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## Editorial

IT is perhaps fitting that this, the twelfth and final number of our first volume, should appear at the Christmas season, when everyone prepares to wind up the affairs of the old year and looks forward with new hope and expectation to the new. The first volume completed, we feel we may look back with pride upon the progress of the School, and with it, we trust, of ourselves, in the four years during which we have endeavoured to record for posterity all the activities participated in. The photographs which have appeared from time to time in the later issues will do much to keep these activities green in the memory.

Feeling that there must be many who have preserved their copies and who would wish to have them bound in one volume, we have approached Messrs. Wood & Son, High Street, Perth, and they have quoted for a blue cloth binding, with gilt lettering, six shillings as a nominal price. At the same time, if a dozen or more sets can be sent for binding at the same time, it is understood that the price could be reduced to five shillings. In order that those wishing to take advantage of the scheme may benefit by this reduction, we would suggest that they should notify us in writing (a post-card is enough) of the fact, so that we in turn can notify Messrs. Wood & Son.

We trust that it will not be too late to wish all Strathallians, old and new, a

Happy and Prosperous New Year; and realising that by the time our good wishes reach them they will certainly have recovered from the effects of festive revelry, we would ask them to remember that the magazine can only enjoy a happy and prosperous year in 1931 by their support—support which has been somewhat lacking in the past twelve months. Even upon the present pupils, with some few notable exceptions, there has fallen a singular apathy during the past term; and we need hardly say that such a state of affairs bodes ill for the future. Since New Year's Resolutions made on January 1st are invariably broken long before the time this will be read, we suggest the time of reading as an opportunity to make at least one new one and preserve it intact—to support the "Strathallian."

Although the Library Committee voice their thanks elsewhere, since the original appeal appeared on this page, we feel bound to thank all those who, during the past term, have responded to the appeal for books. If those who have given could realise what a difference the Library has already made in the School, they would recognise how heartfelt are the thanks. Strath. has become a reading community. We begin to wonder, unfortunately, how far this fact has been responsible for the apathy to which we have already referred.

## School Notes and Notices

THE new wing has been in use during the term, the Junior Grub Room taking possession of a fine room on the ground floor at the beginning of term, and the bedrooms above housing the F.P.'s who stayed over Saturday night after the Old Boys match. Next term it will be permanently occupied.

Considerable activity has been shown this term in the several forms as "Round the Form Rooms" can testify. This form system promises to exceed all expectations as a force in the school life, particularly now that the sports field and swimming bath have become spheres wherein each may test its neighbour's strength.

The library, it is hoped, will offer new facilities next term, for it is anticipated that it will be open for reference and as a quiet room each evening. A word of congratulation and thanks is due to Douglas Muir and Tony Howie for the way they worked at the commencement of the term to enable so early an opening. To them and to R. Brown and J. McGill, who went as assistants at half term, the School owes much for the pleasant aspect given to the Library by the sight of well filled shelves.

The lectures this term were again highly successful, Mr. Smythe's story of the Kangchenjunga expedition proving very exciting, and the illustrative lantern slides serving well to convey something of the difficulties that lay before the intrepid mountaineers. The Rev. Runnels-Moss and Capt. Daintry are such old friends now that their success is a foregone conclusion. The former returns in March with another Dickens' recital, "Oliver Twist," while Professor S. Brodetsky is to lecture on "What is a Star?" on January 29th. The third lecture for the term is at the moment

undecided, though negotiations have been entered into for one on the wonders of Nature.

We understand that the Cinema on Saturday evenings still proves as popular as ever. Two mid-week shows were given during the past term, one to celebrate Hallowe'en, and one for the exhibition of rugby tactics and hints for play by masters of the game. This film was not only of great interest but also proved highly beneficial to the teams.

The Rugger teams have exceeded expectations this term, for after a shaky start the first XV. proved itself exceptionally strong forward, and the backs, if somewhat light and therefore unable to depend on size or weight for penetrative power, were full of thrust, and in defence exceptionally sound: injuries, moreover, have enabled several second team players to be severely tested in first XV. matches, and it is pleasing to report that they were not found wanting. The second team has scarcely been so uniformly good, though changes naturally have not helped matters; but at times they have played really excellently. The third XV., unlucky in the cancellation of several fixtures, continues its winning ways.

Our rugby sustains a great loss this term in that Mr. Jones leaves us after eight years. No one would attempt to deny how much Strath. rugby owes to his coaching, and upon his leaving to take up an administrative post under the Lancashire Education Authorities, the School made him a present of a bureau and a clock in token of their appreciation, while the teams made a separate gift in the form of a suitably engraved gold wrist watch. All of us wish him the best of luck in his new sphere.

The end of term came in the usual round of festivities, beginning on Monday afternoon with a rugger match against Mr. G. G. Baker's team of Oxford and Cambridge University undergraduates, and ending with Mr. Sharman's second annual School Concert on Wednesday evening.

On Tuesday evening the Dramatic Society presented two plays, on a stage resplendent with new scenery, and seemed to have appealed to the tastes of their audience. In attempting farce, the Society broke fresh ground again, even if the play selected, "The Seven Keys to Baldpate" still retained certain elements of the thriller, in which sphere they have triumphs to their credit.

The second annual School Concert was also a distinct success. The programme was more varied than last year, though it is possible that the rendering of some of the items was rather below the high standard set last year: the choir, for instance, seemed to take far too long settling down, but their last items were sung with rare abandon. A particular word of praise must here be given to the Junior Grub Room for their share in the programme, the more so since our music critic feels that criticism here is out of his province. To have composed two sketches and worked out the settings for three songs is no small undertaking for anyone, and to have done so with such unqualified success is a marvellous achievement: and the producer, the composer (or composers), and the artists deserve the highest praise. The latter were excellent examples of whole-hearted effort in a cause, an example which might well have been followed by others—to sing and eat at the same time is impossible. The discovery, however, of such an excellent male chorus leads one to anticipate at some future date a Strath. Revue, or the production of a musical comedy. Heartiest congratulations to all concerned in the evening's entertainment.

## THE SCHOOL CONCERT

The Christmas Concert took place on the evening of December 17th and was again a distinct success. From the purely musical point of view, the outstanding thing of the evening was the way in which Mr. Sharman and Mr. Marchant played a "Tarantella" by Raff as a pianoforte duet. They gave it all the swashbuckling sparkle that its gay rhythm required and maintained perfect balance. Now the public has heard what has often been a private pleasure to a few of us, may we not demand a great deal more?

Harry Allen managed a distinctly difficult violin solo very creditably indeed; but he must remember that Brahms always requires accuracy of phrasing, and he must keep an eye on his "double stopping."

Neither the choir nor the orchestra was quite so good as last year. The orchestra obviously suffered from depleted numbers; but each member ought to learn his parts until they are note-perfect, and then give all his attention to the rhythm and the conductor.

The same applies to the choir: they must give themselves up to their leader if they are to be precise in their leads, phrasing and tempo.

A word of praise must go to the Junior Grub Room for their miniature revue, with full male chorus. It is no part of the music critic's duty to criticise their sketches, but the whole of their entertainment was greatly appreciated.

The criticisms levelled at the musical items may seem rather carping, and indeed, they are. It is a fine thing that the School can organise its musical talent, and we must thank Mr. Sharman for the opportunities he has given us of appreciating it, and we clamour for more.

In conclusion, Mr. Sharman desires to thank Mr. Ward, Mr. Marchant and Mr. Shaw (who was splendid!) and all the rest who helped him with the evening's entertainment.

W. W. T.

## Chapel Notes

At a meeting of the Chapel Committee held on December 2nd, it was decided to divide the stipulated sum of £20 between the following organisations:—Thimble Row Mission, Perth, £10; Glasgow Children's Hospital, £5, and the Scripture Reading Union, £5. It will be remembered that we provided the presents for the Thimble Row Mission Christmas Tree last year, and the £10 which now goes to this institution 's being used for a similar purpose.

During the term, the representative of the Scripture Reading Union, Mr. Duncan, gave us an interesting address on the value of Bible reading, and we believe that the recent increase in the School branch of this Society is due to Mr. Duncan's inspiring talk. The £5 which we are giving to the Union will enable about six hundred children from poorer districts to become members.

Bishop Taylor Smith, the head of the Union, has promised us a visit in the near future.

On Monday, December 15th, the Christmas Service was held. The Headmaster preached on this occasion, his subject being "The Spirit of Christmas in Other Lands." Carols were rendered by the choir, and the Chapel was tastefully decorated with holly and other evergreens.

### CHAPEL FUND.

#### INCOME.

Sinking Fund (Summer, 1930)...	£32	0	0
Improvements Fund (Summer, 1930) ... ..	35	17	1
Collections ... ..	36	2	0
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	£103	19	1

#### EXPENDITURE.

Thimble Row Mission ... ..	£10	0	0
Glasgow Children's Hospital ... ..	5	0	0
Scripture Reading Union ... ..	5	0	0
Sinking Fund (Xmas, 1930) ... ..	38	10	0
Improvements Fund (Xmas, 1930) ... ..	42	7	1
Balance for allocation ... ..	3	2	0
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	£103	19	1

## Dundee Branch Club Dinner

Some thirty odd members were present at the third annual Dinner of the Dundee Branch on Saturday, December 6th, in Kidd's Restaurant; the match, Old Boys v. School, and Mr. Riley's kindness in putting them up for the night, enabling several members from Glasgow to be present.

