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Editorial

THIS term has been a record one in many ways. For the most part we have enjoyed glorious weather, and the indolence thereby produced has had its inevitable effect upon the influx of magazine contributions: our worst fears were realised. It is always darkest before dawn, they say, and just at the time that the whole of the Editorial Board was beginning to get somewhat concerned for its off-spring, the Old Boys turned up trumps once more, and their belated efforts saved the situation. In fact, the great difficulty then became that of preparing the material ready for the press before the vacation started.

We suppose that the senior boys are justified in their non-support this term; exams. are a necessary evil and entail a great deal of extra work, to which, no doubt, the boys have devoted their energies. At the same time they seem to have found considerable leisure for recreation during the time they remained behind after the School had officially closed. Many of these will have left by the time the

next magazine is being prepared, and it is necessary to point out that new supporters are slow in coming forward. Last term showed signs of considerable promise in this direction, but the summer sun seems to have dried up the spring of inspiration. We look for a renewed enthusiasm in the School next term, when vacant places on the Editorial Board have to be filled.

These vacancies are the result of the departure of W. P. Thomson and L. Galloway. They have served on the Board for nearly two years, the former being an enthusiast with a happy knack of extracting contributions from others, the latter being the contributor of articles invariably ingenious and interesting. Both are going up to 'Varsities; not too far away, we trust, for them to continue their support. We would suggest that now there are so many Old Boys scattered among the English and Scottish 'Varsities, at least we may reasonably expect a series of University Letters.

School Notes and Notices

THE summer term has been an eventful one, and what with sport and work the time has passed rapidly. With the long-continued spell of hot weather, the added facilities for recreation have been much appreciated. There has been great keenness on the part of the younger boys to get up to the new nets and receive instruction at the hands of the coach, while the evening swims have had an ever-increasing popularity.

Next term it is proposed to construct four hard tennis courts. It is hardly necessary to emphasise what a boon these will be to enthusiasts, and the Championships showed that they are many.

A further innovation next term is the organisation of a series of lectures. It is suggested that two or three lectures be given in each of the winter and spring terms. Already three have been arranged for the coming term and one for the spring session. In addition to a return visit by Captain Daintry to refresh our minds on the subject of Life-Saving, the Rev. A. R. Runnels-Moss has agreed to give, on October 9th, an illustrated lecture on "The West Indies," which contains, we understand, a graphic account of a volcanic eruption, while on October 21st Mr. Gordon Stewart Reid comes to give a lecture-recital on "The Songs of Scotland." These lectures are given under the auspices of the Dramatic Society, but a small charge will be made for admission to help to defray expenses.

With these and the renewed activities of the Jazz Band, the Cinema (at which, we hear, are to be shown films of the school sports and other events), and the Dramatic Society, next term promises to be a very busy one as far as the social side is concerned, no great disadvantage in view of the fact that there is much work to be done during its fourteen weeks.

Sports Day was held on Friday, June 28th, and, after being absent for two years, King Sol graced the occasion with his presence. A dry spell had rendered the course hard, and, apart from the heat, everything favoured some good performances in the flat races, expectations which were fulfilled by results. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Murray of Taymount. The full report is to be found in the Sports Pages, but we take this opportunity of congratulating Nicol House in re-

capturing the House Championship from Freeland, for which feat they were indebted to their juniors and a magnificent effort by C. Lacey in the open events. Lacey was Victor Ludorum, but our congratulations are extended also to T. Docherty as runner-up, defeat by Lacey in the long jump losing him the championship by a single point. The struggle for the Junior Victor Ludorum Cup, presented by Mr. Anderson in memory of his son, Allan, was fitly terminated in a tie between I. Macintyre and S. Brook, both of Nicol.

The number of Old Strathallians present on this occasion was not so large as usual, but this is accounted for by the fact that Commemoration Day was on the morrow. The School easily defeated the scratch tug-of-war team that could be assembled from the number, thereby breaking the Old Boys' run of success. There was, however, a large gathering of parents and friends. At the same time Mr. Jones was a notable absentee, and it was a disappointment to all that a torn muscle prevented his being present. It is with pleasure that we hear he is about once more and on the way to complete recovery.

Our first Commemoration Day was a decided success, and many Strathallians will retain memories of it for years to come. There was a short service in Chapel, followed by the annual cricket match between Past and Present, with the Swimming Relay Race in the evening, and one and all agreed that Commemoration Day was a decidedly happy innovation.

Our congratulations to the cricket teams on their highly successful season! Apart from a bad lapse against Dollar Academy, the first team has been unbeaten by a school side. Against club sides they have perhaps been hardly so successful as in former years, this being due to a certain weakness in bowling, particularly on hard wickets; numerically strong, the bowlers have lacked variety to a certain extent. To compensate in some measure for this weakness, the batting has been considerably stronger, there being less "tail" in the side than there has been for many years.

The poor unfortunates remaining behind for the exams. (the results of which will be found elsewhere) seem to have made the

best of a bad job. True, they did a considerable amount of work; but what with tennis, croquet, bowls and swimming, they have had plenty of diversions. We remark the absence of any details as to how their Saturdays and Sundays have been spent. The reticence shown about golfing in Perth, a picnic in the hills, and the South Africans' visit to the North Inch to play Scotland is suspicious. Surely there is substance for a magazine contribution somewhere here. The now annual cricket match with the village provided a diverting break, the School winning by a large margin.

The summer term generally sees a great exodus among the seniors. This year several leave us for the 'Varsities, while the rest will be entering upon a business career. In whatever sphere they may find themselves by the time this number appears, we wish them every success, recommending them to join the Old Boys' Club and avoid any severance of their connection with their Alma Mater.

We greatly regret to say that David Walker, who was appointed Captain of the School for this session, has been unwell and, since it is certain that he will not be able to return until January at the earliest, the Captaincy has been handed over to Ian Turner.

The Captains of the Houses are as follows:—Freeland: T. Docherty; Nicol: Ian Chalmers; Simpson: George Sturrock; Ruthven: Ian Turner.

The remaining Prefect is Archie Morrison.

The House Prefects are A. Barr, I. Henderson, J. B. Ross, F. Grant, J. M'Culloch and G. Dickinson.

The Sub-Prefects are R. Aitken, C. Lacey, J. T. Johnston, G. Moncur, T. Cleland, R. Balfour.

The Captain of Swimming is Ronnie Dunn, and the Captain of Rugby T. Docherty.

The Examination results this term have proved to be perhaps the best collective result in the history of the School.

In the Cambridge Junior examination the following boys obtained honours:—J. M. Scott (Medallist), R. D. Paton (with Distinction in French), Jack Lennie (with Distinction in Science), A. M. Melville, T. Watson, A. Howie (with Distinction in Geography), R. Reid (with Distinction in Science), and G. D. Muir. The following boys secured a

pass:—B. Carlaw, G. Dobson, J. Findlay, J. Fleming, N. Gillanders, W. H. Jack, T. McAllister, A. Motion, D. M. Thomson, D. Vost, C. Lacey, G. B. Crabbe, M. Greenlees, W. Mitchell and A. L. White.

In the School Certificate examination, the following obtained honours:—I. Henderson (Gold Medallist), G. Sturrock (with Distinction in Physics), D. Wilkie (with Distinction in Geography), J. Laidlaw, H. Brook, A. Morrison, W. H. Brown. The Passes were as follows:—G. Anderson, J. L. Galloway, F. Grant, G. M. Grant, L. Lauderdale, R. Lindsay, J. B. Ross, F. Schlanbusch, A. Shanks, W. Taylor, and J. Waldie. Ian Chalmers was second in the Honours list with a mark of Distinction in English and Religious Knowledge, but his being a few weeks over the age of 18 rendered him ineligible for these distinctions.

THE GARDEN.

I know a garden where the flowers
Bloom in the shade of towering walls,
And where the passing of the hours
Is chimed by tinkling fountain falls.

These walls with tapestries are hung
Of twining creepers, every hue
Mosiaced there; scarlet flares among
The wreathed plumbago's pallid blue.

Around stone arch-ways roses twine,
And tear-drop petals on the ground,
Fallen from blossomed eglantine,
Strew their sweet fragrance all around.

While butterflies with painted wings
Flit restlessly from bloom to bloom,
And sunbeams dance like elfin things
Or shadows in a firelit room.

At twilight time the petals close,
And honey bees, all powdered gold
With scented pollen, seek repose
Within domed hives, as sheep their fold.

And in the stone clefts glow-worm's fire
Gleams emerald in the deepening dark,
While lanterns hung from silver wire
Fling radiance in a golden arc.

And overhead the whispering palms
Are telling tales of nights gone by,
And greedily with outstretched arms
They steal some starlight from the sky.
I. C.

Chapel Notes

It is with regret that we say "Good-bye" to several members of the choir who leave this term. J. Black, E. Sinclair, I. MacEwen, M. Wood, W. P. Thomson, W. Gerrett, J. Waldie and S. Dobbie have, during the past year, rendered valuable help in leading the singing at Services. We wish them all that is good in their new spheres, and trust they will find time and opportunity to continue their choral activities.

Mention must be made of the departure of G. Gray, who has for some time acted in

the capacity of beadle. He was always on the spot when required, and carried out his duties with the utmost precision. We wish him every success in his career.

Chapel Fund. The sum of £15 has been allocated from this fund to three institutions as shown in the statement appended. Last term, as reported in the last issue, plants were purchased from the fund, and it is now recommended that we provide seat cushions for the choir and office-bearers. These, we hope, will be in use next term.

Balance Sheet.

<i>Income.</i>			
Balance from last term	£24 10 7
Collections at Services	23 19 10
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H. E. C. SHARMAN (Treasurer).

<i>Expenditure.</i>			
Plants for Chapel	£3 16 3
Donation to Forgandenny Parish Church	5 0 0
Donation to Perth Royal Infirmary	5 0 0
Donation to Glasgow Children's Hospital	5 0 0
Balance in hand	29 14 2
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Audited and found correct.

ERNEST SINCLAIR.

GEORGE GRAY.

COMMEMORATION DAY.

