

PAKISTAN AIR FORCE PUBLIC SCHOOL, SARGODHA JOURNAL

FORWORD

This, third number of the magazine, comes out at the conclusion of the first five years of the school's history. Since the last issue great changes have occurred ; they are referred to in the editorial.

This number welcomes Mr. H. Catchpole, M. A., as the new Principal. Mr. Catchpole comes to us direct from the Principalship of Hasan Abdal. He has had much experience in this subcontinent, having before partition taught at, and been Principal of, the Prince of Wales Royal Indian Military College at Dehra Dun. He was educated at Oxford University ; has played cricket for the Suffolk County XI ; served during the war in the army, and has done some civilian flying. We extend to him our good wishes.

G. S.

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The Principal and Mrs. Sprawson.

EDITORIAL

The last number of the school magazine appeared in April 1957. This number, which was due to appear in December, records events and changes in the school to the end of the recent Christmas holidays.

Last June we said good bye to Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Gabriel, Mr. Velzian, and Mr. Wiltshire ; in December to Mr. Sprawson, and in January to Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Power. To them the school owes a debt ; above all to Mr. Sprawson, the school's first Principal.

Mr. Sprawson, who was educated at Rugby School and at Jesus College, Cambridge, coming to this sub-continent about twenty five years ago, taught at Dehra Dun, and subsequently became Principal of the Chiefs College at Rajkot. Being already a member of the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve he was called up in the late war, and served as a bomber pilot, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was a member of the R. A. F. Escapers Club, a club restricted to those who escape from enemy captivity. After the war he taught for a short time at Repton School in England, and then went out to do administrative work at Benghazi in North Africa until 1952, when he was appointed Principal of Sargodha, where he has well and truly laid the foundation of a school which, it is hoped, will make its mark in Pakistan.

We shall greatly miss the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Sprawson and the hospitable welcome with which we were always received at their bungalow. We wish them both bon voyage and good luck.

New masters since last summer have been Mr. Iftikhar, Mr. Khaliq Qureshi, Mr. Rehman, Mr. Palmer (from Lower Topa), Mr. Usmani, Mr. Taufiq, and Mr. Bashiruddin. In September F/Lt M. A. Rehman of the P. A. F. become school Medical Officer. We extend a welcome to them all.

Since the end of last term Mr. Buckman has become Deputy Headmaster ; Tempest House has been taken over by Mr Taqvi ; Fury House by Mr. Ruck; Attacker House by Mr. Palmer. M. Rehman has taken over the Science Department.

To succeed Mr. Sprawson the Governors have chosen as Principal Mr. H. Catchpole, at present Principal of Hassan Abdal; as however Mr. Catchpole is not able to take over immediately, Mr. Stott has been appointed Headmaster from 22 December to 20 February after which date he leaves to become Headmaster of Lower Topa.

In August we welcomed back from teacher training courses at Cambridge Mr. Kazi (of Fitzwilliam House), Mr. Hussain (of St. John's College), and Mr. Chughtai (of Fitzwilliam House). It is interesting that Mr. Kazi did some of his teaching at Chigwell School, friends of which some years back sent us the Chigwell Shield. At the present time Mr. Haq Nawaz is doing a course at London University, and Mr. Zafar Alam at Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge.

In September we received the sixth intake of new boys, numbers 313 to 348.

The results of the Matriculation Examination, taken in March 1957, for which eighteen boys sat, were as follow :—

1st Division		2nd Division		3rd Division
Rauf	(38-F)	Shujat	(7-F)	Sohail (59-F)
Anwar	(63-S)	Murtaza	(13-F)	
		Idris	(26-F)	
		Khurshid	(58-S)	
		Khurshid	(64-F)	
		Warris	(66-F)	
		Hatif	(70-T)	
		Bashir	(74-T)	
		Ahsan	(77-F)	
		Ilyas	(79-F)	

Last December 41 boys, a record number, sat for the Cambridge Oversea School Certificate. We expect the results early in April.

It is worth while to analyse the results of all such examinations taken since the foundation of the school. They are these :—

Year	No. of boys in School	No. of Candidates	1st Division Passes	2nd Division Passes	3rd Div. Passes
1954	100	10	1	3	4
1955 about	210	36	4	16	7
1956 about	240	22	2	7	6
1957	250	41			

This term we have been honoured by visits from several distinguished strangers. On Wednesday, 9 October, the Prime Minister, Mr. Suhrawardy, who was visiting the district, graciously found time to come to the school, to address boys in the hall, and to inspect one of the Houses and the swimming bath. On Monday, 28 October, the Chairman of the Governors, Air Vice-Marshal Asghar Khan, C-in-C of the P. A. F., visited the school. On Tuesday, 5 November, Mr. Akhtar Hussain, Governor of West Pakistan, came over, and on Friday 15 November, Mr. Daultana, the Minister of Defence. Furthermore on Tuesday, 24 October, boys, masters, buildings and various school activities were filmed by a unit of the Metro-Goldwyn-Meyer Company in connection with a film which they are making for the P. A. F.

Sporting events of special interest during the term have been a two day visit to Aitchison College, Lahore, 11-13 October, when Sargodha lost, reasonably narrowly at cricket and hockey, and badly in swimming; a two day contest at Sargodha against Lower Topa boys in football and hockey, both of which we won easily; and a basketball contest at Sialkot, where the Sargodha team ended as runners-up.

Foundation Day was celebrated on Monday, 16 December. The final of the Athletic Sports was held in the afternoon, and after tea prizes were presented by Mr. Akhtar Hussain, Governor of West Pakistan, who paid a tribute in his speech to the work of Mr. Sprawson. Guests included Mr. Z. M. Khan, C. S. P., Chief Commissioner of the Rawalpindi Division, Air Commodore B. K. Dass of the P. A. F., Mr. Baig, Deputy Commissioner of Sargodha, Mr. H. Catchpole of Hassan Abdal, Squadron Leader Rollo, Station Commander of Sargodha, and Mr. M. Moynihan, British Deputy High Commissioner, of Lahore.

A feature of this edition of the magazine is the section devoted to the activities of Old Boys; it will be seen that they are well represented both at Risalpur and at the P. M. A. at Kakul. Others are in Britain, Canada, and the U. S. A.

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Prizes awarded in December, 1957.

Form V (last year)	1st	Humayun (40-A)
	2nd	Anwar (63-S)
C. A.	1st	Results to come
	2nd	
C. B.	1st	
	2nd	
Form V A	1st	Safdar (134-S)
	2nd	Mosleh (109-A)
Form V B	1st	Khalid (108-S)
	2nd	Shahjehan (158-T)
Form IV A	1st	Shameen (212-S)
	2nd	Masood (188-F)
Form IV B	1st	Aftab (119-F)
	2nd	Nasir (207-T)
Form III A	1st	Iqbal (218-F)
	2nd	Shahid (239-A)
Form III B	1st	Jehangir (222-F)
	2nd	Masood (205-F)
Form III C	1st	Najmi (245-F)
	2nd	Zakir (255-F)
Form II A	1st	Mumtaz (295-T)
	2nd	Hamed (307-F)
Form II B	1st	Farhat (244-A)
	2nd	Maruf (230-A)
Form I A	1st	Murad (315-F)
Form I B	1st	Nazeem (337-A)
Carpentry	1st	Nurul (264-S)
	2nd	Mohiuddid (22-A)

HOUSE NOTES

ATTACKER HOUSE

<i>Housemaster</i>	Mr. A. W. Lawrence
<i>House Tutors</i>	... Mr. Kazi
	Mr. Chughtai
	Mr. Khaliq
<i>House Matron</i>	... Mrs. D. Lamonde
<i>House Captain</i>	... Sajjad (30)

This year has been one of most satisfactory effort and achievement in all spheres of activity, and the measure of success attained in the inter-House competition may be gauged by the fact that not once throughout the year did we have to fill the position of 'wooden spoon.'

Starting the season in irresistible form no less than five trophies were successively won : boxing, indoor games, swimming, football, and basketball. This, in spite of Fury's usual strong rally in the latter part of the year, proved too good a lead, and the Chigwell Shield was won by the handsome margin of 32 points to 25.

However, we should not forget the fact which might well offer consolation in less successful periods, that it is not so much the success in these games which is important as the spirit in which they are played. With this in mind it has been pleasing to note the sterling spirit shown in all inter-House games and the high degree of sportsmanship in evidence throughout the year.

