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Editorial: Upon Coming of Age

WITH the School attaining its majority this year, it is but natural to ask whether or not the twenty-one years have meant twenty-one years of progress; whether the present generation is better than its forerunners. This question is always cropping up whenever an Old Boy begins to talk of his school days; and it is usually answered with an emphatic "No." Much of this emphasis may be attributed to prejudice, a perfectly natural emotion rooted in a very proper self-pride; the remainder can often be traced to the fact that the Old Boy forgets he has "grown up," and in so doing makes comparison between the schoolboy he sees about familiar haunts and himself, not between the schoolboy he sees and the schoolboy he was.

Even the most emphatic of these Old Boys, however, do not deny the progress of the School as an educational centre. It is a far cry from the old days at Bridge of Allan with the necessary disunion to the wonderfully equipped school of to-day. Even the last seven years have seen the school buildings almost doubled in size; while the birth of Dramatic and Debating Societies, Ciné and Wireless Clubs, the Library, the Tennis and Fives Courts, the Workshop, has opened fresh fields for indulging individual tastes in leisure hours. Last, but possibly of most far reaching importance, came the founding of the Old Strathallian Club, with this magazine serving as a link between Past and Present.

But after all, these are in a way merely the superficial signs; the real test of the School's progress lies in the type of boy it produces. By this we do not mean only the intellectual achievements, though here the later generations may justly claim fully to have maintained the standard set by their predecessors in examination successes. Victory in the playing fields is by no means a criterion of success: a game loser frequently may claim even more honour than the victor. Even the most rabid partisan of the Past must admit that the Present never gave up the struggle on Commemoration Day even when the issue was already settled—the Water Polo match was the hardest contest of the day.

The real test of whether the School progresses or declines is whether its members hang together, always striving for the betterment of the School's name; whether each individual could face the sternest judge and claim that he had sunk Self for the public weal, had aimed at the stars, not grovelled in the mud, had considered, not the immediate Present, but the Future.

One of the first steps to the attaining of this happy state is a complete understanding between Staff and Pupils. The initiative comes best from the pupil, but he must realise the Staff are there to help and guide in the light of their greater experience; a counter-suggestion does not imply opposition, for a member of the Staff can usually see further because he can take a less personal or prejudiced viewpoint.

In this connection we would instance the abandonment of the Cross-Country Race this year. We admit all that was said about the summer term being ill-suited to cross-country running; that the rugby season would provide better training for it, and it for rugby, is undeniable. But the cross-country run only came into existence after long advocacy and agitation, and we cannot but feel that the lapse was in the nature of a betrayal of those who had striven for it. It should have been run, with the proviso that henceforth the race be run during the rugby season. It is undoubtedly best for the past to lie buried; but we feel that by thus setting the facts

in a true perspective we may prevent any such thoughtless action in future. Certainly it is only in the lack of mature thought that the Present is at a disadvantage, and old heads cannot be put on young shoulders.

In conclusion, and we seem to have protracted our Editorial unduly, we would wish the best of luck to W. B. McKenna, who leaves us this term for the University, and to thank him for the many years of service on the Editorial Board. With him goes I. Macbride, a more recent but equally industrious member of the Board. We hope that we shall hear from them in their new spheres of activity.



This is the old doorway standing on the site of the Lady's Well, which was originally part of the old castle.



The School Library, containing over two thousand volumes. Some old Strathallians will remember this as one of Nicol's dormitories.

School Notes and Notices

SUMMER Term this year has been smarred by an outbreak of measles, and if it never reached such proportions as to cause alarm, it certainly seriously interfered with the usual smooth running in the class rooms and on the playing fields. Fortunately there were no examinations dependent upon the term's work, except in the case of the medical students, who were unaffected by the epidemic. They maintained the high record of successes for the School, as will be noted later. After the first few weeks, the weather turned out as fine and warm as last year, and outdoor recreations were fully appreciated.

First of these must be ranked Cricket. It is pleasing to report an increasing keenness among the younger boys, a keenness

which the net practice under the groundsmen has done much to foster. Thus a very promising Colts team has been fielded against the Aberdeen schools. The regular teams failed to fulfil expectations, though the Second XI showed themselves capable of considerable enterprise upon occasion. The same could not be said of the First Team, which failed as a batting side, particularly when faced with a formidable total from its opponents. Its lack of individual brilliance was in part relieved by the excellent performances by Aitkenhead with the ball in the closing matches. Next season we should see him run through school sides in a way reminiscent of E. Sinclair, four or five years ago. When all is said, however, it

must not be forgotten that the side was a very young one, and the majority of its members have at least one more season of cricket before it. D. Murray fully deserved the cricket bat, presented annually for the most improved batsman.

The inclusion of all the sporting events of the season in the competition for the House Championship on Sports Day gave added interest to the contest, and Nicol certainly owe their narrow victory to all-round ability, rather than to athletic ability only. We congratulate them heartily upon victories in Cricket, Tennis and Swimming. Freeland, the runners up, claimed the Rugby and Simpson the Fives. Sports Day itself was full of interest. There were two distinct struggles going on all through the afternoon; while Nicol and Freeland strove for the Championship, Simpson and Ruthven sought to hand each other "the Wooden Spoon." Then, too, there was the meritorious performance of J. Forrest to come out of Sani, to win the Victor Ludorum Cup. Our congratulations to him and to R. Johnstone, the Junior winner. We would also like to thank Johnston for *running* the first half mile we remember seeing at Strath. All too often this race has degenerated into a 660 yards walk and a furlong sprint. W. Hood, in the senior event, decided to emulate him after about three hundred yards and proved an easy winner. We trust that this example will be followed by all future half-milers, for it is certainly the way the race should be run. Our congratulations are also extended to R. Kirkland who lowered the School record by a second in the Open Furlong.

Commemoration Day followed in due course and was a highly successful function. The details are to be found elsewhere, but we must congratulate the Old Boys upon registering their first success in the series. They plainly coveted the honour of having "Club" as the first inscription on the Melrose Cup, and achieved their aim in no uncertain manner, claiming five events to the School's two. We would warn them, however, that it will not do to rest on their laurels, for next year the School will be all out for revenge.

Tennis, Swimming and Fives have provided ample alternatives to Cricket, and

the pond and the several courts have been very well patronised. We are pleased to hear that a Fives Championship will shortly bring this "youngster" into line with the others. Our congratulations to Billy Smith on following his success in the Junior last year with a victory in the Senior Tennis Championship; and to W. Leburn, as Junior Champion, whose steadiness atoned for his lack of inches. R. P. Campbell won the Senior Swimming Championship for the second year in succession; and R. Innes won the Junior event. We congratulate them also.

While we are handing out bouquets, a specially large one must go to J. M. Wilson. Refused admission into Cambridge on account of his youth unless he could pass the First Year Medicine before entrance, Jimmy set about his task with a will and by passing his first M.B., Ch.B., secured his admission to John's.

The number of boys leaving this term is scarcely so great as usual. This is partly due to the change-over to Scottish Prelim. Examination, and partly due to the majority of the Medical Class having Pre-registration Exams. still to sit in the middle of September before their fate is settled, but several familiar faces will be missing next term. Mr. Walker will no longer hold sway in the Biology Lab., and Mr. Fletcher no more will take boys for music at most opportune (?) moments. In wishing them "God Speed" in their new spheres, we would also extend a welcome to Mr. Hallett and Mr. Knox who take their places.

The majority of the Prefects pass on into the world of affairs. Macbride, the captain, has taken up accountancy in London, Macmath starts upon a law career, Wilson and McKenna go on to study medicine at Cambridge and Glasgow respectively. These, G. Balfour and R. Kirkland will leave vacancies in the rugby teams. Wilson has done much to stimulate the interest in Fives in his position of Captain, and the others found niches in the cricket elevens. Macbride and Wilson have been bulwarks in the 73rd Perthshire. All of these boys have also played leading parts in the indoor activities, Dramatics and Debating, where we hope that their splendid example will be followed; while McKenna has ably succeeded Muir as

Librarian, gathering round him a band of real enthusiasts. We wish them and all others who go with them the best of luck in whatever they undertake.

To take the vacancies thus made in the authority, the following promotions have been made:—

School Captain: V. Mackay.

Prefects: J. Forrest, Vice-Captain of School, Captain of Nicol and Rugby Captain; H. Fleming, Captain of Simpson; A. Carswell, Captain of Freeland; J. Smith, Captain of Ruthven; and T. M. Dishington.

House Prefects: J. Cooper, P. Wilson, I. Wood, R. Campbell, R. Clow, M. Mitchell.

Sub-Prefects: L. Paul, J. A. Dow, W. Paton, R. Johnston, R. Aitkenhead, W. Hood.

EXAMINATION RESULTS.

A Brilliant Student.

J. M. Wilson passed the whole of the first Medical Profession Examination at the University of Cambridge in Chemistry, Physics, Mechanics and Biology. Mr. Wilson was only sixteen years nine months of age when he sat the examination. He took first place in the 1933 Summer School Certificate Examination at School, which he leaves to continue his studies at Cambridge this term. Jimmy's achievement is one which will rank among Strathallan's best. Heartiest congratulations!

Scottish Universities' Prelim.—

Passes in Natural Sciences (Chemistry and Geography) and Lower Mathematics—J. Forrest, P. Wilson, W. Dunlop.

Lower Mathematics—S. K. White.

(There was one failure in one subject only.)

Medical Pre-Registration Examinations at the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh—

Chemistry and Physics—A. Scott, W. McKenna, J. Dunlop, O. T. Brown.

H. Fleming passed in Physics.

J. Drummond passed in Chemistry.

(There were no failures.)

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Society is fortunate in beginning the Autumn session with at least four of its last year's office-bearers, and though all of these will not be available for the dramatic socials owing to the stronger claims of examinations, their experience must necessarily have its effect in the success of its undertakings. In the actual stage management, too, they are in the happy position of still being able to call upon Graeme Sharpe, who was so thorough in back-stage organisation last year.

As a result of expenditure upon stage equipment, notably a carpet and further canvas for scenery, the Society's credit balance has been slightly reduced since Christmas, but financially as well as histrionically next term may be faced with confidence.

Below is the Income and Expenditure Account to Easter, 1934.

Expenditure.			
To Samuel French Ltd.	...	...	£2 0 0
„ Purchase of Carpet	...	...	5 0 0
„ Purchase of Wig	...	...	1 10 6
„ Purchase of Plays from Messrs. Wood & Son	...	...	0 6 10
„ Expenses of Easter Social—			
Cigarettes	...	£0 10 0	
Two-way Hinges	...	0 4 6	
Record	...	0 4 6	
Production of Programmes	...	0 1 9	
Hire and Dressing of Wig	...	0 3 0	
Sundries	...	0 4 10½	
			1 8 7½
„ Sundry Cheques and Postages	...	0 1 10½	
„ Balance, being—			
Balance with Samuel French Ltd.	£0 12 1		
Balance at Bank	13 15 10		
			14 7 11
			£24 15 9

Income.			
By Balance, Dec. 1933—			
At Samuel French Ltd.	...	£0 17 4	
At Bank	...	16 17 11	
			£17 15 3
„ Subscriptions for Easter Term	...	5 2 0	
„ Collection, Easter Social	...	1 18 6	
			£24 15 9

Sports Day

WEDNESDAY, June 13th, was this year set aside as Sports Day, and the usual large gathering of parents and friends witnessed an interesting programme. Conditions were, on the whole, favourable, for the heat of the previous days had moderated slightly; and a westerly wind was cooling, even if it was sufficiently strong to necessitate the running of the Hurdles in the reverse direction and brought a sprinkle of rain before the close of the meeting.

