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Editorial: Some Ideas on Ideas

WHENEVER, as is all too often the case, we go round the byeways and hedges soliciting contributions, in nine cases out of ten we are asked, "What shall I write about?" Now the Editorial mind may be teeming with ideas — we do not say it is, only may be — but it would be far easier to put those ideas on paper for ourselves than tell another about them. If we did commit them to paper, the magazine would not be the School's — and it is. Moreover, we should certainly not please all our readers — perhaps no one — for what is one man's meat is another's poison, and we confess to the palate of the epicure. In consequence, we may as well baldly state we have not the slightest intention of writing the whole magazine.

But let us suppose that we were for a moment; and let us further suppose that instead of teeming with ideas, the Editorial mind is blank, blank as a new drawing book or a blind man's eye. What then? We notice that the Scoutmaster complains of lack of original invention. How often have we heard the English staff bemoaning, as they mark the essay books, the lack of original thought! And now we too are barren of ideas.

We have pen and paper before us. Let us concentrate on writing something. That "Blind man's eye" is suggestive in itself. How seldom does a blind man lack ideas for conversation: and shall we who have eyes confess lack of inspiration with

the fair world around us? Almost at once the mind teems with ideas relative to that strange psychological fact, the cheerfulness of the blind.

Perhaps you will object that that is scarcely the sort of subject for a school magazine. Maybe you are right; but at least the mind is no longer blank. We have all seen some beautiful or striking scene; we have all visited some place of historic interest. That blind man could not see them. Let us try to put the scene, the historic building, into words so that he also will be able to "see" and enjoy them. Well, is not at least one article written?

We must have variety, of course, trying to cater for individual tastes. Tastes, things that interest; this one would like something about engineering, that one something on stamps, another on Nature; another is perhaps interested in animals or television. Could we not get one or more article on some such subject? We should at least please someone.

Our desire, however, is to please everyone, and what is more universal than humour? The difficulty here is that what is sauce for the goose is not sauce for the gander. All have different conceptions as to what is funny. We remember at an Editorial Board meeting not so very long ago an article in the latest number of the magazine, "Some terribly serious Thoughts on ——" was mentioned. One member chuckled at the reminiscence, and his

neighbour naïvely enquired if it had been funny. He himself had been put off by the title and the opening sentences. In passing, he promised to read the whole thing, bearing in mind the writer's intention. Any subject may be treated humorously. Even examinations, which to the average schoolboy are a veritable nightmare, have been treated humorously. We suggest you should try something for yourself, just to see how it works. Who knows but that your type of humour may be just what your school-fellows enjoy? And here surely we have enough material for the next number of the magazine, even if it is Summer.

What does all this mean? We wonder if it has ever occurred to our readers how difficult it must be to be original in the Editorial. We have written more than

twenty now, and all variations of the same theme. When we began this, we had no more idea what was going to be the present variation of the theme, "Send us contributions," than you have of that article you are going to send for the next number: yet here we are with a longer Editorial than usual, and, we trust, some hints on how to write. Take up the pen; start to write. There may be a false start or two, but keep on writing. The ideas are there if you will only let them out.

In conclusion, we wish to bid "Goodbye" to W. M. Edward, who leaves this term after more than two years' service on the Board. Not himself a prolific writer, he has done yeoman service in "going into the byeways and hedges." Good luck! and may we be hearing from you.

School Notes and Notices

THE short Easter term passed surprisingly quickly, this being due to the fact that the senior form was preparing for the Scottish Prelim. Examination, certain of the Medical class were sitting Pre-Registration, and the whole School found itself with two term tests, the innovation of which seems to have had the effect of keeping the boys "on their toes" for the whole term. Thus they had little time to think the term was passing slowly; to work hard and to play hard is the ideal combination. The results of the examinations were eminently satisfactory, and the names of the successful candidates will be found elsewhere.

The great innovation this term was the use of the Rugby Fives courts after supper. This has been a great boon for those desiring really strenuous exercise to loosen their muscles after sitting the two hours in prep., and the senior boys have shown great enthusiasm. Meanwhile, the courts by the gym. have been artistically walled off, and a shelter and seats provided, so that we can definitely say that they have helped to beautify Strath. There is no doubt that the Summer months will see these, particularly, in use, for they have the advantage of being out-of-doors and yet in the shade. In this connection we

hear that the Old Boys are being responsible for the bringing up of a team, and that a Cambridge Fives Blue will accompany it to show us how the game should be played.

In part because of this great counter-attraction, and partly because the result of the competition quickly resolved itself into a foregone conclusion, only a few matches were played this term in the table tennis league. These were sufficient, however, for the Common Room team to gain the championship, being unbeaten throughout the Winter. The captain, Leburn, has played brilliantly, and the team deserves its success. The Grub Room was placed second, the Staff third, and the Prefects fourth.

The other indoor activities continue to prove popular, and the Debating Society may justly claim its most successful term. The Masters' Debate was a good beginning, and the Mock Trial with which the session closed was a glorious conclusion, which the whole of the Senior School, admitted for the first time by invitation, thoroughly enjoyed. This effort was all the more praiseworthy since almost the entire organisation of the trial was by the boys themselves, the outside help merely consisting of hints as to how such an assembly

should be conducted. Such an undertaking shows a pioneering spirit which it would be well to foster, for in these "enlightened" times so much is done by others.

The meetings of the Dramatic Society have also been well attended, though the proximity of exams. robbed them of some of the senior members. At the end of term it gave a production of John Drinkwater's comedy, "Bird in Hand," the reception of which was rather mixed. On the one hand, some thoroughly enjoyed it — indeed, one member of the Staff considered it the best play, not necessarily production, the Society had put on. On the other hand, some of the boys found appreciation of literary drama rather beyond them. Nevertheless, the Society's ambition is a laudable one, and it is to be hoped that they will seek rather to educate its audience up to good drama than pander to its rather sensational tastes.

During the term we had a visit from Mr. Claude Muncaster, an artist, who, glorying in the beauty of the sailing ship and deploring its passing, had worked his way from Australia before the mast. His lecture proved a vastly entertaining one, his descriptions of the storms round the Horn being particularly thrilling. His slides, many of them made from his own paintings, made later from sketches done on the spot (some of them in most perilous positions at the mast head) were as good as anything we have seen. But best of all, and certainly most appreciated if applause is any criterion, were his self-accompanied sea-shanties. If only he had had the time, the School would have had him singing them all night. During the Summer we shall be searching for similarly entertaining lectures.

It is to be regretted that outdoor activities have not met with the same success as those indoors. Easter brought to a close one of the most disappointing Rugby seasons ever experienced, certainly the worst we have ever recorded in "The Strathallian." The requirements noted in the Rugby Prospects in our last September issue proved unfindable in the material at our disposal; and the adequate filling of one position only left a weakness elsewhere. The playing of Macmath and Breckenridge in the centre of the three line only resulted

in a lack of thrust on the wings and a weakening in the full back position, for Kirkland was not so safe nor reliable as Macmath. The forwards generally played with plenty of fire, but while individually they must be ranked among the great Strath. packs, there was a lack of cohesion and understanding in their play all too often. On form they were invincible, but it generally took a heavier, and perhaps superior, pack to bring out the best. Training may have had something to do with their failure, for all too often they fell away in the second half; perhaps it was partly youthfulness. Certainly one of the few causes for congratulation over the season's play is that more than half the side will be back for another season at least, and will surely have profited by this year's errors, and, let us hope, by the really fine example set them by Macmath, whose tackling and cleverness in attack have been the outstanding features of the season's play. Not since the days of Ernest Sinclair have we had so reliable a man for bringing down an opponent.

In keeping with the School matches were the House games. It was possible to count almost on one hand, certainly on two, moments when really clever rugby was in evidence. Macmath's two tries, which carried his side to success, must be ranked among these; so, too, must Simpson's final effort to get on terms with Freeland in the final of the Sevens. Apart from these, it is necessary to go to the Freeland—Nicol junior game for any inspiring play. We congratulate unstintingly, however, Freeland Seven and Simpson Juniors upon carrying off the championships.