In these circumstances of all-round success it would be impossible, and indeed undesirable, to stress the performance of individuals, for it has been the team effort rather than individual prowess which has won the day. Suffice it to say that the results in such competitions reflected the effort and keenness of the boys who practised and trained, whether or not they eventually became members of the team concerned. Congratulations then to all, with particular mention of Azam (147) and Mosleh (109) who gained School Colours in basketball and football, and in basketball respectively.

In March we had several of the old stalwarts in the persons of Hamid (75), Ishaq (71) and Maqbool (20). Abbas (2) succeeded

Hamid as House Captain, but left shortly after, joining Karim (19) at the Air Force College at Risalpur. Jafri (44) left in December, and we wish all these old boys well in their future careers. Abbas and Karim visited the school on Founder's Day, together with Aftab (89), Attacker's first House Captain; they all looked very fit, and in spite of the 'toughness' of the courses are enjoying themselves at Risalpur and the P. M. A. Meanwhile the House strength was supplemented in September by seven new arrivals, and now stands at 61

Sajjad (30) became House Captain in March and Arif (46) and Rashid (48), and Azam (147) have been appointed School Prefects. House Monitors are Zaidi (9), Qadir (131), Zia (143), and Mominul (155).

Mrs. Lamonde has, as always, shown much zeal and infinite patience in generally looking after the boys' welfare, and coping with the never-ending tasks involved in keeping both House and boys 'clean, tidy, and in a state of good repair' !

The House itself is now much more 'livable in' with curtained Prep and Games rooms, a Photography Club Dark Room, and a lavishly furnished Prefects' and Visitors' Room. These amenities were initiated by the expenditure of toil, energy, and cash by the boys, and their completion made possible by the sympathetic co-operation of our much harried Bursar. In addition, due to an elusive short-circuit, we were able to boast for a while of being the only House with a fully electrified bathroom !

The goodwishes of the House go with Mr. and Mrs. Sprawson, Mr. and Mrs. Power, and Mr. Lawrence who are leaving; and a warm welcome is extended to Mr. Palmer who is joining the Staff from Topa to take over Attacker House.

With the Cambridge and Terminal examinations over, the vacations now loom large, but with the habit they have of rapidly fading into the past it is not too soon to look ahead to next year and a resumption of keen struggles on the various fields of inter-House battle, where the prize to achieve is Honour rather than material reward, and goes not necessarily to the better player but to the better sportsman.

A. W. L

FURY HOUSE

<i>Housemaster</i>	... Mr. M. J. Power
<i>House Tutors</i>	... Mr. Hafeez Qureshi Mr Iftikhar
<i>House Matron</i>	... Mrs. M. F. MacKay
<i>House Captain</i>	... Khalid (42)

March and April saw the departure of a strong body of senior boys, and we offer our congratulations to those who were successful in the Senior Cambridge and Matric.

Warris and Murtaza have gone on to Risalpur ; we have since had brief glimpses of them looking rigidly starched and highly polished. Rauf, who stayed on till the end of the summer term as Head of the House and the School, is now hoping to go to the P. M. A. Sohail and Sujaat are studying in Karachi, and Ilyas is mastering the intricacies of the wood business in Lyallpur.

House reports seem fated to become mere lists of failures and successes on the games field, and this one will prove to be no exception. We have had our share of both, having run the gamut from victory in a number of competitions to abysmal failure in others.

Though our Juniors did well, we prefer to pass over our Seniors' performance in Football in silence, and the same is true of Swimming and Indoor Games.

In the Boxing competition we were pleasantly surprised to find ourselves second, though we were a very long way behind Attacker House, the winners.

In Hockey, which we have so far monopolised as a Fury House event, we clung to the lead built up in the first term and succeeded in carrying off the trophy again. In the second term the Senior team was ably captained by Riaz (23) who is also goalkeeper for the School team. Manzur (24) and Ashraf (105) were also outstanding. For the Juniors, Rauf (307) Haye (167) and Nizam (169) all played energetically and well.

Both Cricket teams were undefeated in the second term under the leadership of Aman (145). He was well supported by Ashraf and Masood (188) both of whom bowled steadily, and by Aslam (113) whose batting has become a source of great strength to the House.

Ashraf took over the captaincy of the Basketball team which did very well to score a victory over Sabre. Riaz put a great deal of time into practising for the gymnastics competition and pushing his team along. He had the bad luck to be excluded from the event for medical reasons.

The two Cross-Country teams, captained by our only Colour, Akbar (135), again won, our Junior team being particularly strong.

Finally, and this event is perhaps clearest in our memories, came the Athletic sports, which stretched our nerves far too long. We built up a very substantial lead of nearly 100 points in the standard meetings, which was reduced to 19 for the purposes of the Sports. Sabre House, with a very powerful team, narrowed the gap, but we just held them off to win this meeting again. Congratulations to Aftab (119) for his record breaking High Jump, to Kabir (223) for his sparkling performances in the Junior events, winning three out of a possible four, and setting records in two of them, and to Sharif (5) who captained the team and pulled off a splendid win in the 100 metres. Unfortunately there is not space to mention all the excellent performances, but what was particularly satisfactory was the high standard that ran right through the House, making up for a shortage of 'stars'.

At the prize-giving ceremony we were announced as the winners of the academic trophy by a very substantial margin. The points had been kept a closely guarded secret and the size of our lead was a considerable surprise. It is satisfactory to feel this year at least Fury boys have combined brain with their brawn.

In early October we welcomed fourteen new boys to the House; they have now settled down and been assimilated. Another gap will be left next term by the departure of the Senior Cambridge boys, to whom we wish the best of luck.

At the beginning of the term Mr. Zafar Alam left for a year's course at Cambridge ; our best wishes went with him and the House will be delighted to see him again on his return at the beginning of next autumn term.

We were sorry to say good-bye to Mrs. Montgomery who had been the Matron for two and a half years, but welcomed in her place Mrs. MacKay, who is manfully coping with one of the hardest jobs of all.

M. J. P.

SABRE HOUSE

<i>Housemaster</i>	..	Mr. I. W. G. Cameron
<i>House Tutors</i>	..	Mr. S. M. Naqvi
		Mr. A. G. Qureshi
		Mr. Rifat Ali
<i>Matron</i>	..	Mrs. K. Carleton
<i>House Captain</i>		Nasiruddin Bhuiyan (103)

Since the last edition of these notes we have said good-bye to Anwar (63) our former House Captain who, after gaining a very good School Certificate, left us to continue his studies in Lahore. Akbar (78) and Khurshid (58) have also left and are studying further although it is understood that they both hope to join the Air Force eventually. Bhuiyan (103) has succeeded as House Captain and also as Head boy of the School : we all congratulate him most heartily on this distinction. Shaida (33), Qureshi (29) and Anwar (12) have been made School prefects while Ashfaq (11), Hammayun (102), Raffique (47) and Aspi (6) have served as House Monitors.

We have been delighted to welcome back several Old Boys of this House : notably Moin and Frank D'Silva from Air Force Cadet College, Risalpur, and Zakaullah and Wahab from P. M. A., Kakul. It is always a great pleasure to us to see these once-familiar faces around here again and we are very glad to learn from them that they are doing well and thoroughly enjoying their new life. We hope that we shall receive many more such visits as the number of Old Boys grows steadily larger.

The year's sports record has unfortunately still not brought us a clear success in any of the inter-House competitions, but we have tried hard and on several occasions at least have come within striking distance of our goal. The seniors have put up very creditable performances at football and hockey and the house as a whole were close runners-up in Athletics and Cross-country running. There was a time when it seemed possible that we might be going to bring off a win in Athletics, but Fury's long lead from the standards was too much for us and they are to be congratulated on their very high overall level of performance which enabled them to keep those few vital points ahead. Anwar was again outstanding : winning the Cross-country and breaking his own 1500 metres record of last year by a very wide margin. Our congratulations on winning their School Colours go to Hammayun (102), football; Safdar (134) and Ashfaq (11), hockey; 'Mickey' Abbas (184), cricket ; Shahid (104), swimming; and to Shahida (33) and Moin (116) for boxing. Sabre won the inter-house gymnastics competition with a display of a very high standard and an outstanding individual performance by Qureshi (29), but as this competition is coupled with the marching competition in which we did not shine so brightly, we failed to bring home the 'pot'.