The Branch are to be congratulated upon the presence of Professor J. E. A. Steggall as Guest of Honour. Following the Loyal Toast, Mr. M. Norton proposed the toast of "Our Guest," and in tracing the Professor's connection with the School, he suggested that it was obvious that Strath. occupied a warm corner in their guest's heart, a suggestion taken up and confirmed in the reply.

Mr. J. P. D. Jones proposed the toast of "The Club," and in his capacity as Sports Master, who closely watched the progress of the teams after each had been scattered, he urged that an effort should be made to field a really representative rugby fifteen at least once a year against a first-class club side. Mr. James, in reply, reported the progress made from both a numerical and a financial point of view and suggested that the finance question needed consideration at the next general meeting.

Professor J. E. A. Steggall, in proposing the toast of "The School," emphasised how much the School owed its position and success to the driving force of Mr. Riley, whose name he coupled with that of the toast as being inseparable. In tracing the progress of the School during the previous twelve months, Mr. Riley replied that without the spirit shown by the Old Boys during their schooldays, he would never have dared to put into practice the aspirations which were his share in the School's growth.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mr. Riley in his capacity of Chairman, and to Mr. G. Smith, as Branch Secretary, for his work in organising the dinner, after which a most enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," Mr. W. E. Ward being at the piano.

## Round the Form Rooms

### Form S4

**M**EETINGS have been held on alternate weeks throughout the term, Mr. Ward being in the chair. We are pleased that no outside assistance has been obtained to provide interesting subjects for the meetings. The first meeting took the form of a debate upon the respective merits of winter and summer games, the former, supported by Messrs. Waldie and Fleming, proving the most popular. A lantern lecture on "The Clyde" by Mr. Howie, and lectures on "Wireless" and "Bird Life" by Messrs. Lennie and Vost respectively filled the other evenings.

Inter-class "rugger" being out of the question in the small senior forms, we had to content ourselves by easily defeating S3 in a swimming relay race, the form being represented by Messrs. Reid, Gillanders, Jack and Motion.

A. M. M.

### Form S3

This term has been a very eventful one. In November the second number of the class magazine, "Vive L'Amour" came out and was generally acclaimed a great success. The advent of a class song entitled "Vive L'Amour" and instituted by Mr. Lee, is yet another step in the right direction. Class activities included a most educative and interesting lecture by Mr. Lee on the gears of a motor car. Such was the success of an inter-class debate with S1 on the motion that "The Good Old Days are Best" that we trust further debates will materialise next term.

J. A. M.

### Form S1

After a strenuous summer term followed by a well deserved holiday, we returned to class affairs on 25th September, when at a meeting J. Shaw was elected "rugger" captain, and various suggestions were submitted to Mr. Skirrow for future meetings throughout the term. A debate on October 14th "That road travel was superior to rail" was carried by the narrow margin of two votes.

A "rugger" match arranged with J1 ended in a draw, each side scoring two unconverted tries, while a swimming match against J2 was lost after a well fought battle.

W. W. W.

### Form J2

Owing to the Junior Cambridge Exam. there has been a complete revival of learning in our form, and we therefore have had no time for class meetings. Our two teams were successful in a swimming match with S1, however, the following representing the form: 1st team—W. Ritchie (capt.), T. Chapman, T. Dishington and R. Buchanan; 2nd team—G. Balfour (capt.), L. Martin, W. Gray and G. Little.

W. R.

### Form J1

Owing to several unfortunate accidents on "Jemima", and engagements, Mr. Thompson has been unable to attend some of the class meetings this term. The subjects discussed thereat have been interesting and have afforded some degree of amusement.

We are pleased to report the successes of members of the form on the "rugger" field, and are justly proud of the high position some of them occupy in the school sides. Owing to bad weather the proposed match with J2 at "rugger" did not materialise.

K. G. McK.

### Form 3

It was not till half way through the term that Mr. Norton became form master, and the first meeting was spent in appointing officers, J. Beveridge being elected captain, P. Wilson, vice-captain and swimming captain, and D. Wood, rugby captain.

At our second meeting Mr. Norton delivered a lecture on "The History of the Stage" and completed it the following week. A swimming match against the combined forces of Forms 2 and 1 ended with honours even, our first relay team losing, but the second winning. At rugby we were

more successful, and twice defeated the combination.

We regret that C. W. Stewart leaves us this term to go to an engineering college near Manchester, and wish him the best of luck.

### Form 2

During the term the form meetings have been devoted to readings. First, we followed Sherlock Holmes' adventure with the Red Headed League; then followed the more stirring story of L'Ollonais the Pirate, which certainly took us back to the Good Old Days. At another meeting we heard the story of the attack on Mount Everest, as told in the book, "The Making of Adventure"; but perhaps the most realistic of all was the story from "Stalky and Co." entitled "An Unsavoury Episode".

In other directions we have also been active; we were more successful in the water, winning our swimming race with Form 3, than in the two rugger matches, which we lost after a terrific struggle.

### Form 1

Form 1 has had an active term. There have been several meetings, at one of which Mr. Ward performed some card tricks, which were much appreciated; and at another Mr. Skirrow gave an interesting talk on London. In spite of the smallness of the form, great keenness has been shown at rugger in games with other forms, and there was an excellent swimming match with Form 2 against Form 3—in all its activities, indeed, the form has shown a most stimulating interest.

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## KANGCHENJUNGA

A lecture was given at the School on October 27th on the attempt upon Kangchenjunga by an International party under Prof. Dyhrenfurth. The lecturer, Mr. F. S. Smythe, the leading Englishman of the party, was the official photographer and special correspondent of the "Times." He is a mountaineer of wide experience, and, in addition to ordinary practice, has done much

winter climbing in the Alps, probably the only form of training which approaches at all closely the terrible and arduous conditions of Himalayan ascents.

As the crow flies, Kangchenjunga is only some fifty miles from Darjeeling; but this journey involved the crossing of a range of foothills higher than the Alps. The native porters suffered terribly in traversing the snow-blocked high passes. Entering Nepal, up till then a forbidden country, the party had a curious experience. Having cured the afflictions of a dyspeptic Monastery by copious draughts of castor oil, they were rewarded with a devil dance—with music quite modern in its cacophony. The photographs of this ceremony which Mr. Smythe showed must be quite unparalleled, coming from a country so fanatically conservative.

Kangchenjunga itself proved utterly forbidding. A survey of the mountain showed only one route at all feasible. This was up the Ramthang Glacier to the higher plateaux of the mountain. But first, the great ice fall, seven hundred feet high, had to be surmounted. Days were spent cutting steps; but all these labours, and almost the party also, were destroyed by an avalanche. An attempt followed on the North-West Ridge; but precipices of ice and crumbling rock at 24,000 ft. cannot be climbed by anyone, so the party quitted the mountain, defeated by cold and avalanche and grim inaccessibility.

Ascents then followed of the Ramthang and Jonsong Peaks. On the latter an Englishman displayed great heroism, fighting exhaustion and frostbite in order that a slip on his part might not also drag his comrade to destruction. Then came the journey back to Darjeeling, uneventful except for the wild storms due to the breaking of the Monsoons.

The lecture was illustrated by magnificent slides. Some of these were triumphs of photography, taken at enormous personal risk by the lecturer. They, and the lecturer's witty style, were vastly appreciated, and I think all will agree in wishing the greatest success to Mr. Smythe when he takes out his own expedition during the coming year.

W. W. T.

## A Plea

For the inclusion of "Love-Letter Writing" as a subject in the School Curriculum.

By UNCLE GEORGE.

"DO right and fear no man: don't write and fear no woman." Such is our text for this morning, but happily the few who will forever observe it in letter and in spirit will be driven to do so by lack of favourable circumstances and perhaps by timidity; certainly not by instinct.

Correspondence with the contemporary female gives the male youth more cause to think than any other known sport, trigonometry not excepted. Yet how often does the poor male spoil the whole thing by his inability to think along conventional lines: for indeed, except in extreme cases where the whole affair is beyond the aid of friends, the Love Letter should be primarily a conventional piece of work. Once you depart from the standard form, your goose, as the poet so beautifully puts it, is cooked.

Why does no school aspire in its curriculum to instruct the young in this necessary art? It is always an interesting hobby to pursue in after life. Though it is a harmless enough amusement when properly understood, there is at present no guide for the would-be philanderer, and he is apt, therefore, to fall into grave error.

Faint heart is the commonest error. When this fault is deep-rooted, the pupil will tend to begin "Dear Miss Q.", or even "Dear Madam." I remember hearing of an extreme case, of a dear friend, who adopted the Roman and legal formula, "Mr. H. to Miss K., Greetings," which, however desirable an opening, is at present too unconventional. Poor Mr. H. was handed one large raspberry.