June 29th, 1929, set apart for this purpose, will go down in the history of the School as the first Commemoration Day. Despite the fact that the sports had been held on the previous day, there was an excellent turn-out of Old Strathallians. Nearly thirty of these were present at the Service held in Chapel at 3 o'clock, while, before the afternoon was out, a further ten put in an appearance; surely an excellent beginning to so important a festival.

The Chapel Service, at which the majority of the School was present, the limited accommodation leading to the exclusion of the younger boys, was short but none the less impressive. The hymns selected for the occasion were: "Fight the Good Fight," "O God of Bethel" and "We Love the Place," and the singing thereof was full of feeling.

After reading the passage from the New Testament concerning Nicodemus and

Christ's admonition that re-birth was essential, Mr. Riley in his address applied this to the occasion. He emphasised the ideals of the School and the greatness of its spirit, and urged that on such a day, with present upholders of that spirit mingling with those of the past, all might benefit; particularly those who had left, and in the whirl of business had lost some of that idealism, were afforded an opportunity of recapturing their schoolboy fervour and public spiritedness and going back to their work with a new faith and a renewed strength.

After the Service, the Old Boys met the School in a twelve-a-side cricket match and also in a swimming race, both of which contests were keenly fought. Accounts of these activities will, however, be found in their proper place; but no one could doubt the presence of the School spirit in all that was done that day.

Youth

"Write not of thy reminiscences, my son, for it is not meet that thine indiscretions should thereby be brought to book."

TO Jeremy Colbourne, who was equally at home in all the numerous Ritz Hotels in the world, to spend a holiday in Italy seemed so natural that he hardly noticed the change in language. At the age of twelve he had startled his father by his knowledge of engineering. His father, a "something-in-the-city," was not easily startled. Three years later he again surprised his parent by an apparent lack of interest in everything. Mr. Colbourne thought then that it was time he got to know this elegant young man who spent his holidays with him. He played golf with Jeremy the very next day: he felt unreasonably nervous as he drove off the first ball, unreasonably elated when he won the match. Jeremy was one of those modern youngsters, outwardly bored with everything, in reality immensely pleased with themselves. Jeremy was seventeen and —.

In the Garden of Lombardy there is a lake whose praises have been sung from earliest times. The days there are lucent, green-gold, bathed by crystal clear waters, arched over by a deeper blue sky. The lake, bounded by mountains, of unsurpassed beauty, is rimmed by fertile banks dotted with pink and white villas, unbelievably dainty.

Jeremy pronounced Lake Como "not bad"; like everyone else, Jeremy had his kind moments.

On the edge of the lake, almost spilling its houses into the water, crouches the village of Cernobbio. It is a small, compact mass, none too clean, perhaps, but possessing one treasure, the Villa del Garrova. Jeremy knew it by another name—perhaps you will know it too; as a hotel it is world famous.

Built by an architect famed for his work on Milan Cathedral, the hotel is a fit covering for the art treasures it encloses. Since Pellegrini built it, various wealthy owners have added to its beauty—gilding the lily. Napoleon, crowned King of Italy with the iron crown of Lombardy, stayed here as a guest of his general, Count Pino. It was in honour of his visit that the drawing room was decorated with panels of gold tapestry bearing the initial "N" surmounted by the

royal crown. The room remains unchanged. Princess Caroline, the unfortunate wife of King George the Fourth, bought the villa from the widowed Countess, and during her five years of residence built the magnificent ball room. Originally it was a theatre, for the Princess was interested in private theatricals. Indeed, despite her girth, she took part in them, and beamed with delight at the pleasure on the faces of her audience as she "drifted" about as Columbine; her favourite part, forsooth.

The hotel stands on the rising banks of the lake, a little removed from the village, shaded by many a tree. The exotic gardens tumble down to the water's edge, rivalling, indeed, with its flora, that gem of gardens which surrounds the Villa Carlotta where even orchids grow in the open air. To the Marquis Calderara, the Villa owes its cypress avenue. To look on this vista is to see a sight not easily forgotten. Between two reredos or screens built of mosaic work of small and multi-coloured stones, one sees the avenue rising to the statue of Hercules. Then down again the eye travels, for from the base of the statue two streams of water come cascading down a series of marble basins, flower-entwined, between the trees, to end in one beautifully carved cup covered with aquatic plants. And all about is a perfect riot of colour, the air is perfumed, the waters in the fountains might be the art of worth.

Amidst this beauty lived Jeremy, and when his mother had retired to rest in the heat of the afternoon, he would sit under one of the gaudy sunshades on the strip of lawn between the marble portico of the hotel and the marble balustrade which divided the water from the green sward, and enjoy the beauty of the view.

There were two views really. A beautiful Italian lady, tall and slender, was a habitué of the next sunshade. But the view down the lake, which I hope was the one which engaged Jeremy's attention, was superb. In the distance is Bellagio, where, as Stendhal declared, "Sublimity and grace combine to a degree which is equalled but

not surpassed by the most famous sight in the world, the Bay of Naples."

Mrs. Colbourne had brought Jeremy for a short holiday, and now it was all but over. To-morrow it would be a memory. To-morrow Jeremy wished it was all over yesterday, for the memory was not a pleasant one. That morning Mrs. Stevens, a great friend of his mother's, had arrived at the Villa del Garrova with a vast collection of luggage and her daughter. Therein lay the seat of the unpleasantness.

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It is evening. The hour before dinner. An orchestra plays indolently on the portico to amuse the early dressed. In the lounge a few groups of people sip cocktails.

Jeremy, descending the marble stairway slowly, regards with supreme indifference the occupants of the lounge, the cosmopolitan clientèle of the fashionable caravanserais. The flash of open cigarette or vanity cases, a drifting veil of smoke. Jeremy looked much older in evening clothes. He looked more than his years at any time. Five feet, nine inches, his spareness added to his height. His skin was fair and smooth as a mask, his mouth, firm as usual, quirked like a faun's.

He crossed the hall and gained the lawn. The water front was deserted. Even the lady with the oval face and shoulder-swinging ear-rings was absent. Leaning over the balustrade, Jeremy watched the sun go down behind the hills. The lake turned from faint to deepest blue, while the far distant, snow-capped peaks caught the last reflection. The moon drifted into her own. Later, three ladies discovered him esconced in leathern luxury, and when they had duly extracted him from his cushioned sanctuary, the four passed into dinner.

In the dining room, with its rows of tables, the guests, aided by their high priests, priests and acolytes, dine with dignity and ceremony, but it is well for many that the Recording Angel keeps no tally of returned empties. At the table where Jeremy is seated with his mother, Mrs. Stevens and "Kitten" Stevens, there is no want of conversation: but as Shakespeare said, "All the world's

a stage, and all the speaking parts are given to women." Jeremy alone is silent.

Mrs. Stevens, like Canute, having obtained the shingle, failed to control the permanent wave; but her daughter had at the age of twenty-one been more triumphant. Her face would have done admirably as an advertisement for a new face cream or powder. It would have sold anything in vast quantities. Jeremy had never met Kitten before. He was very silent. "When you return to earth, Jeremy, will you please —." Kitten was acting up to her name. Jeremy thought she meant "I think you're dumb." Well, anyway, the salt was nearer her. He'd show her just how dumb he was. Did she know his age? No, well, the deception would be worth while if he could only obtain a photograph of that face which could have sold tons of disinfectant. He looked ahead. He saw himself in possession of the photo. He visualised the scene in the Prefect's room. The overpowering popularity — : Jeremy's vocal organs came suddenly into action.

Mrs. Colbourne performed a rapid mental calculation, then moved the bottle of white wine a little further up the table. The discreet amusement of those dining in the immediate vicinity, was, however, brought to a sudden end by Mrs. Steven's asking, a thought too casually, if Kitten had any desire to finish the liquid mess into which her ice was rapidly degenerating. No Kitten could have lapped up milk in a brisker fashion. Jeremy said he did not care for ices; whereupon his mother renewed her calculations. She discovered that she did not know much about volumes.

Over coffee, in the lounge, Jeremy became restless. "Let's dance," he said.

The mothers realised they were not included in the invitation; but Mrs. Colbourne wondered vaguely if Jeremy, who made a point of keeping her "up to the mark," would object to the scantiness of Kitten's dress.

Chandeliers of the finest rock crystal glittered above the mosaic floor; a drowsy pulse lay hidden somewhere in the wail of the saxophone: the drums, the sophisticated, the depraved, the complicated, syncopated modern tom-tom throbbed through the music.

Jeremy whispered nonsense, sang the insane words of the idiotic melody over Kitten's head. They stopped dancing, found a table, and sat down. Jeremy ordered "something cold," and for a while they sat shaking ice cubes in opalescent glasses.

Soon they were dancing again. The music whispered the lovely refrain of a Venetian waltz out into the night of minute splashes, where it lost itself in the eddies of the lake. They revolved above the minute polished stones of every hue, swaying to the pulsating, throbbing rhythm.

"Let's get out of this crush."

Kitten nodded, wondering. She saw Jeremy deliriously happy. He was—too happy to "stay put."

The moon was flooding the gardens with silver light when they left the crush. O, those languorous southern nights, seductive as champagne! They stood a while against the parapet, watching a pink lantern on a boat move across the water as though someone were waving a cigar in the air, a boat drifting in a path of stars into the foliage overhanging the water's edge. They crossed the lawn. Jeremy indicated a marble bench, mysteriously white against the darker shadows.

"Let's sit here."

A fountain sang to the moon. The air, warm and perfumed, slept in the silence. —

[Here there is a gap in the manuscript, the writing being too faded to be readable.]

They returned to the hotel in silence. Jeremy had forgotten about his photo.; he had forgotten a great deal more. Pausing on the entrance to regain normal thought, he discovered Kitten pulling his pearl stud. Indeed, that oasis in a desert of starched linen was in considerable danger.

"Jeremy," she was saying, "do you earn an awful lot of money at that —?"

"Hello!"

Jeremy almost lost his balance.

"Now, where have you two been?"

Mrs. Stevens confronted them. She swept them through the lounge and sat them down beside Mrs. Colbourne without waiting for

their reply. They were both blinking at the sudden light. Jeremy felt "caught out" for the first time for many years. It was like being shot through a lift. Couldn't a chap walk decently across the room? He felt easier when conversation recommenced, although he never exactly recovered. Then he felt something was wrong: the topic was not exactly to his liking. He tried to turn the conversation once or twice. Later he knew that he should have kept silent. He was drawing attention on himself. Too late he saw what was coming. He wanted to scream. "Time you went to bed, Jeremy," said his mother. "We've an early start to-morrow. Goodness, how the time has flown!"

