishop of Barrackpur(1 20-22) while in the School. As Secretary of OCA(UK) for 43 years he held monthly meetings at "Chandos", and was literally a one-man team. He bequeathed £ 17,750 to the School Chapel, which was received in 2002-03. I am not sure the school has suitably honoured him.

Col R Dewan (R)

MORE NEWS

Commander Ravinder Singh, YSM(L 56-62). OCs will be happy to hear that Ravinder won the National Veteran Tennis Champion in Dec 04 at Hyderabad. Cdr R.I Singh has offered a special discount to all cottonians on all goods of PlanetSports.

B.M Singh(C 57-63) He has been transferred to Delhi from Simla and promoted as the DG International Taxation

Stanley Vinod Kumar (S 1977-2005) served in BCS on the staff for 28 years. He was Housemaster of 3 Houses for 9 years and taught economics in School. He finally became the Bursar when he resigned. He has recently been appointed Dy HM of Lawrence School, Lovedale. He has coached all the three Football, Hockey and Cricket Teams and was in charge of Boxing for the last 15 years. He will be greatly missed. His father Late Maj Cheladurai was also the Bursar during Brig Mukund's time. Others who have served the School loyally for more than 25 years are given below :

(a) Mr. L.C Tuli	(S 48-79)	32 years
(b) Mr. J.P Dayal	(S 68-81, 87-02,	32 years
(c) Maj R.K. von Goldstein,	(I 20-27, S 26-41,	31 years
MBE, MA(Cantab)	HM 63-71)	
(d) Mr. F Paul	(S 48-77)	30 years
(e) Mr. Gauri Shankar	(S 53-81)	29 years
(f) Mr. S. V Kumar	(S 1977-2005)	28 years
(g) Mrs. Nymma Dayal	(S 69-81, 87-01)	28 years
(h) Mr. A.C Advani (S 50-76)	(S)	27 years
(i) Mrs O Advani	(S)	27 years
(j) Mr. E.J Chanter	(S 1874-1901)	27 years
(k) Mr. F.M. Brown	(C 34-40, S 42-47,	25 years
	50-61 offg HM 54-55, SM 54-61)	

OCs on the Staff

We are happy to report that 8 OCs are members of staff as given below:-		
1. V.K Roach(C 1964-75)	Housemaster Lefroy(S 1994-onwards)	
2. Rajneesh Chauhan (R 71-80)	Staff	
3. D.Thakur (L 1975-86)	Housemaster Rivaz(S 1993-onwards)	
4. Anil Chauhan (I 1974-86)	(S 1993-onwards)	
5. Rohit Vyas(L 1984-90)	(S 2001-onwards)	
6. Rajinder Thakur(I 1978-91)	Batch 1994 Staff	
7. P.Dharma (R 90-92)	Housemaster Curzon(S 2001 onwards)	
8. Arun Martin Chauhan (L 86-99)	(S 2001-onwards)	

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HISTORY OF OLD COTTONIANS ASSOCIATION ESTD 13 MAY 1910

"A school stands or falls by the attitude of its old boys."
Lord Chelmsford, Viceroy of India.

The history of Old Cottonian Association has been blurred in the mists of time; specially since no formal attempt has been made to record the history.

In mid 1918, during World War I, the school numbers had fallen drastically and many of the staff had been mobilised for war. Fresh staff members were not available. A controversy raged regarding the future of Bishop Cotton School (BCS). It was decided to close BCS and turn it into a preparatory school for Army officers' children. The three Lawrence Schools at Ooty, Sanawar and Gora Gali were set up for the children of other ranks. No school in India catered to the Army officers' children.

The Old Boys were up in arms with W.J. Lister, CIE, OBE (1879-84), thrice President of the OCA, along with W.H.D. Ives (1883-1887), both member of Board of Governors, leading delegation after delegation to meet first the Governor of Punjab, HE Sir Edward Maclagan and then the Viceroy H E Lord Chelmsford. In the meantime, the Headmaster, Rev HM Lewis, MA (OXON) 1901-1918 resigned.

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HE Lord Chelmsford and HE Sir Edward Maclagan, both from Winchester College, founded 1387, one of the oldest Public Schools in England, went out of their way to help the school. The army had requisitioned the services of Rev FR Gillespy, MA, FRGS. After it was decided to continue BCS, Rev FR Gillespy was requested to be its Headmaster. He required 50 boys to reopen the school; only 12 were registered in Jan 1919. Rev FR Gillespy (HM 1919-22) who came from Quetta, Pakistan was able to raise the admission to 125 boys by March 1919. The proposal to convert BCS to a Defence Service Officer's School was dropped.

On Speech Day 09 Sept 1919, Lord Chelmsford said, regarding the pleasing aspect of the attitude of the old boys "...they were, one and all, up in arms against the proposed change. They objected most strenuously to their old school being used for a purpose foreign to its tradition. And this, I think, was the bright spot in the controversy. By their actions the old boys showed that, though they had left it, they still loved and honoured the old school, were mindful of its tradition and jealous of its future. This is the right spirit. A school stands or falls by the attitude of its old boys." This, then is the greatest contribution of the Old Cottonians(OC) to date.

The other major contribution by the OCs was in 1913, when 101 OCs presented the most beautiful "The Good Shepherd", stained glass window to the school chapel for the 50th Jubilee. Recently the old boys have contributed about Rs. 10 million.

On the first Founder Day, 1878 on 27 July, 28 old boys dined together in the school hall at the high table. When the first wave of reminiscences, and torrent of inquiries about boys who had passed out had somewhat subsided, some sense of contrition began to awaken. The diners felt that though their lives were spent in such close proximity to their school, they had been guilty of neglecting it. Could this have been our founding date?

Views were also interchanged as to the possibility of maintaining touch with the school, which this dinner had revived. Hopes were expressed of other such dinners to follow and the Old boys Union may be said to have been born before the last echoes of Old Lang Syne had died away. But much had to be done before the scheme could assume practical shape. Towards the close of 1909, at the initiative of the school, a number of old boys dined together in the School Hall.