17,203 successful suicides from shattered romances are reported in the City of Pitkeathly alone, since the register was instituted in 1752, simply through poor ignorant swains ending their timid compositions with "Yrs. v. sinc." or, most damned of all, "Yours." Truth about the writer is an essential of the Love Letter, and therefore the passive possessive is impossibly dangerous.

The other extreme of over-expression is even more dangerous, though some say it is rarer. There, however, are many defectives

in Southern England who imagine that we men of Scotland are as careful of our emotions as our saxpences. History and the Gaelic language expose this fallacy. By this error the love-stricken youth lays himself open to actions of breach of promise (unless under twenty, in England), loss of sleep, blackmail, marriage and divers other dangers.

We should be warned of these pitfalls in our youth, for the price of experience is too high. Alas, our footsteps were not guided upon the narrow path of convention. I remember *once* incurring the reproach of my English master for sending my love in a business letter. Would that he had explained that the word, Love, must *never* appear in any communication whatsoever, except as a term of abuse to well-known males, and of endearment to wealthy next-of-kin, no further removed than the second degree.

Quite apart from the benefit derived from such a course of study, there is the interest to consider. How happy we should have been on Friday night (which I shall ever associate with essay night) if our beloved master, instead of requiring a description of a hen-house or a similarly hackneyed subject, had said: "Now, boys, no essay to-night—just write a love-letter." Gone the need for safety, and the fear that we should write about something we ought not to know! Caution is thrown to the wind, and for one glorious week-end at least, our excursion into the fields of literature would no longer remind the reader of father's first annual paddle at the seaside. Expressing our sentiments and emotion would have delighted both ourselves and our master with mutual benefits. The more spicy paragraphs, which the teacher might even find useful for his own maturer compositions, would, of course, have to be read out, anonymously, in the next English class. To show an aptitude for the art akin to genius, and consequently above the banal understanding and technique of the master might, however, expose the perpetrator to ridicule, and cramp a natural style.

This would be exceptional, of course, for I do not mean to imply that there is any



difficulty in finding masters who understand the art. It is a good basic assumption that your masters know everything. Mine knew most things about this subject anyway. Ask yours.

Should this plea prove ineffectual, Uncle George will contribute a powerful article in the next number entitled "The Technique of the Love Letter." Meanwhile, all enquiries on the subject should be addressed to Uncle George, c/o The Editor, marked "Love Letter, Inquiry. Confidential" and handed in person to the Headmaster.

Uncle George takes special interest in the case of sisters and cousins (fem.) who should send their enquiries with their photograph direct, c/o The Editor. If the photograph is good no stamp is required.

"My English Master" is not a fictitious person, but "the Youth" has long since departed from beneath his care; and, moreover, Uncle George knows his law of Libel.

### BRITAIN IN THE ANTILLES

The Rev. Runnells-Moss' second lecture on the West Indies, "Britain in the Antilles," was less geographical and more historical than his former one, but it was again admirably illustrated with slides. The lecturer began by recounting how Trinidad was discovered by Columbus in 1496, was given its name, was colonised by the Spanish, in whose possession it remained until captured by Britain in 1797; and then we were shown some of the natural beauties of the place, notably the famous Maracas Falls, the lecturer using as a climax the famous Pitch Lake from which an inexhaustible supply of asphalt is taken.

We were then transported across the sea to Jamaica, discovered two years before Trinidad, and here, among others, we were shown some excellent views of the Black River Valley, in which the lecturer had a narrow escape from drowning during the flood season, when his friend's horses bolted with the trap in which they were riding. Altogether, the lecture held the audience from the beginning to the end, and the Rev. Runnells-Moss was assured of an enthusiastic welcome on his return.

### THOUGHTS IN ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL

How quiet it was! The light in there was dim

As mellowed twilight in an Autumn wood  
When leaves are flaking down, and the rim  
Of the sun has dipped below the hill. How good

To sit and hear an organ's music, master-played,

Now gusty as those leaves in winter rain,  
Then sensuous as a moonlight serenade.

The orange light of altar candles wane  
And flicker till the shadows run like blood;  
Then set the silver figures all aglow  
Amidst their sea-green marble, and the flood  
Of brilliance glimmers till the row

Of hallowed saints and pale Madonnas seem  
To smile again and weep again, to be  
Like figures in a strange fantastic dream.  
The music now was murmurous as the sea,  
A faint chill wind was whispering through  
the nave

As women at their prayers; the candle flare  
Danced madly, then was gone and only gave  
A whisp of smoke that vanished in the air.  
The organ ceased, the great south window  
gleamed

A score of colours and was dull.

High, high above me (in another world it  
seemed)

A bell was tolling vespers. In a lull

I heard some voices singing, sweet and low.  
O God, if Life were that! A flame, a breath,  
A drift of smoke and then the awful dark,  
With distant voices of another world. Death  
Cannot be so cold, so cavern cold and stark.  
O, I believe each struggling soldier-saint  
Goes staggering into heaven, with wounds  
agape,

Sweat upon brow, and blood; the mighty  
faint

From conflict—yet the ghoulis, crushing  
shape

Of Death far, far behind—and now at last  
The turmoil over and the victory won,  
With every terror banished, pain all past,  
Kneels to receive a smiling God's "Well  
done!"

I. C.



## Acetamide — Preparation of Aforementioned

*(Being an extract from the Chemistry note book of three youths who with unbounded optimism aspired to the noble profession of Chirurgeon.)*

DEC. 18—.

OUR illustrious demonstrator being absent owing to the inclemency of the weather and the lack of a waistcoat, it falls upon our youthful, and let us add in all humility, unlearned shoulders, to delve with diligence and industry into the mines of Learning, and acquire unto ourselves such knowledge as might well fit us for that station in life to which we aspire. Reverently we recall the words, weighted with wisdom, of our worthy master, who has often urged us to experiment with things unknown that by experience we might attain to greater light. "Any fool," he has told us, "may by hard work and strict attention to the most arduous task, gain high distinction in Chemistrie." Whereupon we, knowing from much telling that he hath gained such distinctions, bow our heads in unison. "Yet," he would continue, "not all are possessed with the courage to leave the paths of the common herd and seek for themselves the solution of the greatest problems set by Nature for men to unravel."

Having revived our drooping spirits by imbibing discreetly a judiciously mixed punch of alcohol absolute, pure water and three grains Pot. Brom., we turn our attention towards the lighting of a burner, christened by its makers the Lamb, but by those who have had their perspective set right by much toil and striving many things less mild and inoffensive. Upon my brother-in-science, Hoskins, falls the duty of lighting the Lamb, he having the gift of tongues and ability to use potassium in lieu of matches. Meanwhile Snoots and I have decided whereunto we shall turn our energy of brain and hand—to the preparation of acetamide, not by the method employed by the "common herd," to follow which is to be as sheep. Knowing that acetamide hath the odour of that lowest

of vermin (excluding the louse) the mouse, most praiseworthy we have decided to distil a mouse, and thereby obtain the chemical, so much valued by base knaves for the tormenting of cats.

With much aplomb and abandon of gesture Snoots drops one mouse into the Winchester containing the sleeping liquid, ether, wherein it sinks evolving bubbles. Which being done, we dry and weigh the mouse with care, and mix it with a word of prayer and some potassium permanganate, because Hoskins finds great pleasure in the colour thereof; and introduce it into a distilling flash drop by drop, or rather let us say, lump by lump. Heat from the Lamb is now applied. The resultant smell is peculiar but not resembling the desired acetamide. Discussion as to failure follows, but this is interrupted by a regrettable accident to Hoskins, who, having read in some womanish journal that benzene will remove grease spots, must needs seize this opportunity to remove from his nether garments, nay, let us with scientific candour call them breeches, some such blemishes. Having been liberal with the benzene in order that the stains shall be completely removed, he takes up the Lamb and requests that one rotate it in the proximity of the benzened breeches. An obliging spirit undertakes the office of Burner Bearer. . . . The flame effects which were produced were excellent, the cloth burning like to a wick. By the grace of God and the aid of Bench reagents Hoskins is at length relieved from his foretaste of pain, we valiantly quenching the flames by alternate addition of acids and alkalies. This effected, Hoskins breeches a sad ruin! the sight of which greatly depresses our already drooping spirits, wherefore we must needs revive them as before.

I. C.

## The Dramatic Society Social

ON December 16th, the Dramatic Society once more provided an abundant repast of melodrama replete with vengeful passions, haunted inns, treacherous intrigues, resurrected corpses, and, indeed, all the seven deadly sins; a bill of fare calculated to stir the imagination of the most apathetic audience, and warranted to send cold shivers down the back of the most sophisticated playgoer.

A one act thriller, "Sentence of Death," (Gladys St. John-Loe) opened the programme. Five war comrades find themselves the guests of a sixth who has reason to believe that one of them has betrayed and ruined his wife. By pretending poisoned coffee has been given to the culprit, he so plays upon the conscience of the guilty man that, believing himself about to die by poison, he falls dead from sheer fright.

V. LAUDERDALE, as Mace, the much wronged host, was cool, calm and collected; but his performance would have been much more impressive had he spoken more slowly.