Kitten half raised herself in her chair. "But you're — you're not going — to-morrow —?"

Jeremy's collar must have shrunk suddenly. He was bathed in perspiration and he found a difficulty in breathing. "Good Lord! The mater was going to put her foot in it now," he thought.

He thought right.

"Yes—you're pulling my shawl, Jeremy—this wretched boy" (how true!) "has to be back at school on Monday."

With a long-drawn "Oh," Kitten sank back in her chair again.

Jeremy wanted to fly from the room. He found he couldn't even rise. So now she knew; but perhaps—bright thought—she might think him a master. A very young one, perhaps, but still —.

"Well," Kitten's mother stifled the last hope in its infancy, "if your mother had not told me, I should have thought you at least six years older. Fancy, just seventeen!"

"Yes," answered Jeremy, a thousand miles away.

What on earth should he do? Was Kitten looking at him? She was not. Kitten had lost something and was searching for it frantically under the table. Perhaps that accounted for her flushed face, remarked on later by her mother.

W. S.

Ruthven of Freeland

THOUGH the title of this article may appear to some to be, on the face of it, a contradiction in terms, and though it may, peradventure, cause others who are unfortunate enough to inhabit the "ground floor" to construe possession from the word "of," yet those who dwell or have dwelt nearer to Heaven need have no fear of a loss of status, for the discourse is not upon school houses, but upon the ancient peerage.

A grant by James III, creating Sir William Ruthven of Ruthven, descendant of an ancient Celtic house, a Lord of Parliament, marks the appearance of the title, which escaped by three days the Recission Act of James IV. The noble Lord William and his descendants lived quiet but profitable lives in Ruthven Castle, or Huntingtower, remains of which, if the geographical instruction of my school-days is still of any practical value, are still extant on the northern side of the highroad between Perth and Crieff.

In 1581 Huntingtower Castle was the scene of the famous raid of Ruthven, of which historians unfortunately give little or no detail, as they assume, quite unwarrantably, an intimate acquaintance with the facts. The locality of the notorious "Maiden's Leap" is still marked among the ruins. The legend runs that, finding herself one day with a lusting gallant (presumably clad in full armour and, therefore, immune from the customary methods of defence adopted by maidens in such circumstances) in red hot pursuit, and noting what Mr. Arlen so aptly calls "a look of hope in his eye," a young lady of the period jumped a hitherto unprecedented length from one tower to another at a considerable distance above the ground. But all this is, of course, mere fiction, for obvious reasons.

In 1600 the holder of the peerage, which had merged into the Earldom of Gowrie, became involved in the Gowrie Conspiracy, and

wholesale confiscation followed. A few years later a great grandson of the second Lord Ruthven was elevated to the new peerage of Ruthven of Freeland, and is recorded as having sat in the Scottish Parliament of 1651 as Laird of Freeland.

The subsequent history of the family appears to have been placid till a conflict with the law in the nineteenth century arose over the validity of the title, of which the original granting document had been destroyed along with the old House of Freeland, which stood a little to the west of the present building, in a fire on March 14th, 1750, fragments of which are still to be seen at the south end of the Dell. There is a record of the title having been granted "to the grantee and his heirs general," and an irregular descent is alleged to have occurred about 1800.

By 1884 a bitter controversy was raging, and we find a certain Mr. Round speaking of the "assumption of a peerage dignity by a line of commoners in no way entitled to it, which not only originated in a joke but was laughed to scorn by the greatest authorities of the age." This and similar disparagements were met in 1904 by a Mr. Stevenson, who attempted to prove the validity of the title in a pamphlet entitled "The Ruthven of Freeland Peerage Claim," which is probably of more interest to the lawyer than the layman.

Such is the sum total of my research into the history of what is now the abode of Strathallan. Ignorance of accessible authorities alone prevents my dealing with the much more interesting "secret passages" and ghosts of the house; but, who knows, perhaps such an article may yet be given to the world.

Week-Ends and Hill Stations

SOME business firms in the East do not consider that leave is good for their youngsters—or assistants as they are officially known—so that the first five years have to be looked upon as a paltry school term of ten weeks. However, to find the raw material for their finished articles it is necessary for these firms to open branches in places which offer some compensation for the discomforts endured.

In the north-west of India there are six cold months, and the remaining six, May to October, can be called hot. Stations on the plains some fifty miles from the hills have been termed "Health Resorts," because they are kept moderately cool and healthy by the cooling wind from the nearby hills. This at any rate is the opinion of a "When I was young" type of critic: and it may be true. Though 110 degrees in the shade is not nearly so hot as "grilled livered" colonels on the point of retiring would make out, it is warm enough to make a week-end in the hills very acceptable, and well worth the climb of five or six thousand feet by a series of hair-pin bends, which if they were stretched out would measure some twenty-five miles.

These hill stations in the district are populated for the most part by army officials and the grass widows of the small portion of the army which is *not* on hot-weather leave; and it is to here that the aforementioned youngsters migrate for a long week-end whenever opportunity occurs.

Friday has been a hectic day in the endeavour to bring everything up to date before five o'clock, at which time the humble assistants leap on to motor bikes and go full out for the hills. Bearers (servants) invariably forget something, and even if the master has been kind and sent the servant on ahead in a taxi—the Indian taxi of to-day is a "Chevrolet" chassis, a few boards, an awning, two long seats and an unhealthy smell of packed humanity on a hot day—there is usually a fair load to be carried. But—off for the week-end, full of the holiday spirit, what does a "tail-wag" or a cutting shoulder strap matter?

The first twenty miles along the flat can be covered in half an hour's hot running, but then a modern trap makes speed a worthless and expensive past-time for the next

twenty-five miles; and a toll is paid for the privilege of going slowly, and the climb begins. This climb is best conceived by imagining a series of "Devil's Elbows" for twenty odd miles; that is certainly how the hill road struck the writer.

Another hour, and the trip is practically over, when Mr. A. (The Maharajah of Kashmir) demands a toll lest the ordinary road tax will not afford a sufficiently large balance, after sundry expenses have been deducted for necessary repairs, to enable him to take another trip to Europe. But it is cool now, and consequently money changes hands easily: and soon after this the hill station is reached.

If friends already have full bungalows, and if heavy English feeding is the main object of the week-end, there are plenty of hotels and the odd bachelors' quarter at the Club to cater for the new arrival; but as a rule actions are determined by how hot it has been on the plain. There is plenty of choice of amusement, however; picnics, bathing in mountain streams, tennis, walking, dancing, climbing, and, greatest joy of all, sleeping in beds, unhampered by mosquito nets, and covered by more than a folded sheet. This last is enjoyed by all: the actual means of passing the time depends upon individual taste; but pass the time certainly does, and the week-end slips by quickly. All too soon bedraggled, sleepy assistants are forced to face the chilly atmosphere round about six o'clock on Monday morning.

Back to the plains is a grim show! Slipping down with a free engine leaves time to think of all the "if onlies"; but always there is the pleasant thought that with a week-end missed there will be the chance of another beat up to the hills for at least one night, which enables one to face the prospect of a fortnight in a place with a temperature of well over the 100 degrees with a more satisfied spirit.

But how different is the station from what has been left behind in the Kashmir country! There it was possible to golf, to catch real trout, to do almost everything that might be done in Scotland: but always there is the realisation that before a real holiday can be spent there, the bank account must be augmented, and leave granted. SATISFIED.

Beautiful Tahiti

TAHITI, or Otaheiti, as it is called in the native tongue, has an area of about 400 square miles and is some thirty-five miles in length.

Like all other of the largest islands in the South Pacific it is of volcanic origin. Evidence of this is provided by viewing the red lava scars on the upper slopes. It is extremely elevated for its area, for the highest peak, Mt. Orohena, rises to an altitude of almost 8000 feet, while Mt. Aoria is almost as high.

The most striking of all the peaks is the Diademe. This rises from a broad gap in the highlands to a height of 4000 feet and the summit is one mass of pinnacles.

Papeete is the chief town and is the seat of government of French Oceania. It is almost hidden among palms, tropical bushes and many types of beautiful flowers of all colours. The mingling of France and the tropics, the touch of China, and its many colours make the township one of the most picturesque in the Pacific.

In the harbour lie many graceful schooners with their shining white hulls reflected in the clear green water of the lagoon. Near the entrance is a small coral island, luxuriant with green palms: this is Motu-uta, the quarantine station. In another corner of this beautiful lagoon lies the dark grey form of a French sloop; she is still and quiet as though lazing in the tropical sunshine.

One of the strangest sights in Papeete is the market, which is held at the inconvenient hour of five o'clock in the morning. On the stalls are many strange edibles—sauces in joints of bamboo, flying fish, octopus, porcupines and "varos" or sea centipedes. There are feis, or wild bananas, the chief food of the Tahitians, taros, pawpaws, mangos, limes, bread-fruit, tamarinds and many other tropical fruits. Then there are smaller sections where flowers and vegetables are sold. With the buyers and sellers shouting and singing in the soft Tahitian

tongue, it is quite unlike any other fish or fruit market in the world.

The Tahitians have much grace and charm. Captain Cook spoke of them as "surpassing all others in physical beauty." Sometimes, especially in women of the higher classes, their complexions and features nearly approach European. Like all other Polynesians, they are musical and intellectual far beyond most types of natives; also they are passionately fond of flowers, and for every social diversion they adorn themselves with wreaths of many types of their beautiful native flowers. The natives are the best exponents of the "hula-hula" dance, being considerably more expert than their more famous Hawaiian cousins. The "himene," too, is another striking native performance. This is a semi-religious community singing, and as all Tahitians have fine voices, the effect is most melodious.

The only native animals are the pig and dog, but to compensate for this, nature has given the islands a most prolific bird life, many types being peculiar to the group. An odd feature is the number of types of snails, of which almost every valley has a distinct form. However, it is the fish that form the most distinct and notable item in the native fauna. Nature moulds them into many shapes: round, triangular, almost square, and some with a back fin that floats out a foot or two behind. They are all colours, blue, green, crimson and yellow, while many have more colours than a rainbow—anything but the grey or watery-hued fish of temperate climes are these inhabitants of the Tahitian waters.