This term sees the departure of several old and familiar faces. Breckenridge, the rugger captain, passes on to study medicine at Edinburgh University, and if he has failed to fulfil entirely the promise shown last year, he will leave a big gap in the next rugby side. His loss is accompanied by that of John Drummond, who enters the banking profession. A tremendous worker in the pack, he too will be missed; and both of them should be heard of again in club football. With them goes W. M. Edward, to accountancy. Edward did not figure largely on the playing fields, but he played a leading part in many of the School's activities. A scout, a member, a prominent

and active one, of the Dramatic Society, and a member of the Editorial Board, his quiet unobtrusive service will be missed next term. We wish these and all others who pass out into the world Good Luck and every success.

The following appointments were made to fill the vacancies thus caused:—

Cricket Captain: R. Macmath;

Vice-Captain: J. Forrest.

Prefect and Captain of Simpson House:
J. W. Drummond.

House Prefect: Sandy Carswell.

Sub-Prefects: W. Smith, P. Wilson,
J. Cooper, M. Mitchell.

Tennis Captain: J. W. Drummond.

Examination Results.

SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES' PRELIMINARY.

Higher Mathematics:

L. Paul, W. Edward.

Lower Mathematics:

J. Cooper, R. Wilson, R. Johnston,
R. Auld, J. Forrest, P. Wilson, W.
Paton, H. Walker, R. Clow, R.
Macmath, R. Aitkenhead, W. A.
Dunlop, G. Turner, W. A. Snodgrass,
D. Hamilton, S. K. White, V. Mackay.

Chemistry and Geography:

R. Wilson, R. Auld, W. Paton, H.
Walker, R. Clow, W. A. Snodgrass,
D. Hamilton.

English:

R. Macmath.

Lower Latin:

R. Johnston, R. Aitkenhead, G. Turner.

MEDICAL PRE-REGISTRATION EXAMINATION.

Physics:

G. Balfour, H. Fleming.

miraculous discovery of the true properties of chlorine. At great personal danger, he braved the furies of the lab. to discover the nature of the substance. After collecting certain data, including the effects on the human body, he just managed to drag himself outside to recuperate.

Nor is this the only time when his life has been in danger. On another occasion he was investigating the reaction between sulphur and magnesium, and was rewarded with a tremendous explosion which nearly annihilated his subordinates, who were clustered round the great man, humbly grasping the crumbs of learning he freely scattered among them. He himself seems to bear a charmed life, though his insuppressible habit of inhaling to excess all manner of poisonous vapours generated in the cause of Science make one fear for his ultimate well-being.

He is not alone in his death-defying devotion to research. There is with him that famous analytical chemist often referred to as the mad scientist. He has of late effected two extraordinary experiments in the course of his analysis of hitherto unknown substances. While analysing the first of these, later identified as sodium peroxide, a small quantity of sulphuric acid fell upon the substance, which immediately exploded with a yellow flash. The other, also an explosion, resulted when he was boiling some wax, which caught alight, burning with a small snake-like flame. Annoyed at this impertinence, he directed a thin jet of cold water upon wax and flame with the astonishing result already mentioned. Either of these experiments might have completely demolished the laboratories, but fortunately Rock was present and he came to the rescue with his extraordinary "fixing" powers.

CONCERNING THE ADVANCEMENT OF CHEMICAL KNOWLEDGE.

Until comparatively recently little true chemical research was carried on by the research scientists of our famous country laboratories. Of late, however, the most famous of them, commonly known as Rock, has made some marvellous discoveries, which have done much to stimulate enquiry. To him is due the credit for the

At the moment progress has been held up by the discovery of a new substance, phosphate (Higher Greek *phos pho*, "I defy you"), which has completely defied the efforts of the mad scientist. This setback is such as has never before been experienced in the course of research, and unless Rock can "fix it," it is feared that the whole work will come to an untimely end.

The Dramatic Society Social

Joan Greenleaf W. G. HARRINGTON.
 Alice Greenleaf J. A. SMITH
 Thomas Greenleaf Mr. M. NORTON.
 Gerald Arnwood R. KIRKLAND.
 Mr. Blanquet J. M. WILSON.
 Cyril Beverley C. L. ROY.
 Ambrose Godolphin, K.C. J. W. DRUMMOND.
 Sir Robert Arnwood W. SMITH.

ON Tuesday, March 27th, the Dramatic Society gave John Drinkwater's social comedy "Bird in Hand." It was a performance which contrasted strikingly and in more than one way with other recent productions of the Society. To begin with, in choosing "Bird in Hand" the Society has allowed Mr. Norton to lead them down from the breath-taking precipices of crime to batten on the green pastures of the "literary" drama. No longer gazing lynx-eyed at a tell-tale clock face, we listened instead microphone-eared (what a pity the animal kingdom does not supply an anti-thesis!) to highly wrought and sometimes pointed dialogue. And this brings me to a word of reproach for the actors and another for the audience. Elocution, though improved, is still very imperfect; there is still a tendency to swallow the ends of sentences and to underestimate the amount of breath required to pronounce long speeches audibly. Even in the second and liveliest act whole sentences vanished into the folds of dressing-gowns.

More serious than this, because more easily avoidable, were the repeated lapses from good manners on the part of some members of the School. We are aware that the seating arrangements in the Common Room leave something to be desired, but there is not, and cannot be, any excuse for continual shuffling, whispers, nor even loud and obstructive laughter in unsuitable places. If any respect is due to the visitors who come to hear the play, not to mention Mr. Norton and the Society, who have collectively given hundreds of hours to its production, then such practices must cease.

In another respect also this latest production contrasted with other recent ones. The play went smoothly, "according to plan," almost from start to finish. Thanks to the silent and efficient stage managers (R. Macmath, Graeme Sharp and T. Dishington), no agonizing contretemps brought cold sweat to the brow. But the level of the acting was, with two conspicuous exceptions, lower than of late, and some members of the cast disappointed our expectations very badly indeed.

The keynote of the play is the instinctive and obstinate hostility of Thomas Greenleaf, the old West-country innkeeper, to his daughter's union with the local squirearchy as represented by the ardent and enterprising Gerald Arnwood. That note was firmly struck and well sustained by Mr. Norton, who, converting the handicap of dialect to an advantage, gave a solid and satisfying performance in a difficult part. Especially in the first act he delivered his mordantly satirical lines with conviction and spirit. If fault must be found with so admirable an interpretation, we felt at times that his make-up gave him too benign and patriarchal an air, which scarcely accorded with his more vehement passages.

As the innkeeper's wife, J. A. Smith was, to put it brutally, the first disappointment of the evening. Whether from nervousness or over-confidence, he allowed what might have been a varied and expressive delivery to sink to a monotonous mumble, and his movements also were wooden and unhappy. Even the lively passage in which Alice recalls her youthful zest in the circus, surely one of the high lights of the play, was hurried over awkwardly and given no prominence at all. We are sorry and reluctant to have to write in this strain of what might have been a really satisfying performance.

In the important and difficult part—difficult even for an actress—of Joan Greenleaf, G. Harrington acquitted himself very well: so well indeed as to invite comparisons which had been banished at the outset as unfair. Though his femininity lacked that conviction which further

experience will bring, there was plenty of spirit in his revolt against paternal tyranny. We welcome Harrington as a valuable accession to the female resources of the company.

R. Kirkland appeared as Gerald Arnwood. After his successful appearance at Christmas, we had looked forward to seeing Kirkland's range and versatility, and we were disappointed to find him an actor of one part. He made nothing at all of the part of Gerald, and the highest praise that can be offered him is that he delivered some of his lines with not unsuitable manner and gesture.

The domestic drama is played to the accompaniment of a chorus of three chance guests who put up at the inn on the fatal night. As the well meaning, scatter-brained Cyril Beverley, C. L. Roy hit the manner and looked the part, but his delivery was unintelligent in places. J. W. Drummond as Ambrose Godolphin, K.C., was excellently ponderous and suave: his impatience at his garrulous neighbour rang very true. Best of all was Mr. Blanquet, the elderly and justly pessimistic traveller in sardines, excellently played by J. M. Wilson. His diffident and self-depreciatory sallies could scarcely have been bettered, and his only fault was an occasional facial unsteadiness which the audience, if they saw it through his make-up, were very ready to condone.