The villain was portrayed by I. SCOTT, who undoubtedly achieved a success in his simulation of the terrors evoked by the fear of a just retribution: his fall was nothing if not realistic.

W. ROY made a most promising first appearance as Dr. Arling. He possesses a clear resonant voice and a command over his movements which should make him a useful acquisition.

In the part of Meynell, W. MITCHELL showed his dramatic abilities to the full, and by his obvious self assurance did much to infuse life into the acting of his companions.

A. MELVILLE and J. WRIGHT as Remington and Stoddard respectively, were confident but rather colourless in their acting, while P. DEWAR as Yamado, the mysterious Oriental servant, if not suggestive of the inscrutable East, handed round the coffee cups to the manner born.

The curtain raiser was followed by a farcical melodrama, "The Seven Keys to Baldpate." The plot centres round a popular novelist who seeks the seclusion of an isolated mountain inn where he proposes to

write a book in twenty-four hours, thereby winning a wager. The writing comes easy, for with the inn as a setting he interrupts himself with the arrival of crooked politicians, a pretty newspaper reporter and her chaperone, a scheming railroad president, a double-crossing adventuress who makes a spectacular resurrection after being shot, and last, though by no means least, an eccentric hermit who delights in playing the ghost. All these are set at cross purposes, and an enquiring policeman proves as unscrupulous as the crooks before it is revealed that everyone of them is a member of the theatrical touring company hired by the novelist's friend for the occasion.

R. PATON gave a most praiseworthy portrayal of Elijah Quimby, the caretaker of the inn. His enunciation was delightfully clear, and his acting impressive and full of character. Male parts are obviously his forte. His terror at the sudden appearance of the lights was most realistic: but the effect was rather spoiled by the failure of the lights to go up at the critical moment.

Mrs. Quimby, his helpmate, was ably represented by J. GALLOWAY, who once again showed his talent for depicting middle-aged women of the vulgar, semi-educated, loquacious, raucous voiced species.

Mr. NORTON as the writer of thrillers, Mr. Magee, was a tower of strength. His acting neither faltered nor failed; but lately his parts have not given him sufficient scope to express his versatility.

As Mary Norton, I. LAWSON was a charming little maiden of the buxom variety. His voice, however, was inclined to be a little too soft and his manners rather too meek and mild. Nevertheless, his acting was promising, and he showed a becoming modesty in response to the somewhat bold advances of Mr. Magee.

A. FLEMING, as the widowed Mrs. Rhodes, seemed rather youthful, and was certainly too pretty to have remained a widow for long. His screams were very creditable; but he seemed too unconcerned at his peril, and his voice, though clear, was inclined to be rather expressionless at times. He should

try to keep his body from swaying to and fro.

J. WALDIE took the part of Peters, the queer hermit with a grudge against humanity. He was undoubtedly one of the successes of the evening, and though greatly assisted by his part, he laughed with abandon and stamped with enthusiasm. His acting was indeed irresistibly funny.

Myra Thornhill, the feminine crook, was portrayed by A. HARRINGTON, and a very seductive crook he was too. Considerable talent was shown, but his voice was not always audible, and he was somewhat inelegant and unladylike in his manner of sitting down; but he swore magnificently.

R. D. LINTON, as Bland, a crook, showed a promising aptitude for the drama and was confident, forceful and clear, but he should try to cultivate a poker face, for his smiling often detracted from his forcefulness.

As Lou Max, another shady customer, C. RICH looked the part. He possesses a good voice but needs to regulate the pitch. In his expression of contemptuous bitterness towards his companions in crime, and particularly in the hysterical outpouring occasioned by his responsibility for Myra Thornhill's death, his acting reached a high standard.

The rascally Mayor Cargan was played by J. A. MONTGOMERIE, who showed an immense improvement in his acting, which was more vigorous and emphatic than hitherto. He looked indeed, the sort of man one would not care to meet on a dark night.

B. MACKAY distinguished himself as the pompous railroad chief, Mr. Hayden, who, although rich beyond the dreams of avarice, is yet willing to involve himself in nefarious schemes for the sake of adding a little more to his hoards; but thinks only of his own skin when his schemes are brought to ruin. Mackay is certainly a good actor.

The surprisingly corrupt Captain Kennedy of the Asquewan Falls Police was portrayed by J. T. JOHNSTON, who was just a little uncertain of himself at first, but later he improved and displayed all the blustering effrontery which the part demanded.

G. LEBURN, as the owner of the inn, proved to have a good voice and clear enunciation and acquitted himself well in the

small part; while G. K. CHALMERS made a satisfactory guardian of the law.

In conclusion, a word must be said about the new scenery which is both useful and artistic. Also we must again acknowledge our indebtedness to the stage managers, the prompter, and last, but not least, to Mr. SHARMAN for the relieving of the tedium of the intervals by musical selections from the Orchestra.

P. W. S.

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## THE LIBRARY

This term has witnessed the opening of a properly organised library, a requisite which the School has hitherto lacked. The fine panelled room of the old house has been restored to its original use, and the thirteen hundred books which have been collected this term help greatly to fill the shelves which have stood empty so long.

Judging by the use which the School in general has made of this added facility and, we trust, by a marked improvement in class essays, the library has been a decided success.

Next term we hope to be able to open certain sections for reference only, access to which may be had every evening for those wishing to study. This section will necessarily be small at first, but we expect to add to it considerably in the future. Divided into sub-sections, English literature, history, geography, science, etc., this will prove very useful to those studying special subjects, and the interest taken in our development by members of the staff should prove beneficial in the selection of books for the several sections. We take this opportunity of thanking them for their encouraging interest and assistance, knowing that we may count on them for aid in this further venture.

The library is supported solely by voluntary contribution, and we rely on present pupils, and to a certain extent on those that have left, for its maintenance. Many contributions of books have been received during the last few months, and we take this opportunity of thanking the donors for their generosity.

*The Library Committee.*

## Sports Notes

### RUGBY

THE Rugby teams have had a successful term, and hopes are bright that the First XV. will be able to go through the season without defeat by a School side. Few could have dared to prophecy such a happy state of affairs in the early weeks of the term; but despite injuries in the back division, the three line was working as smoothly by the middle of term as could be desired in attack, and it has possibly been unequalled in the School's history in the matter of defence. With Moncur and Waterston in the centre, both capable of setting an attack in motion or going through on their own, when opportunity arises, both deadly in their tackling, and with two speedy wings available, it was soon apparent that few fears need be entertained when once they learnt one another's play. The loss of Scott Brook on the wing at the end of term is to be regretted. He is slight but makes up for what he lacks in inches and ounces by a fine turn of speed and indomitable pluck, both in attack and defence. He should indeed go far.

Of the forwards little need be said except that they have exceeded expectations. It is long since forwards have kept so well up with the ball, and their close passing rushes are delightful. After Christmas, J. Wright will be missing, but so good is the Second XV. pack that no fear need be entertained of any deterioration in this division.

The Second Team, subject to team changes like the First, has done well on the whole, and the Third Team created records by piling up 105 pts. against Dundee High School and XV. The pleasing feature of these two sides is that they are essentially youthful, and it is still Youth that knocks on the door of the Third Team. That the Junior School now supplies half a dozen or more members to the senior sides is sure proof of the worth of the youngsters. And much zest has been added to Junior Rugby by the inter-class matches, in which pluck at least, and often much more, is discovered.

**Strathallan v. Howe of Fife**, played at Ladybank on Saturday, 27th Sept.

Having lost the toss, Strath. were set to face the wind, and were soon pressed by the home team. For a time the School defences prevailed, but after a quarter of an hour, during which time Johnston was prominent, Howe opened the score through their wing, but the try was not improved upon. The remainder of the first half was more even, both sets of threes handling in turn, but no further scoring resulted.

Half-time : Howe of Fife, 3 pts. ; Strathallan, nil.

With the wind behind them, the School made good ground by touch kicking, and eventually their efforts were rewarded when Johnston got over in the corner; the place kick failed. Strath. continued to press, Moncur repeatedly setting his men going. The home defence, however, held out until a few minutes before the close, when Moncur broke through to score near the posts a try which he converted.

Result : Strathallan, 8 pts. ; Howe of Fife, 3 pts.

**Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar School**, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, Oct. 4th.

The game started off with plenty of dash on both sides, and play was confined to mid-field for some time before the heavier Aberdeen forwards, by clever wheeling, took play into the home twenty-five. There the visitors strove furiously for the lead, frequently backing the ball to their inside, who, although repeatedly dangerous, overdid a cut in movement. The pressure was maintained and just before the breather, a clever score saw the visitors three points up, the kick failing.

Half-time : Aberdeen G.S., 3 pts. ; Strathallan, nil.

Strath. opened well in the second half, but while attacks were frequent, the threes were not combining well, and missed passes ruined many promising movements. The defence,

too, was uncertain. Fortunately, Aberdeen forwards could not maintain their earlier pace, and the home side enjoyed most of the attacking. Seven minutes before the close Moncur burst through on his own to score far out, but Johnston, with a fine kick, gave his side the lead. Aberdeen returned hotly to the attack but could not press home their temporary ascendancy, and when the final whistle blew, Strath. were again attacking in a manner which did something to justify their very fortunate victory.