We are very glad to welcome seven new boys who arrived during this term: as we write they are completely integrated into the life of the House but we take this opportunity of wishing them a happy and successful stay with us. New arrivals inevitably cause one to think of departures also and with the Certificate Examination behind us for this year we have to contemplate a new crop of Old Boys. Already Hammayun and Shahid have intimated that they will not be coming back next term and we all wish them every success in the future.

There is little to record on the domestic side. That this is so is a measure of how smoothly life has gone on, and for this Mrs. Carleton is largely responsible as in the past. Young and old, we are all very grateful to her. There is a more homely atmosphere about the prep. and recreation rooms these days thanks to the curtaining which has gone up all round : provided from the House Fund. It has taken two terms for the Fund to recover from this shock but we understand that, nothing daunted, the dormitories are to be tackled next. The precincts

are gradually getting tidied up and it is very pleasant nowadays to be able to look out and see that grass and flowers are now beginning to appear where once only brickbats flourished. The reading room, housed in the recess off the recreation room, has continued to flourish and is well supported by boys of all ages : our thanks are again due to Qureshi who has organised it all including conducting a running battle with a series of absconding newsagent errand boys.

We are all anxiously awaiting the results of the Cambridge School Certificate Examinations and, on the reports of those taking part, our hopes are high. If when they are announced the results are what we hope for, this will be in no small measure due to the work put in by our three House Tutors, who, living up to their title, conducted evening classes after regular prep throughout this term and helped our candidates to brush up their weakest subjects.

I. W. G. C.

TEMPEST HOUSE

<i>Housemaster</i>	Mr. J. C. Buckman
<i>House Tutors</i>	... Mr. S. M. Taqvi
	Mr. Hussain
	Mr. Khurshid
	Mr. Rahman
<i>Matron</i>	... Mrs. Brown
<i>House Captain</i>	... Mahmood Siddiqi (39)

We are about to bid farewell to the last pioneers among boys in this school. They have run the full course and will soon have their chance to show the metal of which they are made after five years in the crucible of school life. They are Imtiaz (4), Amjad (21), Rabbani (27), and Mahmood (39). Four boys, Nazar (41), Warris (43), Gul Badshah (49) and Masood (148) who joined the school with the second entry in 1955, left in December having completed their School Certificate papers. Suhaib (106), Nasir (112) and Mazhar (114), also of the second entry, intend to leave after the Matriculation examination to be held in March, 1958. To all these boys who have just left school, or are about to leave, we wish the very best of luck

Reference to another page will show how well "Tempestuous" Old Sargodhians are doing. It is worthy of comment that the House was so blessed with talent in its early days that several boys completed their courses and left earlier than was originally intended. While this happened, many of their contemporaries in other houses remained. The disproportion between seniors and juniors in Tempest at the beginning of last year made it necessary to promote juniors for the official games record so that there could be an equal number in senior and junior groups. This untimely promotion involved putting up our best junior games players so that, compared with their rivals, the junior teams we could put in the field were sorely depleted in strength.

School games are an invaluable means of reaching a high standard of physical and mental fitness. No less important are the lessons we learn from them in living with triumph and adversity. It is well "to treat those two impostors just the same"! Last year we succeeded in losing most junior events in inter-house matches. These defeats balanced fairly evenly with the senior matches won. It is easy to blow a trumpet about our successes. Five out of six cricket matches played by the seniors through the whole year were clear victories; no matches were drawn. Although in basketball the cup we won in the previous year has gone to another house, the standard of Tempest's play was good. Two defeats suffered in the first term were due to a yield of one match point to Attacker and four match points to Fury. Tempest won all matches by far wider margins than these in the second round of the contest. Combined marching and agility has brought a new cup to the house. In athletics Amjad, Imtiaz and Mahboob established new school records in their events. Earlier in the year the House put on a good show in the finals of the boxing, Nasir (112), Imtiaz (4), Hamayun (224) and Saklaan (306) winning the championships for the year in their weight groups.

House Colour awards for 1957 go to the following boys :—

For Cricket	.. Imtiaz (4)
For Football	... Mujibur(144), Sami(150), Khairul(190)
For Boxing	.. Nasir (112), Hamayun (224) Saklaan (306)



The Principal & Staff and wives.

For Hockey	... Mujibur (144)
For Cross-country	... Khairul (190)
For Athletics	... Mahboob (234)
For Swimming	... Abid (120)
For Gymnastics	... Amjad (21), Mazhar (114)

Among boys leaving some are outstandingly gifted in games ability ; others have done well because they tried hard. Amjad is a good bowler and for the past year has been Captain of School and House Cricket. He has also great ability in most other games. Masood has been Vice-Captain of School Cricket and his performance in hockey, football and basketball is well known. Imtiaz is a gifted athlete, a first-rate swimmer, and has captained the house in boxing, athletics, basketball and swimming. Nazar, Warris, Rabbani and Mahboob have each achieved skill in all the main games, playing for School and House. Gul Badshah has been his best in football.

Mahmood, Imtiaz and Masood have served as School Prefects, and Rabbani as a Monitor, for the greater part of the year; Nazar, previously monitor, became a prefect last August, Amjad and Warris, monitors early in November. Masood and Nazar having left in December, Amjad now takes the place of one of them as prefect. Gul Badshah was a monitor from April until he too left in December.

Of what does the life of a School house consist? As well as work and play there is the constant attention to detail, in learning to give and serve, often in a way which may not seem to attract notice. In school prefects and monitors reposes the trust of giving leadership and bearing responsibility. At the same time, like members of one family, every boy has his part. Each has his duty. Amjad has undertaken much coaching of cricket although engaged in preparation for the School Certificate examination. As School Captain of Cricket he has done well. Khairul has coached the juniors in football with the result that there has been a noticeable improvement in their play. Qayyum (210) has served selflessly as a cricket umpire and Mazhar (114) has quietly gone ahead and shown brilliance in gymnastics with scarcely a word to anyone. (He was one of the team which performed so ably on the occasion of the visit of Prime Minister Suhrawardy and on Foundation Day). Wahid (141) for a long time took responsibility for indoor games—apparently a thankless task. Mujibur has busied

himself with the house garden and enlisted a number of fellows to help him. (Woe betide any person who steps on the flower beds !) Khalid (235) was distraught at being on "LD" and unable to play football on an ordinary afternoon games period. He sought permission to do so. Another boy suffered long from a leg injury but avoided all fuss. The Captain of Gymnastics carried on as usual in the final house competition, although he had suffered injury on the previous day. Boys like these are among those who carry the best interests of the house and School. Let more emulate them.

Mr. and Mrs. Hussain returned from England—after a year at Cambridge—and rejoined us at the commencement of last term. Mr. Haq Nawaz was a tutor in Tempest for three terms before he left in September for his course at London University where he now is. Mrs. Clark left in October when all boys contributed a small presentation to a matron who had loyally served from the day of the School's foundation. Mrs. Brown, who succeeded her, is now an essential part of the "family". The tutorial system developed in Tempest last year seems now to have spread to the whole school. It has been good to have the closer association of Housemaster with tutors and tutors with boys over the past months. Mr. Taqvi became a housemaster at the commencement of last term and assumed charge of Tempest on the 22nd December, 1957.

J. C. B.

The School Trophies

An account of the School trophies and their winners during the first five years of the School's existence is not out of place. It should of course be remembered that for the first two years there were only Tempest and Fury Houses, and that in the second term of 1955 Tempest shed half its members to form Sabre, and Fury half its members to form Attacker.

The first trophy was the Athletics Cup; it was presented in 1953 by Air Service Training Ltd. of Hamble, England. It has been won by Fury House for five years without a break. This is a remarkable performance.

When Mr. Amin-ud-Din, who was the Governor of the Punjab and who is now Pakistan High Commissioner in Delhi, gave away the prizes in December 1953, he promised us a trophy for hockey; it was first won in 1954, by Fury House; in 1955 by Attacker; in 1956 again by Fury, and in 1957 again by Attacker.