As Sir Robert Arnwood, Gerald's paternal *deus ex machina*, W. C. Smith was quite unnecessarily stodgy and funereal.

Altogether, it was an interesting and enjoyable evening, offering a good augury for the Society's next essay in the domain of high comedy. One hopes that that essay will be soon made and that the play chosen will be faster in its movement and less generally dubious in its quality than "Bird in Hand."

E. J. F.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

At the opening meeting of the term, T. Dishington was elected Chairman, J. Wilson becoming Vice-Chairman and W. McKenna Secretary. There followed a discussion about the use to which some of the balance of the Society's funds might be

put, the outcome of which saw, during the course of the term, the purchase of a carpet, further canvas for scenery and another wig, all of which found employment in the end of term production, the additional supply of canvas greatly facilitating the change of scene.

Subsequent meetings were devoted to trial and rehearsed readings. "You Never Can Tell," and two one-act plays, "The Traveller Returns" and "In The Library" sufficed to try out newcomers to the Society's ranks. Two new plays provided interest to the rehearsed readings. "Peace and Comfort" produced by Mr. Norton and "The Cabinet Minister's Fireside" produced by the Chairman were sandwiched in between two old favourites, "A Sentence of Death" and "Shivering Shocks," produced by J. A. Smith and W. McKenna respectively. "Peace and Comfort" certainly provided a decided acquisition to the Society's repertoire.

At the end of term John Drinkwater's "Bird in Hand" was produced publicly, and, despite the handicap of examinations preventing many old hands from taking part, it was a distinct success. We beg to acknowledge with thanks the sum of £1 18/6 collected on this occasion for the Society funds.

W. B. MCKENNA,
Hon. Secy.

COMMEMORATION DAY.

Commemoration Day this year falls on Saturday the 30th of June, and it is hoped that a good crowd of Old Boys will be present to engage in the various events against the School.

There will be the usual Service in the Chapel at 2.15 p.m., to be followed, at 2.45, by the Cricket Match — Old Boys v. The School. We hope also to arrange other contests, such as Tennis, Fives, Relay Race, Water-Polo, Swimming, and Tug-of-War, provided the Old Boys are able to muster representative teams for them.

The Debating Society

THE second half of the season, under the Chairmanship of I. Macbride, who automatically succeeded W. Carrie in that office, must be considered an outstanding success. It opened with the Staff debate, with Mr. Norton in the chair. The subject, "That the English Climate has been much maligned," offered considerable opportunities for humorous treatment, and Mr. Frank seized them with avidity. He and Mr. Ward, who opened for the motion and devoted himself to a subtle analysis of the climate's detractors, rather easily carried the meeting. It was unfortunate for the opposition that only one of the original speakers, Mr. Roberson, was able to attend, but Mr. McCutcheon ably stepped into the breach by changing sides. The motion was carried by 37 votes to 11.

The next debate was on the motion "That Woman's Place is in the Home." In some ways this was an unsatisfactory meeting, for though the motion was carried by 16 votes to 12, eight members remained unconvinced by the speakers; at the same time a pleasing feature of the proceedings was the large number of speakers in the body of the debate.

"That more is to be learnt by Observation than by Reading" was the last debate of the session. Here G. P. Sharp and A. C. Fraser made maiden speeches in supporting the motion against experienced speakers, J. A. Dow and R. L. Paul. An extremely interesting debate ensued, the motion being eventually carried by 20 votes to 9.

The final meeting, which was protracted till a late hour on a second night, took the form of a Mock Trial. O. T. Brown was the prisoner, accused of the murder of his wife by strangulation. He was defended by S. K. White, who afforded a nice contrast in style with R. Macmath, the King's

Counsel. The latter made a shaky start, but on the second evening was particularly good and secured conviction. The numerous witnesses were a source of great amusement, and afforded ample opportunity for a display of histrionics. Particularly good were A. C. Fraser as a ladies' maid, J. M. Wilson as a dour Scotch doctor, and J. M. Ritchie as a singularly dull-witted policeman. W. B. McKenna, as the victim's admirer, extricated himself cleverly from the dangerous position his behaviour on the night of her death had placed him in, for he was unshaken under a severe cross-examination from S. K. White. The first Mock Trial in the history of the Society must be voted an enormous success, and was a fitting conclusion to the season's activities.

E. V. MACKAY,
Hon. Secy.

Chapel Fund Balance Sheet.

Receipts.

To Balance from Easter, 1933 ...	£5 15 2
„ Collection of Summer, 1933...	17 9 3
„ Collection of Xmas, 1933 ...	18 1 6
„ Collection of Easter, 1934 ...	16 4 0
	<u>£57 9 11</u>

Payments.

By Thimble-row Mission—	
Poor Children's Xmas	
Feast ...	£18 0 0
Helping Fund ...	10 0 0
	<u>£28 0 0</u>
„ Scripture Union ...	2 0 0
„ Allocations—	
To Sinking Fund...	£12 18 8
To Improvement Fund	12 18 8
	<u>25 17 4</u>
„ Balance for Charitable Allocations	1 12 7
	<u>£57 9 11</u>

Sinking Fund now stands at ...	£79 3 0
Improvement Fund ...	63 17 6

The Earthquake

ABOUT ten past two on the 15th of January, I was sitting at a table beside the railway station in Bairagnia, a native town a mile or so from the Nepal border. The last cane-supplier to be paid left a very smudgy thumb-print in the space marked "signature", took his money, counted it the usual four or five times, clinked each coin on the table to see if it was good, and eventually wandered away, muttering to himself.

With a sigh of relief I closed the book, handed it to the cashier and started to climb the embankment, meaning to cross the railway lines and so reach the one and only platform that the station possessed.

I was only half way up this embankment, however, when the fun began! Suddenly the ground started to quiver at a tremendous speed. It was not an uncomfortable sensation, and I was just beginning to enjoy it, when I noticed the cashier, whom I had thought to be beside me, heading south at a rate of knots! Even then, I was more amused than anything, because he was a small, round, butterball of a man, and had that day (probably to impress the cane-suppliers) rigged himself out in a bright purple, more or less European suit. To see his fat little legs going like pistons was rather funny until I remembered that he was taking about three thousand rupees with him.

When this thought struck me, I turned to follow him, but just at that moment the earth gave up its mere trembling and started to quake in earnest. Experts subsequently stated that the ground moved in large, very rapid waves. All I know is that, whatever happened, it was too much for my equilibrium, and I performed a fairly successful back-dive, landing with a thump on the place provided by Nature for spanking!

Things were now definitely not so funny, as the earth was splitting open at places, and the quaking was growing more violent every second. In the circumstances, I decided that it was safest to lie down, so I stayed where I was and hoped for the best.

By this time, buildings were collapsing (fortunately some distance away), the

railway line was twisting and buckling, the platform bending and cracking, fissures were appearing with disturbing suddenness, many of them spouting out water and sand to a height of about three feet, and hundreds (literally) of natives were running round in small circles—or rather, trying to run, falling, rising, running again, falling again, and all the time, screaming at the pitch of their voices!

This went on for what seemed like a quarter of an hour, but which was probably not more than three minutes. Then, just as suddenly as it had started, the quaking died down to a gentle quivering, so I rose and moved to cross the railway line. I had just stepped over a siding when the earth gave one last convulsive heave. The main line and the platform made a valiant effort to go down to Dhang, and the track on which I was standing made a fairly creditable attempt to jump over the Nepal border. The result was that Bihar split open, leaving a fissure about six feet wide just a couple of feet or so in front of me. I decided there and then that an earthquake, on the whole, was a poor form of amusement!

That, however, was the last of it, and I reached the platform without mishap. But as all the people in Bairagnia, wailing and moaning, seemed to be congregating there, I thought that the sooner I got away, the better it would be for my sanity.

After about half an hour, the cashier returned, with the money intact, looking very shamefaced and, for some unknown reason, carrying his beautiful purple trousers over his arm.

By this time, what with the natives wailing, and an old priest lecturing me in broken English about the "wrath of God," I was beginning to have visions of padded cells and things, so I excused myself to the priest and started off down the line to Dhang, where I had left my car.