Result: Strathallan, 5 pts.; Aberdeen Grammar School, 3 pts.

**Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy**, played at Forgardenny on Saturday, 11th Nov.

Strath. won the toss, but were soon on the defensive, and a free kick to Morrison's within easy reach of the goal was the first notable incident. The kick failed, however, and Strath. carried the play to the other end, where Moncur opened the score with a drop goal. Soon after Johnston went over for a try from a scrum five, but the kick failed. The School's superiority was undeniable, but their threes were very weak, and chance after chance went begging. Some were seized, however, Buchanan scoring a try, and Johnston a magnificent penalty goal. The Academy retaliated strongly, and weak tackling led to a score which was not improved upon.

Half-time: Strathallan, 15 pts.; Morrison's Academy, 3 pts.

The visitors opened well in the second half and scored twice through the failure of the threes to get down on the ball when close dribbling was indulged in. The school threes were poor in the extreme, wasting every chance given them, and the forwards working like Trojans, provided them with the ball from almost every set scrum. In an attempt to remedy matters Waterston and Thompson changed places, and while this certainly strengthened the threes, it left the School as good as without a full back, as the two Academy scores revealed, for both were well in the centre and were easily converted. Though Johnston added three more tries for the School and Moncur a fourth

from a good pass by Buchanan, it is seldom that so poor a game has been witnessed at Forgardenny.

Result: Strathallan, 27 pts.; Morrison's Academy, 13 pts.

**Strathallan v. Glasgow High School**, played at Glasgow on Saturday, 25th Oct.

Facing a strong wind, Strath. kicked off, and by a series of scrums worked their way into the home twenty-five where the threes brought relief, and making good use of the wind, brought play to the other end. Play was confined into Strath.'s half for the greater part of the half, with the High School threes continually threatening danger by virtue of their superior handling, but Strath. defended well, the forwards playing a prominent part by their sterling work in subduing their opposing eight. At length a clever passing movement saw M'Laren open the score for the High School in the corner, the kick failing. Brook came close with a good run on the wing, but half time went without further scoring.

Half-time: Glasgow High School, 3 pts.; Strathallan, nil.

Strath. had a decided advantage in the second half and were continually hammering at their opponents' line. The forwards continued to hold their own and provided the threes with the ball, but faulty handling nullified the advantage. Brook brought the score level with a good run over at the corner, but the kick failed. This stung the High School to retaliation, and a determined rush saw the ball heeled from a scrum and sent to the wing who got over to re-establish the lead. Again the kick failed. The High School missed a fine chance of adding to their lead when a free kick was awarded them in front of the posts; and, profiting by the escape, Strath. kept up too hot a pressure to allow of similar chances. Their efforts were rewarded when, from a scrum, the ball went to Leburn who went round the blind side to give to Waterston to run over to equalise, but too far out for the convert.

Result: Strathallan, 6 pts.; Glasgow High School, 6 pts.

**Strathallan v. Dunfermline High School,**  
played at Dunfermline on Nov. 1st.

The weather was cold and rainy, the pitch a sodden mass, and good rugby was impossible. Though handling was impossible after the first few minutes, Strath. continued to get the ball back to their threes in order to save the forwards for the second half. By judicious kicking ahead by the threes, Strath. were able to keep back the tide of Dunfermline forwards, who played a bustling go-ahead game. The School defence was good against these tactics, Leburn being conspicuous by his nice clearances. Half-time came with no scoring.

Immediately after the restart, Strath. took up the attack, and the forwards broke away nicely, sweeping up the field in a mass. Play in the home twenty-five followed, Moncur opening the score with a drop goal. Free kicks were frequent, but the pressure was kept up. Strath. went further ahead when Leburn, following up well, touched down when the ball had been kicked ahead by the forwards. The kick failed. The home side rallied, and it was some little time before the attack was beaten off. Then came a forward rush which ended with Fleming touching down. This concluded the scoring, though Strath. were again attacking when the whistle went.

Result: Strathallan, 10 pts.; Dunfermline High School, nil.

**Strathallan v. India of Inchinnan,** played at  
Inchinnan on Saturday, 8th Nov.

Though the weather was fine, the pitch was in a dreadful condition, some parts being completely under water. Strath. won the toss and played with the wind, opening in good style. After ten minutes a good movement by the threes ended in Brook running over for a try too far out for the convert to be made. Strath. were pressed back, and from a scrum in their twenty-five Miller cross-kicked to send his wing over to convert and give Inchinnan the lead. Strath. held the advantage after this, and it was quite against the run of the play when the home side broke away to score again.

Half-time: India of Inchinnan, 8 pts.; Strathallan, 3 pts.

For some time after the re-commencement Strath. were hemmed in their own twenty-five, but a good three movement made ground. A rush took the School to the line, but here the attack was stemmed: then Johnston crossed the line but was held up. A free kick to Inchinnan proved their undoing, however, for Balfour touched the ball down from a miskick, and Moncur converted to put the School on terms. Play became rougher but Strath. held the advantage by a smoother working back division. The home forwards forced their way to the School line but were there checked, but from a scrum Campbell pushed over to give his side the lead. Kennedy goaled with a magnificent kick. From this point till the end of the game Strath. held the upper hand but could not press home their advantage.

Result: India of Inchinnan, 13 pts.; Strathallan, 8 pts.

**Strathallan v. Gordon's College,** played at  
Forgandenny on Saturday, 15th Nov.

The visitors kicked off, but were soon defending their line. Subsequent play was in midfield, where in the tight Strath. were getting the ball well against a heavier pack. The School threes, thus well supplied, put in some good work, and eventually Moncur broke away to score an unconverted try. The visitors, using their weight, made ground, and a forward rush saw them equalise. The School threes were working smoothly, and both Brook and Waterston came near giving their side the lead before Johnston actually did so from a scrum ten yards from the line. The attack was maintained, and from a cut through Moncur scored, the try being converted. Despite all they could do, Gordons seldom broke away, and a forward rush saw Strath. add a further unconverted try before half-time came.

Half-time: Strathallan, 14 pts.; Gordon's College, 3 pts.

The School opened strongly, but the visiting threes closed up quickly and forced a kick ahead policy to be adopted. Unfortunately, these tactics were not successful, and while they continued to have most of the play, Strath. could not capture the line

until Waterston burst through to score far out. The kick failed. Not long afterwards Leburn broke away, backed up well by the forwards, one of whom, Cuthbert, he sent over for an unconverted try. Gordon's were kept well on the defensive, but for a time held their own until Johnston broke away from the scrum and pushed his way over near the posts, the kick being successful. From the restart Gordon's forwards came in mass and swept over the line, but the kick failed and no side was called immediately afterwards.

Result: Strathallan, 23 pts.; Gordon's College, 6 pts.

**Strathallan v. Old Strathallians**, played at Forgandenny on Dec. 6th.

The F.P. team was by far the strongest side ever brought up to represent them in a match with the School and, after some hard play in mid-field, slowly pressed the School into their twenty-five. Here Barr, with a lovely dummy almost got over before being brought down. From a scrummage following, however, Campbell broke away to score under the posts. Full points were registered. From the restart, Strath. took up the attack, and a fine breakaway by Johnston along the touch ended in his passing inside to Moncur who touched down too far out for the kick to be successful. The try, however, was a splendid effort. A ding-dong battle followed in which the forwards quite held their own with the weightier pack, but the threes, though well supplied with the ball, could not penetrate the Old Boys' defence.

Half-time: Old Strathallians, 5 pts.; Strathallan, 3 pts.

In the second half weight began to have its effect, and the visitors were given plenty of the ball, thanks to the agency of Campbell who had moved to scrum-half. This gave Strath. a chance to shine in defence, and this they did for their tackling was very keen. At length the continued pressure told, and Frew went over for an unconverted try. From the kick off, the failure of the ball to find touch on the blind side spelt danger from Dunn, and when this had been relieved a forward rush saw S.

Dow touch down for a try that was not improved upon. Strath. fought back doggedly and for a time threw their opponents on to the defensive. A forward rush took play by short passing into the Old Boys' twenty-five, and from there the School took the ball at their feet, only to see a kick go too far and be touched down for a twenty-five. The visitors added to their score with a clever try by Miller, and thereafter play swung about midfield, the School tackling again and again preventing danger. Just before the close, however, Barr dropped a goal from just outside the School twenty-five, with which the scoring came to an end.

Result: Old Strathallians, 18 pts.; Strathallan, 3 pts.

**Strathallan v. G. G. Baker's 'Varsities XV.**, played at Forgandenny on Monday, 15th Dec.

The School were some little time settling down after the kick-off and were pressed into their twenty-five, but Leburn brought relief with a good kick for touch. From this Strath. developed an attack, but the threes, moving smoothly, found themselves driven into touch; and it was the forwards who opened the scoring, a rush led by Cuthbert ending in that player touching down. The visitors responded strongly, but many promising movements broke down owing to faulty handling among the threes, who were being well supplied with the ball by J. Dow. For some time play swung about midfield, but then Moncur broke away cleverly to score under the posts. The kick was successful. When the School were again thrown on to the defensive, Leburn again brought relief, and in the subsequent mid-field play Balfour had bad luck in hitting the cross-bar from a penalty almost in the centre.