In 1953 certain friends of Chigwell School, where Mr. Stott had been a Housemaster before coming to Sargodha, got together and as a gesture of good-will sent a challenge shield for all inter-House games activities. The shield carries the Sargodha badge in the top left hand (heraldically the position of honour) and the Chigwell badge in the right top corner; the latter is the joint coat of arms of an Archbishop of York and the Founder of Chigwell School and dates from 1629. This shield was won first in 1954 by Tempest and Fury Houses together; in 1955 Attacker won it; in 1956 Fury; and in 1957 Attacker again.

In 1955 Mr. and Mrs. Sprawson presented a cup for cricket. This was won by Tempest in the year of presentation; and then two years running by Fury.

M. S. Masood (87 Fury), who was the first Captain of the School, presented a Cross Country Cup; this in 1956 and 1957 was won, appropriately, by Fury.

The same year, 1956, the sixth form, then engaged on F. Sc. work, considered that there was no trophy awarded for work. Together with their Form Master Mr. Gabriel, they presented the Academic

Trophy ; this consists of a bookrest supported on a great wooden ball, and embodying a pen crossed with a sword. It was won in 1956 by Sabre and in 1957 by Fury.

In the same year a basketball cup was presented by Mr Stott; this was won in 1956 by Tempest, and the next year by Attacker.

Meanwhile the School basketball teams had gone from strength to strength, winning two cups in outside competitions. As there was already a basketball cup these two were nobly presented by their winners as swimming and boxing cups. In the year of their presentation they were both won by Attacker.

There still lacked two trophies—for indoor games and for football. The former was a cup presented by M. H. Zaidi (9 - A) and the latter a shield, by Colonel Philpott ; both were won in 1957 by Attacker.

It will be seen, then, that Fury House has won trophies on fifteen occasions in the first five years—more occasions than those of all the other Houses put together.

G. S.

FACTS ABOUT THE MOON

1. It is 240,000 miles away from the earth.
2. It's diameter is 2,200 miles.
3. It is only 1/50th the size of the earth.
4. It travels round the earth at a speed of 2,300 miles per hour.
5. This speed is only one seventh of that the second Russian sputnik.
6. The pull of gravity on the moon is only one sixth of that on the earth.
7. If a man can jump five feet on the earth he can jump up to thirty feet on the moon.
8. There is a vacuum on the moon, and therefore perfect silence, as sound cannot travel in a vacuum.
9. There can be no bad smell on the moon
10. There is no water; it has all evaporated.
11. Its movement round its axis is very slow so that 14 of our 'days' equal 1 'day' on the moon, and so with the nights.
12. It is moving away from the earth, and after 5,000,000 years it will be 300,040 miles away from the earth.
13. It takes an hour on the moon for the sun to rise, and an hour to set.
14. If the earth is seen from the moon, it will look four times the size of the the moon as seen from the earth.
15. The sky will look black from the moon.
16. There are about 250,000 craters on the moon.
17. The temperature during the day will be 248° F, and at night—238° F.
18. It's surface is composed of colourless, odorless substances, though sometimes we see green, pink, and brown colours.
19. If we bend and look at the moon through our legs, it will seem to be smaller than normal ; the reason for this is still unknown.

A MISCELLANY.

Bells ring alive, but mean different things

The sounds of bells are not different, but they have different effects upon us. Whenever the bell rings, don't think it is meaningless. Bells ring in prison, in school and in the Houses, but their meanings are as different as their places.

The prison bell goes every hour, reminding me that an hour of my life has gone, and this thought brings sorrow to me. To look at the other side of the picture it brings joy to a prisoner whose hour of imprisonment has been shortened. This bell brings more joy to a prisoner who is going to be released in an hour or two, and who dreams of meeting his parents, friends, wife and children.

The first school bell teaches me to be punctual, and the second a sense of duty. The bell which ends the first period preaches equality and justice as it cares neither for the teacher nor the taught and whether the lesson has been finished or not. The boys have to leave the room, and it makes no difference whether they are rich or poor. The next class is hovering at the door, therefore the first class must leave in order to make room for it.

The house bell is perhaps the most interesting of all. Early in the morning the P. T. bell awakens the students from their soft and sound sleep. It is the cruelest bell, for it orders the boys to go out for P. T. in proper clothes as otherwise they will be punished.

The meals bell sounds very pleasing to the ears. Boys leave their work or quit their recreation room. They at once reach the dining hall to fill up their empty bellies.

Twice a day another bell rings which announces study hours; at the ringing of this bell boys run through the corridors in order to settle down to the study of their books, as though they do not want to waste a single moment.

A longing, lingering look behind

"Full five years—a considerable part of a human life—we have been in this school", says the student when he is shutting the gate of his school behind him. "But have I recognised the true worth of my time"? "Yes, I have," he says and he swells with pride.

We came to this school as shabby-looking chaps and are going out as polished young men, fully equipped, and ready to plunge into the vast sea of life. We have been fashioned and chiselled from rough raw material.

The classes, the playing fields, the library, the debates and the dramas in the school hall have fired our imagination. Teachers have acted as touchstones, the principal has been a guide and the majestic walls of the houses as the lap of a mother. Our voices are mingled with the sweet airs, and the glances of lovely flowers seem to chase our footsteps.

Man is sociable ; he develops a liking even for inanimate objects not to speak of living souls. We have been moving in the company of our class-fellows for long periods; is it not shocking to think of departing ? The warmth of a friendly and affectionate gaze will be no longer there ; we shall long for the happy hours we have spent with our friends.

But the wheel of time cares for no one ; it takes a full turn and you are left amazed at the rapidity of its motion. The cruel hand of fate snatches away the dearest objects of your love, and you are left without them. But at the same time new hopes spring up in the human breast and the initial sting of parting gradually loses its effect.

We confess, however, that we were a little rash, as all young people are, and sometimes mistook the timely interventions of our teachers. We hope that they will forgive us and very kindly forget our follies.

Ghosts

Last holidays, waiting for a bus at a bus-stop in Lahore, I saw a group of persons talking together. A man with a leather hand-bag was doing most of the talking. I went near and found that they were discussing the existence of ghosts.

"Gentleman ! I will tell you a strange story about spirits. You may believe it or not, but it is true," said the man with the hand-bag. "A few years back I visited Jalandhar on some business. I stayed there in a hotel. In that hotel there was a room which was supposed to be haunted. The room was always kept locked. To my query I received a reply to the effect that four persons, each of whom had once slept in that room, had never come out alive.

I became inquisitive about the room, and requested the manager to let the room to me. At first the manager would not agree, but when I persisted he agreed to let me have it. When I entered the room, I found it to be a big one and well decorated. There was only one ventilator in the room and it was a little dark compared with other rooms.

Well, I slept that night in the room and had a sound sleep. Next morning, when I had got up and was out of the room, the servants were surprised to see me alive. The manager excused me from paying the hotel charges.

I asked : "Was there any ghost in the room ?" "None," replied the man. "On investigation I found that in each case the occupant of that ghost-haunted room had died through accidentally cutting his throat while shaving, because he had not been using the most up-to-date shaving razor. The reason why I was saved from death was that I used the safety-razors manufactured by our company. So, gentlemen, use the safety-razors manufactured by the Diamond Razor Co., and make sure you do not slit your throats."

I saw the bus had halted, and hurried towards it, thinking about the novel way which the salesman had adopted to sell his goods.

