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Editorial

ONCE more Christmas has come round, and we therefore offer all Strathallians, Past and Present, the Compliments of the Season. May their Christmas and New Year festivities have agreed with their digestive organs, and given them the wherewithal to face the Future with renewed vigour, courage and cheerfulness. For Christmas is not the "Humbug" Scrooge conceived it, even if, under existing conditions, it cannot always be as "merry" as one would wish: even the poorest children have something of the Christmas spirit brought into their lives in their breaking up parties at school. And for the New Year, "our second birthday," as Charles Lamb calls it, amid the revelry there is always a spice of the reflective mood, wherein past errors and weaknesses are realised, sources of strength and possibilities perceived in their true light, so that it is possible to face the coming year with confidence based upon a wider experience and knowledge of ourselves.

We have double cause to indulge in retrospect at this season, for the present number of the "Strathallian" completes the second volume. Looking back over the past four years, we are forced to admit that they have by no means been such easy years as the first four. There have been times when it seemed almost impossible to continue making bricks without straw; and then usually some friend has unconsciously delivered a fresh load. How we have blessed him on those occasions! We suppose it is inevitable that the present generation cannot feel the same enthusiasm as animated those happy few who nearly eight years ago embarked upon the adventure. We remember with pleasure the Class I and IIa, as the Senior forms were then called, rallying round with contributions—T. M. Hart, G. G. Baker, I. Christie, W. Shanks, E. W. Hart and A.

Moodie, to mention but a few of those who raised the standard. We sigh at the memory, for such a galaxy of talent comes but seldom. They remained the chief contributors till five years ago, when another senior form burst forth into song—I. Chalmers, W. H. Brown, G. D. Muir, J. L. Galloway *fortissimo*. Their echoes, too, have passed away, and it is now time for some new company to carry on the tradition; such an outburst is already overdue, but as yet only a distant murmur is audible. Is the present generation unworthy to follow in the steps of the Past?

Anyone wishing to have the present volume, 1931-34, bound—and four years so frequently covers the most full years of a boy's career at school—will be pleased to hear that Messrs. Wood & Son, High Street, Perth, are again undertaking the binding. For the benefit of those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity but have not seen a copy of volume one, we would say that this is in blue cloth with gilt lettering. The nominal cost is six shillings, but if a dozen or more copies are sent to be bound at one time, this price would be reduced to five shillings. Boys intending to have their copies bound and desirous of availing themselves of the reduced rate, should notify the Editor in writing immediately on receipt of their twelfth copy (a post card is all that is required), and forward the whole twelve to us at the earliest opportunity, enclosing their name and address for the binder's use. This is a splendid opportunity of perpetuating the record of schoolday activities.

In conclusion, we have this term to say "Good-bye" to an old and trusty friend and member of the Editorial Board, R. L. Paul, and we wish him the best of luck in his future career.

School Notes and Notices

THE Autumn term of 1934 will be long remembered as one of the most unfortunate, and therefore anxious, in the School's history; and no one was really sorry to see its end—a premature end for those who were not concerned with the Cambridge Local examinations—owing to an outbreak of fever, which, in the perverse way of such epidemics, completely disappeared as soon as the decision to close had been taken. However, the precautionary measures taken had certainly proved effective. It was a trifle hard on those left behind still at work, but we trust that they will have benefited by “the little something the others didn't get,” and that the examination candidates will have every reason for feeling that it was well worth while.

Naturally the closing of the School nearly a fortnight before the pre-arranged time considerably upset the usual end of term activities. It had been decided that only the Concert should be given this term instead of a Dramatic evening and the Concert; and rehearsals of sketches and short plays, orchestral pieces and duets were reaching their final stages when the abandonment became necessary. It is to be hoped that all the efforts will not have been entirely wasted, though it must be realised that next term is an exceptionally heavy one already with work, three forms being concerned with the Scottish Prelim. Examination. Another eagerly anticipated event, the Staff debate on the motion “That the Age of Romance is dead” was also abandoned, but this was more in the nature of a postponement, we understand.

The Debating Society has felt considerably the loss of some of its more experienced debaters; and while there is no lack of enthusiasm or of speakers, it must be admitted that convincing oratory has scarcely been in evidence. Moreover, the subjects of debate have, generally speaking, been hardly of the provocative type; and further still the younger members particularly, though it is an almost

universal failing, do not vote according to the arguments put forward by the speakers but according to their personal inclination. The whole idea of debating is to clear the mind of prejudice and judge by the facts adduced by the proposers and opposers of the motion, and only when leading speakers feel that to win their case they must speak convincingly, shall we find an improvement in their rhetorical powers.