Half-time: Strathallan, 8 pts.; G. G. Baker's XV., nil.

The second half opened at a furious pace, and the visitors were over twice only to be hauled back before touching down. The deadly tackling of the School was all the more meritorious because of the frozen state of the ground. Ultimately, however, the forwards succeeded in getting over for an



unconverted try. Outweighed in the scrum, Strath. were not getting much of the ball at this juncture, but close marking by the threes prevented the visitors from developing their attacks. Play was close to the School line when Johnston had to retire with a dislocated elbow, so that for the remainder of the game both sides were playing a man short, the visitors losing a man in the first half. This loss spurred up Strath., Fleming coming out of the forwards to work the scrum. Despite this handicap forward, Strath. saw more of the ball, and though a splendid three movement was held up, Balfour was up to touch down for a try which was converted. From the kick-off the visitors swept up the field and the forwards again got over. The remainder of the play was confined to mid-field, Strath. winning a hard, clean game.

Result: Strathallan, 13 pts.; G. G. Baker's XV., 6 pts.

### Second Fifteen.

The Second XV. has enjoyed a fair measure of success, winning four of its seven matches and drawing one. The opening match was lost to the Grammar School at Aberdeen by 13 pts. to nil.; but the following week Morrison's Academy were routed to the tune of 79 pts. to nil. Against Dundee High School 1st XV. the School were somewhat fortunate to win by 18 pts. to 13. On the other hand they were unfortunate to draw only with Glasgow High School, for they were the better side. Dollar Academy were narrowly defeated by 10 pts. to 9. The run of successes continued against Robert Gordon's College with a 23 pt. victory, but in the final game the School were unexpectedly, and perhaps undeservedly, beaten by Allan Glen's School by two tries to one.

### SWIMMING

There has been less activity in the pond this term, partly on account of the alteration in the time of prep. and partly on account of the demands of other activities. Inter-class team races have been inaugurated, however, and have served to reveal

undoubtedly promising material in the Lower School.

The few games of Polo played served to show how much Lacey's services will be missed. There is a possibility of a match being arranged next term, but before this can materialise it is obvious that much practice is necessary in throwing the ball among the newer members, for while many have speed, they cannot control or catch the ball.

The customary race with the Old Boys had to be abandoned this year owing to lack of time, the Club Dinner at Dundee proving an insurmountable counter attraction.

At the end of the term eleven boys competed for their Swimming Badges, but only four, J. McBride, D. Clarke, G. Little and R. J. Dunlop were successful.

J. T. J.

### SCOUT NOTES

It is not easy for a ghost, clanking chains violently with one hand, to write a report of the Troop's adventures with the other; for if anyone is sufficiently interested to look at the Log Book of the Troop, he will find that our G.S.M. was most foully murdered this term, and his body discovered the following morning!

It has been necessary, of course, to appoint another S.M., and one should really welcome Mr. Hardcastle to the Troop in that capacity; but, strangely enough, any such greeting would be almost superfluous and invidious because he has already. . . . I was going to say "won his way into our hearts," but this sounds too poetical for a well behaved, very prosaic ghost.

The Summer Camp, held this year at Caernarvon, proved a real success, and it is difficult to say whether the trip to Snowdon, watching the rain *pour* through Mr. Legge's

tent, or jumping on Peter Wilson's "unsweetened shape" will be remembered longest. Those who did not come to camp were either unfortunate or misguided, and in either case they would be well advised to make a very special effort to come next time. Let them but glance at the photographic evidence!

The chief feature of this term's work is the great improvement in Patrol work, and on this score the P.L.'s, together with Dunlop and White, are especially to be congratulated. Competition for the Patrol Challenge Trophy has been keen, and although at the end of term the Swifts are leading, the runners-up are in hot pursuit, and who can say what may happen before the trophy is awarded? The evening meetings have given us a better chance to become more efficient members of our patrol, and we must keep these efforts going next term.

The Troop owes so much to Mr. Legge that we are all very sorry he is leaving us this term. Surely it is more than imagination which makes us think that already we can smell the smoke of another wood fire! We wish him the very best next term in every way.

We congratulate K. G. McKenzie on his promotion to P.L. of the Seals, and also Stewart on his untiring efforts in the hut; we are sorry he is leaving us this term but wish him "Good Scouting ahead!"

Like the proverbial donkey who goes—but only when continually prodded—we all have to keep plodding along; why not tie a carrot in front—in other words, pick out some work or test to be done, and then stick at it until we "get there"? To quote the words of the Chief Scout: ". . . Scouting throughout the world . . . has considerably improved. I leave it at that, and—I leave it to you!"

## THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term found the ranks of the Society much depleted by the departure of veterans at summer, and the vacancies were filled as follows:

*Chairman* : J. T. Johnston.

*Vice-Chairman* : D. Walker.

*Treasurer* : V. Lauderdale.

*Secretary* : D. S. Thomson.

*Committee* : A. Melville, J. Waldie, I. Scott, B. Mackay, A. Montgomerie and G. Watt.

Trial and rehearsed readings were held on alternate weeks during the first half of the term, and the former helped to show that there was plenty of talent among the new members, one of the most successful evenings being when two plays, "A Traveller Returns" and "Money Makes a Difference" were read in this way. "In the Library," "The Master of the House," "Shivering Shocks" and "Master Mariners" were included among the rehearsed readings, the latter being a first production.

Two evenings were taken up with lectures under the Society's auspices, "The Attack on Kangchenjunga" by Mr. F. S. Smythe, and "Britain in the Antilles" by our old friend, The Rev. Runnells-Moss, reports of which are to be found on another page.

The Presidential Address took the form of the reading of a play, "Belinda" by A. A. Milne, for which Mr. Norton confessed an especial weakness, and it was greatly appreciated by a full attendance.

The Society's credit balance has been greatly reduced by the purchase this term of canvas, whereby it was possible to replace the wooden setting by proper scenery; but it may be expedient to retrench somewhat during the coming term.

At the end of term two plays were presented to the School, "Sentence of Death," a play in 1 act by Gladys St. John-Loe, and "The Seven Keys to Baldpate," a farce in a prologue and two acts by George M. Cohen. The criticism of these will be found elsewhere, but we would acknowledge the receipt of £2 7/2 from the collection for stage properties.

D. S. T.

## The Annual Dinner

THE third Annual Dinner of the Strathallian Club was held at the Grosvenor Restaurant, Glasgow, on Saturday, 20th December, 1930, and a goodly representative number of Old Strathallians were present.

Prior to the Dinner, the Annual General Meeting was held, with the President in the chair.

In presenting the Annual Report for 1930, the General Secretary (Mr. A. W. James) expressed gratification at the remarkable progress made during the year. Though the Club had lost three members—one by death (the late Mr. Alan Porter) and two by resignation—thirty-one new applications for membership had been received, so that the total number of members had reached 207. (Applause.)

The most significant feature, however, was the increase in the number of life members, which now (at 61) was practically double the number at the beginning of 1930. (Applause.)

Financially, too, the Club had made great progress. The income and expenditure during 1930 was as follows:

### Income

To Annual Subscriptions; 87 at 7/6 ...	£32	12	6
„ Life Subscriptions; 30 at £5 ...	150	0	0
„ Interest credited at Bank on Deposit Receipt ...	3	13	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£186</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>

### Expenditure

By Copies of "The Strathallian" posted to members of the Club; 579 at 1/- ...	28	19	0
„ Printing notices for 1929 Dinner ...	0	12	6
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure	156	14	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£186</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>

With £211 10/11 brought forward from last year, the available funds of the Club now amounted to £368 5/3; of this £350 had been placed on Deposit Receipt, and the balance (£18 5/3) left on Current Account with the Union Bank of Scotland.

In conclusion, the Secretary referred to the most encouraging and appreciative letters which had been received during the year from Old Strathallians all over the world. These amply demonstrated the value attached to membership of the Club and were a stimulus to even greater efforts on its behalf.

It was then resolved:

- (1) That the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as read;
- (2) That the list of new members laid before the meeting be approved;
- (3) That the President (H. Riley, Esq.) and Mr. J. B. Morrison, C.A., be appointed Trustees for the investment of the Club funds;
- (4) That the Dinner Committee for this year be re-appointed to make all arrangements for the 1931 Dinner;
- (5) That the temporary General Committee appointed in 1927 be now dissolved, and that they be thanked for their services;
- (6) That a new General Committee be appointed, to consist of three Glasgow members (Messrs. S. Dow, O. Melrose and J. B. Morrison), together with the Secretary of each of the three existing local branches (Dundee, Edinburgh and London).

### The Dinner

After the Loyal Toast, "The Strathallian Club" was proposed by E. D. Anderson, Esq., B.L., of Paisley, who was the Guest of the Club for the evening.