But for the wind it is quite probable that several records might have been set up, for competition was keener than usual. Moreover, several of the competitors were not seen to the best advantage, Forrest, for instance, being newly out of the sanatorium. He was more fortunate in being allowed to enter for a limited number of events than some of his fellow convalescents; and he is indeed to be congratulated upon gaining the Victor Ludorum Cup, with wins in the Hurdles, Long Jump, and Throwing the Cricket Ball, and a second in the High Jump to his credit (18 points) from his House fellow, R. Kirkland, who ran well to carry off honours in the 100 and 220 yards sprint, and gain second place to Forrest in the Hurdles and Long Jump (16 points). Each of these lowered the School record in an event, Kirkland's time for the longer sprint being 25 $\frac{4}{5}$ seconds, while Forrest clocked 15 $\frac{4}{5}$ seconds for his Hurdles. The Junior Victor Ludorum (the John Allan Anderson Memorial Cup) was R. Johnston who, by his fine running in the quarter and half mile races, beat A. Dow and G. P. Sharp by two points.

The House Championship was as keen as the individual ones, the issue being open until the last event, where victory for Nicol in the Tug-of-war gave them a two point lead over Freeland. The fact that Freeland gathered a large proportion of their points from the under sixteen events should be some source of consolation to them for thus being cheated of an honour,

long overdue, by so small a margin, for it augurs well for next year. Simpson, mustering half Nicol's total of 108 points, by winning second place in both the Relay and Tug-of-war, just beat Ruthven into last place.

The prizes were distributed by F. Norie-Miller, Esq., of Cleeve, Perth, who, in a short but spirited address, congratulated Mr. Riley and the School and all connected with it upon the attainment of its majority, which event had coincided with Sports Day.

The full list of winners is as follows:—

Open Events.

100 yards—1, R. Kirkland; 2, R. Macmath.
220 yards—1, R. Kirkland; 2, R. Macmath.
440 yards—1, R. Macmath; 2, W. Hood.
880 yards—1, W. Hood; 2, R. Macmath.
High Jump—1, A. Carswell; 2, J. Forrest.
Long Jump—1, J. Forrest; 2, R. Kirkland.
120 yards Hurdles—1, J. Forrest; 2, R. Kirkland.
Throwing the Cricket Ball—1, J. Forrest; 2, D. Watt.

Under 16 Events.

100 yards—1, A. Dow; 2, R. Houston.
220 yards—1, W. Paton; 2, A. Dow.
440 yards—1, R. Johnston; 2, G. P. Sharp.
880 yards—1, R. Johnston; 2, M. Wilson.
High Jump—1, J. Peden; 2, W. Wallace.
Long Jump—1, N. Thomson; 2, G. P. Sharp.
120 yards Hurdles—1, G. Harrington; 2, G. P. Sharp.

Under 14 Events.

90 yards—1, D. McColl; 2, J. Steel.
220 yards—1, D. McColl; 2, J. Steel.
High Jump—1, D. McColl; 2, J. Beatson.
Long Jump—1, D. McColl; 2, J. Steel.

Under 12 Events.

80 yards—1, P. Jack; 2, R. Gregory.
High Jump—1, R. Gregory; 2, R. McColl.

Other Events.

House Relay—1, Freeland; 2, Simpson; 3, Nicol; 4, Ruthven.
Tug-of-War—1, Nicol; 2, Simpson.
Three-legged Race—1, R. Johnston and R. Houston; 2, W. Leburn and C. Scroggie.
Obstacle Race—1, I. Hargrove; 2, I. Murray.
Tilting the Bucket—1, G. P. Sharp and R. Innes; 2, P. Jack and R. McColl.



The Platform Group on Sports Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. F. Norie-Miller, Mr. Riley, Lady Simpson, Miss Riley.
(Philadelphia).



Lemonade and Cakes.

Commemoration Day

BETWEEN sixty and seventy Old Boys were present at the School to celebrate its twenty-first birthday on June 30th. A more perfect day could hardly be imagined, particularly to *watch* the several sporting events. It was regrettable that the measles epidemic rendered it advisable to abandon the Chapel service on this occasion, though the attendance at the appointed time was small in comparison with the ultimate total. After some delay, however, the Club v. School contest began with the Relay in which the School recorded their customary success. It was the 220 yards relays, Dobbie and Kirkland, who gave the School a commanding lead which Forrest had little difficulty in holding from G. B. Smith. This lead of five points had, however, been nullified before tea by a Club victory in the Tennis, thereby repeating the success gained in the first year of the tournament. Details of this event and of the Swimming events will be found under the respective headings of the Sports Notes.

Meanwhile, however, the Club had laid the foundation of victory by getting well on top in the Cricket match. Against the bowling of W. Watt, N. Gillanders and D. S. Thomson, the School put up a pitiable display with the bat, Mr. Extras being top scorer with 25 out of a total of 71. After tea this total was passed for three wickets, thanks to some hard hitting by W. C. Roy, while Watt, Chalmers, W. A. C. Lambie (with his usual six), K. McKenzie and G. Reid, materially assisted in carrying the score to 160.

The School reduced the deficit with a victory in the Fives match, but three games to one was by no means a convincing win, particularly in view of the fact that the School were two up before the Old Boys had become really familiar with the

Doubles game. As it was, I. Henderson and A. Morrison proved a formidable combination, and after losing the first game by 10-15, got on top in their second to win 15-9.

But the Club, once in the lead, went on to win the Tug-of-war by sheer weight, for the School pulled well but, conceding a stone or more per man, never succeeded in getting the Old Boys off their balance, so that weight was the deciding factor in the end. They then went on to make the issue safe by winning the Swimming Relay by about a third of a length. Though there was nothing depending upon the Polo, it yielded the best competed event of the day. Territorially the School had the advantage, particularly in the second half, but their throwing lacked power and two goals by Lambie in the first half settled the issue.

Afterwards Mr. Riley introduced Mr. Melrose (Oliver) to the School outside his study and, touching upon his prowess in goal-kicking while at School, went on to his services to the Strathallian Club as its first President, on his retirement from which office he had presented the Silver Cup for which Club and School had been competing that day. He briefly outlined the advantages of membership of the Club and then called upon Mr. Melrose to present the Cup to its worthy winners—The Club—assuring him that though the School had lost, there was always next year; the fact that, after three consecutive victories, they had failed to gain the honour of being the first to have their names inscribed on the Cup, providing the necessary incentive, if such were needed. Mr. Guthrie Reid, as President, accepted the Cup on behalf of the Club, and thus closed the most enjoyable day in the school year, a happy reunion of past and present.

Round Trinidad

A FAVOURITE and most interesting cruise is that round the island of Trinidad. The start is made from Port of Spain, the capital, in a small motor launch carrying enough provisions and petrol to last the whole voyage; for Trinidad is about forty miles long and about seventy miles broad, at the southern apex of the crescent which forms, with Venezuela, the Gulf of Paria. The journey starts northwards, however.

First of all the islands are passed. These are twelve in number, of which five are in a group and are commonly known as the Five Islands. These five are only about six miles from Port of Spain and are the smallest. Though they lack the beauty of the other seven, there are several houses on each island, and they are used as bathing resorts. The more distant seven are, however, the really popular resorts. Having passed the first few, the boat turns out to sea through the First Boca. "Boca" is the Spanish word for "mouth." There are four bocas on the northern coast, and when through them, one begins to feel the effects of the Atlantic swell.

The coast here is of a rugged type, the most rugged in Trinidad, and the North Atlantic breakers pound themselves to bits on a coast almost as rocky as the West coast of Scotland. Some of the best bathing on the island is to be obtained in little bays sheltered from the swell, though even with all the shelter, big waves roll lazily in to break with a resounding rush up the steep pebbly beach. This North coast, some fifty miles long, is the least inhabited, there being but some ten small villages. Here, too, is situated the last signalling station between Trinidad and the other islands. If the boat keeps well out to sea, it is possible to see Tobago, the sister island to Trinidad. This coast is a fisherman's paradise, all types of fish from tarpon to groupers being caught.

After turning the North-East point, Point Galera, the boat turns southward along the East coast, which, after a rocky ten miles in the North, flattens out to long beaches with waving coconut palms. There are more villages here, as it is easier to draw the fishing boat up the beach. These villages present a beautiful scene as they nestle amid the palms, their boats either drawn up above the waves or out fishing; the hills, often covered with virgin forests, rising up behind them. In the early morning these hills appear pale blue, and flakes of white mist drift across them, but later on, as the sun begins to heat them up, they assume their green hues.

It is customary to cease the journey in the heat of the day and pass the time fishing or bathing, though the latter is fraught with some danger as it is never known when there may be sharks about. There is other sport to be had here, for along the coast are swamps which are full of duck, snipe, flamingoes, and other edible birds.

The forty odd miles of this coast having been traversed, the boat rounds Point Galeota and passes along the South side of the island. This is at once the longest and least varied of the coasts in the matter of scenery: hills in the background and long coconut fringed beaches. This was the coast sighted by Columbus when he discovered the island.

At length the last point is passed, and once more the Gulf of Paria is entered. It is possible to cut straight across it to Port of Spain, but it is usual to follow the coast, for along it are situated the Pitch Lake and some of the oil wells, while San Fernando, the second largest town, is also here. At San Fernando we are forced to cut across the Gulf to avoid the pipe lines which convey the oil to the tankers. Moreover, by so doing another of the swamps is avoided completely, and Port of Spain safely reached.

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A Wonderful Railway

THE casual visitor at one of the busy railway termini whilst waiting for his train, occasionally wanders almost subconsciously to the Information Bureau. There, amongst the mass of data compiled by the travel departments of the great railways, is to be found descriptions of numerous journeys and excursions to suit every taste in scenery and every type of purse.

One of these pamphlets describes in a few words what must surely be called one of the most interesting railway journeys in Great Britain.

It is worded thus: "Glasgow to Mallaig. Half-day excursion 9/-."

It then goes on to give the usual details as to stopping places, departure and arrival times, etc., while a glance at the map shows that the entire return journey covers approximately 300 miles, and, with the various stops, occupies about 12 hours.

The line from Glasgow to Mallaig, with its branch from Spean Bridge to Fort Augustus, roughly forms what used to be called the West Highland Railway, and is now controlled by the second largest of the Big Four, the London & North Eastern Company.