All the way the same conditions prevailed—wailing natives sitting on the track with their belongings, ruined villages on either side, buckled railway line, huge fissures, and sand and water everywhere.

Crossing the bridges was exciting work, as some had dropped down nearly to the water, and others had been forced up in the air like rainbows. In some places, the railway line itself had been left suspended in mid-air, and one had to test each sleeper carefully before stepping on it.

With reference to these bridges, I should explain that this part of the country is not at all like the story book conception of India. It is as flat as a pancake; there is no jungle—only paddy-fields and sugarcane, and (a point which added greatly to the discomfort of those rendered homeless) at the time of the earthquake the nights were as cold as charity. As a result of the extreme flatness there are innumerable rivers, and consequently innumerable bridges.

Well, eventually I covered the five odd miles to Dhang, to find that several cane-suppliers had decided that an earthquake was nothing to worry about (if it happened on pay day). So I had to sit down and pay out money for about an hour.

By the time I had finished it was beginning to get dark, but, being a bit of a fool and a born optimist, I got ropes on my tyres, took a dozen coolies with me, and set off to motor the ten miles back to the factory.

After the coolies had dug me out of the mud for about the fifth time, I came to the conclusion that I was daft, so I turned back and left my car on a fairly dry piece of land beside the station, meaning to sleep the night in an old bungalow near by. But the cashier wanted to get home to see his wife and nine (I think it was) children, and as far as I could gather, was afraid to go alone.

Eventually I agreed to go with him, so we borrowed an oil lamp from somebody and set off down the line. There is not much to tell about that walk, except that it was very dark, very cold, and often very wet underfoot. It was rather eerie too, plodding along in the darkness, listening to the jackals howling, and occasionally a woman weeping. We met a few people coming up the line, but beyond the mutual question, "How are the bridges?", we spoke very little. I noticed too, that although it was the cashier who was so

anxious to get home, when we came to any of these cork-screw bridges, it was Jimmy the Mug who had to take the lamp and go first.

Still, we arrived home at last, and it being too dark to see what the mill looked like, I went straight up to my bungalow. This, although sloping to one side, was not badly cracked, but I discovered that some well-meaning lunatic, fearing the house would collapse, had taken every bit of furniture out of it with the exception of a long verandah chair.

Feeling very cold, very tired, very hungry, and *very* bad tempered, I set off for the other bungalows, but after I had sunk in the mud up to my thighs twice, I decided to wait until daylight came. I settled down in the verandah chair, and by lighting some old newspapers in the fireplace, managed to get sufficient heat in my feet to allow me to go to sleep.

Next morning I awoke stiff and cold, and felt that a walk down to the mill would do me good. What a mess it was! Walls had fallen, the roof had collapsed at one corner, the water tank staging had buckled, throwing the huge tank to the ground—but it would take a more experienced pen than mine to describe the utter ruin that had once been a sugar factory.

I left it and went up to the manager's bungalow, where I found the others congregated. They were all unhurt and well, although the wife of the cane superintendent was terribly worried about her husband, who had not yet returned. However, he rolled up about noon, having slept the night in a grass hut and walked eighteen miles up the line that morning.

That night we all camped out in the manager's compound, the ladies sleeping in a grass hut and the men in an improvised tent. Next morning there was great excitement, for an aeroplane flew over and dropped a newspaper and a note from the Governor of Bihar, which read roughly as follows: "Keep heart, railways being repaired, communications being restored. No European casualties. J. D. Sifton."

Other aeroplanes subsequently flew over dropping newspapers, but after about ten days postal communication was established

by means of mail "runners," and any 'planes which came merely waved and went away again.

After the 'quake there was very little work for us to do beyond getting coolies to clear away the debris so that the dead could be brought out. This was a pretty ghastly business, but after about a week, the vultures which had been hovering over the mill flew away, so we presumed we had got everybody out.

Although we kept getting minor shocks for a long time afterwards, in time even these failed to raise any comment, and we all settled down to living in mud huts, and to the business of making some order out of the chaos.

It was all very novel and exciting for a while, but I am afraid the novelty will have worn off by the time we get through a Hot Weather in a mud hut with no fans or ice, and a monsoon when there seems to be every possibility of us having to take to boats—ah! well! I *would* be a blooming Empire builder!!

A. M. M.

Gold Medal in Surgery won by Strathallian at Glasgow University.

We offer to Mr. C. W. Maclay, of Glasgow, our heartiest congratulations on his latest success in gaining a gold medal in Surgery in the University of Glasgow. Mr. Maclay is already a distinguished student, for he gained in his Cambridge School Certificate Examination more Distinctions than any other student, and was awarded an Honours Certificate. He followed this with a brilliant course in Science at the University, where he was awarded his B.Sc., taking high honours during the course. He is now completing his medical qualification, and his past record suggests that it may be a very distinguished one.

Mr. Maclay is a climber of no mean repute, and he has had one or two exciting experiences in the Scottish Highlands, although it is not easy to persuade him to discourse on this subject. He prefers to tell us how he meets "Strath." everywhere, even on the top of the Cairngorms, where he literally bumped into an old school-fellow, i.e., "Buckie." There will be very few who do not know who this is.

Mr. W. HIRD, B.Sc.

This photograph is of Mr. Walter Hird, of Inchcape, Arbroath, who has gone out to the Tanganyika Territory as a Civil Engineer with Messrs. Bird & Co., who are at the present moment helping to open up the country. His present address is with the firm at Tanga. Mr. Hird was Dux of



the School in 1924, having passed his School Certificate Examination with Honours and Distinction. He then went to King's College, London, where he was elected President of the College Engineering Society — quite an important office for a student.

After graduating in the First Division of Second Class Honours in Civil Engineering, he went into the office of Messrs. Merz McClelland & Co., Ltd., and spent three years on the Grid in the South-East of England. Later, he was engaged with Messrs. Dodds & Watson on the Southend Sewerage Scheme, and then went to Tanga, where, in a country so young as far as development is concerned, Mr. Hird should find scope for his undoubted abilities.

Sports Notes

RUGBY

THIS season has probably been one of the worst ever experienced by Strath. Of the fourteen games played, three have been won, one drawn and the remainder lost. The total points against us is too large, and the points for regrettably far too small to bear detailed mention. There are no excuses to be made; we simply had not the team. Individually, we had several good, even outstanding, players, but collectively the fifteen failed to produce the standard of rugby required to beat the opposition. The fault lies mainly among the outsiders; there are not enough players in the School good enough to form a first-class schoolboy back division. This is partly due to lack of physical abilities, but more largely due to lack of practice by the generation who should now be vying for places in the first fifteen. Apart from a few outstanding players, people have not learnt the rudiments of the game. Tackling, kicking, passing and hard running, the very ABC of the game, without which no back division can succeed, have not been learnt, and as a result there has not been that sound basis upon which alone brilliant play can be developed.

We started off badly, the loss of Breckenridge being felt in the first match, when Aberdeen G.S. beat us badly. Experiments were made with the back division, until it was found essential to bring Macmath up to centre and find a new full back. Kirkland finally found his way there, and though his performance was patchy, he can hardly be blamed for this when his natural position is on the wing. At the end of the Christmas term two changes were made which considerably improved matters. The pack adopted a 3-4-1 formation, and Breckenridge moved from the wing to the centre. The first change allowed much more use to be made of the wing forwards, Drummond and McKenna being freer to move away from the scrum; while the sluggish heeling, which had previously been a difficulty, was effectively cured. The heavy pack was usually able to hold the opponents, with seven men, and McKenna, who knows the key position at

the back, giving the necessary jab at the last moment. The other change gave great thrust in the centre, but unfortunately an injury to Forrest, at stand-off half, destroyed the effectiveness, almost before it had been practised.

Strang was a weakness at scrum half, his main assets being a long pass and unflinching courage. Unfortunately, he is a fraction too slow in his passing and fails to get his hands properly on the ball. In the Easter term Johnston took his place and promised to link up well. Certainly, the team as a whole played more as a team.

All through the season the forwards have played well, but forwards alone cannot win matches; nor can one or two individualists behind the scrum. In this connection two things must be mentioned. At practices other players, with one exception, have lost heart when confronted by one of the giants of the First, and have not therefore put all their energies into the games. On the field an element of the same thing has crept in, and the First, instead of playing as a team, has tended to play for half the game and leave individuals to do the scoring.

