

Annual Report of

The Lawrence Royal Military School, Sanawar.

1st April, 1946, to 31st March, 1947.

I assumed charge of the School on the 19th April, 1946, on arrival from England. I was welcomed by the officiating Principal, Mr. E. G. Carter, who had taken over from Mr. O' Hagan on the 1st February, 1946, and by Heads of Departments. As the 19th April was Good Friday I arrived in time to take Services on that day and on Easter Sunday. I found that a reception had been arranged by Mr. Carter to welcome my wife and myself on Easter Monday. I should like to preface my report by paying tribute to the officiating Principal and to all members of Staff who had worked through the winter to have the School machinery working smoothly at the opening of term. It took me a very few days to realise that life at Sanawar was very full and very vigorous and, indeed, very friendly. My wife and I from the moment of our arrival felt we were amongst friends and the co-operation and help we have received in every sphere of our life has been generous and unstinted. Sanawar has an ethos of its own and it is undeniable that the longer one stays the greater is the affection for the place. This can be seen in the service of many of the Staff who have devoted their lives to the welfare of soldiers' children. I count it a privilege to have been appointed to this distinguished School.

This report takes us to the 31st March, 1947. The new year is to be momentous in our history but it does not lie within the scope of my report to anticipate events. We hope, inter alia, to celebrate our Centenary in September/October and are embarking on our preparations with faith in the future. Doubtless there will be many who will write about the School during the 100 years it has been in existence. I shall confine myself to saying that my year here has convinced me more than ever of the splendour of this institution and of the greatness of its work. The School has served the Army throughout the years and not least in the two Great Wars. One of our Old boys, Major General Charles Howie, (whose mother is still serving with us) was killed in Normandy. We are proud of him and proud of the high rank he attained. But we are equally proud of all our Old boys and girls who served their King and country at a moment of crisis. For 100 years this School has turned out citizens worthy of a great nation and has given thousands of boys

and girls a chance in life. The memory of Sir Henry Lawrence, our illustrious Founder, is dear to every Sanawarian and will live in the hearts and minds of all associated with the School even though the School itself may pass with the political change in India.

The year under review has been a busy, successful and happy one. There can be but few Schools in India or elsewhere where the children are so well catered for or where they lead such full lives. The tone of the School has been excellent and I have been thoroughly satisfied with the three sides of our life, the spiritual, the physical and mental. In the Cambridge examinations we presented 32 candidates for the School Certificate, of whom 31 were successful. 18 were placed in Grade One. In the Junior Cambridge all our 23 candidates passed. In the London Matriculation examination 3 out of 4 candidates presented were successful. In the Pitman's Commercial examination we had no failures but one of 27 candidates in the Associated Board of Music examination was unsuccessful. These results are, in my own opinion, very creditable, particularly when it is borne in mind that, unlike many schools in India, we present pupils en masse and do not carefully select them for examination purposes.

In matches with Bishop Cotton School the results were, if anything, slightly in our favour. We had, altogether, seven meetings at Hockey, Cricket, Football and Boxing. We were successful on four occasions, drew one match and lost two. In addition to matches against Bishop Cotton School we entered a team for the Punjab European Schools Shooting Shield which we retained. Actually, there were no other competitors but our results would, in a normal year, have brought us success. The shield has been won by us for so many years now that we regard it as a permanent institution in Sanawar. Unfortunately, we no longer enter teams for the Imperial Shooting Shield.

School Societies continue to flourish. Apart from the Play Reading Society which I introduced during the course of the year, all societies are managed by the children themselves though members of Staff are co-opted by the children to assist when assistance is felt to be necessary. The Literary Society, named after Bishop Durrant, meets once a month. So, too, does the Debating Society. Meetings are arranged on Sundays after Evensong. On the remaining two Sundays the Play Reading Society meets at my bungalow. There is, further, a Philatelic Society which meets twice a month on weekdays. The Photographic Society is, for the moment, in abeyance owing to the difficulty and expense of obtaining photographic material. The Societies are a very popular side of our life and have the active support of the children. One other Society, which, however, is under the supervision of Staff, is the Dramatic Society which produces Plays and Concerts during the course of the year.