All tropical plants which thrive in a luxuriant soil grow to perfection on Tahiti, while many others have been introduced from other countries. Mile after mile is an unbroken stretch of tree, shrub and flower, from flaming croton to frangipanni, from the fragrant pure white "Taire Tahiti" to purple cascades of bougainvillea; and mingled with this beauty and forming part of it, are many strange and splendid fruits, wild or cultivated.

The reef is an entrancing feature, for the marine life is richer than on any other in the South Pacific. As with the reef, so with the lagoon. There are trees and bushes of yellow and white coral and scarlet corallins. Coral flowers of mauve and primrose, blue and pink, nod in the light that filters through the translucent water.

Sport in Tahiti is practically confined to aquatics. There is fishing with rod, line, net or spear on river, reef, lagoon and open sea, while canoeing, sailing, surfboard riding are extremely popular. Six miles from Papeete is Lafayette beach, one of the finest in the world for bathing; and near here is Point Venus, where Captain Cook observed the transit of Venus in 1769. Here is erected a monument to the famous navigator, and also one to Pomare V., the last king of Tahiti.

A. G. P.

PERSPECTIVE.

We tramped along the dusty road,
Old Ben, the vagabond, and I,
Beneath the shade of arching trees,
For high up in the cloudless sky
The sun beat down upon the plain.
But when the coming twilight made
The shadows of slim poplars stretch
Like fingers o'er the road, we strayed
Into a village nestling close
Against the sombre mountains' feet.
In winter time an angry stream
Raced fiercely down the little street,
And gouged its errant path, to leave
Straw-wisps and rubble strewn around;
The grass was kneaded up with mud,
And as we walked along I found
No beauty there. The thatches hung
Decrepit on the roofs, and doors
Creaked loud on broken hinges
To show grimed walls and earthen floors.
And all was drab and drear and grey—
The windows with their broken frames
And jagged panes where winds came
through
To flicker the feeble candle flames
That gleamed in the deepening dusk

Like so many evil, yellow eyes—
There seemed no life, all cold, cold, cold,
Cold as the moon in the frosty skies.

I turned to look at Ben, and said:
"The ugliest village I have seen."

He did not answer, but a smile
Lit up his features, brown and lean.

We left the village far behind
And clambered up the mountain side,
Where liting streams came tumbling down
While overhead the curlews cried;
Till last we reached what seemed to me
The mounting platform of the stars
When they climb up the evening sky.
A wild place, it was; a thousand scars
Showed how the elements had made
This rocky height their field of war,
Where they had raged tempestuous
Since the world began. And I saw
Like saw-teeth, on a windcut edge
Some scraggy, solitary pines,
Storm-racked and bent, dark silhouettes,
As if a pen had etched their lines.
Then o'er the peak-tops came the dawn;
The stars grew pallid in the east
To fade away. Across the sky
There slowly, slowly crept the least
Suspicion of a saffron tinge.
Grey mountains turned to powder blue
As from the valley far below
The mists crept up, distilling dew,
And made the rock-slopes sparkle
In the sun's glinting blood-red rays.
Cloud after cloud went floating by,
Each like a rose, trailing a haze
That swirled as drifts of cannon smoke,
And o'er the mountains slowly rolled,
Till far below the fertile plain
Lay sun kissed 'neath the blue and gold.
The road, a long white ribbon, wound
Beside the river on the plain,
To lose itself among the woods,
And 'midst the mountain slopes was lain,
Like to a flower a child has dropped
Upon a woodland floor of moss,
A tiny hamlet midst the trees.
I turned to Ben, quite at a loss
To name the place. A smile crept
Upon his face, so brown and lean,
He half-contemptuous answered me,
"The ugliest village you have seen!"

I. C.

The "Moltke"

EARLY in July twelve months ago the writer had the good fortune to be taken over H.M. Dockyard at Rosyth, and shewn, amongst other very interesting sights, the ex-German battle cruiser "Moltke" in process of being broken up.

This battle cruiser, of some 22,000 tons displacement, was one of the eight largest capital ships in the German High Seas Fleet during the Great War, and it is believed that she, along with her sister ship, the "Goeben" (now transferred to the Turkish Navy and re-named "Yavuz Sultan Selim"), and several other German ships were responsible for the shelling of Scarborough and Whitby early in the War. The "Moltke," which had a main battery of ten 11 in. guns, was salvaged at Scapa Flow by Messrs. Cox & Danks, the raising of this ship being one of the most wonderful feats of salvage ever accomplished. She was towed, upside-down, by four tugs from that Northern Naval Base, where she had lain for nearly ten years on her side in the bed of the harbour, to Rosyth and docked, still upside-down, in one of the three great 850 foot graving docks there.

Although the "Moltke," herself, is only 610 feet in length, she looked a very formidable object, resting on her fore and aft gun turrets, and supported all round by wooden piles.

It was thus quite possible to walk under her, and a strange experience it was to stand under this once one of the grandest units in the German Fleet, and see her decks warped, barnacled and covered with all manner of sea growth. If one looks down the barrel of one of her 11 in. guns, it is still possible to discern the rifling, though it is now badly pitted and corroded by the action of the sea. The chart house, control towers, anti-aircraft battery and other parts of her superstructure that remained had been forced bodily through the decks by the great weight of her hull, gradually settling on the piles and gun turrets as the dock was pumped dry.

It was a strange sensation to walk on the top of the hull; at the stern were the great casings enclosing her four propeller shafts, which reminded one of guns projecting from the walls of a cupola fort.

The bow, under the efforts of the ship-breakers, had practically disappeared, but such parts as still remained, great plates of

metal, that once tore their way through the waves at a speed nearing 27 knots, driven on by the 70,000 horse power generated by her turbines, were fast giving way to the action of several oxy-acetylene blowpipes. In about six months time the last of the plates will have been removed, though her side armour still presents quite a formidable barrier even to the blowpipes. This armour consists of 2 walls of steel, about 500 ft. in length and 10 in. thick, the whole being covered with 1½ in. of high tensile steel as an anti-torpedo protection, the German battleships and battle-cruisers being famous for the thoroughness of their under-water protection.

A. B.

THE BUSINESS CLUB.

There has been considerably more activity this term than last, the Business Club holding six debates of a formal character, and one day was devoted to impromptu debating. Towards the end of the session a period was devoted to after-dinner speeches at an imaginary dinner of the O.S. Club.

Among the formal debates, the motion "That the encroachment of women into the sphere of men's activities is to be deplored" was perhaps the best, but it was defeated ultimately, despite the valiant efforts of the opposition. This was followed by a political debate on "The Liberal Scheme as a Cure for Unemployment," which resulted in the whole-hearted rejection of the scheme, after a debate which lacked lightness of touch, as if the speakers were overcome by the gravity of the problem. "That Boarding Schools are Superior to Day Schools" provided a surprise in so far as the latter found much support; while the motion "That Spiritualism is a Justifiable Belief," while very evenly contested, failed to grip somewhat through lack of real knowledge of the subject.

The informal debates were: "That the Talkies will Ruin the Theatre," "That D.O.R.A. should be Repealed," and "That the Future of Transport rests with the Road."

During the term the readings from English Literature were revived, Bernard Shaw's plays being the chief source, and being much appreciated.

J. M. Wood,

Hon. Sec.

The Dramatic Society

The Dramatic Society suspended its activities during the summer term, but will resume its meetings immediately upon the commencement of next term. Although many of the officers for the last session will have left by then, there is no need to fear for the future, as the talent shown among the juniors last term was very promising, and with a healthy balance in hand an entertaining session is anticipated; while added variety to the programme will be gained by a

series of lectures (of which notice is given elsewhere), which are to be held under the Society's auspices.

Below is a financial statement of the Society's affairs, wherein it should be noted that the collection taken at the last social evening has been carried forward as a Reserve Fund for stage equipment at a not too distant (we trust) date.

The Revenue Account of the Strathallan Dramatic Society for the period ending March 31st, 1929.

To Purchase of Plays—			
7 "Mr. Fox." @ 1/-	...	£0	7 0
8 "All's Fair" @ 1/-	...	0	8 0
3 "Three Wise Fools" @			
2/6	...	0	7 6
3 Plays @ 2/6	...	0	7 6
		£1	10 0
,, Production Expenses—			
Hire of Costumes	...	0	13 9
Ladies' Shoes (2 prs.)	...	0	13 8
Pearls, etc.	...	0	1 7
Wig	...	1	10 0
Hire of Telephone	...	0	5 0
			3 4 0
Postages	...	0	3 1½
Cheques and Postal Orders	...	0	0 10
,, Balance carried forward—			
Cash in hand	...	£1	11 11
Cash in bank	...	0	9 1
Deposit with French	...	2	14 6
Reserves from Collection	...	2	16 2
		7	11 8
		£12	9 7½

By Subscriptions from 62 members	...	£6	4 0
„ Balance brought forward from previous term	...	3	9 5½
„ Reserve Fund (Collection)	...	2	16 2

		£12	9 7½
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Sports Notes

CRICKET.

A FINE season saw all the matches played except one, though one had to be postponed. The success of the cricket teams may be best inferred from the statistics which follow these notes, but it may safely be said that it has been some time since the first eleven contained so little tail. The bowling has been the weakest part of the team again this season, Sinclair proving invaluable. The trouble lay in the fact that we lacked a really fast bowler till Lacey was discovered, and while he is extremely promising he has yet to learn to keep a good length. The remainder of the bowling had a sameness about it which club sides particularly found easy to master. The fielding has been very good on the whole, though there have been occasionally "days off."

The interest in cricket throughout the school has been greatly stimulated by the fact that all the juniors now get up to the nets for coaching in rotation, and the enthusiasm shown bodes well for future team-building. The team of juniors who played Bernard Holt's School on the last day of term repeated their success of twelve months ago, to the great satisfaction of the "babes" concerned.

1st eleven: Played 17; won 11; lost 6; drawn 0.