Suffice it to say that on 13th May 1910, a meeting of Old boys was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Simla, through the kindness of Ned Wiley and his brother Masons, seventeen Old Cottonians were present and as the pioneers of a movement are always entitled to certain amount of credit, the names of the first old boys to join the association are given at Appx B in the order in which they signed the roll of the association, with the years they attended BCS. The OCA was founded by Cecil William Kirkpatrick, OBE, Asst. Sec. Govt. of India. He expired on 20 Aug 1939. He was also the first secretary and had 120 members.

Having formed the nucleus of the Association, the task had to be faced of discovering and communicating with the numerous old boys scattered more or less over the world. Some measure of success resulted for, by 01 May, 1911 (less than 12 months after the movement had been initiated), the numbers on the rolls had risen from 17 to 73; by 01 May, 1913 to 84 and in October 1913 to 101.

In 1934, 4 chapters of OCA existed with the Governor of Punjab as the Patron: -

- OCA(India) Lahore, Calcutta & Peshawar
- OCA(UK) London

At independence / partition in 1947, FM Brown (C 1934-40, staff 1942-47 and 1950-61), officiating Headmaster 1954-55, wrote that there were only 11 life members on our ledger and by 1959 there were 200. Currently, there are approximately 2500 members world-wide. The Delhi branch opened in 1951 with Raja Vir Bhadra Singh(I 1947-51) as the first secretary and currently the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh.

For the future a complete roll of BCS boys from 1863 to the present day has been compiled from school records and, with the help of this, it is hoped it will be possible to trace many old boys whose whereabouts are at present unknown and to enlist some of them. The oldest photograph of a OCA gathering was taken in 1913 and is at Appx N.

The aim of the Association, as described in its rules are: to establish a bond of union among old boys and present boys to meet each other and for this purpose annual dinners and dances at the school have been instituted. The projected football match are further attempts to accomplish the above objects followed by Tennis, Cricket, Squash etc.

The second object of the Association is finding suitable employment for our boys.

Finally, as to its third object, the Association has not yet been called upon to assist the school in any active manner which is a matter for congratulation, as indicating that things are going well. Should anything arise and the occasion demands for the active service of its old boys, the school has the satisfaction of knowing a number of them are at hand, to not only pledge, but willing to assist by every means in their power.



EDITORIAL

Gazing at the sky, one wonders

What the weather has to do with the 'Cottonian' sentiment. The retreat of monsoons marked the end of its reign over Himalayan territory. Shimla welcomes the onset of Autumn with poignant grace.

Students graveled it on the boxing canvas, putting months of hard practice into execution as well as undergoing the litmus test of examinations.

The shooting team was victorious once again in Sanawar, though the debating team ended their season on a losing note after giving the other teams a run for their money in the Frank Anthony North Zone finals.

The "Joy" at school is matched by equivalent gloom outside. Violence has become as common as the daily newspaper. The London Bombings, the Nepalese anarchy, the sorrow of Sarabjit Singh and the devastating hurricane Katrina.... All are but yet another turn in the footsteps to glory. Now a days, peace seems a distant possibility as man destroys mankind.

Meanwhile as dreams turn into reality, Aitchson College, Lahore is scheduled to visit B.C.S. in mid October and everyone is looking forward to this event of international repute. However at "Cotton" everyone strives for excellence and distinction with faith in every belief.

Aman Julka Student Editor

IN AND AROUND BCS



Inter House Western Music Competition- The Band

The school has been a hive of activity these last two months. There has been an unbroken stint of academics and other activities have provided much needed relief. The rains continued unabated and Simla saw many landslides and trees fell in many places. The days of sunshine were much welcome.

On 28th July, the 146th Founder's Day was celebrated. An impressive NCC Parade and a solemn Chapel Service marked the occasion. Mr.Preetinder Singh, Director of Simla Public School was the Chief Guest and Bishop

Chandu Lal addressed the congregation.

Independence Day was celebrated with a flag hoisting by the Chief Guest Rear Admiral Sanjiv Kapoor, AVSM. He also gave a rousing message about loyalty to the country which was well received by the boys.

This was followed by the Second Term Examinations for which the boys found quiet corners to put their heads between the pages. The results came out and there were signs of satisfaction and vows of determination to do better in the next term.

This was followed by some excitement as the Inter-house on-act play competition commenced. All the houses put up extra-ordinary plays which held the audience spell bound. Some of the plays were old classics and some were contemporary and some were original works.

The batch of 1955 visited the school and plunged into an array of activities that were organised for them. They attended a special chapel, played matches, visited sites, graded dinners and witnessed the inter-house western music competition and the inter-house gymnastics and PT display.

The Inter-house western music and Indian music competitions were held recently. They were judged by music teachers from other schools. It was an amazing experience as musicians of all shapes and sizes took centre-stage and stunned the audience with their interpretations and expertise after a very short period of training. The vocalists also appeared on stage and made the audience smile with their renditions of old and news songs.

Mr. John Jacob visited the school after a gap of two years and charmed the boys with his stories and songs. He also made himself available for counselling and advised to the children on various matters. Dr.Allan Bapty, OC from the batch of 44 visited the school and spoke on many occasions to the boys about his life as an Anaesthetist, as a missionary and a veteran of RAF.

The new prefects for next year have been announced and they are under training for a while to prepare them for the coming year.

The soccer season lasted through the rainy season and has ended to give way to the hockey season. It takes an effort to wake up on chilly mornings to take the field and chase a ball but we do it anyway. Autumn is here and Simla is changing its garments to suit the season.

Au revoir!