The railway, which for the most part is single line, was completed about fifty years ago and took many years to construct. It was, and still is, considered one of the greatest pieces of railway engineering ever accomplished; in fact, so wonderful was the feat that some went so far as to include the West Highland Railway among the modern wonders of the world.

Roughly, the line rises from sea level at Queen Street, Glasgow, to nearly one thousand four hundred feet above this level between Tyndrum and Rannoch, and then it drops steeply to sea level again at Fort William. The gradient then varies several times between this latter station and Mallaig.

The interest for the lover of scenery starts about Rhu, just north of Helensburgh, where the line rises to a considerable height above the Gareloch and runs amidst beautiful woods, through clearings in which can be seen those ranks of silent, laid-up

merchantmen lying motionless in the still waters of the loch, a scene which is repeated when the railway enters upon the Loch Long stretch.

As we run northwards, the trees gradually change from plane, larch, birch and chestnut to the straight graceful pines of the lower Grampian ranges, and these in time give way to the treeless windswept crags where the heather and bracken change the scene to one of magnificent rugged grandeur. The line is now running at times at one thousand feet above sea level.

At Crianlarich the train passes over the L.M.S. Oban Line, and then the two routes separate, and, like true rivals, skirt the hills on either side of the Glen; the L.M.S. express bound for Dalmally and the West; the L.N.E.R. racing towards Tyndrum and the North.

During this part of the journey the work of the engineers has been arduous and varied in the extreme, for not only is the line far away from the beaten track, but the work of laying the rails consisted alternately raising high embankments over the dips between the moorland stretches and blasting a foothold through the living rock on the steep hillside of Loch Long and Loch Lomond.

At Bridge of Orchy, the two heavy locomotives start upon the most strenuous section of their long pull — crossing the Moor of Rannoch. One of the highest and wildest of Scotland's moors, it combines magnificent scenery with the treachery of a typical moorland bog.

The conditions for the engineers on this stretch of about twenty miles were the worst possible; to find a permanent bottom for the track in the oozing, shifting bog was a feat next to impossible, and to drive poles deep into the peaty slime was out of the question.

The present embankment is built on a light fabrication of timber, the principle being the same as that of the Esquimo's snow shoes, and thus, to all intents and purposes, the railway "floats" upon the bog. At points along the line it is safe to say that if the passengers left the train

and did not know the tracks on the moor, they would be sucked to death among the hungry peats of Rannoch. Little wonder then that it is claimed to be a wonderful feat, when one can visualise great four hundred ton trains, drawn by two powerful North Eastern locomotives, roaring across that lonely moor at 40 to 50 miles per hour, with but a tiny floating embankment between them and the treacherous bottomless quagmire.

Climbing steadily, the heavy train reaches the highest section of the run, nearly one thousand four hundred feet above sea level, and at the water-shed commences its sharp descent towards Fort William.

The line skirts the north shore of Loch Treig, and moving past the magnificent gorge at the Fort William end of the loch, winds beneath the brow of Ben Nevis. In parts of this section the gradient is no less than 1 in 45, possibly the steepest in Britain.

After a halt at Fort William to change locomotives, the train starts on the last stretch of the journey, and immediately enters the Locheil country, touching here and there the shores of the Loch of that name, now amidst scenery which must be amongst the grandest in the world. It winds its way amongst the butts of the Grampians, crossing the end of wild Glenfinnan by means of a long stately stone bridge, which can be seen for miles down the glen. The scenery is comparable only to the rugged passes cut through the Rocky Mountains for the Grand Trunk Pacific, or mountain fastnesses traversed by the Trans-Andean Railway.

Loch, glen and hill blend together in a magnificent vista, whose beauty it is impossible to describe, and as the locomotives draw into the little fishing village of Mallaig, the sun, setting over the hazy, far off hills of Skye, lights up those gorgeous highland glens with their purple hills and mountain streams in a manner which can never be forgotten.

With a rush the tales of Prince Charlie, Flora McDonald, the Campbells and the Camerons come surging into the mind, and one can picture for a brief instant those gallant, faithful highlanders mustering in their beloved glens to the call of the pibroch—a call which they were never again to answer.

And as years roll by, the scattered blood-stained remnants of the once proud clans fade and die, leaving only a ruined stronghold here and a tiny mountain cairn there as monuments to the most colourful part of Scottish history. As the western sun sinks behind those distant island hills, the few remaining rays of golden sunlight take a last longing look at the gorgeous misty glens as if searching, always searching, for something which never returns. Gone, too, are those pipes of the misty moorland, Voice of the hills and glens. Slowly the blanket of night cloaks the rugged hillsides, and a great stillness envelops all.

With the fading of the light, the mind picture, too, slips back into endless oblivion, leaving behind a twinge of wistful sadness.

A. B.

SHAKESPEARE UP TO DATE

That Shakespeare is for all time is again instanced by a few random quotations, which prove him to be keeping up well with the times. Thus, of wireless he says "It works, Thou has done well, fine Ariel" (Tempest); while his attitude to the British lottery regulations may be found in the line, "Sweep on, ye fat and greasy citizens" (As You Like It).

We may discern in his works, too, an account of a visit to Strath. "A wilderness of monkeys" (Merchant of Venice) so well describes the scene near the classrooms during recess. His pity was aroused for the boys "doomed for a certain term" (Hamlet). In the classroom he interrupts Mr. Ward's arithmetic class with the problem "If every ducat in six thousand ducats were in six parts and every part a ducat..." (Merchant of Venice). He realises the value of education, however, for he says "Here comes your boy; 'twere good he were schooled" (Taming of the Shrew).

An interruption in a game of rugby finds echo in the words "I'll not be struck. Nor tripped neither, you base football rascal" (King Lear), though at the close of the game he announces "Both sides are even" (Macbeth).

J. B.

In Hamilton Harbour . . .

THREE lusty blasts! Another ship has cleared Two Rock Passage. Like a powerful car coasting down a slope, she glides through the smooth water of the inner harbour until, with a clatter and a cloud of red dust, she lets go an anchor. Slowly the chain takes the strain, slower still the stern swings out towards White's Island until she faces about towards "Two Rock" again. Fussy, efficient, motor boats tow ashore the lines and within twenty minutes of the "all clear" blasts, another ship is moored.

Every ship docks much in the same way, but the manoeuvre is always interesting. It isn't a form of morbid curiosity, in the hope some hitch will give a thrill, but genuine admiration for work done to perfection.

Ships like Hamilton Harbour. A difficult voyage is behind and as if horses tethered near tasty grass, they laze away their stay. But what sensible ship wouldn't? The open sea is four miles away along a narrow "L" shape channel; strong winds are broken by hills or buildings; while the water is cool and clear. It is difficult to reach but if leeway is scarce, the local pilots are masters of manoeuvres. Thirty thousand gross tons are as easy for them to handle as it is for you to steer a car.

Maybe it is that ships are more human than we imagine. It is hard to explain how an odd thirty thousand people, who export practically nothing, can attract three and a half million nett tons of shipping in one year. Is it that the hulls find the water beneficial?

But, imagine yourself ten days away from Scotland, in Bermuda. You may not know much about "ports," "starboards," "quadruple expansion" and such nautical terms. You may even call a "ship" a "boat." Never mind, only relax a little, allow your fancy to wander.

It is "Boat day" proper. The *Queen* is due. Classed as the most up-to-date liner afloat, she and her consort, the *Monarch*, each sail once a week from New York. They bring supplies, but much more important—Exports in the form of Imports—the American Visitors.

Her Ladyship announces herself with three lordly blasts. There is nothing so common as "lustiness" about her voice, even if she makes herself heard all over the twenty-two mile long island! "Two Rock" is like one rock as she picks her way through the narrow passage. Look at the angle of her three red funnels, so essentially "right." Modern... definitely so. Cheap... decidedly not. The designer is in a class with the young bloods of London and Glasgow who also know that magic angle, the "correct" angle, to wear a bowler hat.

A, B, C, D and E decks rise from the bluest of blue water. E is of the grey hull near the water line, while A is up high in the white superstructure.

You know the thrill there is, when any great ship docks. Bermuda is different. The thrill is more intense. Everyone on board is in holiday spirit and white faces soon to be tanned browner than the tinted mirrors have had them look, peer excitedly at all the "different" things they see. Even with all her dignity, the *Queen* radiates happiness as she sedately twists around and takes the place of honour at No. 1 dock.

But, Royalty is not talkative, and after all our *Queen* is only one year old. Experience will teach her much as she runs from frost to sun in thirty-six short hours.

The Musician. Is this some English cynicism or merely a name chosen to inspire sweating coal heavers to sing and unload at speed? *The Musician*..Bristol" is at No. 6 discharging coal enough to supply the country's entire demand for six months. She certainly is happy! An old donkey engine wheezes steam (unmusically) from every valve while basket after basket of coal is hauled up and dumped on barrows to be run ashore. Black dust flies everywhere. Why worry? The North Atlantic washes *The Musician's* everywhere.

But wait, the lady is cheerfully provoked. "I see you looking at my paint work, or lack of it. You wonder how I survive a mild breeze; how I shall ever be able to move from this, not so bad, little

harbour. Looks are deceiving; I have a man's work to do and like it and young man, please do not forget, we can't all be *Queens*."

The King has sent one of his battleships (a cruiser) from the nearby base, to assure us we are well guarded. Sleek and trim, she rides off-shore. A dangerous dog wears a muzzle, so do her guns. It is doubtful whether the discreet canvas is much protection. Very reassuring, in a way, is this twentieth century masterpiece, complete with seaplane, torpedo tubes and armour plating, but however perfect, it is a distasteful reminder that for all our so-called civilisation, governments still find it necessary to spend anything from a million pounds up, to build such arms of defence or attack.

If all budgets were balanced and all wars ended, would it be possible to scrap the Navy, yet keep its traditionally perfect personnel!

Luxury yachts that cost anything from £500 to £1000 a day for upkeep alone, rum runners' fast motor cruisers, freighters straight from London, Liverpool, Avonmouth and European ports, Canadian passenger-freight vessels from the West Indies, an occasional schooner, every kind of small yacht, speed boats, canoes, even wrecks, all form an essential part of the harbour from time to time.

Ships are real friends. They are satisfied. They don't speak a whole lot. Their flags flying and name displayed, they seem to say, "You know my name, where I come from, what I do . . . you can guess the rest."

NIDK

THE above title will no doubt puzzle many people, particularly if they have no knowledge of the sea. It is merely the call sign of the ice patrol ships of the North Atlantic Ocean. Whenever a ship wishes to obtain information about the drifting ice, she sends out this call, and the patrol ships, picking it up, immediately send the latest news of dangerous floes.

The general expense of maintaining the patrol is an international obligation, but the actual duties are carried out by the American Coast Guard or Cutter Service; and the early part of each season finds the patrols working under weather conditions that are harsh and trying, for in the North Atlantic truly winter weather holds sway at least till April is past.