We have had some very enterprising performances and they have done much to enliven our life, particularly during the Monsoon.

A very great boon to the School has been the introduction of Play Rooms for the boys and girls. They provide libraries, papers and games. The School has supplied all that is necessary but replacements will be made by the children. The Rooms are under the control of School Prefects and are operated with considerable success. Unfortunately, the wireless sets which were obtained through the good offices of the Army authorities have broken down and, apparently, there are insuperable difficulties in the way of obtaining others in their place.

It is a great pleasure to me to write a note on the spiritual life of the School. It was Sir Henry Lawrence's intention that the School Chapel be regarded as the centre of our life and it was by no mere accident that it was erected in the middle of our estate. Services are a joy. Boys and girls are regular in their attendance and take a very real delight in joining in the prayers, psalms and hymns. Communion Services are always well attended and children are prepared regularly for Confirmation each year. In the absence of the Bishop of Lahore, a former Principal, our candidates were confirmed by the Right Rev. A. N. Mukerjee. We presented 33 candidates. We were delighted to welcome the Bishop and hope that on his next visit he will stay with us for a longer period. It was his first visit to us in his official capacity as Bishop and we look forward to welcoming him here again.

In view of impending constitutional changes in India the Commander-in-Chief himself called a conference on the 10th October, 1946, to consider the future of the Lawrence Schools. The Commander-in-Chief presided and the President of our Board of Governors, General Sir Arthur Smith, Chief of the General Staff, was present. The Board of Governors will have received copies of the Minutes of the Meeting and it is unnecessary for me, therefore, to dwell on them. We were asked to reconstitute Sanawar on the same lines as the Lovedale and Abu Schools so that we could be self-supporting within the course of a few years. It was, however, realised that for the next three years it would probably be necessary to afford special treatment to Sanawar in the shape of grants-in-aid. The conference also referred to the admission of non-entitled children but up to the time of writing this report no official sanction has been received. We feel in this connection that our numbers could have been considerably increased by the acceptance of Indian and civilian children had we been empowered to accept them at the opening of term. As it is, we are faced with the prospect of dwindling numbers due to repatriation. Since the conference met in October last political events have moved ahead at a tremendous pace and we feel it will be necessary to consider the future of the School afresh against the background of the present situation.

One of the Minutes of the Conference deals with revised terms of service for members of Staff. We have not, hitherto, been asked for our suggestions but the Board of Governors put forward a proposal on the 4th July, 1946, recommending that Staff salaries be substantially increased. I understand that recommendations had been put forward from time to time during the war years but had in all cases been negatived. The proposal of the Board of Governors was considered by G. H. Q., apparently, and then submitted to the Pay Commission. It is now under consideration but no representative of this School has been summoned to give evidence or to discuss the merits of the Staff case and we feel that unless Staff are represented their case is not likely to be fully appreciated.

In September, 1946, we received notice of the permanent re-constitution of the Board of Governors. The Board would, in future, be comprised of the following members:—

President	...	Chief of the General Staff
Vice-President	...	Commander, Ambala Sub- Area.
Members	...	A representative of War Dept. 1st grade representative of:— M. T. 6 A. G.'s Branch Q. M. G.'s Branch Medical Directorate
Secretary	...	G. S. O. II of M. T. 6.

This brought to a close the Board which had been constituted as a War time measure and which had had as its President the Lahore District Commander. To those members of the Board who during the war years gave their time and attention to the problems of the School we would express our deep appreciation and gratitude. We sever our connection with many of them with very real regret but we are glad that Brigadier Edward, of Ambala Sub-Area, will continue as our Vice-President. We feel, too, that it will be a very great advantage to have the Chief of the General Staff presiding at Board Meetings.