S.Basnyat Shell C

Ibbetson House Notes

Hi Readers,

It's been another month and another session of fun, games, victories and losses all taken with Great Spirit and dignity. That's what we, the Ibbetsonians are known for. After a little bit of a disappointment in Boxing we made up for it in the swimming pool by taking every trophy in the senior school as well as junior school. The swimming Victor was awarded to Ajay Mathew and Abhishek Chand both of whom are Ibbetsonians. The new prefects have been appointed from LVI and the chosen ones are Kunal Puri and Hitesh Chauhan. We wish them all the best in their office. The exams ended much to the relief and the happiness of the boys and the Inter House Western Music Competition was held with the Ibbetsonians doing very well. The Inter house gymnastics were held and here also we put in our best effort. The results for both the events are yet to be announced.

That's all for now,

Till next time.....

Jash Sabharwal,
Arjun Sharma
V form



Lefroy House Notes

Aadabe Readers

It's great to be back with great news from the green Gang. After a phenomenal performance in the boxing ring, we lived up to our expectation in the swimming season too. We had great performances from Sameer Sodhi and Ithit Giri who gave us a good second position. The second Term have gone off well and now the boys are preparing for the Inter House PT and Gymnastics. Tsewang Topgyal and Manraj Makkar have been appointed as the new leaders of the house. We hope they will lead the house and take the house to greater heights. We had the batch of 1955 visit for their golden jubilee. It was great meeting such people and deriving inspiration from them and we too hope to come back in our 50th year to re-live and cherish memories of our school days. The rains have gone and the winter has started to set in and as my days come to a close, I wonder how to cherish these wondrous days I have spent with my house.

Till next time
Khuda Hafiz

Puneet Singh Sidhu
LVI
House Prefect
Fifth Form

Curzon House Notes

Hello Readers!

We are back once again to tell you what's going on and how the Curzonians are doing. Firstly, beginning with boxing, the Curzonians fought bravely and bagged the Boxing Challenge Cup for Main School as well as Junior School. We stood 2nd over all in boxing. The one act plays are over and Curzon did an excellent job. The play was entitled 'The Refund'.

The School Basketball team is practicing hard led by Anuraj S. Mangat of Curzon house, whereas, the school soccer team is also not left behind which has the contributions of various Curzonians such as Ajay, P.S. Kullar, John and Anuraj, S. Mangat.

In Swimming, Curzonians have done a commendable job standing 2nd over all.

Coming to academics, exams are around the corner and Curzonians are striving and thriving by their undying efforts.

That's all for now. We will be back next time, till then....

Ciao!

A.P.S. Kullar
Aman Julka
LVI



Rivaz House Notes

Hi Readers,

The Rivazites are back with enthusiasm. We wish good luck to our new prefects for next year, Toito Sema and Jatin Sama. Due to lack of practice the Rivazites could not get a good position in the Inter House Swimming Competition. We had our exams and the boys have done well in their exams. After the exams we had Inter House Western Music competition for which the Rivazites worked very well and performed well also. The results are yet to come out for the music competition. Rivazites did well in Gymnastics and the results are yet to come. More over, there is Inter House Indian music competition and Rivazites are working hard to get good results. Hope to meet you soon.

Sayonara



Most Scientific Boxer 2005
- Tsewang Topgyal

HEADMASTER'S LETTER

Samuel Johnson said, "Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel." If one were to evaluate this statement and take it as being the literal truth, then George Washington, Churchill, Lincoln, Gandhi, Mandela have all been scoundrels. But facts prove otherwise that all these people were actually patriots. However, if scoundrels wear the cloak of patriotism, then that is nothing but hypocrisy- which is not patriotism to begin with.

I will not dwell on the larger issue of patriotism towards the nation today, but would direct your thought process towards the smaller patriotism towards your school and still smaller towards your parents, because only if and if at all there is a sense of loyalty, respect and love towards these smaller entities, then and only then could it grow to being reflected towards the nation.

You student must realize that every one of you at some point in time in your life (whether you like it or not) will carry the label, 'Made in Bishop Cotton School, Shimla'. Are you also aware that with that label you also carry the respect and dignity and hope of every individual that has in any way been associated with his great institution. The Japanese are a proud nation today despite having been reduced to practically nothing after World War II. Would you know why? Because quality products and responsible behavior signify patriotism in Japan. In Singapore what we would call a taxi driver is not called a taxi driver they have called the Diplomats of Singapore without a diplomatic passport. Every one of them considers themselves as an ambassador of their nation. Approximately 8 million tourists visit Singapore every year. Having been cleared by the immigration and customs department in any country the first experience that a tourist has is with a taxi driver. When a tourist visits a new place for a short span of two or three days, if his first experience with a taxi driver is not a good one, the balance of his stay is not pleasant either. With the kind of attitude and pride in the nation that the Singaporeans have, it is no matter of surprise that this country is progressing by leaps and bounds.

In our school today there are two kinds of citizens- patriots and traitors. Patriots are assets and traitors are liabilities and even among the patriots there are two kinds- the seasonal patriot who talks of the school above self, but in practice, they put self above the school. To a seasonal patriot, patriotism is a matter of convenience and they will say 'I will do whatever little bit I can do for the school.' That is no commitment, it is only lip

service. Seasonal patriots act because they either want to win favors or avoid punishments. They don't want to be labeled as traitors, yet their commitments are not strong enough for them to be able to make a sacrifice. At the first sign of inconvenience or difficulty their patriotism evaporates. On the other hand a true patriot says, "I shall do whatever it takes for the school." There is a world of difference between preferences and convictions. Preferences are negotiable. Convictions are not. Under pressure, preferences always weaken, whereas convictions become stronger. The question is why don't people take a stand. They don't because it is inconvenient. So long as individuals in any organization prefer conveniences to conviction, that organization is bound to go downhill. Remember, individuals who value their privileges over principles, end up losing both. For good citizens patriotism is a way of life. Those that die for a cause, ignite the spark of life in the living.