The ships employed in the ice patrol are cutters of two hundred and fifty feet in length usually, and have a tonnage of about two thousand tons. They are driven by turbo-electric, synchronous motor type engines, which are capable of giving them a speed of seventeen knots. They carry by way of armament—for they are part of the Coast Guard Service, one 3-inch anti-aircraft gun, two six-pounder guns, and one 5-inch gun, and their crew usually consists all told of a hundred and twenty-five.

The Coast Guard Service is distinct from the American Naval Service and has its

own cadet college and barracks for recruits near Boston. Nevertheless, in time of war it would no doubt be immediately mobilised under naval authority and prove a valuable arm of the Service.

The work of these cutters is varied, and while they are primarily concerned in season with the watching and reporting the movements of the ice drifts, it is also their duty to search any derelicts they may meet and afterwards destroy them by gun fire, and also to render assistance to any disabled vessel and accompany it to port.

Their work has been greatly assisted by the development of wireless, for they possess radio direction bearing compasses. This facilitates the relief of vessels on patrol during foggy weather, an all too common occurrence, for the relief ship steers on a line of bearing given by the radio compass, and continues on that course until she hears the whistle of the other cutter, thus preventing delays which were frequently prolonged days in the past.

Obviously, their vigilance can never be relaxed, for if an iceberg slips unobserved across the main Atlantic traffic tracts it endangers the whole of the shipping. As it is, all Transatlantic shipping keeps in touch with the patrols, and a sense of security is engendered by the reports from NIDK.

F. P.

Sports Notes

CRICKET.

JUDGED solely by the results of matches played, this season may be written down as a successful one, for in School games we have had to admit defeat on but one occasion. This unexpected and decisive defeat by Glasgow High School was in a measure counter-balanced by convincing wins over Morrison's Academy and Dunfermline High School, both of whom inflicted heavy defeats upon us in recent years. At the same time, the showing against Glasgow, H. B. Rowan's XI and the Old Boys, and to a lesser extent against W. C. Roy's XI in the last match of the season left much to be desired. The whole season has been almost devoid of brilliant individual performances which live in the memory when the results of matches have long been forgotten. The outstanding performance was undoubtedly Aitkenhead's eight wickets for thirteen runs against Allan Glen's, but there has been no consistently successful bowler such as W. Watt, last season's Captain. The fact that only three scores of over thirty were recorded by the Strath. batsmen tells its own tale: many seasons must have passed since Strath. had scored less runs than their opponents.

Team Criticism.

R. Macmath, the captain, will be chiefly remembered for his magnificent fielding and the excellent control he exerted over his men both on and off the field. His setting of the field and management of the bowling improved very considerably with experience. His batting was disappointing in that it did not live up to the promise of last season. Possessing a really fine drive and a powerful cut, he sooner or later picked the wrong ball to bring off these strokes upon, with disastrous results. Nevertheless, he generally managed to put up a useful score between ten and twenty, but one could not but feel that he was capable of something much better. 1st XI Colours awarded 1933, 1934.

J. Forrest, the vice-captain, suffered in his batting from the same fault as his skipper. At the nets his batting was full of splendid strokes all round the wicket, but in matches he allowed his play to degenerate into mere "slogging." This was entirely due to impetuosity; and if he could but overcome this, he would be a really brilliant bat. He has attempted to bowl too fast this season, and this has caused his delivery to lose its late away swing which made it so deadly in 1933. 1st XI Colours awarded 1933, 1934.

W. B. McKenna has in at least two matches been outstanding with the bat, for he has kept up his end when the rest have failed. When on his day, he combines defence with aggression nicely, but his great weakness is the "yorker." He needs to cultivate strokes behind the wicket and to improve the timing of his drives. With a better command of length and more leg spin he would be a dangerous bowler. 1st XI Colours awarded 1934.

R. Johnston has filled the dual rôle of opening batsman and stumper with success. His batting is sound without being brilliant, his chief fault being the pulling of off drives too straight, towards mid off. 1st XI Colours 1934.

W. Hood has been one of our stock bowlers this season. He gets plenty of pace off the pitch, but of late has lost the art of making the ball swing away from the batsman. This ball is bowled by hollowing the back in the direction of mid off and then using a round arm action so that the body pivots on the left foot. His batting is still weak.

I. Wood has generally managed to keep one end going without being expensive. He keeps an immaculate length and on the right wicket turns the ball a little from leg. He needs to vary his length and pace more; otherwise his bowling tends to play a batsman in. He has on occasion shown

glimpses of form with the bat, but has a glaring weakness on the leg stump, due to slow foot work.

R. Aitkenhead is a leg break bowler of great promise. He turns the ball a good deal and varies his length and flight cleverly. He should do great work next season with both bat and ball.

R. Kirkland has batted with great determination, for though possessing only one scoring stroke, a cut, he has played some valuable innings. His defence is very sound, and his speed along the boundary has been instrumental in the saving of scores of runs.

R. Houston played two good innings and in these he showed an excellent defence and a good off drive. Apart from these innings he persistently got himself l.b.w. through lack of co-ordination between feet and bat.

D. Murray is without doubt the find of the season as far as batting is concerned. He possesses the right temperament and a cast iron defence. With these to rely upon, the strokes are bound to come. At present he glances the ball nicely to leg and plays a "chop" drive which has not sufficient power behind it. 1st XI Colours awarded 1934.

The final place has been occupied at various times by H. Fleming, C. Roy, J. Balfour, G. Balfour and I. Macbride. L. Paul, A. Gray and B. Smith have also played in the First team as occasion demanded. These eight players have done their best when thus called upon, and have formed the backbone of a Second XI which has been at least up to the average. Both Paul and Gray have shown good form behind the stumps; and the promising performances of W. Leburn with the bat deserves special mention.

First XI played 12, won 4, drawn 6, lost 2.

AVERAGE RUNS PER WICKET:

In all Matches: For 11.4; against 13.

In School Matches: For 11.8; against 7.8.

Batting Averages.

	Innings.	No. times not out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.	Catches.
D. Murray	- 7	1	45	120	20	1
R. Johnston	- 10	0	41	131	13.1	3
R. Kirkland	- 8	2	17	76	12.6	4
R. W. Macmath	11	1	24*	123	12.3	10
W. B. McKenna	11	2	25	99	11	1
J. Forrest	- 11	0	26	117	10.6	5
I. Wood	- 7	5	7	20	10	2
R. Houston	- 9	0	36	81	9	3
C. Roy	- 4	0	10	27	6.8	0
R. Aitkenhead	- 8	1	8	26	3.7	0
W. Hood	- 6	1	13*	15	3	1

*Signifies Not Out.

Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avr. runs per wkt.
W. Hood	- 127	38	279	27	10.33
R. Aitkenhead	- 52	9	229	20	11.45
I. Wood	- 109	30	253	20	12.15
J. Forrest	- 37	9	102	8	12.75
W. B. McKenna	36	6	145	6	24.16
R. Macmath	- 11	0	64	2	32

Strathallan v. Heriot's School. Played at Edinburgh on Saturday, April 28th.

Winning the toss, Strath. elected to bat in conditions which, though favourable to the batting side, were anything but agreeable. Macmath and Johnston opened confidently and were somewhat unlucky in their dismissal. Forrest was over-aggressive and was out, badly l.b.w., but McKenna played a good innings, and receiving useful assistance from Kirkland (13), helped to take the score to 65 for eight wickets, not a large total for the time at the wicket. McKenna contributed a patient 24 to this total.

The home side's opening batsmen were polished, but once they had been separated wickets began to fall quickly, though it was plain that unless the batsmen took unnecessary risks, there was little hope of a finish; and when stumps were drawn the score stood at 37 for five. Hood was the most impressive bowler, sending down twelve overs for sixteen runs and three wickets. The School's fielding was brilliant all round.

Result: Strathallan, 65 for 8 wkts.; Heriot's, 37 for 5 wkts.

Strathallan v. Dollar Academy. Played at Dollar on Saturday, May 5th.

Dollar won the toss and opened their innings in a steady drizzle. The bowlers could not keep a footing, and runs came easily from the opening batsmen, until at 37 for no wickets, heavy rain caused the abandonment of the match.

Result: Match abandoned. Dollar Academy, 37 for 0 wkts.

Strathallan v. Gordon's College. Played at Aberdeen on Saturday, May 12th.

Splendid bowling by Wood, who took six wickets for 12 runs, aided by smart work in the field, enabled the School to dismiss Gordon's for a mere 46. This total occupied two and a quarter hours, some estimate of the excessive caution shown being gauged by the fact that half the thirty-eight overs bowled were maidens. Wood repeatedly beat both bat and wicket, while Hood bowled well without much luck.

Left only a little over an hour to get the runs, Strath. suffered some early shocks, the opening pair being back in the pavilion with only two runs on the board. Macmath, 13, Forrest, 13, and Roy, 9, used the long handle with effect, but something of a collapse followed, and the total had only reached 43 with eight wickets down and but ten minutes to play. Kirkland, not out 10, assisted by Houston saw the game won, and the innings closed for 54, Hood being run out in an amusing attempt to open his account off the last ball of the game.

Result: Strathallan, 54; Gordon's College, 46.

Strathallan v. Kilmacolm. To be played at Forgandenny on Saturday, May 19th, was cancelled owing to heavy rain.

Strathallan v. Stewart's College. Played at Forgandenny on Monday, 21st May.

Once again the conditions were not conducive to good cricket, but the School opened brightly with Johnston and Houston. Dismissed for 17, Johnston scored quickly all round the wicket, but had one or two lucky escapes, as also did Macmath who contributed the same total. Houston plodded along slowly and proved

his worth as an opening batsman. The majority of his 28 runs came from off drives, and his defensive strokes were excellent. Roy, 10, and McKenna, 22 not out, kept the score moving along, and Macmath was able to declare at 100 for six wickets. Fielding errors by the visitors were in a measure responsible for Strath.'s strong position.

The School side quickly got on top when the Edinburgh men batted. Having lost two wickets for 5 runs, the later batsmen defended stubbornly but showed little ability to punish even loose balls. When stumps were finally drawn seven wickets were down for 46, and the School might consider themselves unfortunate in not gaining a victory. Forrest claimed three wickets for 5 runs, and Wood 3 for 13.

Result: Strathallan, 100 for 6 wkts. (inns. decl.); Stewart's College, 46 for 7.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen G.S. Played at Aberdeen on Saturday, 26th May.

The home side batted first, and the early batsmen opened with confidence, 63 runs being on the board for the loss of three wickets. The fortunes of the game thereafter swung in Strath.'s favour and the next four wickets fell cheaply. By dint of somewhat unenterprising batting by the tail, Aberdeen carried their total to 100 before the last wicket fell. Wood was the most successful bowler with five wickets for 45, Hood claiming four victims for 33.

Left with a little over an hour in which to get the runs, Strath. tried to force the pace, but three wickets having fallen for 23, greater restraint became necessary. Forrest gave a bright display for his 26 but he found no one to stop and make runs with him, and though at one time there was a danger of defeat, Murray and Kirkland successfully played out time, the score then being 73 for the loss of seven wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 73 for 7 wkts.; Aberdeen G.S., 100.

Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy.
Played at Forgandenny on Saturday, June 9th.

Morrison's could do little with the bowling of Hood, who was in his best form.

He seemed to gather considerable pace from the pitch, and the visitors for the most part found him unplayable. Only one member of the side reached double figures, and the total reached only 49. Hood had six wickets for 22, while Forrest had two quick successes at the close for 7 runs.

The Strath. innings opened disastrously, Houston being out to the first ball he received with only one run scored. Johnston (22), Macmath (20), and Forrest (25), quickly pulled the game round however, and the visitors' total was passed with eight wickets in hand. The later batsmen, with the exception of Kirkland (17) and Hood (13 not out) did not offer much opposition to the visitors' attack, and when stumps were drawn the total was 130 for nine wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 130 for nine wkts.; Morrison's Academy, 49.

Strathallan v. Glasgow High School.

Played at Forgandenny on Saturday, June 16th.

The High School won the toss and made first use of an excellent wicket. In the opening over it was evident that H. H. Sheppard was a class batsman. Two splendid off drives off Hood gave a taste of what was to come. All bowling seemed the same to this promising player, who continued to score freely whilst the remainder of the team formed a procession until Waddell (30) helped to add 71 for the fifth wicket. Sheppard scored a century out of 139 in just under two hours before Kirkland caught him off Wood. Fourteen boundary strokes were included in a faultless innings. The remaining batsmen took the score to 151 for nine before the innings was declared closed. Hood bowled throughout the innings and well deserved his six wickets for 53 runs.

It was the first time the School had been faced with a big total, and much to the disappointment of the onlookers, they failed to rise to the occasion. The loss of Johnston (17) and Murray (8), both of whom had played themselves in confidently, was due to bad judgment in running. Forrest and Macmath (10 each) both went for the bowling too soon and

were out to shots which were badly mistimed. Houston once more got his leg in front of a straight one without scoring, and six wickets had yielded only 57 runs. Only McKenna offered a real resistance. His 25 was a good innings, and he was the only batsman, after the departure of the opening pair, who showed real judgment in picking the ball to hit. Instead of a close game resulting, therefore, Strath. were well beaten by 62 runs. Johnston, behind the stumps, conceded only one boundary leg bye in the H.S. innings.

Result: Strathallan, 89; Glasgow H.S., 151 for nine wkts. (inns. decl.).

Strathallan v. H. B. Rowan's XI. Played at Forgandenny on Wednesday, June 20th.

The side brought to Strath. by Mr. Rowan, on paper, seemed scarcely so formidable as usual, but it proved far too strong for the School. In two hours and twenty-five minutes they ran up the huge score of 264 for three wickets, thus leaving no possible chance of a Strath. win. J. W. Dallachy gave a beautiful display of batting and quickly ran up a second century against the school bowling. He possessed every stroke, and his work was an object lesson to the boys. J. S. Kilpatrick (35), G. Crerar (45 not out), and J. G. Johnstone (47 not out) each took part in big stands with Dallachy. The regular bowlers met with no respect whatsoever and failed to secure a wicket. Aitkenhead, used as a bowler for the first time, frequently puzzled these experienced batsmen, and his two wickets for 99 was a meritorious performance. Macmath secured the third wicket, thanks to a fine catch by Forrest. Johnston again kept wicket well, conceding only 7 extras.

It is best to draw a veil over the School's batting. The majority of the side seemed overawed by the reputation of their opponents, and only Murray (19) did himself justice. Macmath was bowled by a good ball, but the remaining batsmen, casting defence to the winds, went out to appalling strokes, and an overwhelming defeat would have been the fate of the School had not Aitkenhead and Wood

realised the necessity for caution and forced an inglorious draw with the score at 86 for eight wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 86 for 8 wks.; H. B. Rowan's XI, 264 for 3 wks. (inns. decl.).

Strathallan v. Allan Glen's School. Played at Forgandenny on Saturday, June 23rd.

This match was a personal triumph for Aitkenhead who showed that his spin bowling was deadly against inexperienced batsmen. He flighted the ball well and frequently tempted men out of the crease only to beat them with the break. Johnston revelled in the chance to show his skill behind the stumps, and shared in the dismissal of three men. The visitors only mustered 22 runs, six men failing to score. Aitkenhead had eight wickets for 14 and Hood two for 8.

Strath. opened with Murray and Johnston and they saw the game won before the latter left for thirteen at 39. The School batted on till lunch time, and runs came at a fair pace from Murray (22), Forrest (12) and Macmath (24 not out), so that the total was 79 for 3 wickets when stumps were drawn.

Result: Strathallan, 79 for 3 wks.; Allan Glen's School, 22.

Strathallan v. Dunfermline H.S. Played at Forgandenny on Wednesday, June 27th.

In recent years Dunfermline have held the upper hand, so that Strath. were all out to force a decisive win. This they did in a very workmanlike style, and the game was certainly the best of the season. Though obviously well coached and experienced, the visitors were all at sea with Aitkenhead, and assisted by two splendid catches from his skipper, he ended with seven wickets for 42 runs. Hood, with three for 16, showed more fire than of late and clean bowled the opening pair.

Facing a total of 64, Strath. opened uncertainly, Murray being finely caught at second slip off his first ball. After a long succession of failures, Houston got going, and he and Johnston carried the score to 54 before the latter was dismissed for 41,

one of the luckiest innings he will ever play, for many of his scoring strokes were distinctly streaky. Houston, who had hitherto been content with singles, began to open out and included a six in his 31, the Dunfermline total being passed without further loss. The later batsmen hit out without much success so that the score had reached 119 for 7 wickets when stumps were drawn.

Result: Strathallan, 119 for 7 wks.; Dunfermline H.S., 64.

Strathallan v. Old Strathallians. Played at Forgandenny on Saturday, June 30th.

As in the match with H. B. Rowan's XI, the Strath. batting broke down badly against an adult side, and as before, Murray was the only batsman to defy the bowling for any length of time. Johnston was "yorked" by N. Gillanders without scoring, whilst McKenna fell into the same trap. Forrest and Macmath were too impetuous, whilst Houston was once more dismissed l.b.w. Murray batted well and was seventh out for 19, with the total at 48. He and Kirkland (12) alone offered any resistance, and 25 extras were the greatest contribution to the School's meagre total of 71.

This was obviously too small for such a strong opposition as the Old Boys. I. McEwan and D. Thomson opened well, but with three wickets down for 46, it was left to W. C. Roy to provide the tit-bit of the innings. He and W. Watt saw the game won, and then he went on to score a delightful 49, reminiscent of his knock in the corresponding match last year for the School. Watt and G. K. Chalmers (18 each), A. Lambie (14, including his usual six), K. G. McKenzie (19) and G. Reid (13 not out) materially helped in taking the score to 160 before stumps were drawn. McKenna showed form with the ball for the first time this season and with four wickets for 53 runs was the most successful bowler, followed by Aitkenhead with three for 67. For the Old Boys, Gillanders had five victims for only 12 runs, and D. Thomson four for 6.

Result: Strathallan, 71; Old Strathallians, 160.

Strathallan v. W. C. Roy's XI. Played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 7th July.

The visitors batted first, A. Fleming and Mr. Cole opening. Wood beat the former for 13 with the score at 34; but the latter gave a delightful exhibition of batting, picking out the loose ball for severe punishment, and never troubled by the School attack, retired after completing his century, which included seventeen fours. Roy with 32, and W. Watt with 33, enabled the score to reach 197 for six wickets before the closure was applied.

When the School batted, D. Murray was again the stalwart and had the satisfaction of making the season's highest score, 45. Kirkland again batted nicely for 17, but with seven wickets down for 89, it was a case of saving the game. Gray, who had played at wicket with success in place of the absent Johnston, played a patient game and was 14 not out when stumps were drawn.

Result: Strathallan, 118 for 8 wkts.; W. C. Roy's XI, 197 for 6 wkts. (inns. decl.).

SECOND ELEVEN

The Second Eleven won three of their matches, lost two, and the remaining fixture was abandoned owing to rain. The season opened with a crushing defeat by Heriot's, in part due to poor batting, only C. Roy (24) and H. Fleming (11) reaching double figures in a total of 66, and in part to deplorable fielding which enabled Heriot's to reach 77 for the loss of one wicket. Then came the abandoned game with Dollar when the School, after being 39 for two wickets, collapsed badly and were 42 for seven, and had only carried the score to 51 when rain caused the abandonment.

Against Gordon's College, the School opened its account with a good win. Steady, if slow, batting took the score to 84, and then G. Balfour and I. Macbride ran through the opposition for a mere 37 runs. A fortnight later the Grammar School avenged their neighbours' defeat. Strath. fared badly and were dismissed for a mere 61, J. and G. Balfour contributing 16 and 18 respectively. Prospects were bright when four wickets fell for a mere

18, but the Aberdeen later batsmen took command of the situation and won the match with three wickets to spare.

Strath.'s score of 176 against Morrison's Academy is by way of a record, Murray (45), Leburn (40) and B. Smith (21) being the chief contributors. Balfour and Macbride again shared the wickets, bowling unchanged and claiming, with the help of an alert field, six for 29 and four for 19 respectively. B. Smith at point made five catches, four off Balfour's bowling. The following week a weakened side brought off a good victory over Glasgow High School, who were dismissed for 90. Balfour with six wickets for 48 was the most successful bowler, and Gray's performance behind the stumps the outstanding feature of the game. He ran out two of the opposition, caught a third, and did not concede a bye. Thanks to a fine innings of 59 by Aitkenhead and 29 from J. Balfour, the High School total was passed with only two wickets down; but the later batsmen went after runs too early and had only taken the score to 138 for eight when stumps were drawn.

The side scored 517 runs for an average of 9.5 runs per wicket, against their opponents' 334 and 8.9. W. Leburn, J. Balfour, W. Smith, and G. Balfour are at the top of the batting averages with 19.3, 15.8, 10 and 9.8 respectively, while I. Macbride with twelve wickets for 4.66 runs apiece heads the bowling from G. Balfour, twenty wickets for 7.5 apiece.

Second Eleven caps were awarded to R. Aitkenhead, R. Kirkland, R. Houston, J. Balfour, A. Gray, W. Leburn, W. Smith, and S. Dobbie.

HOUSE MATCHES

The House games failed to create quite the usual excitement, nor provide many surprises. In the first of the preliminary rounds Nicol rather easily defeated Ruthven, as had been anticipated. Forrest (35), Kirkland (13), McKenna (26 not out) and R. Dunlop (20) gave their side a fair start, 90 runs being scored for the loss of four wickets, but at 97 a fine over from Hood saw three wickets fall without addition. J. F. Ritchie contributed a useful 18 and the total reached 132. In reply

Ruthven never got going. Aitkenhead and J. Balfour, 19 and 11 respectively, and Peden, the last wicket, with 11, alone reached double figures in a total of 56. McKenna bowled well to claim half the wickets for 15 runs, Wood taking three for 29. Throughout the innings Nicol's fielding was most workmanlike. In the other game Simpson sprang a surprise upon the, on paper, strong batting Freeland XI by dismissing the first six men for 25, of whom Gray alone offered any resistance and his 24 eventually proved top score. R. L. Paul and Dobbie, 19 and 15 not out, did their best to pull the game round and succeeded in so far as the total was 79 at the close. Macbride claimed half the wickets for 17 runs. This total, small though it was, proved completely beyond the power of Simpson's batsmen. Dobbie and Macmath divided the wickets in an innings which totalled only 40.