Strathallan v. George Heriot's, at Forgendenny, on Saturday, May 4th.

The first match of the season was played in brilliant sunshine, but, as heavy rain had fallen overnight, MacEwen, winning the toss, sent in the visitors to bat on a rapidly drying pitch. Play was by no means spectacular, the School fielding being on the whole good, and the batsmen being kept tied down by Sinclair's bowling. Five wickets were down for 21, but thereafter a stand ensued which added 34 runs, most of which came from the bat of the opening batsman, Melvin, who was unfortunate in being caught when one short of his half century. The innings closed for 79, Sinclair claiming seven wickets for 24 runs.

Leburn and MacEwen were unfortunate enough to have to open Strath.'s innings immediately following a heavy shower on a badly cut-up pitch. Soon after the start the former was well caught at slips with only

two runs scored; and the total was only nine when Diack was caught. Dunn soon put a different complexion on the game. Opening with a four, he hit well, and with Sinclair as a partner, some bright cricket was witnessed before the latter was run out for 25, during which time the match was won. The innings was continued in order that Dunn might achieve his half century, but when two short, he was bowled.

Result: Strathallan, 96 for 6 wkts.; George Heriot's, 79.

Strathallan v. Dollar Academy, at Forgendenny, on Saturday, May 11th.

There had been rain, and the pitch was on the soft side, but, winning the toss, Strath. went in to bat. Play was slow at first, and both MacEwen and Leburn had been dismissed when the score stood at 26. Dunn opened cautiously, but he and Diack took the score to 64 before the latter was well caught for 18. The remainder of the team came and went in a slow procession, Dunn alone seeming completely at his ease with the bowling. He gave a characteristic display of strong, clean hitting, and his 57 included two sixes and six fours. The innings closed for the moderate score of 134.

At first prospects were bright for a victory, a smart throw-in by Dunn enabling Black to run out one of the visitors' opening batsmen before a run had been scored. Aided by short length bowling, however, Dollar quickly made amends for the early loss, and 69 was on the board before the second wicket fell, and 107 before Strath. met with further success. Without further loss, the home score was passed, and thereafter Strath. bowlers met with more success, so that the innings was closed for 174. Sinclair came through this orgy of hitting, for the hundred had been scored in a little less than an hour, with the excellent analysis of 6 wkts. for 47 runs.

Result: Strathallan, 134; Dollar Academy, 174.

Strathallan v. George Watson's College, at Forgendenny, on Saturday, May 18th.

On a good wicket Watson's, batting first, gave an extremely slow scoring display; and, moreover, the batting was very uneven, three of their men scoring 57 of their total of 68 runs, and four of their players failing to score. Further evidence of this lack of

enterprise was obvious in the fact that the boundary was reached on only three occasions, though this was no doubt in part due to the fielding of the home side, who seemed determined to make amends for the previous week's display. The opening batsman scored a sedate 31 runs before being stumped by Black. Sinclair again claimed the bowling honours with 5 wkts. for 21.

Strath. opened disastrously, for MacEwen was caught and bowled for the only run scored. Diack and Leburn took the score to 27, most of the runs coming from Diack. Dunn left soon after for a single boundary hit, but with Sinclair hitting well and Leburn playing a strong defensive game, the required runs were quickly amassed, the winning hit being a fine six by Sinclair, who carried out his bat for 39, Leburn having six runs to his credit.

Result: Strathallan, 74 for 3 wkts. ; George Watson's, 68.

Strathallan v. W. H. Reid's XI., at Forgardenny, on Monday, May 20th.

A side from the Clydesdale Club was brought up to the school by W. H. Reid, four former pupils figuring prominently. The visitors batted first, and lost their first three wickets fairly cheaply for 28. W. H. Reid and J. F. Dow, however, put a better complexion on the game, the fourth wicket adding 39 before Reid was out l.b.w. to Morrison. Dow gave a characteristic dour display, and with the support of R. Hill and J. Smith took the score to 112, the last named carrying out his bat for 10, Dow being 20. Morrison had 4 wkts. for 29 runs, Sinclair 5 for 35.

Strath. batting was not impressive at the start, J. D. Reid worrying the early men continuously. MacEwen with 8, Dunn with 11 and Sinclair with 8 were best of these, but these seemed over impetuous. Half the side were out for 35, and seven wickets down for 46. At this stage I. Brown made a desperate effort to pull the game round, his last wicket partnership with Black realising 19 before the latter was unfortunate enough to be run out for 11 with the score only 88, Brown carrying out his bat for 21.

Result: Strathallan, 88; Clydesdale XI., 112.

Strathallan v. Dan Stewart's College, at Forgardenny, on Tuesday, May 21st.

Losing the toss, Strath. were sent in to field. On a wicket which was certainly

assisting the batsman, Stewart's lost their first three men for twelve runs, but a strong partnership for the fifth wicket by B. and G. Mason carried the score up to 68, when the former was out l.b.w. to Morrison. Thereafter the remaining men offered little resistance, and the innings closed for 89, Morrison and Sinclair sharing the bowling honours with four wickets for 22 and 33 respectively. Black's play behind the stumps was below the usual standing, but Dunn and MacEwen excelled themselves in the field, the latter making two splendid catches.

At first Strath. fared little better than the visitors, for Leburn was run out and MacEwen caught when the score stood at 14. The partnership which followed, between Diack and Dunn, gave the School an easy victory. Diack was scarcely as enterprising as Dunn, who, by strong if unorthodox hitting, compiled 68 in something under forty minutes, scoring four fours and a six off one over, and in all reaching the boundary on eleven occasions. The innings was closed at 112 for 2 wkts., Diack being not out 25.

Result: Strathallan, 112 for 2 wkts.; Stewart's College, 89.

Strathallan v. Auchterarder, at Forgardenny, on Saturday, May 25th.

This match, postponed from the previous Wednesday, was favoured with excellent weather, and though the visitors had the first lease of the wicket, they made little use of it, losing two wickets for 2 runs. Sinclair and Lacey bowled unchanged, and the combination proved too much for our opponents, wickets falling very regularly till the innings closed for 51. Sinclair claimed six wickets for 10 runs, Lacey four for 37. Lacey was responsible also for a fine catch off Sinclair.

The School had little difficulty in knocking off the runs required, though MacEwen was caught when only 6. Leburn, somewhat more enterprising than usual, and Diack made light of the task before them, the innings being closed at 57 for 1 wkt. Of these Diack made 29 and Leburn 19.

Result: Strathallan, 57 for 1 wkt.; Auchterarder, 51.

Morrison's Academy v. Strathallan, at Crieff, on Saturday, June 1st.

Morrison's batted first on a hard pitch, and with Sinclair incapacitated, Strath. were by no means optimistic of the result. The reserve bowling strength proved itself quite equal to its responsibilities, however; and

though, after the first wicket had fallen for 2 runs, a stubborn resistance was offered by the next three batsmen, they only succeeded in taking the score up to 33. At this stage Forsyth came on to bowl, and his swing had a demoralising effect on the remainder of the side, so that the innings was closed for 47, Forsyth claiming five wickets for 11 runs and Morrison four for 23. Strath.'s fielding was good, Barr and MacEwen being conspicuous.

The School's innings opened ominously, two wickets falling for five runs. Dunn, however, made the issue reasonably safe by hitting hard and often, and before he left, l.b.w., he saw the victory assured. He scored 39, and was ably supported by Forsyth, who carried out his bat for 10, while Thomson was 3.

Result: Strathallan, 64 for 4 wks.; Morrison's, 47.

Aberdeen Grammar School v. Strathallan, at Aberdeen, on Saturday, June 8th.

Sinclair found the pitch much to his liking, and when the home side opened their innings they met with early disaster, three wickets falling for eight runs. The later men certainly showed more resistance, but wickets fell at regular intervals, thanks to keen fielding, Lacey being very conspicuous. The innings closed for 48, Sinclair claiming 8 wks. for 20.

Leburn and MacEwen gave the School a fair start, twenty appearing before the latter was dismissed. Diack was unfortunate to be adjudged out l.b.w. on the first ball received in what was his last match, but Dunn took the score to 45 for the fourth wicket; and though Strath. lost a further wicket in the process, the home score was passed easily, Forsyth and Black being not out 2 and 1 respectively.

Result: Strathallan, 49 for 5 wks.; Aberdeen Grammar School, 48.

Strathallan v. Pitlochry, at Forgandenny, on Monday, June 10th.

Pitlochry batted first and made an excellent beginning, 40 going up for the first wicket, though the School bowling and fielding was good. At this stage, J. S. Farqhar joined his fellow Perthshire clubman, A. R. Shillinglaw, and thereafter runs came at a great pace. Each of these passed the sixty mark, the former carrying out his bat for 65; and though the other men did

not have an opportunity of settling down, Pitlochry were able to declare at 184 for 5 wickets.

Against this total the School's display was very disappointing, even remembering the excellence of the visitors' attack. MacEwen and Black were the only men to reach double figures, and five of the side failed to score. The last four wickets fell in two overs without a run being added to the total of 44.

Result: Strathallan, 44; Pitlochry, 184 for 5 wks.

Dupplin v. Strathallan, at Dupplin, on Wednesday, June 12th.

Strath. lost the toss, but were put in to bat on a fairly good wicket. Scoring was slow, for the home professional, Sandiford, kept an excellent length. MacEwen left with the score at 5, but Forsyth and Leburn took the score to 21. The latter played with praiseworthy steadiness, which made him top scorer with 13. While there were no real failures, none of the batsmen seemed to settle down, so that wickets fell regularly, and the innings closed for 73.

The light was failing when Dupplin went in to bat, but the opening batsmen settled down quickly, and 22 was on the board before Strath. claimed their first success. This brought in Sandiford, who proceeded to give the School a taste of leather-hunting. With three wickets down for 38, the position was by no means hopeless, but Sandiford proved an insuperable barrier to Strath.'s hopes, and when Dupplin closed their innings for 86 for 4 wks., he had contributed 53.

Result: Dupplin, 86 for 4 wks.; Strathallan, 73.

Glasgow High School v. Strathallan, at Glasgow, on Saturday, June 15th.