In the same manner as there are patriots of two kinds there are also traitors. I shall give you a very apt example of what traitors do to an organization. A jellyfish sometimes swallows a snail and since the snail is protected in the shell, it remains alive. But for its survival, it needs food. So it starts eating the jellyfish from inside and keeps growing till it consumes the entire jellyfish. This is nature in its true form. This is not fiction. It is always the enemy within that consumes and destroys an organization if that enemy is not tackled head on. The active traitor sells his organization in the market place for personal gains. The passive traitor watches his organization being sold and remains silent. The second kind is worse than the first. Why? Because the first one is a crook but second one is not only a crook, but also a coward. We are suffering from moral anemia and spiritual cancer. The honest and upright man is ridiculed in the midst of corrupt and spiritually malnourished ones. A French writer once said, 'more men are guilty of treachery through weakness than through a studied design to betray.' Greed is the traitor's only creed. A traitor can sup with devil for his personal gains. It is however only a matter of time before the devil has the traitor for supper. We must be watchful of the signs of betrayal on any front and deal with it fearlessly.

R.C. Robinson
Headmaster

UNITY IN DIVERSITY

Address given by Rear Admiral Sanjiv Kapoor, AVSM
on the 58th Independence Day on 15th August 2005.



Independence Day Chief Guest Rear Admiral Sanjiv Kapoor, AVSM

India is a land of many diversities with one billion people. They speak languages, each with its distinctive script, literary traditions and dialects. In addition, there are scores of tribal tongues. At least seven major religions, viz. Hinduism, Islam, Sikhism, Christianity, Zoroastrianism, Buddhism and Jainism are practiced. Each has several sects. Besides this, there are several tribal belief systems.

Although diversity of religion and languages is the most conspicuous feature of India's Cultural plurality, no traveler from north to south or east to west in India would fail to notice the rapidly changing physical landscape of the country, paralleled by an even more rapidly changing procession of crops, cuisine, dress, hairdo, jewellery, footwear, or for this matter even the varied forms of the

bullock cart or the bewildering variety of styles in which the sari is draped.

Geographically, the country consists of three natural regions; demarcated by major rivers that flow from west to east across the peninsula. Within each of these regions, history and geography have combined to create smaller, linguistically and politically defined domains with distinct identities. Over time, these identities have crystallized as boundaries of language and dialect, distinctive patterns of behaviors, dress, craft, folklore, and even modes of celebrating birth, marriage, festivals, rituals and traditions in literature, music, architecture and art are often traceable to the early centuries after Christ.

Upon acquiring independence, India faced the challenge of strengthening further the spirit of unity generated during the

struggle for freedom and of building the cohesion available into a dynamic integrative force that would forge a new nation. This involved weaving local and regional memories, histories, identities and sub-cultures into a unified consciousness and blending these together into a single people, population, compartmentalised on the basis of religion, community and caste. The integration had to be brought about without sacrifice of the rich diversity of life that constitutes the wealth of Indian culture. Inculcating patriotism and duties and responsibilities of good citizenship is a step in this direction.

"The true occupation of man is to build his character. It is not quite necessary to learn something special for earning. He who does not leave the path of morality never starves, and is not afraid if such a contingency arise."

The youth in our country, as all over the world, are a great resource of the nation for development, innovation and social change. Thus there is a need to harness this youth power for nation building by making them good citizens who are committed to society and nationhood. This can be done by inculcating patriotism, providing good education, empowerment and employment.

All the above is not to say that the sense of patriotism is lacking in the country. On the other hand, whenever the Nation faced a crisis, the people stood together to face the challenge or face the crisis. We need to spread this motivation further and make it applicable in day-to-day affairs and ensure good citizenship even when there is no crisis.

We therefore need to create a strong commitment in the people who display a strong sense of discipline, responsibility, good citizenship, patriotism, productivity and high effectiveness. This new inspired commitment will spur the country to greater glory. It will form a new stage in the development and be the basis for an abiding sense of national pride.

Inculcating a sense of national pride will require public awareness and education campaigns. We must encourage youth to imbibe good citizenship and learn from examples from history. We must inspire a sense of good citizenship and patriotism and also encourage human endeavour. This will see our country through any difficulties or challenges it may face.

I therefore stand before you to speak on this dynamic and gripping issue, so near and dear to our hearts. I aim to bring to your notice the present status and contribution of this organization, which is the only one of its kind in the world. Our founding fathers have made the National Cadets Corps a national movement, and since 1948, this organization has been shaping the destinies of a sizeable youth population of our great country. How does one create awareness of the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship amongst the youth of the country and inculcate sense of patriotism and nationalism?

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step".

-Lao-Tau

Good Citizenship It comprises of good conduct and behaviour in the society. It



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encompasses concern and care for fellow citizens and activities, which uplifts the society at both national and sub-national levels. In general it covers all the aspects, which are essential for the good of the society and the country. This also includes patriotism and nationalism. The core issues are: -

(a) **Duties and Responsibilities of Citizen.** Incorporated and articulated by 42nd amendment to the constitution in 1976.

(b) **Nationalism.** The Oxford English Dictionary defines Nationalism as, "people's sense of belonging together as a nation". It also includes such feeling as loyalty to the nation, pride in its culture and history. Nationalism also gives people a sense of belonging, pride and willingness to make sacrifices for their country. They take a greater interest in their nation's achievements.

(c) **Patriotism.** The Oxford English Dictionary defines a patriot as, "as person who vigorously supports his country and is prepared to defend it". It is the love and loyal support to one's country. It includes attachment to a country's land and people, admiration for its customs and traditions, pride in history and devotion to its welfare. The term suggests of one-ness with the nation.

Fundamentals of Inculcating Patriotism and Good citizenship

The following aspects need to be deliberated upon: -

a. What is Intended to be Accomplished?

b. How can Patriotism be Inculcated?

c. What are the Values to be Inculcated?

d. Why should we inculcate Good

Citizenship Values?

e. Where to Inculcate Good citizenship Values?

f. What will be the Outcome of Inculcating Good citizenship Values?

Let us concern ourselves with the fifth fundamental i.e. where to Inculcate Good citizenship Values? Ethical and social values are to be inculcated: -

a. In the home, school and society

b. At all stages of formal, non-functional and professional educations, and

c. Inside and outside the classroom.