The Final game, to which a time limit was set of fifty overs, well illustrated the uncertainty of the game. Nicol batted first, and having lost Forrest's wicket at 9, and three more wickets before 48, McKenna, R. Dunlop and Watt pulled the game round to a score of 121 for seven wickets. McKenna played his usual sound game for 29, Dunlop hit a six and two fours in his 17, and Watt seven fours in his 34, which made him top scorer. Wood, with a cautiously accumulated 27, and Roy with 14, were the only other members of the side to reach double figures in the total of 145, scored well under the scheduled overs, and it was generally felt that Freeland, with ample time at their disposal, would have little difficulty in passing this total. Certainly no one anticipated the complete collapse which actually occurred. Six of the side were dismissed for 25, and not even Macmath's captain's innings (13) or Paul's stolidness could stop the rot, and the side was out for 44, leaving Nicol easy winners of the Melville Cup for the second year in succession. McKenna took four wickets for 10 runs, while during the Nicol innings Dobbie took six and J. McBride three wickets for 10½ runs apiece.

TENNIS NOTES

Shortly after the resumption of School for the Summer Term, the Senior and Junior Championships were started. Many of the younger boys showed extremely promising play, and should prove dangerous opponents by next season. The finals were played off before Sports Day. Billy Smith, following his success in the Junior event last year, won the Senior Championship by two sets to none from D. Watt: Smith had the advantage in his service, but Watt's agility made Smith have to work hard for his games. The Junior Championship went as was anticipated to W. Leburn who had been defeated by Smith last year. He was taken to three sets by R. Houston. The match was by no means so spectacular as the Senior, both players being of a similar type, steady, but some of the rallies were of remarkable length.

Despite the fact that the School team was considerably weaker than of recent years, it recorded an easy win over the Staff in the annual match. Mr. Cole and Mr. McCutcheon won the only four sets recorded by the Staff. In the other matches, however, their weaknesses were clearly revealed. Unaccustomed to the pace of the harder courts at Bridge of Earn, they were heavily defeated. In the game with the Old Boys on Commemoration Day, the School put up a stout fight but had to submit to defeat at the hands of greater experience by five sets to three.

An Inter-House Competition was inaugurated this year. Nicol won the event after a thrilling game with Freeland; though undoubtedly the best game of the competition was in the preliminary tie between Nicol and Simpson. McKenna is to be congratulated upon the victory of his team which was due rather to all round soundness than individual brilliance.

J. W. D.

FIVES

Fives has proved very popular throughout the Summer term, and several promising juniors have been discovered. Interest was further stimulated by the initiation of a House Competition, which gave match experience to the less skilful. In the preliminary rounds Nicol defeated Ruthven by three games to one, while Simpson took all the matches from



The Fives Courts.

Freeland. The final was far more one-sided than had been anticipated, for Nicol failed to reproduce their earlier form and failed to win a game. Time did not allow the proposed Individual Championship to go through, but since the singles game is essentially one for the Rugby court, there is no reason why it should not materialise during the winter terms. This and a continuance of the House Competition would serve materially to improve the standard of play and increase the number of playing members.

J. M. Wilson and B. Smith and S. K. White and G. Harrington were the pairs selected to represent the School against the Old Boys on Commemoration Day, and, even allowing for the fact that the Old Boys were strangers to the doubles game and therefore took some little time to settle down, did well to emerge the victors by three games to one. Smith and his captain won both their games, and the other pair, in sharing the games, had a long lead on points. J. M. W.

SWIMMING

The epidemic of measles has seriously interfered with the full enjoyment of the pond's delights, but there is no doubt that the enforced abstinence made them the more acceptable during the hot weather towards the end of term.

The introduction of inter-house polo this term was not an unmixed blessing: while



Simpson House.

it served to introduce more players to the game and indeed led to the discovery of Carswell as a goalkeeper, it also prevented full measure of team practice for the match with the Old Boys. The projected House Championship had to be abandoned until next term as Commemoration Day approached, with the pond not in use.

The practice thus obtained, however, enabled the School to put up a very good game against the Old Boys. Admittedly they were defeated by two goals to none, but had their throwing but equalled their positioning and tackling there is no doubt they would have registered their initial victory, for they were seldom out of the Old Boys' half, particularly in the second half when training began to tell its tale. Nevertheless the Old Boys' last line of defence, Oliver Melrose, occupying the greater part of the goal, proved a great stumbling block to the School's efforts. The Old Boys also won the relay race fairly

easily, having led from the start. Smith made a vain but unavailing effort to catch Lambie, the visitors' last man. The School was represented by A. Carswell; T. Dishington and D. Hall; R. Johnston, J. Forrest, M. Mitchell, and J. Smith. Johnston, Mitchell, G. Sharp, and Smith represented the School in the Relay.

At the beginning of term the usual tests for badges resulted in R. Clow, A. Forbes and R. Dunlop being successful.

The Championships were keenly contested, the Junior resulting in an extremely close race between Graeme Sharp and Innes, the latter just getting home. R. P. Campbell, M. Mitchell, D. Hall and G. Balfour qualified for the final of the Senior event, and after the retiring of Mitchell, Campbell and Hall fought it out to the bitter end, for Campbell to get the decision by a matter of yards.

J. F.

RUGBY PROSPECTS

In seeking to assess the strength of the rugby teams for the coming season, one can scarcely expect, after last year's showing, to find a team that chooses itself as a really strong one. Competition for places in the 1st XV is going to be exceptionally keen, for much the same vacancies as needed to be filled last year still remain open. The first team will be led by J. Forrest, who is a tower of strength at stand-off half. He can still call upon last year's scrum worker, R. Johnston, and given adequate support in other departments, these two are potential match-winners.

Little fear need be entertained for the forwards. With three "Caps," Cooper, Mitchell and Wood, and three other regular members of last season's side, the pack

should have all the weight required to hold most school sides, and will not lack speed in the open. There should be little difficulty in finding players from the second string to fill the remaining places here.

The weakness will still lie in the three line. With Houston now available for the full back position, the last line of defence chooses itself. There are two wingers who have had first team experience, W. Hood, fast but not too reliable in defence, and Hargrove, as yet inexperienced but full of promise. There are no ready-made insides, and it is to be feared that such promising second teamers as Murray, Aitkenhead and Mackay have scarcely the physique for senior matches; though admittedly the summer vacation seems to make a vast difference in this direction.

Could all these players be retained in the second team, its prospects would indeed be bright, for there are still many young forwards available, and the final selection can only be made after considerable experiment. A full fixture list has been arranged as under :—

Sept. 29.	Aberdeen G.S.	Forgandenny
Oct. 6.	Edinburgh Instn.	Forgandenny
„ 13.	Gordon's College	Forgandenny
„ 20.	Glasgow H.S.	Glasgow
„ 27.	Dunfermline H.S.	Dunfermline
Nov. 17.	Allan Glen's School	Forgandenny
„ 24.	Gordon's College	Aberdeen
Dec. 1.	Old Boys' XV	Forgandenny
„ 8.	Hillhead H.S.	Forgandenny
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Jan. 12.	Heriot's School	Edinburgh
„ 26.	Aberdeen G.S.	Aberdeen
Feb. 2.	Stewart's College	Edinburgh
„ 16.	Dollar Academy	Forgandenny
Mar. 2.	Glasgow H.S.	Forgandenny

73rd Perthshire Scout Troop

THE Summer Term has provided once again opportunities for outdoor work. The patrols early began their schemes and were not disheartened by the three wet Saturdays at the beginning of the term. These were used in inter-patrol competitions of a varied character. Possibly the most successful was the discovery of a sense of smell, though it must be confessed that tobacco was more readily recognised than Sloan's liniment or curry. The old pirate game was revived with much enjoyment, and the sense of hearing was also quickened by the attempts to recognise the sounds of coins falling. Since those Saturdays the outdoor programme has never been interrupted by the weather, with the result that most of the outdoor work reached a very high standard. There have been some new ideas. The Otters, under P.L. Billy Smith and 2nd Harry Tod, hewed out the rock and built a most comfortable and efficient dug out hut. The Seals, under P.L. O. T. Brown, worked very hard in stepping one of our most difficult inclines, in digging a refuse pit, in making an incinerator, and in providing new drainage on the path to the rugger field. The Eagles, under V. Mackay, hit on the novel scheme, a particularly sensible form of good turn, of visiting neighbouring gardens to help in their upkeep. At the same time, one of their number, I. Murray, has spent much time and labour over a bridge across the stream. The same stream provided the Rattlesnakes with the opportunity of building a dam, thus forming a pool which they stocked with goldfish. The Lions have returned to an ancestral home—a secure tree hut. The Swifts, Owls, Wolves have done valuable work in fencing and the making of steps.

At the same time, there has been a pleasing return to keenness in badge work. Mr. McNab visited us on June 23rd, and our three Pathfinder candidates, D. Hall, T. Macfarlane, W. Leburn, and the 1st Class Signalling candidates were all successful. H. Tod and C. Scroggie are particularly to be congratulated in gaining their 1st Class

badges, while the former has also gained his green and gold all-round cords. Many first and second class tests have been done. In addition, our five recruits, R. W. Gregory, J. Turner, J. Taylor, G. L. Macpherson, and R. S. McColl, all safely passed their Tenderfoot and were invested on June 30th.

There was an interesting and important ceremony on June 23rd. Mr. E. L. Walker, the biology master, was invested as a Rover by the District Commissioner, Major Baillie, in the presence of the patrol leaders. This was the first time there has been a Rover investiture at Strath., and Major Baillie gave a very useful talk upon the occasion. We wish Mr. Walker very good Scouting.

Field Day was on June 9th. Despite clouds in the morning, the day proved very successful. The youth of the troop did provide some alarms, but as they always emerged smiling there was never any limit to our enjoyment. The Camp was held this year at Ripley, near Harrogate, Yorkshire. Once again I was very disappointed at the numbers who went to camp. I would remind the Troop that no Scout can really consider himself to have learnt the lessons, responsibilities and privileges, and the enjoyments of Scouting unless he has proved in camp to be a real Scout. Scouting is not an indoor parlour pastime.