Much the same can be said of the Second, except that they have not had the individuals, with the result that they have fared rather worse than the senior Fifteen. There are a few promising players, but again the rudiments of the game have yet to be learnt. One discovery at least has been made. Houston has played some extremely good games at full back, and promises to be an adequate substitute for Macmath next year.

Team Criticism

Breckenridge, J. (Capt.). The fastest and strongest runner in the side, he has a very elusive side-step and swerve, and although he possesses a clutch rather than a tackle, he is one of the few who inspire confidence when in possession. 1st XV cap awarded 1932-3, 1933-4.

McKenna, W. (Vice-Capt.) was the leader of the pack and the best of the eight. A good tackler and a very hard worker, he is one of the few who know more than the

average about the game. He must learn, however, that ability to go ten yards and then die with the ball will not get him anywhere in first-class football. 1st XV cap awarded 1932-3, 1933-4.

Macmath, R., is undoubtedly the best all rounder and the backbone of the side. Without him as the mainstay in defence, the scores against us would have been enormous. Once settled down to the centre position, he played a consistently sound, and often brilliant game. His assaults on the Glasgow H.S. three-quarter line will remain as one of the few cheering occasions of a dull season. 1st XV cap awarded 1932-3, 1933-4.

Forrest, J., has played a consistently good game at stand-off half. His particular asset is his kicking, and this, in view of our weakness on the wing, has been invaluable as a means of gaining ground. He has combined well both with Strang and Johnston. 1st XV cap awarded 1933-4.

Cooper, J., is in some ways a better forward than McKenna. He is full of grit though his style contrasts strongly with McKenna's more stolid way. In backing up Kirkland in defence, and in falling on the ball, Cooper has been outstandingly good. There has not been a tight corner the whole season where he has not turned up in an endeavour to save the situation. 1st XV cap awarded 1933-4.

Mitchell, M., is one of the most improved forwards, having come on in great strides at the end of the season. He will be a very useful forward for the next season. 1st XV cap awarded 1933-4.

Wood, I., has been one of the year's discoveries. He is always up with the ball, and, though inconspicuous, is a sound player and a hard worker. 1st XV cap awarded 1933-4.

Drummond, J., has played some very good games as wing forward. His tackling and running are good, and he has the wing forward's knack of being up for the final pass which has enabled him to score more than once. 1st XV cap awarded 1933-4.

Dishington, T., has been on the fringe of the team on many occasions, but, on the whole, may be considered our best hooker. In the loose, however, he must be quicker

on the ball, and must learn to get away from the ball on the ground. His weight has at times been a considerable asset.

Sharp, G., has so far deserved his promotion. He plays a good, vigorous game, and is particularly good at getting down on the ball. He must learn to husband his strength through the game and not play the first half at international pace, and the second half at a slow walk.

Drummond, J. W., has shared the remaining wing forward place, and is learning the features of play in that position, but cannot use his weight to the scrum yet.

Balfour, G., has also occupied the wing forward position at times. He plays with his head and pushes his weight at all times—but unfortunately has very little weight to apply.

Strang, J., has played scrum half for the first term and possesses a long pass out which gave his partner plenty of room to move. His main fault is a fatal slowness, and his chief asset his pluck in going down on the ball.

Johnston, R., at scrum half in the Easter term has been decidedly promising. Though his pass is shorter than Strang's he can judge nicely when to break from the scrum on his own. He is always aware of the right thing to do, perhaps the most necessary quality in a scrum half.

McBride, I., has tried hard on the wing, although not a natural footballer. He started off the season with great dash and, given a pass, can always go hard for the line. His weakness is his falling on the ball, though he usually managed to stop his man somehow or other.

Smith, W., has had little to do on the wing, which is not his best position. He has played a very adequate game at stand-off when deputising for Forrest. His natural position is in the centre, and here he should develop considerably, as he possesses a very useful sideways "jink" which frequently gives him an opening.

Kirkland, R., has been unfortunate in having to play out of his position. He has done his best under very uncongenial circumstances. His fielding and kicking have

been good, and his speed has often been extremely useful. His tackling has been patchy, but for a newcomer to the position he has really performed very creditably. His game was really sound in the last game, against Bridge of Allan.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen G.S. Played at Forgardenny on January 27th.

From the kick off the visitors established themselves in the Strath. half, but were eventually dislodged and much open mid-field play followed. The two packs were evenly matched, Aberdeen getting the ball a little more frequently from the set scrums but being beaten in the loose. The visiting backs formed more of a unit than the Strath. side and looked dangerous whenever they got going, but by good tackling, and not a little good fortune, their attacks in the first half were held up until just before the breather. After dropped passes had nullified three easy scoring chances, the Aberdeen wing cut round from the blind side to the open to form an extra man, and a neat round of passing saw Kirkland without a chance of catching the opposite winger. Strath. replied with a series of forward rushes which took them to the Aberdeen line, but slow passing and lack of opportunism by the wings ruined possible chances of levelling the score.

In the second half the game continued in the open, Strath. marking, which had improved, giving the visitors no chance of breaking through. On the other hand Strath. were weak in attack and did not look like scoring. In the last minute, however, a great rush took play to the Aberdeen line, where a quick heel from a loose scrum gave Forrest the ball. Rightly refusing to pass, he took his chance and by quickness off the mark was able to worm his way through for an equalising try.

Result: Strathallan, 3 pts.; Aberdeen G.S., 3 pts.

Strathallan v. Daniel Stewart's College. Played at Edinburgh on February 6th.

Strath. kicked off on a very windy day, but play was soon taken by the home side into the Strath. half, where, however, their

attacks were well held. Eventually Strath. replied and carried play into the home "25" where, after several possible chances of opening the account had been missed, Macmath went through to score. The kick failed. Strath. were at a slight disadvantage in the scrums against a heavier pack, but there was little to choose between the sides, neither side showing much enterprise, and no further scoring resulted up to half time.

Early in the second half Stewart's threes got moving nicely, and with a man over, and Smith at fault, scored far out to equalise. Strath. took up the attack but without result, though Hood came near scoring with a strong run. In the last minute a Stewart rush carried play from their own twenty-five to the Strath. line, where from a scrum the wing went over for a scrambling try which closed the scoring. The School backs played a good game without being in any way above mediocre, but the pack was definitely below form. Forrest and Johnston gave a very promising display as halves, and Cooper, McKenna and Mitchell were the best of the forwards.

Result: Strathallan, 3 pts.; Stewart's College, 6 pts.

Strathallan v. Royal High School. Played at Edinburgh on February 10th.

A cold and windy day militated against good passing when Strath. kicked off. The forwards played a very vigorous game and frequently got the ball back. From a kick ahead, the ball bounced awkwardly for the High School winger, and Hood, who was up, gathered and ran past the full back to score between the posts. The kick failed, the opponents charging it down. The home side replied with a strong run by the centre who cut through to equalise. The kick again failed. Strath. continued to attack, having much the better of the game, and Macmath intercepted a pass and scored.

In the second half the game went right against Strath. First a good bout of passing by the home backs resulted in a score too far out for the kick to be successful. Then the full back, with the wind behind him, dropped a splendid goal from near the half way line near touch. Strath. strove

hard to make up the arrears, but their forwards were tiring and getting little of the ball, and in the last quarter of an hour were a beaten side. They adopted the right tactics, however: receiving nothing of the ball from the scrum, the backs were lying up to intercept passes. Macmath was particularly successful in this and repeatedly turned defence into attack. The price of this was eventually paid, when he failed in his object and left the High School clear for an easy score. Breckenridge performed creditably at stand-off half, Cooper, Mitchell and McKenna were the best of the forwards, though the latter was repeatedly pulled up for lying on the ball, but Kirkland had a bad day at full back, failing to field the ball.

Result: Strathallan, 6 pts.; Royal High School, 13 pts.

Strathallan v. Dollar Academy. Played at Dollar on February 17th.