Riaz (23-F)

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Boxing	...	Attacker	Fury	Sabre	Tempest
Cricket	...	Fury	Tempest	Attacker	Sabre
Cross Country	..	Fury	Sabre	Attacker	Tempest
Football	...	Attacker	Sabre	Tempest	Fury
Hockey	...	Fury	Attacker	Tempest	Sabre
Indoor Games	..	Attacker	Sabre	Tempest	Fury
Gymnastic and Marching	..	Tempest	Attacker	Sabre	Fury
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The results of the Athletic Sports and Standards Competition were as follows :—

Seniors	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	
100 mm ...	5(F)	102(S)	155(A)	21(T)	11.9 secs.
200 mm ..	155(A)	11(S)	115(A)	116(S)	25.0 secs.
400 mm ...	102(S)	166(S)	105(F)	27(T)	58.3 secs.
800 mm ...	12(S)	190(T)	131(A)	177(S)	2 min. 7.4 secs. record.
1500 mm ...	12(S)	131(A)	135(F)	128(S)	4 min. 24.9 secs. record
110 mm hurdles	147(A)	188(F)	151(F)	146(S)	16.35 secs record
200 mm hurdles	147(A)	212(S)	4(T)	146(S)	29.2 secs.
High Jump	119(F)	212(S)	147(A) 34(F)		5' 5" record
Long Jump ..	102(S)	134(S)	5(F)	188(F)	17' 8½"
Hop, step & jump ..	147(A)	190(T)	146(S)	34(F)	39' 1" record
Pole vault ..	212(S)	39(T)	33(S)	144(T)	8' 7"
Javelin ..	4(T)	119(F)	9(A)	103(S)	110' 11"
Discus ...	116(S)	104(S)	107(F)	27(T)	120'
Shot ..	21(T)	41(T)	145(F)	128(S)	36' 4" record
Relay (4 × 100 mm)	Sabre	Attacker	Tempest	Fury	48.4 secs. record
Relay (medley)	Sabre	Attacker	Tempest	—	4 min. 25.45 record
Tug of War	Fury	Sabre	Attacker	Tempest	

Juniors

100 mm	250(A)	272(A)	231(F)	234(T)	12.6 secs.
200 mm ...	223(F)	300 (S)	250(A)	272(A)	25.5 secs. record
400 mm	300 (S)	227 (A)	262(F)	239(A)	58.5 secs. record
800 mm ..	227(A)	307 (F)	239(A)	262(F)	2 min. 21¾ secs. record
80 mm hurdle	223 (F)	246(A)	169(F)	290(T)	12.6 secs. record
High jump ..	234 (T)	203(F) 230(A)		169(F)	4' 8"
Long jump	223(F)	189 S) 272(A)		335(S)	17' 2" record
Hop step & jump	300(S)	307(F)		169(F)	35' 5"

Pole vault ...	300(S)	309(F) 240(S)	223(F)	8' 7"
Javelin ..	338(F)	335(S)	250(A)	307(F) 94' 5"
Discus ...	231(F)	266(A)	250(A)	233(S) 95' 7"
Shot	231 (F)	234(T)	263 (F)	236(A) 30' 2"
Relay (4 × 100 mm)	Fury	Attacker	Sabre	Tempest 52.6 secs. record
Relay (medley)	Fury	Attacker	Sabre	Tempest (Not taken)

Final Positions

1st	Fury	265	points including 62 for standards
2nd	Sabre	252	„ „ 42 „ „
3rd	Attacker	229	„ „ 43 „ „
4th	Tempest	138	„ „ 36 „ „

CRICKET IN 1957.

A short account of the first term's cricket, written by Mr. Gilbert, appeared in the last number of the magazine. In this number is a summary of the whole year. It should be noted that in some of the matches masters played.

Matches played	Won	Drawn	Lost
41	19	17	5

Matches of special note included that against Lyallpur Gymkhana which the school lost by 2 runs; for our side Masood (148-T) made 42, and Amjad (21-T) took 6 wickets for 36. The School beat Sargodha Gymkhana by 4 wickets: Sargodha Gymkhana 94 for 7 declared, and the school 96 for 6; Rabbani (27-T) made 18, Ishaq (71-A) 18, Mr. Gilbert 16; Amjad (21-T) took 5 wickets for 32. The School playing against the P.A.F. Station, Sargodha, made 183, Ilyas (79-F) 36 not out, Ishaq (71-A) 33, Masood (148-T) 31; the P.A.F. XI replied with 82; S/Ldr Rollo 23, Siraj 21; Amjad (21-T) 8 for 36; the School thus won by 101 runs. Against Aitchison College in October on the College ground we lost; batting first we made 124, Masood (148-T) 46; Aitchison replied with 201, of which Hussain made 72 and Tariq 84 - these two had a long and splendid partnership; Sargodha in their second innings reached 71 for 5 wickets, Masood

(148-T) making a sound 33. The School beat a team from the P.A.F. College at Risalpur by seven wickets : P. A. F. College 117; P. A. F. School 123 for 3 wickets (Rabbani 41, Ishaq 42 not out, Abbas 32 not out).

The School was strong in batting, the main work falling to Masood (148-T) who did extremely well. He was very well supported by Aman (145-F), Abbas (184-S), and Rabbani (27-T). Amjad (21-T) who captained the side, in addition to being a fairly reliable bat, took a major part in the bowling, and secured over half the wickets at the very satisfactory average of 5 runs apiece; his best performance was 8 For 8 against Government College, Sargodha. He was well supported by Masood (148-T), and by Ashraf (105-F) who has much improved as a bowler. Abbas (184-S), was a reliable wicket keeper, taking 38 catches and stumping 10 batsmen. Altogether it was a very satisfactory season, and thanks are due to the two coaches, Mr. Gilbert and Mr. Sprawson.

Averages

	Innings	Not out	Highest score	Runs	Average
Masood (148-T)	43	2	72 not out	1658	40.4
Aman (145-F)	31	-	42	988	31.9
Abbas (184-T)	31	2	42 not out	908	31.3
Rabbani (27-T)	26	5	32 not out	641	30.5
Amjad (21-T)	25	5	32 not out	518	25.9
Ashraf (105-F)	20	2	30 not out	450	25.0
Aslam (113-F)	10	1	42 not out	180	20.0
	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
Amjad (21-T)	437	118	829	160	5.2
Masood (148-T)	218	51	747	62	12.0
Ashraf (105-F)	117	30	409	30	13.6
Masood (188-F)	98	20	280	20	14.0
Imtiaz (4-T)	25	4	145	10	14.5



Mr. G. Stott, Deputy Headmaster, with the 1957 School Hockey Team.



The Governor of West Pakistan, Mr. Akhtar Hussain,
Presenting the Prizes on Founders' Day.

OTHER SPORTS

Athletics

Considerable keenness, as last year, was shown in the running off of the standards and in practice for the School Sports, the finals of which took place on Foundation Day, December 16.

Before the races began there was a gymnastic display, led by Mr. Ali Sher, which won deserved praise. We were pleased to have with us the Police Band and their bagpipes. Mr. Akhtar Hussain, Governor of West Pakistan, was the guest of honour, and we thank him for sparing the time to visit us. There was a large crowd and many distinguished visitors.

The outstanding performance of the afternoon was Anwar's splendid 1500 metres race, in which he bettered his last year's time by over 20 seconds; of the juniors Juglul did well, and Kamal in the pole vault actually equalled the senior record. Several records were broken. A complete account of the winners appears elsewhere.

Basketball

This year's team was stronger than last year's, though Moslehud-din, the captain and several other good players were not available. We played and won several matches against the Friends Club, Government College, and the Police Training School. The school also played a friendly game against T. I. College in Rabwah, which however proved no match for us. In November we went to Sialkot to play in the C. T. I. Basketball Tournament. This is the biggest tournament in Pakistan. There are three leagues, one each for clubs, for colleges, and for schools. Our school took part in the last. We played against many experienced teams and defeated them, and so reached the final; this was against last year's holders - the C. T. I. 'A' team. We were unlucky to lose in the last few minutes by three points only; the final score was 31 to 27 points. However, we had the honour to be runners-up in this big tournament. The team was: Masood (Captain), Azam, Abid, Ashraf, Afzal, Moin, Moinul, Manzur, Samad, Salim, Sami, and Shahid.

Boxing

Boxing is an energetic sport that teaches the boxer self defence. The School has some good boxers but we have not yet been able to compete with any other school, since the local schools do not box. In the inter-House competition the Houses showed great enthusiasm. The results are given elsewhere.

Cross Country

This year we adopted a different system of points. Each House had a team of eight competitors, and the first six home counted. The routes both for seniors and juniors were a little longer than last year, and the athletic track provided both the start and the finish. The races were good from the spectators' point of view.

The juniors set off with a dash, and it was hard to see who would gain the lead. Presently Mushtaq (A) appeared, followed by Sadiq (S); the former won in the good time of 14 minutes 19.1 seconds

The junior race over, the seniors set out on their slightly longer course. Anwar (S) at once took the lead, and for a long distance was followed well by Qadir (A) and Akbar (F). Eventually Anwar won easily in 11 minutes 46.6 seconds, and Akbar came in second, Qadir having collapsed after a very gallant try.

Hockey

Out of a total of ten matches played we won six, drew one, and lost three. Safdar (S) captained the side; he, with Masood, Riaz and Manzar, reached a high standard of play and showed excellent ball control.