The Dramatic Society has had a successful term, though some of the enthusiasm was considerably dampened by the pronouncement that there would be no end of term play, beyond a one act one in the Concert. We understand, however, that already the Easter production has been decided upon and the major roles allotted, so that a start can be made upon it as soon as term opens, thereby obviating the intensive rehearsals in the second half of the term. A nautical play with a war flavour has been selected, and with plenty of action and conflict of character, *and only one female character*, success should not be difficult, particularly with the feeling abroad that one show must be twice as good as two shows per year.

The latest amenity at Strath. is a workshop, and its novelty has served to attract many from older pursuits; table tennis and fives being the chief sufferers. Mr. Waters and Mr. Bain are to be congratulated upon the success of the venture, and the School owes them many thanks for their generous giving of time and assistance. The large exam. classroom became a veritable hive of industry, such as was never seen before; it was a case of turning would-be workers away!

We might also add Badminton has been added to the spare time occupations at Strath. The gym. has now been equipped with lighting sufficient for the court therein to be used at night along with the Fives courts. We understand that several members of the staff are becoming quite experts.

On November 22nd we had an interesting lecture from Mr. H. Sampson-Relph upon the newly formed Manchoucho Empire. Having given a brief outline of the country prior to the Japanese interference and the immediate cause of that interference, the Chinese Eastern Railway and its accompanying bandits, Mr. Sampson-Relph described the country as he saw it in 1933, a little more than twelve months after the founding of the empire, a country of great economic possibilities, with great coal mines and associated industries already existent, and modern towns springing up, to replace the squalor, filth and smell of the centuries old cities, with almost garden village appearance. The lecturer's journey from Mukden to Hsing-King, the capital, and his subsequent interview with the Emperor and members of his cabinet was perhaps of less interest to the audience than his hazardous flight, after a trip to Harbin, to Jehol, from which the last of the bandits had but recently been expelled, and his visit to the ancient palace of the Emperors and the deserted temples on the mountain side. This section of the lecture was particularly well illustrated, though to mention of this is not to belittle the remainder of the slides shown. Altogether we felt at the conclusion of the lecture that the Far East was not so far away after all; and that certainly Kipling's "East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet" was not quite so true as we had previously believed.

As far as outdoor recreation was concerned, we regret we cannot write in glowing terms about the rugby so far this season. Two victories out of nine games played by the First Fifteen are no grounds for satisfaction; and yet there seems to be some excuse for the results: on three occasions, for instance, the team has ended with fourteen men, Forrest, Roy and Houston being the victims of more or less serious injuries, and Forrest's injured wrist kept him out of the side for a month. Johnston, too, has been forced by circumstances to play out of position, and for the last match played, against Gordon's, both he and Strang, the reserve for the scrum half position, were unable to play through

injuries. When all is said, however, the fact remains that the side did not play as a team. The pack, excellent for perhaps half of a game, were appallingly ragged and purposeless for the remainder, and the back division never seemed to bind into an attacking force. In Forrest the School possesses one of the best rugby players, at any rate in the last decade, but there seems no one capable of backing him up: quick off the mark himself to seize or make an opening, he isolates himself by his very speed. This is the more regrettable since at least two other members of the three line are speedy, but fail to anticipate when and where they will be needed. Forrest again, with his vice-captain, Cooper, is a brilliant exception to a periodic weakness in tackling in the side which is pitiable to behold. Next term, facing sterner opposition, the team will need to remedy these defects if it is to add to its tally of victories. Half the side is, fortunately, young, and therefore has plenty of time to acquire good habits, but there is no time like the present for doing so. The Second team, less prone to individualism, and certainly possessing greater self-confidence, has been a more interesting side to watch; while the Third XV, very youthful, shows promise of making an excellent showing when it becomes the senior side.

Few boys are leaving us this term, but among the number mention must be made of R. L. Paul, whose numerous activities will leave many gaps to be filled. A keen Scout, cricketer, rugby player, librarian and member of the Debating Society, his chief claim to fame rests perhaps upon his excellent female impersonations in the Dramatic Society productions for some years past. His work in this sphere was not fully appreciated by the majority of boys who do not realise the difficulty of acting the feminine but never becoming effeminate. His cheery and willing service has been apparent everywhere, and everywhere it has influenced for good.

Strathallian Club

Minute of Eighth Annual General Meeting held within the Grosvenor Restaurant, Glasgow, on Saturday, 22nd December, 1934, at 6.15 p.m.