This was a most disastrous defeat, and the only excuse to offer was the absence of Forrest and the consequent disorganisation of the backs. For the first ten minutes Strath. was little better than a disorganised rabble, and Dollar quickly went ahead with a try and a penalty goal. Breckenridge seemed completely at sea as stand-off half, and as a result we had only one scoring power behind the scrum. After the first spell, Strath. forwards improved and almost held their own. The home side was heavy, fast and capable, but by no means so outstanding as to overwhelm Strath. For the remainder of the first half Strath. managed to keep their line intact, until just on time a strong three-quarter movement by Dollar resulted in a try which was converted.

In the second half Strath. went entirely to pieces, and Dollar scored almost at will. The Strath. tackling was unspeakably bad, only Macmath, who worked like a Trojan, and Breckenridge, who at least held his opposite number, being exceptions. Macmath went full back in place of Mitchell and at least partially checked the rate of scoring, for his tackling was deadly, but one man cannot stop a whole team, and

the home forwards were running with the threes. One of the main causes of the defeat was that Strath. failed to counter the open game adopted by Dollar from the kick-off, but remained massed on the touch-line. Macmath was the hero of the match, and he and Cooper, who was as usual omnipresent, are the only players worth mentioning.

Result: Strathallan, nil; Dollar Academy, 36 pts.

Strathallan v. Glasgow High School.
Played at Glasgow on March 3rd.

The home side kicked off, aided by a strong wind, but failed materially to profit by the advantage, for the Strath. forwards, plainly well on top, allowed the High School backs little chance to get going. On the other hand the High School marking was very effective, and although Johnston gave Breckenridge good service, the latter and the three-quarters were unable to make much ground, Macmath, in particular, being completely shut in—a piece of sound tactics on the part of the High School. A break through in the centre made the beginning of an attack, and a kick ahead was fumbled on the Strath. line. From the resultant scrum, the home scrum half went over by the post for an easily converted try. Later the Glasgow winger scored far out, but the eight point lead at half time seemed quite inadequate under the weather conditions prevailing.

In the second half Strath. attacked fiercely, but although in the home “25” almost continuously, they lacked the necessary polish to score. Finally Breckenridge got a good pass near the line and was quite unstoppable. Macmath was unlucky with the kick. This reverse stung the High School to fresh efforts, and the game swung back to the Strath. half. Following a forward rush, the High School winger got clear away, and with two men backing him up, Glasgow again scored. The Strath. side played well, though the backs could not finish off the excellent work of the forwards, among whom McKenna and Mitchell were outstanding.

Result: Strathallan, 3 pts.; Glasgow H.S., 11 pts.

Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy. Played at Forgandenny on March 10th.

Some atonement was made for a bad season by the overwhelming defeat of Morrison's who failed to cross the home line, and indeed were seldom even out of their own half. Strath. kicked off, and Macmath opened the scoring with a sudden burst ten yards from the Morrison's line. Breckenridge converted down the wind. Strath. kept up the pressure, aided by the wind, and scored rapidly, Macmath and Breckenridge sharing the tries between them. The forwards carried the majority of the scrums, but were not so all conquering as they might have been, for Auld, excellent in the loose, did not quite come off as hooker. Nevertheless, thanks to splendid work by Smith at stand-off half, where he received excellent service from Johnston. Strath. changed over with a clear lead of 24 points.

In the second half Strath. disappointed badly. True, the visitors played better football, and their fly half repeatedly drove the School back by determined running and long kicking, but we should have scored more often than we did. The fault lay with the centres, who, much better marked than in the first half, failed to pass out to their better placed wings when they had broken through the defence. As a result the ball repeatedly went dead in a loose maul. Two further tries were scored, one of which was converted, while the visiting stand-off half's efforts were finally rewarded by a splendid dropped goal.

Result: Strathallan, 32 pts.; Morrison's Academy, 4 pts.

Strathallan v. Bridge of Allan. Played at Forgandenny on March 17th.

Strath. kicked off and set up a bustling attack by the forwards, to which the visiting pack heartily replied. The game remained even for a while until the heavier Bridge eight, assisted by the wet and muddy conditions forced their way into the home "25." From a line-out ten yards from the line they took the ball on and scored a scrambling try which was converted. Strath. replied strongly and set up an attack which was only checked in front of the posts. A quick heel gave the ball to

Macmath who broke through cleverly to give the ball to Hargrove, who took his chance and scored near the corner, but the kick failed.

In the second half the weight of the heavy Bridge of Allan pack began to tell, and the visitors had most of the game. Their forwards set up a continued attack, and the School eight did well to hold them as long as they did. When Strath. did get the ball, the outsides kicked upfield on to the somewhat isolated full back, and their efforts deserved success. As it was, in the last minute of the game, a kick by Forrest saw the full back caught on his line, but though Strath. pressed hotly, Bridge of Allan relieved with a kick to touch just on time. Previous to this, however, they had added to their score by means of one converted and one unconverted try.

Forrest made a welcome return in this game, his kicking making a world of difference. Johnston had a poor time from the opposing eight, and McKenna was always in the thick of trouble. He gave away far too many kicks for handling in the scrum, however. Sharp played an excellent game, and Kirkland did not put a foot wrong at full back. It was by far his best game.

Result: Strathallan, 3 pts.; Bridge of Allan, 13 pts.

Second Fifteen

The Second Fifteen found the opposition far too strong for them in all three of their engagements. At Dollar they lost to the Academy 2nd by 23 pts. to 3, a try scored by Macbride from a good run by A. R. Scott. The forwards did well to hold a much heavier pack, but the threes, the left wing in particular, were woefully weak in tackling, and had it not been for the excellent work of Houston at full back, the score against the School would have been huge.

At Aberdeen, against the Grammar School, who were bigger in every way and much heavier, Strath. were forced to play a purely defensive game. In the first half good tackling, in which Mackay and Houston were conspicuous, kept the score down to two tries and a penalty goal. In

the second half Aberdeen had a complete monopoly of the ball and added a further fourteen points. Houston was again in brilliant form.

The best game was seen against Glasgow High School at Forgardenny. Defending against a strong wind, Strath. did well to hold the visitors to a three point lead. Murray, Houston and Strang tackled well, and Aitkenhead brought relief with some good touch finding. After the change over Strath. exerted constant pressure, and their efforts were rewarded by an unconverted try by Peden. It was against the run of play that the visiting inside out-paced the Strath. threes to score under the posts an easily converted try. The forwards played well, Auld's hooking giving them the advantage in the set scrums; while the brothers Balfour, Hall, and R. Dunlop were prominent in the loose.

Second XV caps were awarded to the following: W. Smith, I. Macbride, R. Houston, W. Hood, A. Dow, R. Johnston, J. W. Drummond, J. Strang, W. Paton, R. Dunlop, G. Sharp, D. Hall.

House Matches

Football in the House Matches seldom reached a very high standard; indeed, in the preliminary rounds the only game really worth watching was the Junior game between Nicol and Freeland. The former opened the score with a good try by G. Anderson after W. Steel had made the opening. Freeland got on terms when Macfarlane ran clean through from half way. Freeland had the advantage territorially, but when the threes broke away, Kirkland or Anderson managed to get back and save. Just before the breather Paul went over cleverly from a scrum, resultant upon Kirkland's overhauling his man just on the line, but Macfarlane failed with the kick. In the second half Nicol pressed strongly but failed to make any impression on the Freeland defence, while Freeland went further ahead by a penalty goal by Macfarlane.

The other Junior tie was rather a one-sided and very scrappy game. Simpson pressed nearly the whole of the first half but could only score through a penalty kick by F. Anderson, and when the

breather came Ruthven had taken up the attack. In the second half Simpson pressed continuously, Anderson and Lyle being the chief sources of danger; but Milroy was a sore thorn in their side, being the one man in the game who really excelled, though "Mickey" Steel played a good game throughout. Ultimately pressure told, and J. D. Wilson scored from a line-out for Anderson to convert and make the issue safe.