Thus home is the beginning point to inculcate Patriotism and Good citizenship. Parents have a good influence on their children. The influence of teachers is next to that of the parents. It is, therefore, the initial schooling, which is important for the

children to imbibe good citizenship. It is followed by social environment and general upbringing. Therefore, all schools should have a well researched and thought out programme to initiate a child on the path of patriotism, nationalism and good citizenship. At the same time when a child grows up there must be 'Youth Development Programme' to motivate, inspire and empower him to be a good citizen. The theoretical aspects must be integrated with practical aspects and norms of day-to-day living. At no time, should it be divorced from realities on the ground. This includes secularism, custom, tradition, culture and economic conditions.

We endeavour to bring to life the thoughts of our President.

Song of Youth Me and My Nation-India

As a young citizen of India, armed with technology, knowledge and love for my nation, I realize, small aim is a crime.

I will work and sweat for a great vision, the vision of transforming INDIA into a developed nation powered by economic strength with value system.

I am one citizen; of a billion. only the vision will ignite the billion soul. it has entered into me, the ignited soul compared to any resources, is the most powerful resource on the earth, above the earth and, under the earth.

I will keep the lamp of knowledge burning to achieve the vision-Developed INDIA.

-Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

Today, the National Cadet corps, armed with the motto of "Unity and Discipline" is steadily marching forward to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Rear Admiral Sanjiv Kapoor, AVSM

Life or Not???

Life, we say is something so unique, something, which has caused problems all over the world but can it be possible that in a universe, which has no ends, no boundaries, no limits; can hold only one such place? This very question has baffled people all over the world. How can it be possible that earth is the only planet amongst probably million of planets to hold life. It can very well be possible that what happened here on earth could actually have happened somewhere else in the universe. There have been so many sightings, so many encounters that people have had with the extra-terrestrial, could they all be fake, could it all be the so called 'tricks of light'. There are people who could have sworn on their very life that they encountered something that was not like anything seen on earth. Then of course the question arises that if there is life out there then why have they not contacted us directly? Why just go to certain people? Every question has an answer and may be they haven't contacted us because they can't contact us, just like we can't contact them. So the very question if there life elsewhere is a complete Catch 22 situations. Maybe we will never know, maybe we will know soon but when we do find out no one knows what it'll be like. Life or not, its for us to decide.

Naveed T Kraipak UVI

One Man's Food Is Another Man's Poison

What is good for one need not be good for another or may sometimes be injurious. The spirit of the saying is reflected in the line-"As many men, so many minds." There is an infinite variety of man's tastes in respect of choice of books, dress, sports, religion and even the aim of life. The food and dress of Europeans will not suit the people of eastern countries. The

farmer living in cold countries, require more stimulating food and warmer clothing. Milk which is considered an ideal and complete food does not agree with the constitution of some. What is true of individuals is true of races and nation. Some Hindus eat boiled pork, whereas the Muslim abhor it. The French man's taste for frogs seem horrible to Englishman. There is no disputing about taste, which are highly individualistic and varied. For the matter of that, every man has his own favourite fruit and drink. In proof of the truth of the saying may be cited the examples of the Roman Catholic and the Puritans in the matter of religious faiths: the common worshiper and the aspirant for God's grace in respect of outlook on life. It is therefore best worshipper to judge whether a particular thing is suitable for us or not. Only when it does us good, we are to adopt it.

Naveed Tariq Kraipak UVI

Tree Plantation in B.C.S.

July is the time when India eagerly waits for "Van Mahotasa" festival of plantation. During this month all over the country people plant trees as there is sufficient rainfall. In our school too "Van Mahotasa" was celebrated but quietly. From July 10th to 20th about 100 trees of different species like silver oak, raat ki rani, cedar, jaksanda, etc. were planted.

Though most of the trees were planted by the "School Mails" but still a good number were planted by the boy specially by class IXth.

It was really very encouraging to see Jasdeep Gill, Atul Sohal, Pung Pung, Nandan Nagpal and many others digging pits and planting trees.

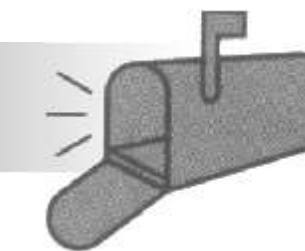
It is hoped that these plants will survive and grow and increase the green cover of the school.

Robin Sinha Staff



Tree Plantation at School

H.M's Mailbag



Brigadier HS Nagra
Brigadier General Staff
Headquarters
Army Training Command
Shimla-171003

Dear Mr. Robinson,

It has, indeed, been most kind of you to have extended to me, the honour of being a Panelist at the Whitmarsh- Knight Memorial Lecture on 28 July 2005 and then, the Chief Guest at the School Boxing Finals on 05 August 2005.

Being an Old Cottonian, this honour bestowed on me, is one I will always cherish with great fondness and pride. I greatly appreciate your gesture.

These visits to the School bring in a flood of nostalgia and a renewal of our life- long association. To see the School flourish under your dynamic stewardship is a matter of contentment for us old boys. May the school continue on its ascendant path to greater glories with you blazing the trail.

Thank you so very much. With my very good wishes.

Yours Sincerely,

Brigadier H S Nagra
Kanchan Chhabra

Dear Headmaster,

Thank you for inviting us for the Independence Day NCC parade with the School Marching Band and the beautiful Chapel Service thereafter. I must compliment you, the staff and the boys on a wonderful all round performance. The Chapel service was very moving. When Rev. Joy Halder read out the Lord Mount batters' speech of May 1948, I vividly remember being in school, but could not attend as I

was in Lower II. I still have the photograph of 1947 with Lord Mount batten. Best Wishes Col R. Dewan Old Cottonian Association (OCA) India,

Rear Admiral Sanjiv Kapoor, AVSM Additional Director General (A)

Dear Mr. Robinson, I returned home last night after a long and arduous journey from Shimla at 21:30 hrs.