Rising amidst applause, Mr. Anderson said that as he surveyed those present he was conscious of a feeling of loneliness; yet the fact that he did feel lonely amongst all those Old Strathallians rather emphasized what should be the theme of a toast such as his—the kinship that exists among

the Old Boys of the School. He was in a position of splendid isolation in that he was the only non-Strathallian present; yet he claimed kinship, since he was a member of one of the most famous Old Boys' Clubs in Britain—the Watsonians'—and he brought greetings from Watsonians all over the world to Strathallians scattered far and wide.

He said that he knew Strathallan well enough, both from personal acquaintance and from hearsay, to know that they should be, and indeed really were, proud of their School, and he congratulated them upon the youth of their Club, which he hoped had in store a future membership as great as that of the Watsonians' Club—9000 living members in Clubs all over the world.

Yet if he had been an Old Strathallian himself, he could not have been one whit less proud of it, for he had learned and seen enough of Strathallan to feel from the bottom of his heart that it was a place to be proud of.

He looked forward to a very big future for Strathallan School—he could not see how it could fail to have a very big future—and, with the growth of the School, would come an inevitable growth of the Club. Although their numbers were not yet large, yet in every quarter, almost in every square mile, of the globe a Strathallan boy could find influence, friendship and guidance to put him on the right way. Their Club would grow; with every year of its existence the Club could not help growing into a world-wide influence, and he felt that it would prove to be a big thing in the British Empire.

Mr. G. G. Baker expressed his appreciation of the generous terms in which Mr. Anderson had spoken of the Club, the School and the Headmaster. He hoped that present and future Strathallians would live up to that high standard of excellence which the Proposer had outlined as the aim of all former pupils of his own school and Strathallan.

Ample evidence had been given at the Business Meeting earlier in the evening that the Club was flourishing, but some time must elapse before it could pass beyond the

stage of infancy. That meant that as much work yet remained to be done as had been undertaken in the past.

The Club, he said, was already under a great debt to Mr. James for his able assistance as Secretary, and to Mr. Norton, who managed to edit the magazine although unable to leave his domestic life for even one evening in Perth and daily occupied with the playing of musical chairs! On closer inspection, this turned out to be the direction of the Dramatic Society!

The Glasgow Committee, handicapped by the slowness of members in applying for tickets, had had a hard task with the Dinner arrangements. He called for an expression of thanks for the excellent evening the Committee had finally arranged.

Many argued, he continued, that Branch Dinners were keeping away members from this Glasgow function. The purpose of an Old School Dinner was to enable members to renew old friendships. He doubted whether the Branch Dinners did this, and he felt that they merely enabled persons who saw each other every day to see each other once again. Time and finance prevented members from attending two Dinners annually. He regretted that he had perpetrated the awful crime of having no story concerning the Headmaster, who appeared to have been living most circumspectly during the past year. (Loud laughter)—which was intensified as Mr. Baker proceeded to elaborate his definition of the word "circumspectly," winding up with a minute description of a cat walking on a wall topped with pieces of broken glass.

Mr. A. M. Moodie, giving the toast of "The School," remarked: "Mr. Chairman, Mr. Anderson and Gentlemen: When I was asked to propose this toast—'The School'—I accepted eagerly, because, quite apart from the honour which I knew was being bestowed on me, I thought, Gentlemen, I *thought* that to speak on such a subject would be easy. But when I came to the actual business of preparing a speech, I found that practically everything I had to say about the School would have been superfluous, in view of the fact that you all know as well as I do how the School started in

a small way, and rose, through the energy and enterprise of Mr. Riley, to its present strength.

However, the fact remained, a speech had to be prepared, so I sat down, and I wondered: 'Now, what does 'The School' really mean to me and to those other Old Strathallians?'

Well, Gentlemen, the first idea that occurred to me was that 'The School' meant 'a place.' By that I mean that the name conveyed to me, at first thought, the House, the lawn, green fields, rugger-posts, the valley, the class-rooms, the Sanny, and so on. Now, taken as it stands, I am afraid that definition conveys very little of what 'The School' really means to us—and yet, Gentlemen, these buildings have their significance. You all know that each year Mr. Riley spends a great deal of time, and thought and money on improving the School—one year he has a new wing built, then a swimming bath; before that is finished, a laundry has been started; a few terms pass and a cricket pavilion is standing beside the lawn, while a new lab. has been built and hard tennis courts laid down on the other side of the valley. These are only some of the improvements which Mr. Riley has effected during the past few years.

Now, Gentlemen, even if we consider 'The School' to mean so many buildings in certain surroundings, yet, if we see the place one year, then go back the following year and notice the improvements, we realise, I am sure you will all agree, that even in those buildings, in those hard, lifeless objects, you have some of the spirit of the School, which is, in the first place, the spirit of Mr. Riley—for you have in those buildings, Gentlemen, a symbol of Progress.

Now, it has often been said that the best part of a holiday is the memory or memories of it. Well, the time we spent at Strath. was hardly in the nature of a holiday, and yet 'The School' means to us, to a certain extent, 'a place of memories.' Some of these memories were sad, but many of them were happy ones. I am sure you can all remember some exciting rugger or cricket match, the Sunday teas in the grub-room (although, even now, I can never be quite sure whether the memory of those teas is a

happy one or not), the walks we used to have on Sundays (I am *quite* sure about the memory of those), the pond, where, in the frosty weather, we used to make slides, and where, in the summer, several of us, prefects, the grown-up, dignified members of the community, made and sailed little wooden boats. You all remember those last mornings of the term—the excitement and the pillow-fights: inter-house pillow-fights, inter-bedroom pillow-fights, in fact, inter-anybody-who-felt-inclined pillow-fights. I could stand here for hours, Gentlemen, talking of those memories, and I believe that as long as we live that word 'School' will bring back to us some of those days, and even if it is only the memory of the Boss walking across to School with his mortar-board on back-to-front (which he did!)—even if it is only such a memory as that, yet if it takes us back and lets us live again for a little, in that atmosphere of friendship and of—well, '*Labor omnia vincit*'—then, Gentlemen, those memories are not entirely worthless.

Now, still defining 'The School' as 'a place,' we might consider it as a place where we learned things. I personally know that I started to learn the very moment I set foot in Strath. The first thing I learned was that nobody took supper on the first night. (I learned that at the expense of a very red neck and indigestion from eating too quickly.) At Strath. we learned many things which may be summarised in the one simple expression: 'Taking the rough with the smooth'; but still more important were the actual classes. It would be superfluous for me to enumerate the various subjects we were taught. You all know that at Strath. we learned practically every subject from Economics and Higher Mathematics down to—well, shove-ha'penny. We shall never be in the position of the boy who, after being for some time at a boarding school, was asked what he had learned there, and could only reply: 'Well, I-I-I learned to brush my teeth.' That, by the way, is supposed to be a true story. However, the fact remains, Gentlemen, that we, as Strathallians, have had a training either for commerce or for a profession, as we wished, which few others have been fortunate enough to receive. And so, Gentlemen, it is up to us to make the very best of that

training—and in that way we may pay off a little of the debt we undoubtedly owe to Mr. Riley.

So far we have considered 'The School' as a place. But, Gentlemen, it means much more even than that to us. I don't think I am far wrong when I say that it is 'The School' which is that voice in each one of us which chides us sometimes when we feel like slacking or shirking an unpleasant job. You may call it 'conscience' if you will, but if we had not been taught at Strath. that life is still a matter of 'the survival of the fittest,' with wits as weapons instead of clubs and spears, then our consciences would not trouble us. And so I choose to call that voice 'The School.' If it could form definite words, it might say something like this: 'You got a good start in life—don't waste it. If you start anything worth while—finish it, and whether you are playing a game of rugger or that other game—Life—play fair, but *play to win!*'

And there, Gentlemen, I think we have found what 'The School' really means to us—those who have left the actual place: it is the spirit of Mr. Riley. He is the man who has built the School up from small beginnings to its present successful position, and in doing so he has imparted to us some measure of his ideals. His initiative, his energy, his unselfishness, and yet his 'get on or get out' attitude should be an example to us, even if we cannot aspire to his power of organisation and alertness—which reminds me, Gentlemen, of the only time I have ever seen Mr. Riley at a complete loss. It was on the Continent; we had just climbed the Swiss side of the Stelvio Pass. We drew up at the Italian Customs behind a large 'Rolls-Royce,' beside which a very angry, but nevertheless aristocratic-looking, lady was standing arguing with some Italian soldiers. (That is, if people who speak different languages *can* argue.) Mr. Riley and I started to unstrap our luggage from the car, when, suddenly, a *very* English voice broke in: 'Excuse me, do you speak English?—weah having a hellofa time.' Just that, and nothing more, and yet, for fully a minute, Mr. Riley was speechless. However, when the lady asked him to bribe the Customs officials for her, he recovered his power of speech. Now,

Mr. Riley helped that lady through the Customs, but he *would not* bribe the officials for her, and I think you will agree that any man who can decline to do what a lady asks him to do, and yet remain in her eyes a thorough gentleman, shows magnificent *savoir-vivre*, or *faire*, or something.