In October, 1947, the School celebrated its 99th birthday during Founder's Week. These annual celebrations, held in memory of our Founder, afford Old Sanawarians, parents and friends of the School an opportunity of renewing contacts with us and they are looked forward to by Sanawarians throughout the world. Last year we had some 90—100 visitors staying with us for the entire period of the festivities. In addition, on Founder's Day itself, we had an influx of visitors from Kasauli, Simla and other neighbouring stations. It was a great pleasure to us to welcome the new President of the Board of

Governors, Sir Arthur Smith, who very kindly presided at our functions on Founder's Day and made one of the best speeches ever heard at Prize Giving. We are greatly indebted to him and to Lady Smith who accompanied him for finding time to be with us. We were fortunate, too, in our special preacher, Archdeacon Laurence of Lahore. His sermon at the Commemoration Service will long be remembered by Sanawarians. Amongst other distinguished visitors were General Bruce of Lahore Area, Brigadier Edward, Vice-President of the Board of Governors, Brigadier Stratton, Mr. Grewal, the Commissioner of Ambala, Mr. P. C. Lal, Supdt. of Police, Col. Molony, Col. Heath and Col. Mohinder Singh. The celebrations were thoroughly successful and we now look forward to having a larger gathering present with us for our Centenary year.

On looking through previous reports I find that only passing reference has been made, and that on rare occasions, to the social services for which Staff hold themselves responsible. An Indian hospital is now well established and is under the direct care of the Medical Officer who is assisted in his attendance on patients by the Nursing Sisters. Maternity welfare receives our very special attention. The School hospital is in a position to provide certain medicines but extras are supplied by the Staff who subscribe to a general fund which was opened for this particular purpose. We have, too, an Indian School which is under the direct control of the Vice-Principal. It was founded in 1868 and ran for many years entirely on private subscriptions. Today the Indian School flourishes more than it has ever flourished before. We are seeking permission from the educational authorities to raise it from a Primary to a Middle School. Numbers have more than doubled within the last five years and a grant-in-aid is received from the Punjab Govt. The School still, however, has to depend to a great extent on public subscriptions and I am glad to say that Staff give it a warm measure of support. It has been reported on very favourably time and again by visiting inspectors and it fulfils very adequately the purpose for which it was founded, the education of the children of our servants. Its popularity has so grown that in addition to our own children we have admitted many from neighbouring States and villages.

I should like to conclude my report by paying tribute to my Staff. If the School has achieved much during the course of its life it is because there have been called to its service a body of selfless men and women who have devoted the best years of their lives to the education and welfare of the children of soldiers. Material rewards are negligible. Promotion is slow. Yet many have been so imbued with the spirit of service which was the keynote of Sir Henry Lawrence's life that they have given ungrudgingly and unstintingly all that it was possible for them to give. Their work has been an inspiration. When the history of the School comes to be written it will deal more fully with the Staff. My brief mention of them is a

humble tribute to a splendid body of workers. For them the future is dark and uncertain. I trust they will not be forgotten by the Army or by His Majesty's Government.

31st March, 1947

H. E. HAZELL,
Principal.

APPENDIX I.

Staff on the 31st March, 1947.

Principal	... Rev. H. E. Hazell, D. S. O.
Vice-Principal	... Mr. E. G. Carter, M. A., (Cantab).
Resident Medical Officer	... Captain C. M. Hogg.
Assistant Secretary	... Vacant.
Lady Clerk	... Miss M. Millard.
Lady Typist	... Vacant.

Educational Staff.

Senior Master	... Mr. B. Wiles, B. Sc., (London), on military service. Mr. H. Fernandes, B. A., (Punjab) (officiating).
Head Mistress	... Mrs. V. M. Tilley, B. A., (Punjab),
Headmistress, Junior School	Mrs. A. M. Gates, (officiating).
Second Master	... Mr. H. Fernandes, B. A., (Punjab), Mr. N. J. Hadley, B. A., (Punjab), (officiating).
Second Mistress	... Mrs. V. W. Carter, B. Sc., (Manchester).
Third Master	... Mr. S. C. Cowell, B. A., (Punjab), (on leave). Mr. M. C. Evans, B. A., B. Sc., (Punjab) (officiating).
Third Mistress	... Mrs. A. Kemp, (officiating).
Fourth Master	... Mr. M. M. Hodgkinson, B. A., (Punjab), L. C. P. (London) on military service. Vacant.
Assistant Masters	... Mr. R. Brendish, B. A., (Punjab) on military service. Mr. W. E. Teal, B. A., (Punjab) on military service. Mr. T. C. Kemp, B. A., (Punjab) (temporary). Mr. E. W. Waller, M. A., (Punjab) (temporary). Mr. N. C. Paige, (temporary). Mr. E. A. Cuzen, Mr. J. Fernandes, B. A. (Punjab). (temporary). Mr. B. P. Haye, (temporary).