Rekha and I would like to thank you and Dorothy for all the pains that you took to make us feel at home in your Lodge at Shimla. For this, we are indeed very grateful and will always cherish the memories of our stay at Bishop Cotton School, Shimla with nostalgia.

Many thanks once again and we both wish you and the family 'Very Best of Health Prosperity and Success' in all your endeavours.

With best wishes

Your sincerely,

Rear Admiral Sanjiv Kapoor, AVSM

Headmaster
Bishop Cotton School,
Shimla

Sub: Contribution from OC for school Museum

Sir, I am enclosing a cheque for Rs. 1,53,000.00 as under:

(a) OC (U.K) : Rs. 68,000.00
(b) Class of 1954: Rs. 85,000.00

Total Rs. 1,53,000.00

The amount may please be credited for the school museum, at your discretion. In case our proposal is accepted then the O C's will raise funds for the best school museum in India, so that the boys will be proud of their heritage, traditions and customs of this great institution.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Col R. Dewan
Secretary OCA (INDIA)

Dear Mr. Robinson,

It was a wondrous feeling to be back after 50 years. Strange as it may sound I have not visited the 'alma mater' in all this time. Driving into Shimla was a painful experience- seeing the destruction man has wrought in the name of modernization and catering to an ever increasing population. Yet the school itself is like an oasis in the desert and may it always remain so.

I wish to thank you for your warm hospitality and the lovely evening the class of 55 spent in your home last Saturday. The gifts you gave us all were indeed very thoughtfully chosen particularly the 'Service book' which brought back memories of another age, of a time that won't come back. I left Shimla with a feeling both sweet and sad and a resolve to be back soon.

With Regards,

Ravi Batra
D-2 Gulmohar Park,
New Delhi 110049

Dear Headmaster,

I was pleasantly surprised to receive a copy of Mitre Vol-2 July 2005. It was pleasing to read the whole paper together with the printed photographs.

I was in school as a boy from Kindergarten in 1936 at age of 6 and half years old to the 6th From

(Senior Cambridge) in 1946 I joined the Australian Army at the end of December 1946 I have met up with a few of my old class mates in Perth and still remain in touch with 5 of them.

I often go to the School Web Site to read letters and view photos of the old school. The school has not changed much since my time over 60 years ago. I take great pride in being an Old Cottonian, and wish the school every success for the future years.

Thanks once again for sending me out this paper, it is much appreciated.

Best wishes,

Dick D'Abreu
Curzon House
1936-1946

My dear Mr. Robinson

Thank you and your team for the wonderful time you gave on the occasion of the celebration of The Golden Jubilee of the class of 1955 on 3rd September 2005 and from all of us who had been invited.

You, sir had everything so thoughtfully and charmingly planned out to precision:

The Chapel Service you allowed us to attended with the present Boys and teaching staff of B.C.S.; nothing could have been a better starter. The nostalgia and the divine Accra brought tears of joy in the "Young Boys" eyes.

The evening brought us honourably to the Irvin Hall, to be seated with the whole School and Teachers to witness the Inter-House Music Competition. The performance was magnificent and left us awe-struck. As Mr. Kishie Singh (C-1955) summed up the music evening "The students today were wonderful and far ahead in performance with modern instrument than what we could have thought of in our times."

Culminating under the open sky and good weather in your gardens, laid out like a fairy land- the little coloured lights and the works was an ideal setting for the 'Class of 1955' celebrating their Golden Jubilee with a 'Toast' followed by a

sumptuous 'Chow' so delectably laid out.

I will be failing if I don't mention the most charming Mrs. Robinson so gracefully mingling with the 'Young Clan of '55' I take this opportunity to say 'Hats off' for the Cottonians of 1955. Wish we keep seeing them more often. With warm regards to Mrs. Robinson and yourself

Yours sincerely

Ashok Sapory
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Sector 36-A
Chandigarh

To,

The Head Master,
The Staff and Boys,
of Bishop Cotton School.

From

The Class of 1955 and all other Old Cottonians who were hosted by the School.

It was a pleasure, absolute and unadulterated to be back in back in school with friends of bye-gone days.

The warmth, love, affection and respect showered on us was overwhelming.

The Chapel service was as always the highlight. Quietly wiping a tear from their eyes, the O.C's stood in silence, a quite sob chocking there. There is an explained magic in the Chapel and we love it.

The sumptuous dinner, hosted by the Head Master and his charming wife in fairytale surroundings made sure none of us forget the Re-union of the Class 1955.

A big thank you and God bless all. Long live the spirit of Bishop Cotton.

May his tribe increase!

H. Kishie Singh
On the behalf of the Class 1955
And all Old Cottonians who attended.

Some Famous Quotes On Power Politics

"Government keeps their promises only when they are forced, or when it is in the advantage to do so"
-Napoleon Bonaparte.

"You shall have joy, or you shall have power, said god, you shall not have both"
-Ralph Waldo Emerson.

"Being powerful is like being a lady. If you have to tell people you are, you aren't."
-Margaret Thatcher.

"Superior leaders.....are catalysts, and though things would not get done as well if they were not there, when they succeed they take no credit, credit never leaves them."
-Lao Tzu.

By Ganesh Mehta.