Now, Gentlemen, just a word or two in conclusion. To the outside world *we* are the School, and if we can catch some of that School spirit—Mr. Riley's spirit—and play this game of Life with all our 'guts' (there's no other word), then, by paving the way, and so offering some encouragement to the Strathallians who are following us, we may make it easier for them, and in that way perhaps we shall be able to pay back a little of what the School gave to us. Then, with Mr. Riley to see it through, I can see nothing which should stand in the way of Strath.'s continued success.

And now, Gentlemen, I ask you to stand with me, and to drink to the success of the School and to the one who can never be dissociated from it—Mr. Riley."

Replying, the Headmaster (H. Riley, Esq.) said: "Mr. Moodie, Mr. Anderson and Gentlemen: I thank you, Mr. Moodie, for the very handsome terms in which you have proposed the toast of 'The School,' and you, Mr. Anderson and Gentlemen, for the very hearty manner in which you have responded to it.

I do not know, Gentlemen, whether you have ever considered what a difficult position a man is in when, year by year, and several times each year, he is called upon to reply to the same toast. These difficulties are very real if one is going to avoid monotony.

Happily, I find myself in an exceptional position, due to the greater development and unbounded progress made at School and in School affairs in the world outside; in fact, my difficulties are of a nature that one finds where one has so much to say, so little time in which to say it, to an audience fully acquainted with all the facts and keenly critical if anything of importance be omitted.

And yet, Gentlemen, I can only speak to you in general terms, but I am speaking to you with the widest knowledge of Strathallian affairs, presiding as I do at Headquarters; and, after making a general

survey of the whole range of Strathallian interests, and with a very deep sense of the responsibility for what I am saying, I am proud to tell you that the School flourishes in a way that is compelling attention, not only in educational and business circles, but in the general social life of our Empire.

When I speak of the School I mean the whole corporate body, not only at Forgan-denny, but in a larger and greater degree in the outer world, wherever Strathallians may be found, scattered as they are in all continents and in all climes. Gentlemen, I tell you—we flourish.

Turn where you will—at School, in sport, in the universities, in business life and in the professions, in the higher branches of the Civil Service—and you will find, Gentlemen, what I tell you to be true.

At School, those of you who have paid us a visit within the last three months cannot but realise the very great improvements that have been carried out since we last met here, whilst every one of you must have felt at least a tinge of pride when you read of the really brilliant examination successes our boys gained this year.

In sport, the Strathallian records speak for themselves, and they have spoken so loudly that they have awakened that somnolent body, the Executive of the Scottish Rugby Union, to a realisation that we are who we are, and, as a result, we are to get our full quota of international tickets each year.

At the Universities, we are gaining honours degrees — yes, first-class honours degrees. There are some present here to-night who have been guilty of the old Scottish offence of raiding across the Border, and the 'traditional enemy' is being relieved of several hundred pounds per annum in the form of scholarships, won in face of the keenest competition in the world. Yes, Gentlemen, we *do* flourish.

In business life, great international companies, such as the Shell Oil, Rand Mines, Hudson Bay, have Strathallians on their staff, and they invite invitations from others.

In the Civil Service, the Secretary of State for the Colonies has now included us in the list of public schools to be solicited for entrants

to the higher branches, and I may say that we have at least ten or twelve boys who are serving in responsible positions in our Crown Colonies. I tell you it is a very significant sign of the times that Old Boys' organisations of Scottish public schools have quite recently invited us to co-operate with them in the formation of a Joint Club in those parts of the world where individual Clubs are impracticable.

Thus, Gentlemen, at last are we gaining that recognition for which we have long striven, and I believe that the future holds in store for us even greater things, and I appeal to you to stand 'four-square' by your fellows so that we may show a united front, and to fight your own battle of life in the way in which I have seen you fight on the playing fields at School, and, when the fight is fiercest, let the battle-cry ring clear and loud: 'Strath! Strath! She calls for greater effort! Strath! Strath! She will not be denied.' Let's onward all together, obstacles swept away, till right across the goal-line we greet victory, as we have done on many a day."

Giving "Our Guest," Mr. R. C. Paton mentioned the public services rendered by Mr. Anderson, notably as Town Clerk of the Royal Burgh of Renfrew and as former Chairman of the Renfrew Education Committee. He also referred to Mr. Anderson's connection with Strathallan as being the parent of a boy who, though he had not known him personally, he was assured had been in every way a credit to the School.

Owing to the absence of Mr. A. Thomson, lately returned from the East, the toast of "Absent Friends" was in the hands of Mr. J. F. Dow, who spoke of the regard and esteem in which Strathallians all over the world held the old School.

Mr. H. M. Todd, proposing "The Chairman," referred briefly to the personal qualities and achievements of Mr. Riley, ending on a note of wistful memories of Strath.

Telegrams from Old Strathallians unable to be present, but extending their best wishes to all at the Dinner, were read by Mr. D. O. Melrose, Convener of the Dinner Committee,



## “O.S.” Notes

Dr. Jack Young, of Rowandene, Kirkcaldy, who is in the West African Medical Service, is at present home on leave.

We congratulate Mr. Tom Ferguson, of the Harbour Commission, Rangoon, on the birth of a son and heir. He has already been entered for Strathallan.

Mr. A. C. Davidson, with Steel Bros, of Rawalpindi, has now been transferred to the Head Office at Rangoon.

We continue to hear glowing reports of Mr. James Highet's prowess on the sports field at Rangoon, where he has gained many “firsts.” Those who were at School with him will know that he is merely keeping up his reputation.

We had a visit from Mr. Matthew Cameron, of New Zealand, who is home on holiday at Lundin Links. His sister introduced the writer to his wife, which was the first intimation we had that he was married. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. “Chippy” Forrest, of Bridge of Allan days, is now in Montreal (2126, Tupper Street) and would like to get in touch with any Old Strathallians with a view to their becoming members of the Scottish Public Schools Club, of Montreal. It is understood that there are proper Club facilities in the City, and they are widely patronised by members of the chief Public Schools clubs of Scotland.

Dr. James Guthrie has now been appointed to the Indian Medical Service and expects to go out to India in the autumn.

Mr. Raymond Greenlees and Mr. W. G. Miller are now stationed near London, doing “Service” work for the India Tyre Company, whilst Mr. Ernest Sinclair is stationed at Tunbridge Wells, doing similar duties.

Mr. George Ritchie was at Murrayfield on the occasion of the French International as first reserve forward. It cannot be long before a “cap” comes his way.

Mr. John Macmillan has returned from Malaya, but is going out to take up a “Tea” appointment on the frontier of Assam towards the end of this month.

Ronald Easterbrook, of Arnprior, Gorebridge, is home from East Africa.

“Tony” Reid, of Milne & Co., Lima, is home on leave at 9, Upper Coltbridge Terrace, Edinburgh. His brother, Peter, is taking up “Shipping” at Cape Town.

Mr. Leonard Fraser, who is with the Old Beach, Ltd. (a North of Ireland firm) has been over in America on business. His home address is c/o Micks, Belmont, Antrim.

Mr. Sam Reid, of Orkney, has taken over the proprietorship of the Milton Road Garage, Joppa.

Mr. G. G. Baker, whose Scholarship at Oxford we reported in our last issue, has gained further honours. He has been awarded a Scholarship of £200, tenable for three years, in the Temple. Our further congratulations “G. G.”!

Our congratulations are also offered to John B. M. Cowan, who has recently passed the first part of the final Law Examination under the “Law Agents Act.”

A further academic success by an Old Strathallian is that of Mr. G. F. Todd, of Kilmacolm. Not yet twenty-one, he has just graduated at Glasgow University M.A. in Economics, with First Class Honours, and has gained the John Clark (Mile End) Scholarship, tenable for two years at Balliol College, Oxford, and also the Gladstone Memorial prize presented to the best graduate of the year in Economics, Political Science and History. Old Strathallians, of 1922 particularly, will be pleased to learn of his success and congratulate him.

Mr. Alan Dick, who only took up swimming seriously when he found that business prevented his continuation of rugby, is already in the championship class we hear. His latest success is the winning of the Eastern Counties Diving Championship.

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The Editor,  
“The Strathallian,”  
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“Hermiston,”  
Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire,  
19/1/31.

DEAR SIR,—A strictly unofficial and informal “Strathallian Club Dance” was held in the Plaza, Glasgow, on Friday, 9th January, and, despite the fact that no special effort was made to get in touch with a large number of members, the support afforded was very good.

It should be the aim of each of our branches to become a real benefit to members in its district, and, as a means to this end, I suggest that the Committee should encourage each branch to organise an annual dance. It seems obvious that there are many members to whom a dance appeals more strongly than does a dinner, and, though I cannot help thinking that a dinner is by far the more suitable function for an Old Boys' Club, I see no reason why we should not be able to organise a successful dance as well.

I trust that the Committee may see fit to consider this suggestion.—Yours faithfully, ROBERT BARR.

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21. Brown, W. M., Heatherknowe, Kilmacolm.
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60. Davidson, H. A. C., c/o Steel Bros. & Co., Ltd., Box 1059, Rangoon.
61. Forrest, J. H., 2126 Tupper Street, Montreal.
62. Ferguson, T., Port Commission, Rangoon.