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Azam (A) captained the School team which played a number of matches against outside teams and won most of them. Last year we had not many outside team fixtures, but this year we have played matches against the Sultan Mills, Government College, Lower Topa, Sargodha High School, and the T. I. College at Rabwah.

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The competition, first introduced last year, consists of marching and gymnastics. Both require much practice. Though all the four Houses did their best, it turned out to be a struggle mainly between Tempest and Sabre. Sabre proved the better at gymnastics and Tempest at marching. When, however, the points for both were added up it was Found that Tempest had the lead, and so won the cup.

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Badminton

The popularity of this game is great, and each House has a club of its own. A master vs. boys match was watched with great interest. In the singles Mr. Iftikhar beat Masood (T), but the masters lost all their other games except a doubles which was won by Mr. Hussain and Mr. Khurshid. Of the boys Masood and Azam gave a fine performance. Azam's return shots were much applauded.

K. M. L. and G. S.

Flying, Gliding, and Aeromodelling 1957.

This year there has been a limited amount of gliding; there are many boys who are very keen to glide. In the early part of 1958 it is hoped that some boys will be able to get training in powered flying, as happened two years ago. Practically no aeromodelling has been done this year. The room is available, and the equipment, but there has been delay in the arrival of an instructor. However, in 1958 it is expected that one will be available.

OLD SARGODHIAN SECTION

It is very desirable that Old Boys keep in touch with the school which is very much interested in their careers and activities ; will they periodically let us know how they are Fring ?

It is always a good thing for there to be some one at a school who knows the Old Boys and who keeps a record of them. No one hitherto at Sargodha has officially taken over this work, but now we are glad to report that Mr. Buckman will fill this gap. There is need also of representatives in such scattered centres as Karachi, Dacca, Risalpur and Kakul ; perhaps O. S's in these places could elect one of their number to send information to Mr. Buckman, or if this procedure is too formal would anyone who has information kindly send it along to Mr. Buckman.

At the time of writing 103 boys have left the school since its foundation. Of these we have information about the following though it may not be in every case up to date ; for omissions or errors we tender our apologies.

Sayeed	(1-F)	F. C. College, Lahore.
Abbas	(2-A)	P. A. F. College, Risalpur.
Revis	(3-T)	F. C. College, Lahore.
Shujaat	(7-F)	In a College at Karachi.
Iqbal	(8-S)	Government College, Lahore ; taken F. Sc.
Iqbal	(10-A)	In a college at Dacca; taken a 1st in F. Sc.
Murtaza	(13-F)	P. A. F. College, Risalpur.
Sarwar	(14-T)	In a College at Multan
Ainul	(15-T)	In a College at Dacca.
Aftab	(17-F)	After attending Government College at Lahore has entered P. A. F. College, Risalpur.
Kazim	(19-A)	P. A. F. College, Risalpur.
Maqbool	(20-A)	Government College, Kohat.
Qamar	(22-S)	Islamia College, Peshawar.
Khalid	(25-T)	In a College at Hyderabad.
Idris	(26-F)	Has applied for P. M. A., Kakul.
Ishtiaq	(28-A)	Living now in Canada.
Omar	(31-S)	After taking F.Sc. at F.C. College, Lahore; is now at a technical college in Woolwich, England

Zafarullah	(35-A)	Government College, Lahore; has taken F.Sc.
Karka	(37-S)	In a College at Rawalpindi.
Rauf	(38-F)	Has applied for P. M. A., Kakul ; has been recommended for a scholarship offered by the Iraq Government.
Humayun	(40-A)	Government College, Lyallpur.
Nazar	(41-T)	Edwardes College, Peshawar.
Varris	(43-T)	Karachi University.
Farooq	(45-T)	Training for Merchant Navy in U. K ; H. M. S. Conway; for which won a scholarship; and a mathematics prize ; has played cricket for H. M. S. Conway.
Yunus	(51-T)	P. M. A. Kakul.
Mufti	(52-A)	In a College at Peshawar.
Meerza	(53-T)	Training for Nautical Engineering at Southampton, U. K.
Manzur	(54-S)	P. M. A. Kakul.
Kazi	(55-A)	In at College at Dacca
Karim	(56-T)	Taking Ground Engineers (Aircraft) Course, A. S. T. Ltd. at Hamble, U. K.
Malik	(57-A)	Training for Chartered Accountancy in Karachi
Khurshid	(58-S)	Taking Engineering course in Dacca.
Suhail	(59-F)	In a college at Karachi.
Amjad	(61-A)	P. M. A. Kakul; 2nd for his term in academic subjects
Afzal	(62-S)	At an engineering college in Lahore.
Anwar	(63-S)	Government College, Lahore.
Muzammal	(65-F)	P. M. A., Kakul ; 1st in Platoon.
Warris	(66-F)	P. A. F. College, Risalpur.
Sarwat	(67-A)	Pakistan Navy.
Zakaulla	(68-S)	P. M. A. Kakul.
Farooq	(69-F)	P. A. F. College, Risalpur.
Hatiff	(70-T)	P. A. F. College, Risalpur.
Anis	(72-S)	Joining P. M. A., Kakul.
Mutahar	(73-F)	Engineer's course in U. K.
Bashir	(74-T)	Has applied P. M. A., Kakul.
Ejaz	(76-T)	Engineering course.

Ahsan	(77-F)	Has applied P. A. F. College, Risalpur.
Ilyas	(79-F)	In a timber business at Lyallpur.
Anis	(82-T)	Course at P. M. A., Kakul; now at R. M. A. Sandhurst, England.
Meerza	(83-F)	For a time at P. A. F. College, Risalpur ; awarded a commerce scholarship, and is now at Athens University, Ohio, U. S. A.
Iqbal	(84-T)	P. M. A. Kakul.
Rizvi	(85-A)	In a college at Dacca.
Moin	(86-S)	P. A. F. College, Risalpur.
Masood	(87-F)	F. C. College, Lahore
D'Silva	(88-S)	P. A. F. College. Risalpur.
Aftab	(89-A)	P. M. A., Kakul.
Karim	(90-T)	P. A. F. College, Risalpur.
Obaid	(91-A)	At a college in Chittagong.
Wahhab	(92-S)	P. M. A. Kakul ; 1st in all combined subjects of his term.
Bakhtiar	(94-T)	P. M. A. Kakul.
Tassadaq	(97-S)	P. A. F. College Risalpur.
Piracha	(98-T)	P. A. F. College Risalpur ; 1st in his term in academic subjects ; after selection is training in U. S. A.
Shaheen	(100-A)	Has applied P. M. A., Kakul.
Meghani	(101-T)	With Pakistan International Airlines.
Humayun	(102-S)	Edwardes College, Peshawar.

When O. S's write will they please send their permanent address.

The Editor recently had a letter from Mr. Kearsley who has left British Columbia and is now teaching in Ontario. He has pleasant memories of Sargodha.

His address is :—

580 Brunswick Street,
Stratford,
Ontario, Canada.

غزل

لامکاں منتظم کون مکاں ہے اب تک بے نشان کو ہوس نام و نشان ہے اب تک
 دل پر اُجڑی ہوئی بستی کا گماں ہے اب تک میری مرحوم تمنائوں میں جاں ہے اب تک
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 زندگی اپنی کٹی ٹھوکریں کھاتے شاید کیوں ترانام مجھے روزِ باں ہے اب تک
 بدلی سو بار نظر اہل نظر نے لیکن اہل دل کا وہی اک طرزِ فغان ہے اب تک
 تیرے اندازِ بسم کی کہیں یاد نہ ہو ایک نشتر سا قریبِ گلِ جان ہے اب تک

اے سہیل آپ بھی دنیا کی ادا دیکھ تو لیں

سن رسید ہے مگر جہاں جہاں ہے اب تک

اقلاب زمانہ

پہلی ریاض احمد (۲۳)