OC NEWS



Batch of '55 Reunion



Teacher's Day at BCS

OC Week

The OC week started off with the Junior School concert on 02nd June 05, followed by a Dinner at the Headmaster's Lodge. The evening was cool compared to the unusual warm days in the Simla. A very sumptuous meal had been laid out, with Mr. And Mrs. Robinson playing perfect hosts. The next morning was kick off for the 'Foota' match between the boys and the OCs. The OCs thrashed the boys 2-1, the goals scored by the OCs were by Vineet Kumar (1 84-95) and V Das(1996) -well done. V.K Roach(C 64-75) the referee, made the OCs play a full 60 minutes after which they were unable to walk and most did not turn up for the cricket match the next day. After football was the Fete with the usual games and eats. Saturday began with Chapel service, Praduman Singh Chauhan(C 1954 -55) walked up, as in his days in school, and read out a lesson from the Holy Bible. The attendance by other OCs was very thin. The cricket match followed the OCs had the old Mighty Titans lined up on their side, these were Dimpy Mehra(C 54-57), I S(Inni) Bawa(R 54-59), Balwinder Singh(L 50-60), K S (Guddu)Sandhu(L 52-58). Inni Bawa and Balwinder were still trying to fulfill their old cherished dream of hitting the clock on the war memorial. Raman Chauhan(83-95)(who is a model now) and J Diwan(L 80-85) hit a six each. Jagmohan Chauhan(C 65-75) managed a dramatic catch and of course Praduman Singh(65 years old) did more than his bit at fielding. In spite of the good performance of the OCs the boys managed to beat the Ocs. Lunch was served after the match in the dining hall, OCs lapped up the favourite school beans. The Inni Bawa Cricket Cup was given away to the boys by the man himself - Inni Bawa. The Headmaster and a dozen teachers were guests of the honour for the dinner at Clarke's Hotel. Raman Khanna(C 65-67) had laid out a tasty Continental and Indian cuisine; he even gave us a hefty discount thanks.

Himachal Chapter

Great enthusiasm has been shown by OCs from Himachal. It is therefore proposed to launch a Himachal Chapter. The launch shall be in Oct/Nov 2005 on a Sunday by the President OCA. The President will host a lunch for all OCs and their wives in Mashobra Simla. It is proposed to have the following appointments by election to the Himachal Chapter, on the day of the Lunch.
(a) Chief Coordinator - 1
(b) Co-ordinator - 1
(c) Treasurer - 1

(d) Executive Members 2
Nominations for elections by desirous candidates may be sent to the Secy, OCA(India) , 1, Sri Aurobindo Marg, HauzKhas , New Delhi-110016, by the 30 Sept 05.

(Note Subsequent elections shall be conducted by the Himachal Chapter)
The date of the launch, lunch and elections shall be put on the OCA website www.oldcottonians.org

Vintage/Classic Car Rally

Mr. K C Anand (R 1955-56) is organizing a vintage and classic car rally starting from Delhi on 07 Oct 05. The route being followed would be Delhi-Ambala-Mohali-Kalka-Parwanoo-Simla(Ridge). From there they shall proceed to BCS and all the participants shall have lunch with the boys. All 50 cars shall be on display at BCS for the boys to see on 10 Oct.

Visit by Boys of Aitchison College(School)-Lahore

A group of 50 boys and 10 staff members of Aitchison College-Lahore are visiting BCS and shall stay in the school from 17 Oct to 21 Oct 05. They shall be playing cricket, football and hockey against the boys. It would be interesting to note that Mr. C K Aitchison was the Lt. Governor of Punjab and on the Board of Governors of BCS in Jul 1884.

Golden Jubilee of Class 1955 (02 Sep-04 Sep)

The class of 1955 are having a Golden Jubilee Reunion at our Alma Mater in Simla.
Fri Contributory Dinner at East Bourne Resorts, Chota Shimla.
Sat Lunch exclusively for Class of 1955.
Staff vs. Students Hockey match.(weather permitting)
Inter-house Indian Music Competition followed by Headmaster's Dinner.
Sun Chapel Service

Medical Aid

Peter Gideon(R 56-67) a teacher at BCS developed a heart problem, which required major surgery. We are glad that OCs from across the seas reacted and a collection of about Rs. 2 lacs was sent to Peter. Peter has undergone heart surgery and is recovering at home. A letter of appreciation and thanks have been received from Peter. Viva Cottonian.



Inter House Swimming Champions 2005

Obituary

Jonathan Blake Wade(C 1959-66) passed away on 20th August 2005, at Delhi.
Bikaramjeet Singh (R, 1958-68) passed away on 19 Mar 2005

Tsunami

The OCA together with contribution from the OCA (UK) gave a cheque of Rs. 40,000/- for the Tsunami relief fund.

Fund Raising

The following amount has been contributed by OCs to the OCA and the school:-

S.No	Name	House	Years	Amount (in Rs.)	Date
1	D.C Anand	R	1947-51	5,00,000	Feb 2003
2	Kanav Monga	I	1986-98	1000.00	17-Aug-04
3	Jonathan Blake Wade	C	1959-66	2500.00	17-Aug-04
4	Rajpal Singh Duggal	C	1960-66	1100.00	17-Aug-04
5	Sachin Verma	C	1987-99	1000.00	21-Aug-04
6	Rajeshwar Bal	I	1965-72	1000.00	21-Aug-04
7	Anand Rupani	R	1991-93	1000.00	1-Sep-04
8	Ranjit Bhandari	R	1948-51	2001.00	1-Sep-04
9	Gautam Vij	C	1978-85	1000.00	1-Sep-04
10	Kartik Sharma	C	1989-00	1000.00	8-Sep-04
11	Ranjan Uberoi	L	1957-66	1100.00	9-Sep-04
12	Ashok Chachra	C	1962-70	1000.00	18-Sep-04
13	Vivan Singh Gill	I	1974-83	1000.00	18-Sep-04
14	Madan Khunnah	L	1959-68	1100.00	18-Sep-04
15	Jaspal Singh Sawhney	I	1956-63	2000.00	4-Oct-04
16	D.R Sood	I	1949-56	1000.00	10-Dec-04
17	K.C Anand	R	1948-49	10000.00	27-Dec-04
18	Ranjit Bhandari	R	1948-51	2500.00	27-Dec-04
19	Parmeet S Sawhney	I	1976-81	5000.00	5-Mar-05
20	G.S Khanna	R	1959-69	5000.00	8-Mar-05
21	Anil Advani	I	1960-70	\$200.00	28-Feb-05
22	Sajid Delvi	R	1969-73	10000.00	9-Mar-04
23	D.M Sud I	C	1965-66	2500.00	7-Mar-04
24	D.M. Sud II	C	1965-69	2500.00	7-Mar-04
25	Sahil Bhasin	I	2003	1000.00	11-Mar-05
26	Kri Tippakorn	R	1963-70	\$100.00	15-Mar-04
27	Anil K Mehra			10000.00	5-May-05
28	Ranjit Bhandari	R	1948-51	\$250.00	13-May-05
29	OCs UK			68,000	2004
30	Class of 1954			85,000	2004
31	Kunal Kamra	R	90-99	3,10,000	
32	Vijay Khurana	L	54-63		2005
33	Arun Bhumitra	L	64-66		
34	Shelly Bhumitra	L	64-69	2,00,000	2005
35	Ajay Bhumitra	L	64-72		