Assistant Mistresses ... Mrs. P. Pharoah (temporary).
 Miss D. Gregory "
 Mrs. E. Morris "
 Mrs. D. Brendish "
 Miss D. Tee "
 Mrs. P. Robinson "
 Miss P. Elloy "
 Miss N. Wheeler, (on leave).
 Mrs. A. Thompson " "
 Vacant.
 Vacant.

Domestic Science Mistress Mrs. E. M. Howie.

Business Method Instructor Mrs. J. Coombes, (temporary).

Music Mistresses ... Miss G. Smith, L. R. A. M.
 Miss B. Picard, L.R.M.S., (temporary).
 Miss M. Quieros, A. T. C. L. "
 Mrs. C. Potter, L. T. C. L. "

Hospital Staff.

Nursing Sister ... Mrs. F. H. Whitmill.
 Junior Nursing Sister ... Miss Y. Cuzen (temporary).
 Hospital Matron ... Mrs. L. O. Cooper "

Domestic Staff.

Head Girls' School ... Mrs. V. Mare.
 Boys' School ... Mrs. M. Woon.
 Headmatron, Junior School Mrs. I. Woodward, (temporary).
 Assistant Matrons ... Mrs. J. Reid
 Mrs. E. Norman (temporary).
 Mrs. I. Kupferroth "
 Mrs. I. Dover "
 Mrs. M. Pulford "
 Mrs. C. Hogg "
 Miss V. Gill "
 Mrs. G. Henderson "
 Vacant.
 Vacant.

APPENDIX II.

Statistics with regard to admissions, removals, etc.

(i) *School Strength on the 31st March, 1947 :—*

Boys	164
Girls	112
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			Total	276
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(ii) (a) *Number of free wards :—*

16

(b) Children whose fees are paid by philanthropic associations ...

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(c) Children whose fees have been reduced by the Principal ...

55

			Total	76
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(iii) *Changes :—*

			Boys.	Girls.	Total.
Admitted	87	54	141
Withdrawn	121	85	206
Details of removals are :—					
Enlistment into British Army	...	...	4	—	
Enlistment into R. A. F.	...	...	—	—
To situations	...	...	1	8	
Withdrawn by parents	...	...	12	3	
Withdrawn at Principal's request as not likely to benefit from further education	...	...	—	—
On medical grounds	...	...	4	—	
Withdrawn by parents proceeding to England on repatriation or to distant stations	100	74	

		Rs.	a.	p.
(iv) <i>Income from fees</i> :—		2,06,922	10	0
Income from Music Fees	...	6,349	6	0
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Total	...	2,13,272	0	0

(v) *Grading of pupils* :—

		<i>a</i>	<i>b</i>	<i>c</i>	<i>d</i>
(1) Children of B. O. Rs.	...	22	0	0	0=22
(2) Children of W. O's	...	35	0	8	0=43
(3) Children of Officers(ex. B.O.R.)	...	96	0	0	0=96
(4) Children of Officers.	...	1	3	0	0=4
(5) Children of ex-soldiers	...	50	46	0	1=97
(6) Staff	...	5	9	0	0=14
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Total	...	212	55	8	1=276
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(a) Both parents.

(b) Fatherless.

(c) Motherless.

(d) Orphans.

APPENDIX III.

MEDICAL.