Strath. again lost the toss, and were sent in to bat on a wet but drying wicket. The score was only 3 when Leburn was sent back, but MacEwen and Forsyth made amends for this early loss by an admirable partnership of 39. MacEwen, after striking a bad patch for some weeks, came into his own with top score of 28; Forsyth scored 15, and Sinclair 10. With 60 runs up for the loss of only four wickets, Strath.'s bright hopes were severely dashed by the disappointing display by the later batsmen, whose efforts, purely defensive, yielded only an additional five runs.

At the opening of the High School's innings, Strath. carried all before them, four wickets falling for 14. Thereafter, emulating the admirable example of the home captain, who hit hard, the fifth, sixth and seventh batsmen put on runs, so that the score stood at 55 for seven. The struggle became exciting, and Strath. were much relieved when Morrison at last beat Barclay for 18. The match was virtually over then, the remaining wickets falling for the addition of only one run, whereby Strath. won by nine runs. The success of the School was due in no little measure to some splendid fielding, MacEwen (2) and Barr, Lacey and Sinclair making good catches at the critical period of the game. The last two named each had three wickets at a cost of eight apiece, while Morrison had two for four.

Result: Glasgow High School, 56; Strathallan, 65.

Strathallan v. Luncarty, at Forgandenny, on Tuesday, June 18th.

Luncarty batted first, and their opening batsmen gave them a fine start, 52 going up for the first wicket. All the early batsmen were hitters, with the result boundary hits were the order of the day. The score stood at 94 for four, but at this stage Morrison and Lindsay obtained the upper hand, and, apart from a stand for the seventh wicket, the remaining batsmen fell quickly, and the innings closed for 145. Lindsay had the excellent average of 5 wickets for 47, and Morrison 4 for 48.

Strath. retaliated strongly, Leburn and MacEwen giving a fine start of 32. Moncur soon left, but with Dunn and MacEwen associated, runs came at a great rate. The visitors' score was passed without further loss, but with the score at 150, Dunn was bowled for 74, having reached the boundary fifteen times. MacEwen was then not out 47, but another wicket falling in the same over, the innings was closed.

Result: Strathallan, 150 for 4 wkts.; Luncarty, 145.

Strathallan v. Brechin, at Forgandenny, on Wednesday, June 19th.

Winning the toss, Brechin batted first, and, despite frequent bowling changes, the score reached 70 before Strath. met with success. With the incoming of the Brechin professional, Awty, Strath. were treated to an unforgettable display of hitting. With

eight sixes and eleven fours, Awty reached his century in just twenty-three minutes. Fortunately, soon afterwards he was run out, and at tea interval the innings was closed for 216 for 4 wickets.

The score was only 13 when Leburn played on a ball from Eddie, with but 5 to his credit. Eddie claimed the next wicket, Black's, at 46. Dunn and MacEwen made a short stand, but when the former was bowled with the score only 61, Strath.'s prospects were far from rosy. With Sinclair in, however, a fine effort was made to retrieve the position, for the partnership yielded 74 runs before MacEwen was caught for 46. Sinclair went on to make 48, but could find no one to support him, and from a score of 152 for 5 wkts. the innings came to a close for 156.

Result: Strathallan, 156; Brechin, 216 for 4 wkts.

Auchterarder v. Strathallan, at Auchterarder, on Tuesday, June 25th.

Strath. batted first, and Leburn and MacEwen gave them a good start, the half century going up before the former was caught. The latter went on to make a sound 31 before being beaten, but the rest of the batting was hardly in keeping with this, Sinclair alone reaching double figures. Mr. Extras added 18 to the score, bringing the total up to 106.

After a promising start, the first wicket yielding 23, the home side fell away, and Sinclair and Lindsay took toll regularly, McCabe only showing any resistance, so that the innings closed for 65, Mr. Extras again being prominent. Sinclair claimed 7 wkts. for 22 and Lindsay 3 for 19.

Result: Strathallan, 106; Auchterarder, 65.

Strathallan v. H. B. Rowan's XI., at Forgandenny, on Wednesday, June 26th.

The School had the first lease of the wicket, and though Leburn left early, MacEwen and Black redeemed matters, taking the score to 67 before the latter was bowled for 20. MacEwen, with 30 to his credit, left soon after, and, though Dunn made an attempt to continue the good work, he was smartly caught when 17. Thereafter the batsmen offered but little resistance, and after being 73 for 3 wickets, the School could only total 114.

As was customary on these occasions, Strath. claimed the first wicket quickly, Barr being the successful bowler. The second wicket fell at 38, T. M. Hart being out l.b.w.

to Barr, but though another wicket fell at 52, the visitors now offered less and less respect for the bowling, and with J. R. Kerr hitting well, the score mounted rapidly, particularly when he was associated with J. B. Nelson. When the latter was smartly caught by Barr, the innings was closed, the total being 130 for 6 wickets. Barr, Lacey and Lindsay shared the wickets, the last named having the best analysis, 10.5 per wkt.

Result: Strathallan, 114; H. B. Rowan's XI., 130 for 6 wkts.

Strathallan v. Strathallan Former Pupils, at Forgandenny, on Saturday, June 29th.

The F.P.'s had an exceptionally strong side on this occasion, there being nine first team blazers in the side. Each side played twelve men, and the visitors batted first. J. B. Morrison and W. H. Reid opened, but with the score at 18 the former was unfortunate in being out l.b.w. With only six runs added, E. W. Hart was similarly dismissed, but J. F. Dow and Reid made an excellent recovery. Even after Reid had left with 18 to his credit, Dow proved a thorn in the flesh, but unfortunately he could find no one to stay in with him. Strath. fielding was on the whole good, though Black certainly had an off day behind the stumps, and Sturroch's catch that dismissed J. D. Reid was nothing if not spectacular. With Dow at last caught for a sound 36, only G. Smith offered much resistance, but, thanks to 33 extras, the total of 129 was by no means to be made light of.

When Strath. batted, Leburn was dismissed before he had scored, but MacEwen and Black took the score to 48 for the second wicket, after which there was a merry display of hitting with MacEwen in partnership with Dunn. The latter claimed 38 runs, the former 40, and the score was 96 for 5 wickets when they left. A slight collapse followed, but Lacey stepped into the breach and scored the winning hit with his fourth boundary hit, the School's total being then 131 for 8 wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 131 for 8 wkts.; Former Pupils, 129.

Dunfermline High School v. Strathallan, at Dunfermline, on Saturday, July 6th.

Strath. lost the toss, and the High School elected to bat on a drying wicket. Nevertheless the first three batsmen offered a stubborn resistance, McLeod in particular, for he made 53 before a good catch by Morrison sent

him back to the pavilion, with the score at 90. The remainder of the side, however, proved a distinct tail, and Thomson, striking his best form, skittled them out effectively, returning on analysis of 6 wkts. for 13 runs, and closing the innings for 108.

Without loss of time Strath. set about their task, and had scored 50 before the second wicket fell. When MacEwen left, with the score at 63, Strath. had but twenty minutes left to complete their task, but with Dunn and Lacey associated the score quickly rose to 80, the latter hitting magnificently, taking two sixes off the home captain in successive balls and being finely caught at the third attempt. Amid great excitement Barr and Forsyth stole the winning run—a bye—with only two minutes to spare. Strath. have seldom shown to better advantage in the field, and their well-deserved victory over the clock was a fitting close to a successful season.

Result: Strathallan, 114 for 7 wkts.; Dunfermline High School, 108.

AVERAGE RUNS PER WICKET.

In all matches: For, 13.6; against, 12.7.

In School matches: For, 13.5; against, 8.4.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	No. of times not out.	Runs.	Highest in innings.	Average.	Catches.
R. W. Dunn -	16	1	431	74	28.73	2
I. MacEwen -	17	1	329	47*	29.56	6
J. A. Diack -	8	2	98	29*	16.33	-
T. N. Forsyth	6	3	39	15	13.00	-
E. C. Sinclair -	14	1	166	48	12.77	9
J. H. Black -	12	1	100	20	9.1	3
W. G. Leburn	16	2	120	19*	8.57	4
C. W. Lacey -	10	1	70	24	7.78	13
A. G. Barr -	10	3	31	9	4.43	8
A. Morrison -	9	4	15	5	3.00	7
D. S. Thomson	11	2	24	8	2.67	6
R. Lindsay -	3	0	8	5	2.67	-

*Signifies not out.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avr.
E. Sinclair -	232	80	429	60	7.15
D. S. Thomson	26	9	69	8	8.5
T. N. Forsyth	33	8	79	8	9.8
R. Lindsay -	47	5	169	14	12.1
A. Morrison -	84	26	300	21	14.28
C. W. Lacey	126	33	324	20	16.20
A. J. Barr -	41	9	131	7	18.7

First XI. colours were awarded to R. W. Dunn and J. H. Black.

Criticism of the Team.

I. MACEWEN has proved a capable captain, being quick to learn his business in the school of experience, so that by the end of the season he was seldom at a loss in the handling of his team. He is a polished batsman, and after mastering a certain impetuosity early in the season, has proved a real bulwark to the side. In addition he has been a true example in the matter of fielding, his picking up and returns being often brilliant.

E. SINCLAIR has borne the brunt of the attack, and despite the unfavourable pitches has improved on his last season's figures. He has added a swerve to his bowling, which has enabled him to take wickets when his breaks failed. He is an enterprising batsman, and has done good work in the slips.

R. DUNN has been the outstanding batsman in a strong batting side, and though somewhat unorthodox in style has a good defence and a forceful attack, being particularly strong on the leg side. He has done good work in the outfield throughout the season. Colours awarded for season 1929.

J. H. BLACK has a sound defence, covering up well. During the latter part of the season he has become more forceful and has some good innings to his credit; as a wicket-keeper he has lacked consistency, but has put in some really excellent work there on occasions. Awarded colours for season 1929.

W. G. LEBURN is the opening batsman, and as such has proved his worth. His defence is very sound, but he has proved that he can hit on occasion. He has a variety of strokes and is a polished player in every way: his fielding has been consistently good.

D. S. THOMSON has been somewhat unfortunate with the bat this term, but he has proved a useful change bowler, and he has saved innumerable runs by his keen fielding at point.