In the Senior Sevens Simpson experienced unexpected difficulties in dismissing Ruthven, though they had most of the play. Breckenridge was well marked, but turned this to advantage near the half time, for he sent out a long pass to Macbride, having drawn the defence, and he raced over for W. Smith to hit the post in his effort to convert. The second half was all Simpson, and after Breckenridge had missed with a penalty, Smith put the issue beyond doubt by smart following up of a kick ahead. In the other tie the finer points of the game were completely absent, and the first half, which had run in Nicol's favour, ended without scoring, Forrest having missed a chance with a penalty. Macmath at this stage was well held. On the resumption play remained in midfield, but just before the close Macmath snapped a chance and scored a good try, the one brilliant bit of play in the game, and converted with a kick which hit the crossbar and bounced over.

The Finals were played on the last Friday of term and resulted in a sharing of the honours. Simpson Juniors opened strongly and F. Anderson broke through to enable Lyle to score and for himself to convert. Midfield play followed with Freeland slightly the better, Macfarlane keeping his side on the offensive with a penalty kick and a mark, but they could not press home their advantage. In the second half Anderson was nearly through at the start, and Simpson's continued pressure was ultimately rewarded by an unconverted try by Lyle. When Freeland sought to attack, Anderson sent them back by a good penalty kick, and Simpson ran out worthy though not brilliant winners by 8 pts. to nil.

The Senior Final was characterised by deadly tackling, the duel between Macmath

and Breckenridge being particularly interesting, though both players seemed to avoid one another when they possessed the ball. Simpson held the advantage in the first half, Smith breaking through to the Freeland "25" where Breckenridge's kicking kept them penned. On the resumption, after Houston had saved an ugly situation, Freeland pressed. Smith broke away cleverly, but Macmath saved the situation and from the half way line ran strongly for the line, just beating Smith for speed. Johnston converted. From the kick-off Simpson made a desperate effort to get on terms, a long run by Breckenridge taking play into the right hand corner of Freeland's "25," but the effort was too late; Freeland's forwards made ground as the whistle blew. From the scoring of Macmath's try play had been of an open and exciting nature, Freeland deserving their win because they took their chances.

SWIMMING

In the first week of term the usual test for badges was held, and six competitors were successful, some good times being recorded. These boys were brought down for polo practice in the subsequent weeks, and have had plenty of opportunity for becoming familiar with the game. Actual team practices have been impossible since many "possibles" have been unable to get down to practice owing to preparation for exams. It is hoped that during the coming term it will be possible to build up a very fair team before Commemoration Day, but much more practice in throwing and positioning is required before it can be hoped to hold our own with any team possessed of speed. In this connection, sprints of at least a length all out will serve to give added speed in the water, in which phase we are at present below normal.

FIVES

To say that the game of Fives has "caught on" is but a moderate statement. At present the rugby game has been the most patronised, but during the fine weather it is anticipated that the Eton Courts will come into their own. At least there is little doubt that all six courts will be taxed to accommodate those desiring a

change from, or an alternative to, cricket and tennis. At the end of term a match was commenced with the staff, but the demands of the house matches and other end-of-term activities prevented a finish. The School was represented by J. Wilson, J. Forrest, S. K. White and W. Smith. In the Eton Courts both pairs fell before Messrs. Norton and McCutcheon; while all four had lost a single in the Rugby Courts, and Messrs. Robertson and Campbell had defeated Wilson and Forrest in a doubles game. It is hoped that the match will either be completed or replayed next term, but it is plain that the boys require much more practice before they can be said to know the game properly.

CRICKET PROSPECTS

With five of last season's Eleven available, the cricket should do something to redeem the leanness of the football season. R. Macmath, as captain, should be able to get the best out of his men if one may judge by his leadership in the rugby house games. Himself a forceful batsman with a good eye, and an alert fielder, he should be able to set a good example. In Forrest, his Vice, he has a fine all-rounder, one capable of doing considerable damage with the ball on favourable wickets and always to be depended upon to keep runs down by his excellent length. In McKenna and I. Wood are two useful spin bowlers with experience, and R. Johnston will naturally keep wicket after his promising display last season. All three are fair batsmen, capable of run getting, if by different methods.

In addition to these, Macmath has W. Hood, I. Macbride, G. Balfour, and S. Dobbie, all with bowling experience in the first eleven, while Balfour stood high in the second eleven batting averages. Of the second eleven C. Roy, second to Balfour in the bowling analysis, and H. Fleming will also be in the running for places. Much will depend upon the form with the bat, it would seem, for with eight bowlers to choose from, first consideration must be for run getting. Already a little net practice has been indulged in, and we anticipate an interesting season's cricket, with exceedingly keen competition for places in both teams.

A full fixture list has been arranged for both elevens, the First XI's being as follows:—

- Apr. 28. Heriot's School at Edinburgh.
- May 5. Dollar Academy at Dollar.
- „ 12. Gordon's College at Aberdeen.
- „ 19. Kilmacolm at Forgandenny.
- „ 21. Stewart's Coll. at Forgandenny.
- „ 26. Aberdeen G.S. at Aberdeen.
- June 9. Morrison's Academy at Forgandenny.
- „ 13. Hillhead H.S. at Forgandenny.
- „ 16. Glasgow H.S. at Forgandenny.
- „ 20. H. B. Rowan's XI at Forgandenny.
- „ 27. Dunfermline H.S. at Forgandenny.
- „ 30. Old Boys (Commemoration Day).

The second eleven have fixed up eight matches, four at home and four away, while three fixtures have been arranged for a third or colt eleven.

THE 73rd PERTSHIRE SCOUT TROOP

This term has not been so eventful in many ways as its predecessors, but this does not mean to say that nothing has been done. On the contrary there has been a real measure of hard work on the part of each patrol. This work bore effect as the term drew on in the appearance of new and improved-old styles of work in the corners. The gift of seats from the "Kriesler" has enabled the Otters and Lions to present comfort, even luxury, in Troop welcomes to visitors. The Rattlesnakes have been occupied with what in some places is known as "flitting." Their taking over of the old "Hawk" corner leaves the two ends of the hut bare, so that they may now be used for Troop properties in the form, for example, of Scout charts. A fearsome alligator has made its appearance among the Swifts. The corners and individual exhibits were judged by Mr. Roberson and Mr. Campbell, to whom the Troop is very grateful. The cup for the best corner was gained by the Lion Patrol under R. L. Paul, and 2nd T. Macfarlane, with the Wolves Patrol as runners up. The cup for the individual exhibit was gained by Scout Wallace of the Rattlesnakes, whose interest in military aviation was shown by work on model aircraft, work made all the more creditable when it is

considered he only became a Scout this term. There was, however, disappointment over the small number of entries, and members of the Troop are reminded that there are many Scouting things which can be well accomplished by individuals.

The Trophy competition produced very even results. Once again the Eagles have been successful and are to be congratulated on retaining the trophy. The whole patrol, under V. Mackay, has worked very well.

An innovation this term has been the use of wide games. These have proved very popular, and it is hoped there will be more forthcoming, especially for the summer term, the out-of-door term. The Troop leader, S. K. White, is particularly to be thanked for his help in devising and running these games.

Throughout the term there have been classes for Ambulance work, and in the tests, under Mr. Mackie, on March 10th, all eight boys were successful. The four who entered for the Pathfinder badges, under Mr. McNab, were also all successful. A very great number of 1st Class tests have been passed. One Saturday was very largely occupied in axemanship in this connection. Many of the keener youngsters have worked well at their 2nd Class badge tests.

The Principal very kindly promised that he would give a medal each Easter to the best Scout of the year. The patrol leaders had a very earnest discussion before the final decision was made that this year's award should go to Hall of the Swifts, whose work for the Troop and Patrol, and general Scouting activities have been of a very high order. T. Macfarlane of the Lions was a very, very close runner-up.

Camp arrangements are now in hand. The camp will be held from July 18th to July 27th at Ripley, Harrogate, or at last year's site near Scarborough. It is hoped that there will be a big increase over last year's numbers and that there will be a fair proportion of the Troop in camp, for only by good camping can either a Troop or an individual Scout show real Scouting worth.

The Trophy and Cups were presented by Dr. Robertson on March 24th. We are very grateful to him for thus giving up his time to us.

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 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 31st May annually (which shall be the close of the financial year) and shall forward a copy of the Financial Statement with the Auditors' docket 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 31st May, 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 who shall include 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 and 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 June in each year and if unpaid by 1st October 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 February shall be held as applicable to the financial year commencing on 1st June 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 intrmissions and shall remit the income received for the year ending 31st May 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 members and former members 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 personally or by proxy 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 personally or by proxy.