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1. **Classification of Hospital**—Military School Hospital.
2. **Number of Beds**—66 (24 general and 42 isolation.)
3. **General Review.** The general health of Staff and wards has been excellent throughout the year which has been exceptional in that no large scale epidemic prevailed.
4. **Inspecting Officers.**
 - (i) Major MALHOTRA, I. M. S./I. A. M. C., D. A. D. H., Lahore Area visited on 26th June 1946.
 - (ii) Major VERMA, I. M. S./I. A. M. C., Medical Representative on the Board of Governors, looked over the hospital on 5th July 1946 and discussed the needs of the hospital in the way of new instruments and equipment.
 - (iii) Col: A. R. ROSS, A. D. M. S., Lahore Area, inspected the School and hospital on 19th August, 1946.
 - (iv) Lt: Col: L. R. H. KEATINGE, O. B. E., R. A. M. C., A. D. H., Lahore Area, inspected the School on 6th September, 1946.
5. **Visiting Specialists.**
 - (i) Capt. R. LATCHFORD, District Dental Officer, attended to the dental needs of the wards and staff from 13th April, 1946 to 14th May, 1946 and from 1st August, 1946 to 30th September, 1946.
 - (ii) Major KIEWE, R. A. M. C., visited the School on 8th August, 1946 and attended to cases of visual defect.
 - (iii) On the occasions of their visits to Kasauli, all Specialists are referred to when necessary.
6. **Hospital Staff.**
 - (i) *Pupil Nurses*—The number authorised is six.
Only two came forward during the year. So far there are no applicants for this training for next year.

- (ii) *Compounder*—We have had to manage without a Compounder for more than a year because of the meagreness of the salary offered. A proposal to second an I.A.M.C. Compounder has been turned down.
- (iii) *Nursing Sisters*—Sister Miss Y. CUZEN, (civil) joined on 23rd February 1946. Sister Mrs. F. H. WHITMILL, I. M. N. S., took over the appointment of Senior Sister from Mrs. M. WOON, (untrained School Matron) who had officiated as Senior Sister from 1945, on 25th November, 1946.
- (iv) *Medical Officers*—Lt. SEN GUPTA, I. A. M. C., was released from Army Service on 27th December 1946, the appointment being abolished from that date.

(Sd.) J. M. STIRLING.
Capt., I. A. M. C.

Resident Medical Officer.
Sanawar.

1st January 1947.

APPENDIX IV.

Examination Results.

Examination	Presented	Passed
Junior School Certificate	23	23
School Certificate	32	31
London Matriculation	4	3
Associated Board of Music	27	26

Inter-School Fixtures.

Game	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
Hockey	2	1	1	0
Cricket	2	1	0	1
Football	3*	3	0	0
Boxing	1	0	0	1

* One match was *v.* St. Edward's, Simla.

APPENDIX V.

Children on School Roll on 31st March 1947.

Allen, R.	Cook, J.
Allen, D.	Chillmaid, T.
Arthur, M.	Chillmaid, D.
Arthur, Janet	Cronin, P.
Arthur, Juliet	Cronin, B.
Ansell, P.	Church, Greatorex
Ansell, Dorothy	Church, Grenville
Ansell, Daphne	Church, M.
Ashurst, D.	Cheshire, A.
Adams, C.	Cheshire, A.
Armstrong, J.	Cotton, C.
Aucott, C.	Cotton, H.
Aucott, B.	Cotton, V.
Aucott, D.	Cotton, R.
Bowen, D.	Dillon, C.
Bowen, G.	Dillon, T.
Bellamy, J.	Douglas, M.
Bush, P.	Douglas, D.
Buckler, J.	Davison, L.
Buckler, B.	Davies, E.
Bailey, R.	Davies, R.
Boddington, D.	Develin, J.
Briers, J.	Develin, M.
Briers, T.	Doe, C.
Brogden, T.	Durant, P.
Brodgen, S.	Ellis, D.
Brogden, M.	Edwards, P.
Braik, W.	Edwards, S.
Braik, R.	Evans, G.
Bell, W.	Elliott, H.
Brown, K.	Elliott, E.
Barretto, A.	Elliott, F.
Barretto, B.	Elliott, R.
Byrne, G.	Fry, S.
Bentley, D.	Ficeman, K.
Callaghan, B.	Fernandes, D.
Clark, W.	Gill, D.
Clark, I.	Gill, P.
Coombes, L.	Gill, R.
Coombes, J.	Gill, B.
Christodolo, A. R. J.	
Carr, G.	