C. W. LACEY has proved himself a useful fast bowler, although he is somewhat erratic in his length. Of late he has developed as a batsman and has given some fine exhibitions of hitting. His fielding at mid-on has been almost beyond reproach.

A. J. BARR has been somewhat unfortunate with the bat, though he is capable of a good score if he would concentrate a little more on his defence. He has a safe pair of hands and has proved useful as a change bowler.

A. M. MORRISON has failed to justify expectations as a batsman, being far too content to remain purely on the defence. He has, however, fully justified his inclusion by virtue of his fielding, and even more as a change bowler, who keeps a good length ball and breaks from the leg.

R. LINDSAY earned his place by his bowling during the latter games, though he is also a promising bat and an average fielder.

T. N. FORSYTH leapt into prominence with his deadly bowling against Morrison's Academy. He is also a promising batsman with a variety of forceful strokes, but needs to be more alert in the field.

J. A. DIACK was just getting into his stride as a batsman when he left half-way through the term, and had grown much more forceful, while retaining his sound defence. He has improved in his fielding.

The Second Eleven has enjoyed a comparatively successful season, winning four of its seven games, drawing two and losing one. The defeat at the hands of Dollar Academy was no doubt due in part to the extremely soft pitch, but the team as a team played far below their usual standard. The drawn games were against Heriot's and Perth Academy 1st XI., and were both virtual victories, particularly the former, where the School's declared total of 70 for 3 wkts. was opposed by a score of 36 for 6 wkts.

Dundee High School were defeated easily, but even more decisive was the victory over Morrison's Academy, who were dismissed for 36 when opposed to a total of 106 for 2 wkts., G. Moncur recording a not out half century. The last victories were over Aberdeen Grammar School, who were dismissed for 19, and Glasgow High School, who could only muster 25, giving the School eight wicket victories in each case. The bowling strength of the team was well illustrated by the final average runs per wicket: For, 12.8; against, 5.07.

G. Moncur heads the batting average with 30.33, with I. Brown in close attendance with 29.0. R. Lindsay headed the bowling table with 17 wickets at a cost of 3 runs each, G. Sturrock averaging 5.44 for his 9 wickets, and F. Grant, who had been acting captain in D. Walker's absence, claiming 21 wickets for 5.7 runs apiece.

Second Eleven caps were awarded to J. Ross, G. Moncur, I. Brown, T. Johnston, I. Henderson and J. McCulloch.

HOUSE MATCHES.

The matches for the "Dow" Cup were full of interest. The first tie, between Nicol and Simpson, resulted in a win for the former, a good start by Macdougall, W. Watt and I. Brown laying a foundation for the total of 88, the last named scoring 30. Simpson were dismissed for 62, despite good efforts by G. Moncur and G. Sturrock, thanks to good bowling by Lindsay (6 wks. for 25) and Lacey (4 for 30).

Ruthven, playing Freeland, were two wickets down for 24, but a great partnership by MacEwen and Dunn enabled them to declare for 157, MacEwen and Dunn carrying out their bats for 74 and 65 respectively. They then dismissed their opponents for 72, Leburn only showing any resistance to McCulloch's bowling. He claimed 30 of the runs, while McCulloch took 7 wickets for 24 runs.

The final saw Nicol dismissed for 72, Brown with 23 and T. Cleland with 22 being the chief scorers. This score Ruthven had little difficulty in beating, MacEwen (13), J. Wright (15) and Dunn (25 not out) enabling them to pass this score with seven wickets still to fall.

SPORTS DAY.

Sports Day was held this year on 28th June, and once more fine, bright weather blessed the proceedings. The attendance may not have been quite so large as of recent years, but this was due to the absence of the usual crowd of Old Boys owing to the proximity of Commemoration Day. The going was easy, and some good times were recorded in the closely contested open events.

The struggle for the House Championship soon resolved itself into a duel between Ruthven and Nicol, the former's advantage in the open events being nullified by the latter's supremacy in the under 16 contests. The result was not decided until the last three events, when Nicol triumphed by 104 points to 85, Simpson occupying the third position. The tussle for the Victor Ludorum Cup was even more exciting, C. Lacey and T. Docherty settling the matter when they competed in the long jump final, which gave the Cup to Lacey with 14 points against Docherty's 13. The Allan Anderson Cup for the Junior Champion was shared by S. Brook and I. McIntyre with 16 points each.

Some good times were recorded, among which G. Young's 2 min. 17 sec. for the half mile and 56.7 sec. for the quarter mile were outstanding; while MacEwen's jump of 5 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in the high jump was very creditable.

Mrs. Murray of Taymount, daughter of a former owner of the estate, presented the prizes. In addition to those for the day's events, medals were awarded for Senior and Junior Tennis Champion (A. Morrison and I. Scott), Senior and Junior Swimming Champion (F. Grant and C. Maclay), and Senior and Junior Dux of the School (R. D. Spier and D. S. Thomson). The "Dow" Cup for Cricket went this year to Ruthven House (I. MacEwen, captain).

The full results were as follows :

OPEN EVENTS.

100 yds.—1, I. Chalmers ; 2, I. MacEwen.
220 yds.—1, T. Docherty ; 2, I. Chalmers.
440 yds.—1, G. Young ; 2, C. Lacey.
880 yds.—1, G. Young ; 2, E. Sinclair.
120 yds. Hurdles—1, T. Docherty ; 2, I. Chalmers.
Long Jump—1, C. Lacey ; 2, T. Docherty.
High Jump—1, I. MacEwen ; 2, C. Lacey.
Throwing the Cricket Ball—1, E. Sinclair ;
2, C. Lacey. (86 yds. 1 ft. 2 in.)
House Relay—1, Ruthven ; 2, Freeland.
Tug-of-War—1, Nicol ; 2, Freeland.

OTHER EVENTS.

75 yds. (under 12)—1, J. Wilson ; 2, I. Wood.
High Jump (under 12)—1, J. Wilson ; 2, I. Wood.
90 yds. (under 14)—1, T. Chapman ; 2, N. Gillanders.
440 yds. (under 14)—1, R. Buchanan ; 2, J. Fleming.
Long Jump (under 14)—1, R. Buchanan ; 2, H. Shanks.
High Jump (under 14)—1, R. Buchanan ; 2, G. Chalmers.
100 yds. (under 16)—1, I. McIntyre ; 2, S. Brook.
220 yds. (under 16)—1, I. McIntyre ; 2, S. Brook.
440 yds. (under 16)—1, I. McIntyre ; 2, S. Brook.
880 yds. (under 16)—1, C. Maclay ; 2, B. McKay.
120 yds. (under 16)—1, I. McIntyre ; 2, S. Brook.

Long Jump (under 16)—1, S. Brook; 2, A. L. White.
High Jump (under 16)—1, S. Brook; 2, T. McAllister.
Obstacle Race—1, W. Rowan; 2, R. Macfarlane.
Tilting the Bucket—1, R. Macfarlane and A. Shanks; 2, J. McGill and J. Findlay.
Tug-of-War—Present Pupils beat Past Pupils by two pulls to none.

TENNIS.

The Tennis Championships aroused the usual interest this year, the number of entries being well up to standard. The preliminary rounds were played off on Saturday, 22nd May, and competition was keen, even if the standard of play was not high, this in part being due to the high wind. The semi-final and final stages were completed on the following Monday evening.

The best match seen in the junior event, if not in the whole of the tournament, was the prolonged struggle between G. Leburn, a strong favourite for the championship, and P. Dewar for entry into the semi-final. The latter triumphed eventually, thereby earning the right to meet S. McAllister, who had also experienced some difficulty in disposing of F. Thomson. This semi-final produced some good play also, and was notable for a fine recovery by McAllister, after being led 5-2, which brought him within an ace of forcing a deuce set. In the other semi-final I. Scott had little difficulty in disposing of B. Mackay, being his superior in every department.

The final was one of the best witnessed for many years, and the score, 6-2, 6-2, in no wise reflects the dourness of the struggle. Both sets were similar in that Scott took the first two games by judicious placing and positional tactics; Dewar levelled up the games, but thereafter Scott went ahead, taking the sets and match, despite all Dewar could do. Scott proved himself a sound player throughout the struggle, possessing a good service and a strong back-hand stroke, which latter was possibly the deciding factor in the match.

The senior event was full of interest, since both last year's Champions, I. Brown and A. Morrison, two senior semi-finalists and three junior semi-finalists were engaged. J. Black and I. Brown were early defeated, both failing in the second round, the former falling before J. Wright, the latter before

J. Barrie, who fought his way to the fourth round, where McCulloch's speed robbed him of entry into the semi-finals. McCulloch had accounted in his progress for last year's junior semi-finalist, I. Henderson, and earned the right to meet R. Dunn, who had triumphed over stiff opposition in F. Grant and I. MacEwen. Of the remaining junior semi-finalists of a year ago, C. Lacey fell in the second round, but A. Morrison, by the steadiness which has characterised him before, reached the semi-final at the expense of Macdougall. Here he was to meet E. Sinclair, who, after a shaky start, had progressed fairly easily.

Sinclair opened shakily and was five games down before he stemmed Morrison's attack. Then came a splendid rally, and for a moment it looked as if he would make a fight of it, but having captured two games and being within a point of a third, he lost grip, and after the game had gone to deuce several times, Morrison took the set 6-2. In the other semi-final Dunn had won with a similar score, but here the victory had come more easily, for three games were "love" ones; while he had been better served with his services, McCulloch tending to become erratic in this respect.

The final was a very even game, with Morrison's steadiness telling in his favour, particularly in the latter part of the game. At first Morrison went ahead after deuce games to lead 3-1; then Dunn took a game only for Morrison to go farther ahead with the next two games. Dunn staved off defeat for a further game, but lost the first set at the ninth game after a series of long rallies. He opened strongly in the second set and claimed the first game which lasted more than a quarter of an hour, deuce being called more than a dozen times. This game seemed to have exhausted Morrison, and when he lost the next game, it looked as if Dunn's superior physique was to be the deciding factor. This proved far from actual fact, however, for Morrison recovered splendidly to claim the next four games. The seventh game went to Dunn after deuce had been called, but he failed to hold this advantage, and Morrison, claiming the next two, won the set and match, thereby justifying his victory in the Junior Championship twelve months ago.