Total Contribution till date by Bhumitra Brothers 6,80,000

School News

The results of the games fixtures recently played by the boys

Soccer
31 Jul 05 The School team beat YPS Mohali 5-0 at home -Won
31 Jul 05 The School Atoms team beat YPS Mohali 2-0 at home. -Won
07 Aug 05 The School team beat PPS Nabha 3-1 at home. -Won
07 Aug 05 The School Colts team beat PPS Nabha 3-0 at home. -Won
07 Aug 05 The School Atoms team drew with PPS Nabha 2-2 away. -Draw
07 Aug 05 The School Electrons team drew with PPS Nabha 2-2 away. -Draw
14 Aug 05 The School Colts team lost to Sanawar 4-0 at home. -Lost
14 Aug 05 The School Atoms team drew with Sanawar 1-1 at home. -Draw
14 Aug 05 The School Electrons team beat Sanawar 4-2 away. -Won

Basketball

07 Aug 05 The School basketball team beat PPS Nabha 32-20 at home -Won.
14 Aug 05 The School Colts team lost to Sanawar 35-20 at home. -Lost

BCS boys scale new heights

The Pargival Mountaineering Club of BCS climbed the 23,000 ft Phagwaranga Peak on 03 Jun 05 and did us all proud by singing the School song up there.

Maj S S Rai (1 1960 70)
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BEQUESTS

Over the past 10-15 years, only two individuals have generously remembered the work of the School in their wills. They are: (a) Mr. T.M. Whitmarsh-Knight, MA (Cantab)(S 1937 1942, 1948-53) "Tubby" Whitmarsh Knight became the Senior Master from 1949-53, and later went on to become the Headmaster of two Schools in the West Indies. Rev Sinker HM 1935-45, offered him a position in the Church, which he declined. He won his commission in the Punjab Battalion in 1942 and served in Burma during World War II; he was wounded, evacuated and boarded out of the Army. His doctor was Maj Quick, whose daughter he met and married in the School Chapel. Lorna, who also taught music in School and played the organ, died about a decade ago. Tubby, was an outstanding English teacher, Housemaster, Senior Master and sportsman. "We were all profoundly affected by "Tubby" when he was in his prime, just twice our age. He was a great champion of the "inner jihad" and was able to project into our consciousness his moral convictions that decency, courage and endurance are essential qualities of a man. So the good deeds of this rare great man live after him and we shall not look upon his like again...". An outstanding English teacher, 3 Blue holder from Cambridge, member of the Hawk Club at Cambridge (equivalent to our Spartan Club). He introduced the Light Blue Blazer and woolen Scarf in 1950 in School. He inculcated immense character qualities and deeply influenced all boys who came in contact with. When he died on 26 June 1998 he bequeathed £1000 to the School Chapel. The School new Prayer Book, beautifully bound contains all the Hymns, Psalms and prayers are dedicated to him

PULSE

Teachers

From the depths of slumber,
As I arise into the world so wide,
Only my teachers have been my guides,
They worried like fathers,
And have forgiven like mothers.
And we, their children, have made mistakes,
But to err is human and to forgive is divine,
They've always helped us when things weren't fine.
Today as I stand at the threshold of a new life,
I stop to look at the place where I once stood,
Where my teachers taught me to be good,
I was scolded, I was punished,
And strange reasons, I always furnished,
I often wondered why teachers scolded,
What was the need?
But today I know the value of their teachings,
Their words of wisdom and their preaching.
Now at this stage,
I wish I could turn over the page
And undo my crime.
But it is vanity to wish, as wishes don't rule over time.
So many years seem to finish in the blink of an eye,
And now, I don't have the heart to say goodbye.

Nitish Dhawan
John L. Pachua
UVI

Examination is a Cricket match

Examination is a cricket match
Where teacher bowl with their questions
And we tackle them with our answers
Some of them are googlies and some are flippers
The one who tackles them well scores a century
The one who fails to tackle gets out cheaply
The batsman who scores century gets acknowledgement
And the batsman who gets out cheaply gets scolding
But unlike cricket here the bowler is happy
When a batsman scores a century
And sad when a batsman gets out cheaply
Hence examination is cricket which everyone has to play.

Saurabh Aggarwal
UVI

A war against war

Gunshots utterly meaningless
Which had moments earlier sent me breathless
Twenty years of labour for peace
Twenty seconds and existence ceased.

So much of destruction
Enough to bring down an entire nation
Tears of extreme sorrow
Run down as if there is no tomorrow.

Mighty cities brought to the ground
Sentences, which are all too loud
The phoenix song in dying near
Conquering everything and all fear.

As the ashes settle,
Emotions remain unstable,
We must rebuild brick by brick,
We must not fall to terrorism's tricks.

Kartik Chadha
Curzon House
X B

Tears of regret

I had fallen into a dreadful illusion,
Illusion so powerful it caused disorientation
I walked down the wrong path
It had all finished before it could even start.

My mistakes were unforgivable
My mistake were unforgettable
My wounds did not want to heal
Pain was the only thing they could feel.

But then you were there
That was the only thing of which I was aware
But then you were there
That was the only thing for which I could care.

You brought me back to reality
You were the one who saved me
Now I have to try to say good bye,
That's all I can do now- try.

Siddharth Panday
Curzon House
VIII