Gow, I.
 Gruhn, J.
 Gruhn, P.
 Good, R.
 Good, N.
 Good, E.
 Gregory, G.
 Gregory, M.
 Glaskin, R.
 Gribble, F.
 Gribble, M.
 Gribble, P.
 Gribble, B.
 Grosvenor, E.
 Grosvenor, S.
 Grosvenor, W.
 Gould, G.
 Goldsmith, G.

 Hammond, D.
 Hammond, M.
 Hammond, J.
 Henderson, D.
 Hoare, L.
 Hoare, R.
 Hewetson, H.
 Hipkin, Y.
 Hodges, G.
 Howell, D.
 Hardaker, J.
 Hardaker, A.
 Holland, V.
 Holland, T.
 Holland, M.
 Holland, E.
 Hines, A.
 Hines, D.
 Hines, P.
 Hogg, P.
 Hogg, J.

 Jones, R.
 Jones, Norman
 Jones, Peter
 Jones, William
 Jones, Kenneth

Kupferroth, D.
 Kupferroth, F.
 Kennett, John
 Kennett, Jean

 Lownie, D.
 Lyon, M.
 Lyon, R.
 Leivers, J.
 Long, C.
 Leatherland, T.
 Leverston-Allen, I.
 Leverston-Allen, D.
 Learmonth, S.
 Learmonth, A.
 Lambert, G.
 Letham, P.

 Moorhouse, D.
 Moorhouse, R.
 Mitchell, P.
 Mitchell, K.
 Mitchell, S.
 Marshall, V.
 Marshall, H.
 Marshall, D.
 Marshall, P.
 Marshall, J.
 Mobbs, L.
 Mobbs, W.
 Massingham, R.
 Morris, R.
 Morris, A.
 McHaffey, B.
 Maclachlan, L.
 Maclachlan, D.
 Morrissey, T.
 Morrissey, C.
 McCarney, L.
 McCarney, M.
 Mackintosh, J.
 Mackintosh, D.
 McGrady, M.
 Mottershead, N.
 Mottershead, G.
 Mortiboys, C.

Mathews, R.
 Monisse, M.
 Monisse, R.
 Monisse, T.
 Monisse, Y.
 Morris, P.
 Morris, L.
 Masefield, S.
 Masefield, M
 Moir, I.
 Motteram, J.
 Motteram, G.

Norman, A.
 Norman, D.
 Norman, J.
 Norman, M.
 Norman, Moira
 Norman, Eileen

Owen, S.
 Owen, W.
 Owen, G.
 Cochrane, H.
 O'Connor, P.
 O'Connor, C.
 O'Connor, N.

Perry, S.
 Phillips, J.
 Pharoah D.
 Pharoah, P.
 Pearce, F.
 Peacock, M.

Rogers, S.
 Rogers, K.
 Rodger, W.
 Rodger, D.
 Rogers, John
 Rogers, David
 Rogers, Peter
 Rose, M.
 Rose, P.
 Robinson, C.
 Radley, K.

Sandys, J.
 Stansfield, A.
 Sparrow, D.
 Smith, I.
 Swift, M.
 Swift, G.
 Swift, E.
 Swift, I.
 Swift, A.
 Smith, Jean
 Smith, John
 Sanger, G.
 Solley, S.
 Solley, D.
 Skates, J.
 Skates, D.
 Skates, P.
 Stockwell, D.
 Shaw, C.
 Stewart, D.
 Stout, B.
 Smith, T.
 Smith, I.
 Smith, R.
 Smith, John
 Slade, J.
 Slade, John
 Slade, D.

Taylor, P.
 Taylor, R.
 Taylor, D.

Van-Spall, R.
 Van-Spall, P.
 Vaughan, L.
 Vaughan, H.

West, B.
 West, J.
 Wallman, D.
 Wallman, R.
 Wagstaff, K.
 Winton, P.
 Winton, T.
 Weir, R.

Wiles, J.
Wiles, G.
Wright, W.
Walker, J.
Walker, R.
Waring, P.
Webster, M.
Webster, W.
Woodward, C.
Woodward, C. A.
Whitmill, P.

Whitmill, E.
Ward, N.
Ward, A.
Walton, A.
Walton, E.
Walton, H.
West, John
West, Douglas
West, Jean
Wilson, A.