A pleasing innovation this term was a tennis match, arranged during the few days before the Cambridge Local Exams. commenced, with Bridge of Earn Tennis Club, on Saturday, July 13th. The School was well represented by Black and Morrison, Sinclair and Lacey, and F. Grant and Constable, but after a stern struggle they were forced to accept defeat by three matches to five, one remaining unfinished. Each pair won one match, but the issue of all hung long in the balance, and the School may be said to have gone down fighting in their first match.

SWIMMING.

R. W. Dunn was elected captain of swimming this term, and he was responsible for the carrying on of the work begun last term in the instruction of the younger boys who were unable to swim. In this he was assisted by the seniors in the early morning, three times a week, and as a result of their joint labours, by the end of the term every boy had sufficient confidence to enter at the deep end.

One evening a week was devoted to water polo, and following an interesting lecture and practical demonstration by Mr. J. S. Reid, a Scottish Internationalist brought up for the occasion by Mr. S. Dow, a vast improvement was observed. The lecture was enjoyed by some thirty boys, many of whom later went into the water and were put through their paces. He congratulated those who took part in the subsequent game of polo upon their enthusiasm, and expressed his belief that ultimately the School would be able to produce a good team with the material at its disposal. As only one of the First Team will be leaving this term, there will be little interference with the progress already begun, since no team changes will be necessary.

During the term the School has swum two team races, winning one and losing the other by a matter of a yard. The victory was over members of the Clydesdale XI. brought up by W. H. Reid. The defeat was by a team of F.P.'s after what was one of the greatest tussles the School has witnessed, A. M. Moodie avenging his defeat in the Swimming Championship last year by outpacing F. Grant to give the F.P.'s the lead for the first time, and incidentally

winning the race. The School was represented by Maclay, Sturrock, Lang and Grant.

The Championship races were held on June 24th, the Senior over 150 yards, the Junior over 100 yards. In the latter event the heat winners were T. Johnston, C. Maclay, D. Linton, W. Jack, T. Chapman and R. Reid, but in the final Maclay came away strongly to win easily from T. Johnston.

The Senior event, for which there were twelve entrants, eventually rested between F. Grant, I. Lang and G. Sturrock. The final promised a thrilling finish, for with four lengths completed there was little more than a yard between the three, Grant leading. At this stage, however, Lang and Sturrock gave up, so that Grant had only to complete the course to win the medal for the second time.

On July 4th an evening was spent with the Scouts who were desirous of passing tests and with the competition for the School costume and badge. For the latter there were sixteen entrants, but only four, G. Gray, G. Dickinson, J. Miller and I. Gordon, qualified.

RUGBY PROSPECTS.

Though several old faces will be missing from the side next season, there is no cause for any fears as to the ultimate success of the new side when once they have settled down into a team. With T. Docherty as captain, there is a fine residue from last season's XV. on which to lay the foundation for team-building. R. Dunn, C. Lacey and G. Moncur will be towers of strength in the back division, while the forwards, with T. Cleland, G. Dickinson and I. Lang back, will if anything be slightly stronger than last season, particularly since the second XV. contained some very promising material.

The second team will be under the captaincy of A. Morrison, and for this team and for the third keen competition is certain.

F.P. Match.

The date of the F.P. match has been fixed for December 7th. All enquiries should be addressed to N. G. REID, Lochside, Bearsden.

The Scouts

ONCE more a term is over, a term during which the troop has made, we hope, a decided step forward. Keeness among the Scouts has been more apparent than ever, and will, we trust, continue to increase. Especially pleasing has been a strong development of that "esprit de corps" without which no work can joyfully be done and no discipline maintained except by brutal compulsion. This spirit of working together for the good of the whole community has been most obvious among the P.L.s, and we trust that it will continue to spread throughout the whole troop.

This term has been mainly one of work for the passing of tests. Seven scouts won their swimming proficiency badges, and swimming for their 1st Class, while six passed their axmanship for the 1st Class. With these and 2nd Class tests and tenderfoot tests we have been kept very busy. The badges thus gained will be awarded later, and fuller details will be given then.

A very enjoyable and instructive meeting was held in the woods, when our Scouts felled quite a respectable-looking tree, albeit somewhat dried up. We all felt that very satisfied feeling of something accomplished, and a distinct ache in our anatomies when, while we were trying to tug away our trophy, the lariat broke, and we all went flying on our backs.

The last Saturday of the term was spent in marching, and in a patrol swimming relay

race. The Owls, with a very good set of swimmers, won easily against the Hawks. Well done, Owls!

Mention must be made here of Field Day, which all Scouts enjoyed exceedingly. Marching to the sound of rolling drums—yes, Sir, rolling drums—and deafened by the cow-like bellowing of Findlay's bugle, we gaily went our way. Blinded by the smoke of a dozen camp fires, gorging ourselves with burnt sausages and potatoes, we were pleased with the world and everything in it. And so, after the glorious sport of tossing, and a "treasure" hunt—which treasure included pennies, an unusable pocket-knife, sweeties, ginger-bread, etc., etc., etc., and was found by "lucky Laidlaw"—we made our way home, thinking of soft beds and pillows whereon to rest our weary limbs at the end of a perfect day.

At a meeting at the end of term two new seconds were appointed, J. Findlay and H. Cowper. These two are to fill the vacancies made by Laidlaw and Taylor, who are leaving us. We wish to take this opportunity of wishing them both the best of luck for the future.

And now, Scouts, you have already been warned. Two things are to be introduced relentlessly in the troop, discipline and marching, so

BE PREPARED!

"O.S." Notes

WE are now rapidly approaching the time for annual re-unions and Old Strathallan Dinners are to be held in this country in four centres, namely, Glasgow, London, Dundee and Edinburgh.

All arrangements for these dinners are being made locally and full particulars as to date and place, as well as tickets, may be obtained from the local officials named below:—

Glasgow: Mr. D. O. Melrose, The Hirsell, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire.

London: Mr. Clive Montgomery, c/o Dodd, Thomson & Co., 65 London Wall, E.C.

Dundee: Mr. G. B. Smith, Duncarn, East Newport, Fife.

Edinburgh: Mr. Jardine Stuart, 2a Hermitage Drive, Edinburgh.

All Old Strathallians are earnestly requested to make every possible effort to be present at at least one of these dinners. The Club roll is steadily mounting and we hope that every year will succeed in eclipsing its predecessor.

There have been several successes at the various Universities during the last session but, unfortunately, in many cases, we have nothing more than the bare announcement of

the examination result and it would be esteemed a great favour if Old Boys would kindly let us have details of their degree examinations during the last session.

We congratulate Mr. Otto Schlanbusch on passing, with honours, his examination in Electrical Engineering at the University of London; also Mr. W. M. Guthrie who, at the same 'Varsity, passed his examination in Civil Engineering.

Mr. Leonard Fraser was successful in taking his Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Edinburgh, whilst Mr. David Bogie has added to his C.A. qualification that of B.Com. (Edinburgh).

Dr. Jack Young, of Kirkcaldy, is now in West Africa with the West African Medical Service. His brother, Mr. Frank Young, has set up in business for himself in Kirkcaldy as a wholesale china merchant.

Mr. George Thomson, of Fingask, Bridge of Earn, has been successful in passing the Associateship examination of the Surveyors' Institute.

Mr. Andrew Spence, of Camieston, Montrose, has been at the Agricultural College, Glasgow, and won the Silver Medal as the best student of his year, and a bronze medal in Agriculture.

Flight-Lieut. Fergus McKenna, of the Australian Air Force, is flying at Oxford. His home address is Stronvar, Prestwick Road, Ayr. We congratulate him on winning four silver cups at the R.A.F. Sports; but, of course, Fergus was always a first-class athlete.

Messrs. Onie Mackenzie and J. N. Paton are sheep farming at East Croftenygan, Lawers, Aberfeldy, and, as this is on one of Scotland's favourite tourist routes, no doubt quite a few Strathallians will be able to spare them a few moments when passing.

Mr. Alec Bonthronne is now with the India Tyre and Rubber Company of Inchinnan and has been joined by another of Strathallian's Rugby captains, Mr. Ernest Sinclair. It does look as though Strathallan would be able to put in the field a very formidable Rugby XV. from the Glasgow district.

We received an interesting letter from Mr. Graham Pennycook, of Coupar Angus, who is at present an officer on board a large Australian and New Zealand passenger steamer. He tells of a chance meeting with a Strath-

blazer on the quay at New Plymouth, North Island, New Zealand. Inside the blazer was Mr. B. Ferrier, so an interesting half hour followed.

We hear that Mr. Ferrier is now engaged in the motor industry at Wellington, and it will not surprise those who knew him to hear that he is lecturing to students on Motor Engineering. There are still to be found in various nooks and corners of the School some of his drawings of motors and their various parts.

Mr. Fergus Higgins has left this country for the East, where he is taking up estate work. There is now quite a little Strath. colony out there: Messrs. N. Dunn, Ian Campbell, Moncur, C. Bowman and K. Ramsay are all within striking distance of each other. We hope to be able to publish their addresses in the next number.

Mr. James White, of Edinburgh, has taken his B.Sc. degree in Agriculture at the University, and is at present seeking an appointment which may take him into the Colonies.

Mr. Jack Waldie and G. Anderson have joined the firm of Steel Bros., London, and we have no doubt that they will receive a warm welcome from the members of the London Branch.

Mr. Willie Ferrier, who has taken up banking as a career, has been sent out to one of the branches in Kenya colony, and Strathallians in this region may expect to find him in Nairobi or Mombasa.

Dr. Jim Burgess, of Stanley, is about to join the ranks of the benedicts, and we wish him the greatest happiness.

We have received a very interesting letter from Mr. Tom Ferguson, who is Assistant to the Commissioners for the Port of Rangoon. We gather that he is about to enter into double harness, and, on behalf of Strathallan, we take this opportunity of wishing him the very best of luck.

We are informed that Mr. Jack Ferguson will depart from Burma on home leave about the 12th October. His address is Craigview, Causewayhead, Stirling, and he should arrive sometime about the middle of November.

Mr. W. R. Morrison has been transferred from Rangoon to Calcutta, and he is sure to be welcomed by the little colony of Strathallians in that city.