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 given 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.

“O.S.” Notes

COMMEMORATION DAY—30th June, 1934.

To Old Strathallians :

As most of you are aware, this is the 21st Anniversary of the School, and it is to be hoped that there will be a large turn out at Strathallan on Saturday, 30th June.

Strathallians who have attended Commemoration Days in the past realise it is one of the most enjoyable days in the year, and certainly one not to be missed.

This year we are particularly anxious for those members who have left School during the past year, together with others who have never been able to attend, to make a special effort to be present.

We propose holding the usual sporting events, namely, Cricket, Tennis, Relay Race, Swimming, Polo, Tug-of-War, and, if possible, Fives.

An added attraction this year is the Sports Cup, so kindly presented by Mr. D. O. Melrose at the last Annual Dinner in Glasgow. As you are aware, this Cup is to be competed for annually on Commemoration Day, and the Committee is very anxious that the first name to appear on the Cup shall be "Club" and not "School."

If you are unable to help us in the various competitions, you can come up and give us your support, for, as you well know, there will be no lack of enthusiastic support for the School.

Make a note of the date now, and we should be obliged if you would send us a card if you wish to take part in any of the events.

N. GUTHRIE REID, Lochside, Bearsden,
Convener of Sports Committee. Tel. 127 Bearsden.

D. O. MELROSE, The Hirsell, Bridge of Weir.

G. B. SMITH, Dunearn, Newport, Fife.

Mr. Fergus Higgins called from Perak, where he is engaged on one of the rubber estates. His present address is Blair Logie, near Stirling. On his journey home he called at Colombo, and as he was going into an hotel he met a bridal procession coming out. The bridegroom was Mr. "Dyke" Lindsay. The world is a very small place after all.

We note with great interest the marriage which took place on 1st February, 1934, at Carlisle Methodist Church, Goole, of Mr. James Ross Mitchell, Meadow Bank,

Castle Eden, Co. Durham, to Hilda, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson, of Goole. Mr. Mitchell was at Strathallan during the Bridge of Allan days, and served his apprenticeship at the Carrongrove Paper Works, Denny. He was then appointed assistant manager to the Paper Mills at Rawcliffe, near Goole, in Yorkshire, and later became manager of the Durham Paper Mill Company, Ltd., West Hartlepool. We join with Old Strathallians in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell health, prosperity and happiness.

O.S. Notes—continued

We congratulate Mr. Ian MacGregor, son of Ex-Provost John MacGregor, of Renfrew, on his marriage to Miss Lucy Gray Francis of Glebe Crescent, Renfrew. This marriage took place in his native town on the 21st of February, and his cousin Mr. ("Tweedle") Irvine was best man.

We notice in the Scottish papers of recent date that the engagement is announced between Mr. Ian Charles Huie, of Campbeltown, and Miss G. Estelle, the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Smeed Fleming, of Alexandria, Egypt. Mr. Huie, who qualified as a Chartered Accountant in Glasgow, went out to Egypt a short while ago on behalf of the Imperial Chemical Co.

In the recent London County Council Election at Poplar, London, where two Labour candidates got in, Mr. G. G. Baker, of the Municipal Reform Party, polled 1,656 votes. His colleague, Dr. Jevons, of the same party, polled 1,644. In view of the distinct swing towards Labour in the L.C.C. elections and also in view of the type of constituency Mr. Baker had to fight, there is no doubt that he must have created a favourable impression on the electors, and we certainly wish him better luck and more favourable conditions when the next election takes place.

The Club will note with great satisfaction the success of a School "Seven" in the recent Kilmarnock Rugby Football Club tournament, in drawing with Kelvinside Academicals, 6 points all. After extra time Kelvinside scored the winning try, but there is no doubt that the sympathies of the crowd were with the schoolboys who really gave an excellent exhibition of seven-a-side rugby.

Mr. Sam Dow has left for U.S.A. on business, and expects to be away for six or eight weeks.

OBITUARY.**Dr. Ian R. W. Smith.**

It is with very great regret that we record the death of Dr. Ian Smith, late of Ingleby, Causewayhead, who was practising at Cheadle, in the North Midlands of



England. Dr. Smith, who qualified at Edinburgh University, was at Strathallan during the Bridge of Allan days, and was a member of the first teams at Cricket and Rugger, and he had the distinction of scoring the first try which Strathallan gained when the School changed over from the Association game.

At School he was a prime favourite with both his fellows and the teaching staff, and all with whom he came in contact will have happy recollections of his cheery smile and breezy manner. The writer, who has been in contact with him during his professional career, knows how he carried these attributes into his work, which lay chiefly among the working classes, where he endeared himself to his patients, not only by his professional skill but by his high sense of duty and a true christian charity,

which led to his being called "Our Doctor Ian."

His parents have received many striking tributes from these poor people, extolling his skill, his utter selflessness, and his generosity. A famous writer said that a man could judge his worth in the world by the extent to which he would be missed and regretted by the world; judged by these standards, Dr. Smith must rank high.

O. S.

Mr. Maurice Greenlees.

Many Old Strathallians will note with great regret the sudden death of Mr. Maurice Greenlees, of Newark Drive, Pollokshields, on the 23rd March. Mr. Greenlees had recently been engaged on newspaper work with one of the National dailies.

STRATHALLIAN DANCE

A successful Dance was held in the Plaza Palais de Danse, Glasgow, on the evening of Friday, 16th February last, several members of the Club, who reside a considerable distance from Glasgow, being present. The School Flag was prominently displayed on the wall, and miniature School flags were on each table, the tables also being decorated with ribbons of the School colours. The decorations attracted considerable attention from the other dancers, and many envious eyes were cast in the Club's direction. The gentlemen all wore rosettes of the School colours on their lapels. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all, and the committee have decided that the Dance will be an annual function. The date of the next Annual Dance will be announced at the Annual Dinner, and circulars will also be sent to members.

A recent Club innovation is the reservation of a lunch room in the Ca'doro, Union Street, Glasgow, every Monday from 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m., and a considerable number of members have taken advantage of this facility. Table d'hôte luncheons (1/6 and 2/-) are served.

Please make a note in your diary for every Monday — Strathallian Luncheon, Ca'doro — DO IT NOW!

OLD BOYS' BLAZER

At the last Annual General Meeting it was decided to adopt the School Crest for the Old Boys' Blazers, and Messrs. Rowans Ltd. have now given the under-noted prices:—

First quality	-	-	60/-
Second quality	-	-	52/6

The above prices include the Badge and Crest buttons. The material in both cases is the same, the difference in price being in the making, the first quality having more hand work and finish. Messrs. Rowans state that the second quality will give every satisfaction to any members who do not feel inclined to go in for a better one. Members who have already bought a Blazer may have the Crest woven on the pocket of same for 7/6.

OLD STRATHALLIANS BEAT WHITECRAIGS

Whitecraigs, 0; Old Strathallians, 16 pts.

A team of Old Strathallians proved too strong for Whitecraigs at Whitecraigs on the evening of the 11th April. A cold, downfield wind and driving rain combined to make playing conditions difficult and unpleasant.

With the wind behind them in the first half, the Strathallians attacked strongly, and several clever handling moves resulted in tries by Roy, Irvine, M'Gregor, and Barr, two being converted by Lambie and Reid.

Whitecraigs, in turn, held a territorial advantage on changing ends, but failed to penetrate their opponents' defence. Teams:

Whitecraigs—F. P. Morton; R. B. Reid, A. Milroy, G. Ritchie and W. G. Kerr; R. R. Finlay and A. Mure; W. S. Strang, D. M'Murray, A. M'Pherson, J. P. Tindall, W. G. Rowan, J. B. White and W. M'Intyre.

Old Strathallians—N. G. Reid; R. Buchanan, W. C. Roy, J. M. M'Gregor and T. Irvine; R. Barr and J. T. Johnston; W. A. C. Lambie, R. D. Linton, W. Willis, Q. Dunlop, I. Laing, G. Walls and I. Turner.

Referee—Mr. J. F. Clark, Whitecraigs.