پہلی ادب

”اے ادب! میں کہتا ہوں بند کر یہ کجاس“

اور گدھا بڑے مزے سے میز پر باجا بجائے جا رہا تھا اور مجھ جھوم کر گارہا تھا۔ شام ڈھلے... کھڑکی تلے... سیٹی بجنا چھوڑ دو۔ ہاں ہاں۔ سی۔ ٹی۔ بجنا چھوڑ دو۔ اب تو جمعدار بھی تنگ آ گیا۔ خلافِ عادت اس نے پیچھے سے جا کے ایسا گلا دیا یا کہ سب گانا مانا بھول کر ہاتھ جڑنے لگا۔ ”تو تو میرا بھتیہ ہے نا جمعدار۔ اب کے چھوڑ دے تیرے سر کی قسم پھر ہرگز نہ بولونگا“ جونہی نسیم تفتی جمعدار کی گرفت ڈھیلی ہوئی۔ اختر گدھا ہاتھ چھڑا کر بھاگ گیا۔ اور دروازہ میں کھڑا ہو کے پھر شام ڈھلے۔ کھڑکی تلے... جمعدار نے دروازے کا کڑج کیا تو وہ ”موصاف“ کرنا جمعدار جی کہتا ہوا باہر سے کنڈی لگا کر بھاگ گیا۔

شام کو کھانے کی میز پر ملا تو بھنے لگا۔ ”یار آج تو بڑا لطف رہا۔ خدا کی قسم چار مرتبہ جیتا ہوں۔ جاوید بھینے سے“۔ پھر تو کچھ کھلا دے یار“ جمعدار نے منہ بھاڑ دیا۔

”مو۔ عا۔ ف کرنا جمعدار۔ یہ کیا گھاس چار رہے ہو۔ کھا تو رہے ہو۔ اوہو مجھے یاد ہی نہ تھا آج تو سوٹ ڈش کا دن ہے۔ کیا ہے بھئی دکھانا تو ذرا۔ اور اچک کر ایک چھوٹے لڑکے کے سامنے سے فرنی کی پلیٹ اٹھا کر جمعدار کے سامنے رکھ دی اور اس لڑکے کے پاس جبا کر کہنے لگا۔ ”مو۔ عا۔ ف کرنا بھائی جان۔ مجھے معلوم نہ تھا کہ آپ تشریف رکھتے ہیں۔“

آج ایک بڑے آدمی کو اسکول کی طرف سے طلباء کو خطاب کرنے کے لئے بلایا گیا تھا۔ اور آج اسکول ہال میں خوب چہل پہل تھی خستہ کی آواز کی تعریف تقریباً ہر شخص کیا کرتا تھا۔ اس لئے اس کو بلایا گیا۔ کہ اسٹیج پر تشریف لا کر حاضرین کو محفوظ کرے کیونکہ ”بڑے آدمی“ کے آنے میں ابھی ایک گھنٹہ باقی تھا۔ خستہ اپنے مخصوص انداز میں جاوید بھینے کو ساتھ لے کر اسٹیج پر پہنچا اور اس کو سامنے والی کرسی پر بٹھا کر آنکھوں میں آنکھیں ڈالتے ہوئے گانے لگا۔

”نہیں فریاد کرتے ہم۔ تجھے بس یاد کرتے ہم“

صنم تیری مسم

مستر محمود سے اب نہ رہا گیا۔ آخر وہ بھی تو ابھی جوان تھا۔ خوب۔ خوب کیا صنم ڈھونڈا ہے تم نے اختر۔ داد دیتا ہوں۔ ابھی یہیں تک پہنچے تھے کہ دولان میں پرنسپل صاحب آتے ہوئے دکھائی دیئے۔ اس لئے سب لوگ چپ ہو گئے۔ صاحب موصوف نے تقریب بھی کی۔ ہم نے سنی بھی۔ مگر کس گدھے کو ایک لفظ بھی یاد ہے یا یہی پتہ ہے کہ وہ کیا کہہ رہے تھے۔

ایک دن اچانک وہ بازار میں مل گیا۔ ایک طویل عرصے کے بعد۔ پورے تین سال کے بعد اپنے دوست کو دیکھ کر میری باہیں کھل گئیں اور میں نے اسے اتنے زور سے بھیجا کہ دوڑ کر ڈپولیس کانسٹیبل ہماری طرف بڑھا مگر میں نے اختر کو چھوڑ دیا تھا اس لئے واپس ہو گیا۔ اختر نے مجھے بتایا کہ وہ عنقریب ایک انیکلو پاکستانی اسٹینڈ ٹائپسٹ لڑکی شادی کرنے والا ہے اور دوسرے دن ہی وہ شکیہ کو بیکر میرے یہاں آدھکا۔ ہم ابھی بیٹھے ہی تھے کہ والد صاحب نازل ہوئے اور اس انیکلو پاکستانی چھوکر سی کو گھورتے ہوئے بولے آپ شاید خالد کی دوست ہیں۔ السلام علیکم۔ اور میں شکیہ نے اپنی سیٹ چھوڑ کر مصافحہ کے لئے ہاتھ بڑھائے ہی تھے کہ والد صاحب دوازے کی طرف پلکے اور میں ابھی آیا کہہ کر ایسے غائب ہوئے کہ شام تک صورت دیکھنی بھی نصیب نہ ہوئی۔ شکیہ والدہ صاحبہ سے اچھی طرح ملی اور اپنی ماں سے بیکر پاکستانی باپ اور اپنے سٹینڈ ٹائپسٹ ہونے تک ہر بات سُنا دی۔ والدہ صاحبہ کو اس کی عادتیں بہت پسند آئیں اور اگلے روز مجھ سے کہا گیا۔ کہ شکیہ اور اختر کی شادی میں ہم سب شریک ہوں گے جو کہ بڑی دھوم دھام سے ہوگئی اور اسی خوشی میں خستہ گدھا گھارا تھا۔ شام ڈھلے کھڑکی تے۔ سیٹی بجانا چھوڑ دو۔

تیسرے دن نسیم قتی جعفر بھی آگیا جو کہ ان دنوں کراچی میں زلزلہ کر رہا تھا اور اسی سے معلوم ہوا کہ اس کی زلزلہ بڑی چلی نکلی ہے اور وہ کراچی کے صفِ اول کے تاجروں میں شمار ہوتا ہے۔ اختر کے گھر ہم سب کی دعوت کی گئی تھی اور یہ سب کچھ جعفر کے احسناز میں تھا۔ اس کے پاس تو پہلے ہی مورس ماز تھی۔ مگر اب تو نہ تھا کہ اس نے یوک بھی خرید لی ہے اس لئے ہم لوگ اس کی خاطر تواضع کر رہے تھے جو ایک مسم کی چاٹو سی ہی بن گئی تھی۔

اگلے روز میں صبح بھائی بہنوں اور والد صاحب کے اختر کے ہاں پہنچا۔ اختر ڈرائنگ روم میں کرسی پر بیٹھا تھا اور اس کا سر ایب طرف کو جھکا ہوا تھا۔ وہ غالباً سو رہا تھا میں نے اسے شانے سے پکڑ کر بلایا تو ہڑبڑا کر اٹھ بیٹھا "آہ! کیا وہ آگئی؟"

"تم ہو خالد۔ آہ! وہ نہ ہرلی ناگن۔ تمہارے دوست نسیم تقی جمعدار کے ساتھ بھاگ گئی۔"

"بھاگ گئی..... بھاگ گئی۔" میرے اور والد صاحب کے منہ سے ایک دم نکلا۔

جب ہم گھر کی طرف واپس آ رہے تھے تو ساری دنیا بھاگ رہی تھی۔ ہرک بھاگ رہے تھے۔ کاریں بھاگ رہی تھیں۔ تانگے بھاگ رہے تھے اور کچھ لوگ بھی بھاگ رہے تھے۔ اگر شکید بھاگ گئی۔ تو کیا ہوا۔ اور جب امی کو یہ خبر سنائی گئی تو وہ دم بخود ہو کر رہ گئیں۔

میں دوسرے دن پھر اختر سے ملنے گیا۔ اس کی شکل دیکھ کر مجھے رونا آ رہا تھا۔ وہ بار بار شکید کا نام لے لے کر ڈاڑھیں مارا کر رہا تھا۔ میں نے اسے لتی دینے کی بہت کوشش کی اور لاکھ سمجھایا کہ اختر اپنے آپ کو سنبھالو۔ شکید کو اب بھول جاؤ۔ ایسی نہراؤں لکیں کہ تمہیں اس موجودہ زندگی میں ملیں گی۔ میں نے تو سمجھا تھا کہ تم اپنا دل ہرے لاکے لئے اس سے شادی کر رہے ہو۔ مگر تم تو سچ مچ ہی اس کو دل دے بیٹھے۔ غرض میں نے اپنا اثری چوٹی کا زور لگایا۔ کہ اختر اپنی پرانی حالت پر آجائے۔ مگر اس نے میری کسی بات کی پرواہ نہ کی۔