Individual exhibits have shown a marked improvement this term, both in the number and the quality of those submitted. As in the patrol work, there has been a great variety of ideas—an estate plan, spirit level, water filter, designs. Judging was done on the last Saturday morning of the term by Mr. Ward and Mr. Norton, who spent a great deal of care over their awards. We are very grateful to them for thus giving up their time to give us such splendid help. The cup for outdoor work went to the Otters; the individual cup was awarded to Scout B. Beatson of the Seals for his plan of the estate, and the Trophy went to the Seals for their excellent all round work. The Commissioner for Upper

Strathearn, Brigadier-General A. J. Reddie, came to present the Trophy and vastly interested us by yarns of his Africa, India and War days, and greatly encouraged us by his Scouting suggestions.

We bid goodbye to our A.S.M., Ian Macbride, and our Troop Leader, J. M. Wilson. Both have been keen, loyal, devoted members of the Troop, and they will be greatly missed. We wish them Godspeed and good Scouting in all their undertakings.

The Scout Camp, July 1934

THE Camp was held for ten days in July at Ripley Valley, near Harrogate, Yorkshire. With the Scoutmaster were eleven members of the Troop: O. T. Brown, J. A. Smith, J. A. Dow, R. L. Paul, D. J. Hall, T. Macfarlane, H. Tod, D. Irons, H. Frost, W. Anderson, J. Anderson, and our very good friend, Mr. A. Gibson, known rather as "Skip." The members of the Troop were in three tents; the S.M. and "Skip" braved the perils of the wild, each in a small tent. This points to the only criticism which has been voiced, at any rate publicly, of the camp. There are sixty Scouts in the Troop; camping is supposedly (and those who have camped know this to be true) the real joy and test of Scouting. We wonder really why there were so few in camp.

During the camp a comment was made which serves to illustrate the important reason for the success of this year's camp. We are all very deeply grateful to "Skip," not only for the fact that the meals were always ready at the hour stated (including the day when the S.M. was late) and were well cooked, but also for all his cheery friendship, shown in very many ways. We look forward to meeting him again next year.

We had a very full programme. Two days were spent in visits to the neighbouring places. On the first we were in York, visiting the Minster and Rowntree's Cocoa Works (to whom we are grateful for their courtesy and tangible kindness). On the second, by means of a bus of the White Coach Tours, we went through

Northallerton, Richmond and Middleham, covering a wide area and seeing much of interest. Our other outside visits included one to Ripon, to the Cathedral and market, one to the "feast" at Hampsthwaite, a neighbouring village, and more than one to Harrogate. In all these visits we met with ready welcome.

Our actual Scouting activities included two attempts at night work. The novelty of the experiment prevented the complete success of the first, but its enjoyable nature was shown by the immediate demand for a further attempt. This proved far more successful and equally enjoyable. During the camp six Scouts went away for their First Class Journey, all reporting quite fit on their return the following day. Bathing was a frequent pleasure, the river at Ripley being admirable in every way for swimming. The Commissioner for the Nidd district visited us to inspect the camp, and went on his way without too many adverse comments. He was, indeed, highly impressed by the camp kitchen and by "Skip's" fireplace and chimney.

Our last evening in camp was spent in a cricket match in response to Ripley's challenge. The Troop won and then entertained the opposing team and others of the village in a final camp fire sing-song.

The camp was a splendid success, full of enjoyment from the hour when we arose two hours too soon on the first morning (or rather, from the first rush from the thunderstorm as we caught the Harrogate train at York to find, an hour afterwards, no rain at all at Ripley) to the last hurried and burdened journeys with our equipment to Ripley for the return. We were glad that the weather was so persistently kind, and that the wasps (except for two of them) preferred jam to us. We are all sure that the experience of camp life was one which we look forward to repeating next year. We hope that by that time some of those who have previously been nervous of the creatures who crawl by night and of the solid surface of the earth, or who surmise that camp food is not eatable, or who fear boredom, will have learnt from our experience that such things have no terrors, and that camp is simply one long joy.

The Strathallian Club

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

Name and Objects of Club.

1. The Club shall be called "The Strathallian Club."
2. The objects of the Club shall be to foster School sentiment and tradition amongst Strathallians, to maintain and strengthen the friendships formed there, to make grants to members or former members of the Club who are in necessitous circumstances, and generally to promote the interests of the School.

Membership.

3. The Club shall consist of Ordinary Members, Life Members and Honorary Members.
4. All former pupils of Strathallan School shall be eligible for admission as Members of the Club.

Honorary Office-Bearers.

5. Patrons, an Hon. President or Hon. Presidents, and an Hon. Vice-President or Hon. Vice-Presidents, or such of these Office-Bearers as it may be deemed expedient to appoint, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Headmaster of the School shall *ex officio* be elected as an Hon. President.

Honorary Members.

6. Honorary Members whose election is recommended by the Council as hereinafter constituted in recognition of services rendered to the Club or School or for other reasons, shall be admitted at the Annual General Meeting and shall be subject to re-election annually. The Masters of the School shall be enrolled as Hon. Members so long as they remain on the Staff. Former Masters shall be eligible for election on the recommendation of the Council.
7. Honorary Members (including Honorary Office-Bearers) shall have no right to, or interest in the property or funds of the Club, no liability for its obligations, and no voice in the management, and shall not be entitled to attend or vote at any Meetings of the Club.

Office-Bearers.

8. The Office-Bearers shall consist of President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by one person. Election to these offices shall be made at the Annual General Meeting.

Management.

9. The management shall be vested in a Council consisting of the Office-Bearers with the addition of such Branch Secretaries as may be appointed as hereinafter provided for, and nine other Members, five to form a quorum.
10. The President and Vice-President shall hold office for one year and on the conclusion of their respective terms of office shall be eligible

for election as Office-Bearers or Members of Council. The Secretary and Treasurer shall each hold office for one year but shall be eligible for re-election. Members of Council, exclusive of Office-Bearers and Branch Secretaries, shall be elected for a term of three years. Three of their number shall retire annually in rotation and shall not be eligible for re-election until the expiry of one year. One of the three Members elected each year shall be a pupil who has left School during the current year.

11. Nominations of Members for election as Office-Bearers or as Members of Council shall be signed by two Members and lodged with the Secretary at least three days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
12. Any vacancy occurring in the Council during the year may be filled up by the Council and any member so co-opted, if his election be confirmed at the ensuing Annual General Meeting, shall complete the unexpired term of service of the Member whom he has replaced.
13. The Council shall have power to appoint Sub-Committees and to delegate to them such powers as they may consider proper and to appoint Conveners of such Sub-Committees. The President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall *ex officio* be Members of all Sub-Committees.
14. Without prejudice to the power conferred in the foregoing Article, the Council shall appoint three of their number to collect and forward to the Club Secretary from time to time items of interest concerning Strathallians for insertion in the School Magazine. Office-Bearers shall be eligible to act upon such Sub-Committee but shall not be members *ex officio*.
15. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all moneys due to and by the Club. He shall close the books as at 30th November annually (which shall be the close of the financial year) and shall forward a copy of the Financial Statement with the Auditors' docquet thereon to the Secretary who shall thereafter transmit a copy to each Member of Council prior to the Annual General Meeting.
16. The funds of the Club so far as not invested shall be lodged by the Treasurer in a Bank to be approved by the Council, and he alone shall have power to operate on the Account.
17. The Treasurer shall be entitled on behalf of the Club to sue for, recover, and discharge all debts due to the Club by members or others on receiving the instructions of the Council to do so.
18. The Council shall meet at such times as they may consider necessary, but not less frequently than twice annually.

Meetings of Council.

19. At all Meetings of the Council, the President, or in his absence, the Vice-President shall occupy the chair. In their absence the meeting shall elect a Chairman. At Meetings of Sub-Committees the Convener shall preside. At all meetings, the Chairman shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

Annual and Extraordinary Meetings.

20. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the same day and at the same place as the Annual Dinner of the Club if such Dinner should take place, failing which said Meeting shall be held on a date in December or January annually and at such place as may be fixed by the Council. At said Meeting a Report by the Council and an Abstract of the Treasurer's Account for the previous year ending 30th November, duly audited, shall be submitted for approval by the Members.
21. The Council shall have power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club, and shall be bound to call such meeting within twenty-one days on receiving a written requisition signed by at least fifteen members, but in either case the subject for which the meeting is called shall be specified in the requisition and in the Circular calling the meeting and such subject alone shall be discussed at the meeting.
22. At all General and Extraordinary Meetings twenty members shall form a quorum.
23. Seven days' notice in writing of all General and Extraordinary Meetings and of Meetings of Council shall be given by the Secretary. Meetings of Council, if for urgent business, may be called on twenty-four hours' notice.

Admission of Members.

24. Application for Membership shall be made on the form prescribed by the Council.
25. The Council shall consider and deal with all applications for Ordinary and Life Membership and shall have power to refuse Membership to any applicant without assigning any reason therefor. Applications for Membership shall be subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting.

Branch Clubs.

26. The Council shall have power to authorise the formation of Branches of the Club in any part of Great Britain or Ireland or abroad, but no Branch shall be formed (1) except with the sanction of the Council, such sanction to be subject to confirmation at the next ensuing Annual General Meeting; (2) Until the Constitution or Rules governing the Branch Club is submitted to and approved of at such Meeting; (3) Unless there are at least twenty Members of the parent Club resident in the district (if in Great Britain or Ireland) or twelve if abroad, who have expressed their intention to join. No person shall be eligible as member of a Branch Club who is not a member of the parent Club and has paid his current year's subscription to the parent Club. Each Branch Club shall appoint its own Office-Bearers including a Secretary and Treasurer and a General Committee. The Branch Secretary shall, immediately after every

meeting, forward a copy of the Minute of said Meeting to the Secretary of the parent Club and shall also forward, prior to the Annual General Meeting, a Report of the activities of the Branch Club for the preceding year along with a Statement showing the position of the Funds.

27. Each Branch Club shall regulate and conduct its own affairs subject to the Constitution of the Club and shall be responsible for its own membership subscriptions and finances and shall not have power to incur any debt or liability on behalf of the Club.
28. Should the General Funds permit, the Council shall have power to allocate grants to any Branch Club or Clubs provided always that such grants shall not exceed in any one year 5/- per member of such Branch Club.

Sport, Social or Literary Sections.

29. The Council may form, or authorise the formation of any Section of sport, or of social, literary or other activity as may be thought advisable. No person shall be eligible as a member of a Section who is not a member of the Club and has paid his current year's subscription to the Club. The Constitution or Rules of Sections shall be submitted to the Council for approval before becoming operative. Sections shall be bound, on request by the Secretary, to submit a Financial Statement for the information of the Council.
30. Article 27 shall be read as applying to Club Sections.

Audit of Accounts.

31. Two Auditors of the Accounts of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year and such Auditors shall be eligible for re-election. It shall not be competent to elect as Auditors any Office-Bearers or Members of Council.

Subscriptions.