وہ کہتا "میں اس کے ساتھ صرف اس لئے شادی کرنا چاہتا تھا کہ وہ پڑھی

لکھی اور ملازم ہونے کی وجہ سے اس موجودہ زندگی سے کافی واقف ہو چکی تھی اور میرا خیال تھا کہ شاید وہ میری کچھ رہبری کر سکیں مگر میں نے اپنے پاؤں پر خود کھماری ماری۔ اور اپنے چند عزیز دوستوں کو ٹھکرا کر اس ناگن سے شادی کر لی۔ اب میں بالکل سنبھل چکا ہوں خالد۔ لیکن مجھ سے یہ کبھی امید نہ رکھنا کہ میں دوبارہ پہلے کی طرح تمہاری چل پھل میں شامل ہو سکوں گا۔ کیونکہ اب میری زندگی کی راہیں زمانے سے بالکل علیحدہ ہو چکی ہیں میں جب دوسرے لوگوں کو اپنی بیویوں کے ساتھ شام کے وقت ٹہلتے دیکھتا ہوں تو پہلے کی طرح میرے دل کی دھڑکن تیز نہیں ہوتی۔ لیکن جب میں ان کمروں کے قریب آتا ہوں۔ جہاں شکید نے میرے ساتھ وفا کے پیمانے باندھے تھے۔ تو میرے دل کی دھڑکن تیز ہو جاتی ہے۔ میرا حلق

خشک ہو جاتا ہے۔ جیسے یہ میرا گھر نہ ہو۔ میں نے اپنے آپ پر قابو پانے کی بہت کوشش کی ہے
مگر ہر مرتبہ یہی جواب ملا ہے کہ اختہ یہ تمام کوششیں بے سود ہیں۔ اب تمہیں اپنے کئے کی سزا
بھگتنی ہی پڑے گی۔

اتنا بچنے کے بعد اس کی آنکھوں سے پھر آنسو رواں ہو گئے۔ میں نے رُو مل نکال کر اس کے
آنسو صاف کئے اور اسے لیجا کر لیٹر پر لٹا دیا۔ اسے ہچکیاں بیٹے بیٹے غنید آگئی۔ میں اسے ہلا کر
گھر واپس آگیا۔ اب یہ اس کا روزانہ کا معمول ہو چکا ہے کہ اُسے ہمیشہ روتے روتے ہی نیند آ
جاتی ہے اور اب وہ پرانا اختہ گر حار ہنے کی بجائے فقط

سید اختر حسین شاہ ہی بن کر رہ گیا ہے

غزل

شاہجہان قمر

موت کو پسند کیا یہ دن دکھانے کیلئے
ہر نفس کہتا ہے تو آیا ہے جانے کیلئے
کچھ تجھے معلوم ہے کرنا ہے تجھ کو کیا یہاں
لے کے خالی ہاتھ تو آیا ہے جانے کیلئے
چھوڑ کر بیخاں ہم نے راہ لی مسجد کی اب
ختم کر دی بے خودی ہی تجھ کو پانے کیلئے
کمدیا تم نے یہ کیا کمد و مجھے فرصت نہیں
یہ ادائیں خوب ہیں میرے ستانے کیلئے
جس نے تجھ کو پایا اس کو مل گئی ہیں راتیں
میں بھی رہبر چاہتا ہوں تجھ کو پانے کیلئے
دقت ہر شے کا معین ہے تو پھر کیا خوف ہے
موت آنے کیلئے ہے جان جانے کیلئے
گر تو چاہے راستہ حق تک پہنچنے کا تھر
بھول جا پھر اپنی ہستی اس کو پانے کیلئے

میرا خواب

طرح طرح کے خیالات تیزی سے میرے دماغ میں گردش کر رہے تھے اور انہیں خیالات میں نہ معلوم کب آنکھ لگ گئی۔ میں ایک دوسری دنیا میں پہنچ چکا تھا جو ہماری دنیا سے بہت اچھی تھی۔ بہت مختلف تھی۔ در دو موسم سے پاک۔ غربت و امارت سے الگ۔

یہ ایک مجھے انسانوں کی چیخ پکار سنائی دی۔ میرا ننگا لگ کے شعلوں میں لپٹا ہوا تھا میں گہرا کراٹھ مٹایا اور بے تحاشا اپنی چھوٹی بہن کے کمرے کی طرف بھاگا وہ دنیا و مافیہا سے بے خبر سکون کی منید سورہی تھی۔ میں نے اسے جلدی سے اٹھایا وہ گہرا کراٹھ چاروں طرف دیکھنے لگی۔ کچھ دیر تک تو اس کی سمجھ میں کچھ بھی نہ آیا لیکن بعد میں چاروں طرف سے لپکتے ہوئے شعلوں کو دیکھ کر وہ سہم سی گئی اور میری طرف سوالیہ نظروں سے دیکھنے لگی۔ میں نے اسے مختصر الفاظ میں سمجھانے کی کوشش کی۔

بے بی! اب ہم بہت عیش کر چکے ہیں۔ غریبوں کے خون اور ان کی کمزور ہڈیوں پر ہمارے محلوں کی بنیاد زیادہ دیر تک قائم نہیں رہ سکتی۔ ان کے گرنے کیلئے ایک ہلکے سے جھٹکے کی ضرورت تھی اور وہ جھٹکا اب زلزلے کی صورت میں آیا ہے۔ غربت کا طوفان پورے زور شور سے آ رہا ہے امارت کے بند اسے روکنے سے قاصر ہیں۔ یہ طوفان دولت کو نیست و نابود کر دے گا۔ ان اچھے ایوانوں کو ڈھاکر مابل کر دے گا۔

میری ممتی! میں خوش ہوں کہ غریب اب جاگ گئے ہیں۔ اگر یہ آج نہ جاگتے تو کل انہیں میں خود جگاتا ہوں۔ آج میری کوٹھی کو جلا کر مجھ پر ایک بڑا بھاری احسان کیا ہے اگر وہ اسے آج نہ جلاتے تو کل میں خود اسے جلا کر خاک کر دیتا۔

اف۔ اف۔ یہ کیا۔ آگ۔ آگ۔ اے یہ تو کمرے تک آگئی۔ چلو بے بی جلدی نکل لیکن اب تو راستہ بھی نہیں کہ نکل سکیں۔ آگ کے خوفناک شعلے ہماری طرف تیزی سے بڑھ رہے ہیں۔ آہ! یہ تپش ہے! ان غربت کی تپش۔ یہ تپش امارت کو گچھلا دے گی۔ ٹھنڈے ڈسکڑے ہوئے غریب کو گرم کر دے گی۔ غربت کی چنگاری کو بھڑکا دے گی۔ لیکن میرا بدن! آہ میں جلا۔ جلا۔ بچاؤ۔ بچاؤ اور میری چیخ نکل گئی۔ اور میری چھوٹی بہن مجھے جگا رہی تھی۔ میاں بھائی! اٹھو۔ کیا ڈر گئے۔ سورج سر پر آگیا۔ آپ کب سے دھوپ میں سو رہے ہیں۔

ہمارا شکوہ

اگرچہ شکوہ ہے مدغم ہمارا مگر یہ شکوہ ہے ظلم ہمارا
یہاں کپڑوں پہ پی پاندیاں ہیں یہی اسکول میں ہے غم ہمارا
نیتیں ہیں زہرے پلوں میں ہماری ہے گویا جامہ ماتم ہمارا
لگا کر حاضری کرے سے کھسکیں مگر یہ چانس ہے کچھ کم ہمارا
وقت امتحان کچھ نفل اڑائیں ارادہ ہے یہی پیہم ہمارا
خُدا یا کتنی مشکل ہے پڑھائی بکھل جاتا ہے اس سے دم ہمارا
زبانی یاد ہیں سب گیتِ نسیمی یہاں دیکھے کوئی عالم ہمارا

بہت ممکن ہے ان سکولوں کو سُن کر

کرے اسکول اک دن غم ہمارا