32. The subscriptions shall be as follows:—
 (a) Ordinary Members (annual) ... £0 7/6
 (b) Life Members £5
 Honorary Members may give subscriptions or donations but such subscriptions or donations shall be purely voluntary.
33. Subscriptions shall be payable on 1st December in each year and if unpaid by 1st April shall be considered in arrear. The Treasurer shall intimate to Members by Circular that their subscriptions are due. The Council shall have power to instruct the Secretary to post on the wall at the Annual General Meeting and/or publish in the School Magazine a list of Members whose subscriptions are in arrear, and such members shall not be entitled to take part in or vote at such meeting unless their subscriptions are previously paid. New Members shall pay their subscriptions on admission, and until payment shall not be entitled to the privileges of the Club. Subscriptions from new Members admitted after 1st July shall be held as applicable to the financial year commencing on 1st December thereafter.

Trustees for the Club.

34. At the Annual General Meeting two Trustees shall be appointed, in whose names the Funds of the Club shall be invested in trust for the Club. The Trustees shall submit a Statement of their intromissions and shall remit the income received for the year ending 30th November annually to the Treasurer as soon after said date as possible. The Treasurer shall, when the funds in his hands amount to £130, transfer £100 of same to the Trustees for investment. The Trustees shall invest the funds in Trustee securities as authorised by the Trust Acts from time to time. The Trustees shall have all the powers, privileges and immunities conferred on gratuitous Trustees by Statute. The Trustees shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

Grants to Members and Former Members.

35. The Council shall have power, in their sole discretion, to make Grants to Strathallians who are in necessitous circumstances, and whose claims are established to the satisfaction of the Council. The amount of such Grants shall be reported by the Council at the ensuing Annual General Meeting, but the names of the recipients shall not be disclosed, except privately, to any member desiring the information. The Trustees, on request by the Council, shall remit to the Treasurer the amount required to meet such Grants. Provided always that no Grants shall be made unless the market value of the capital of the Club as at the date of the last Annual General Meeting exceeds £1000, and Grants shall be only made from the surplus over the said amount of £1000. Further, the total amount of the Grants in any one year shall not exceed £50 and no individual Grant shall exceed £10.

Resignation of Members.

36. Any member desirous of resigning must give notice in writing to that effect to the Secretary at or before the Annual General Meeting, otherwise he shall be held liable for the current year's subscription.

Suspension or Expulsion of Members.

37. Any member not conforming to the Constitution or Byelaws of the Club or whose conduct appears to endanger the character, interests, or good order of the Club, or who acts in contravention of its Constitution and Rules, shall after enquiry by the Council be liable to be suspended or expelled from the Club. The motion for expulsion shall be submitted to an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club called by Circular stating the purpose of the Meeting and such motion shall not be approved unless supported by the votes of two-thirds of the members present and voting and provided that full opportunity is afforded to such member to give explanation of his conduct. Fourteen days' notice shall be given of any such Extraordinary Meetings. A member who has been expelled shall forfeit all interest in the Club and in its property and assets.

Property of the Club.

38. The property, effects and moneys of the Club shall belong to the Members equally during membership, but the right and interest of every member shall be personal and limited to himself and shall expire with his membership and shall not be assignable, or arrestable, or pass to his heirs or executors.

General Liability of Members.

39. The Club, at any General Meeting of which due notice has been given, shall have power by a majority of those present and voting to assess the whole of the Members for payment of such sum as may be considered necessary for the liquidation of the obligations of the Club, and any Member failing to make payment of his share within one month after the date of the notice demanding payment of same shall cease to be a member of the Club, and his name shall be struck off the Roll of Members, but he shall remain liable for his share of such assessment.
40. On joining the Club, a Member shall become liable jointly with the other Members for all obligations undertaken by the Club.

Dissolution of Club.

41. The Club shall not be dissolved except by Resolution passed at an Extraordinary Meeting called for the purpose at which there must be present at least three-fourths of the members of the Club and the Resolution shall not be carried unless supported by a majority of at least three-fourths of these present and voting.

General.

42. No member shall be at liberty to make any disbursements or incur any debt in name or on behalf of the Club, without the authority of the Council or of some person or Committee authorised by them.
43. The Council shall have power to frame such Byelaws as they may consider expedient. Such Byelaws shall immediately come into force but shall be submitted for confirmation or otherwise at the Annual General Meeting first ensuing.
44. Any Member changing his address must notify same in writing to the Secretary. Failing such intimation, all notices sent to the address on the Club Register shall be held as duly delivered.

Alteration of Constitution.

45. The Constitution of the Club shall be altered only at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for the purpose. Notice of any proposed alteration must be posted to each Member of the Club not later than seven days prior to the date of such Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting. No such alteration shall take effect unless supported by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. Any member desiring to move an alteration upon the Constitution must intimate the terms of his motion to the Secretary in writing not later than 21 days prior to the date of such Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.

The Strathallian Club

President - N. GUTHRIE REID, Esq.

Secretary - J. MAITLAND COWAN, Esq., Solicitor, George Square, Glasgow.

THE luncheon on the Mondays at the Ca'doro, Union Street, Glasgow, between the hours 12-30 and 2-30 is proving a success, and many chance visitors to town have dropped in and received a hearty welcome. Mr. Riley has kindly agreed to attend the first luncheon of each month during the School term and he will be available for any Old Boys who desire to see him during the afternoon. Appointments for a *tête-a-tête* should be made, if possible, beforehand by letter addressed to the School, but this is not essential.

Here are three dates to remember:—

1. Club v. School on December 1st at Forgandenny.
2. The Annual Club Dinner in the Grosvenor, Glasgow, on December 22nd.
3. The Club Lunch every Monday in the Ca'doro, where a special room is available 12-30 to 2-30.

The Committee hopes that members will make every endeavour to be present on the above occasions. Note will be taken at this year's Dinner of the fact that the School has now attained its majority and this fact in itself will no doubt be an added attraction.

A very important meeting of the Club is to be held prior to the Dinner this year when the proposed Constitution of the Club will be debated upon and, it is hoped, finally approved. In order to facilitate matters the Committee would esteem it a great favour if members who wish to propose any amendment or addition to the rules would kindly notify the Secretary of the exact nature of their proposals by letter at least a week before the meeting.

We had a visit in September from Mr. "Henky" Rissik and his wife who were touring the West Highlands of Scotland. Mr. Rissik at the present moment resides

at Edgbaston, Birmingham, and he is engaged with the English Electric Company as a special technical engineer known as a rectifier engineer. Mr. Rissik took first class B.Sc. honours in Glasgow in electrical engineering and since then has presented several highly technical papers to the Institute of Electrical Engineers, one of which was awarded the gold medal by the Institute. Further, he has to his credit several publications which have had and are having a pretty wide circulation.

Strathallians at Edinburgh University will be glad to note that three boys are coming up this term for medicine—G. Balfour, J. Breckenridge, and J. Drummond. Mr. Breckenridge was our rugger captain last year and is really a first class centre three-quarter back. Mr. Balfour was captain of the Second, while Mr. Drummond was a member of our First pack.

Messrs. A. Scott, W. McKenna, O. T. Brown, J. Dunlop, are to take up medicine this term in Glasgow. Mr. McKenna was the vice-captain of our First Fifteen and is really a first class forward who should make a name of himself.

The only Strathallian going up to Aberdeen this term is Mr. T. Worgan, whilst Mr. W. Smith of Newport has gone down to St. Andrews. Both are taking up medicine. There is only one Strathallian going up to Cambridge, namely Mr. J. M. Wilson, who will be in residence at St. John's.

The following are the results at Edinburgh University which have been made known:—Mr. Ian Chalmers and Mr. J. B. Ross have passed Public Health and Forensic Medicine in the final M.B., B. Ch. examination. Mr. John Dawson has passed Botany, Physics and Zoology of the first Professional and is sitting Chemistry in October. Mr. Harry Shanks has passed his first year examination in B.Sc. Agriculture,

and Mr. Gordon Rae passed his first year in Veterinary Science with distinction.

At the University of Glasgow Mr. Robin Taylor and Mr. Wilson Harrington have completed their first Professional in Chemistry, Botany, Physics and Zoology. Mr. W. S. Linton has passed in Anatomy and Physiology. Mr. Ian M. Scott and Mr. C. W. McLey have passed in Materia Medica and Pathology, Mr. McLey gaining distinction in this latter subject.

We congratulate Mr. Teny Howie on passing the first half of his final examination for a Chartered Accountant. Mr. Howie has passed at the first sitting every examination he has attempted.

With the closing of this last term the youngest of the brothers Smith from Dundee left Strathallan, thus breaking a connection which has extended over fifteen years. Of the four boys who were in attendance at Strathallan, Mr. Dan Smith and Mr. George Smith were Captains of the School in their respective final years, and there is no doubt that the brothers have played an important part in the building up of the School during these fifteen years. They are all doing well in their respective spheres, and we hear that Mr. Dan Smith is to be married in Calcutta about the middle of November, and we expect he will be bringing his bride home to this country for their honeymoon. Strathallians everywhere will join in offering their congratulations. A Silver Cup has been presented to the School by Messrs. Smith which is to be known as the Captain's Cup and is to be held by the School Captain during his term of office. A silver band on the cup stand will provide a useful record of School captains.

At the Ayrshire Pageant in the middle of June, one of the most prominent parts, that of Sir William Wallace, was played by Mr. "Billy" Wills of Ayr.

Mr. Norman J. Allison, who left Strathallan about 1921, has received an appointment with the Anglo-Persian Oil Company. His new address is c/o the Company, Abadan, Persian Gulf. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Allison has been a marine engineer officer on board liners trading with the Argentine.

We notice in the papers the announcement of the engagement between Mr. "Bobby" Barr and Miss Joyce Nicol of Kilmacolm. Mr. Barr is now a director of the Barrhead Shipping Company.

Last June there were two marriages—that of Mr. "Dick" Fraser and Mr. Jardine Stuart. Mr. Fraser was one of our best forwards—a real grafter, one who has scored many tries by sheer determination and speed. His bride was Miss Margot Tullis who in 1932 at the Kirkcaldy Pageant was the Warden's Lass, Mr. Fraser performing the functions of Warden. Up to a year ago Mr. Stuart was the secretary of our Edinburgh branch, but unfortunately pressure of business compelled him to resign. Both will have the very best wishes of all Strathallians.

We congratulate Mr. James Guthrie of the Indian Medical Service on receiving his Captaincy. Mr. Guthrie is in Northern India attached to one of the native regiments.

We had a call from Mr. Charlie Lacey from the Argentine who was able to give us news of Strathallians out in that country. He informs us that Mr. Horace Botting has started a stockbroking business in Buenos Ayres, the two brothers Docherty are engaged on the railways, Mr. Robert Fraser is a director of the huge concern over which his father presides—a firm which practically "shoes" South America. Mr. Bob Balfour is engaged on one of the estancias, while Mr. Brian Stevenson is taking up wireless. Mr. Lacey himself is engaged with the Anglo-South American Bank and from what we can gather from other sources, has done very well in Argentine rugby. He called in at lunch at the Ca'doro the other day and received a warm reception from the Strathallians present.

Mr. G. R. Anderson of Arbroath now presides in the editorial chair over the "Scottish Field", and he is to publish in November in the Scottish Schools series an article on Strathallan School illustrated with many photographs. Strathallians should not miss this publication, for it will contain many items of interest.