THE Secretary intimated that Mr. N. Guthrie Reid, the President, was, unfortunately, indisposed, and that he had a letter of apology from him which would be read later in the meeting.

The Secretary moved that Mr. D. O. Melrose take the chair. This the meeting agreed to.

The Secretary read the Minute of last Annual Meeting, held on 16th December, 1933, and same was approved of by the meeting.

The Secretary reported:—

- (1) That the Trustees had invested the capital of the Club as instructed.
- (2) That the Crest is now incorporated on the pocket of the Old Boys' blazers.
- (3) That a Constitution had been framed, and would be submitted later in the meeting.
- (4) That circulars had been sent out *re* Commemoration Day, that there had been a splendid attendance of Old Boys, and that the Club had won the Commemoration Day Cup.
- (5) That circulars had been sent out *re* the Rugby Match, but, unfortunately, same had to be cancelled on account of an outbreak of scarlet fever at School, but that it was hoped to play the match after the New Year.
- (6) That a Dance had been held in Glasgow last February, and a very enjoyable evening had been spent.
- (7) That the Committee had arranged for a room being reserved in the Ca'doro for luncheon every Monday, and that a large number of members had taken advantage of this facility. Mr. Riley had very kindly arranged to attend the first Monday of each month.
- (8) That the School Magazine had been sent out during the year to all members.

The Chairman intimated with regret the death of Dr. Ian Smith, and stated that a letter of sympathy had been sent to his parents, signed by the President and Secretary.

The Chairman intimated that this was the twenty-first anniversary of the foundation of the School, and that the Committee had decided it should be recognised in some tangible form. Mr. Riley had been approached, and he suggested two Flags for decoration purposes, and also a Plaque for the School Captains' names. The presentation was to be made during the Dinner, and the meeting was asked to approve of the Committee's action. The meeting unanimously agreed to same.

The Chairman also reported that the Club had had a very successful year; that 27 new Life Members and 18 Ordinary Members had applied for membership. He moved that these members be admitted. The meeting unanimously agreed to same.

The Treasurer submitted a Financial Statement, and called upon Mr. Shanks, one of the Auditors, to explain same. The meeting unanimously approved of the Accounts.

Authority was obtained to remit the Trustees £134 15s. 5d. for investment.

The Chairman then explained that a new Constitution had been framed and published in the "Strathallian," and that amendments had been asked for in the circular calling the meeting. He moved that the Constitution be taken as read, subject to any amendments which the Secretary had received, and the meeting approved of same.

The Secretary then read three amendments which had been received, and the meeting agreed to same, with the exception of Article 34, in which it was stated that the Trustees should hold office for three years. Mr. Cruickshank, Aberdeen, moved that "five" be substituted for "three." It was ultimately agreed that the Trustees should discuss the matter and inform the Secretary of their decision. Mr. Black, Glasgow, moved that Article 35 *re* Grants should be deleted, but after discussion the meeting agreed that same should not be altered.

Mr. Dow moved that the old Rules of the Club be rescinded as from to-day's date, and that the new Constitution, as amended, be adopted. Mr. Cruickshank, Aberdeen, seconded. The meeting agreed that the

Constitution should be printed and sent to all the members.

The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Riley was Hon. President in terms of the Constitution.

The Chairman reported that Mr. N. Guthrie Reid retires at this time, and read a letter from him in which he thanked the Secretary and Committee for their services during the year, and also wished the Club every success.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. N. Guthrie Reid for his enthusiastic and willing services.

The Secretary explained that on account of a presentation of a Chain of Office, which would be made later in the meeting, it was necessary that this year, and in future years, the President for the coming year should be at the Dinner, and that he had received a nomination for next year's President, Mr. Samuel Dow (Glasgow) being the nominee. The meeting unanimously agreed to this nomination, and Mr. Dow accepted office. Mr. Bogie, Edinburgh, moved that Mr. George Smith, Dundee, be elected Vice-President, and the meeting approved of same.

The Chairman moved the re-election of the Secretary and Treasurer, which was unanimously approved of. Mr. Dow moved that the Secretary be granted an honorarium, and Mr. Smith, Dundee, seconded. The meeting agreed to an honorarium of £15 15/-.

The Chairman then intimated that, in terms of the Constitution, nine members would require to be elected for the Council, and in order to avoid ballot, the Committee had carefully selected nine gentlemen representing practically all the Districts, and he hoped the meeting would accept the nominees. The meeting unanimously agreed to the following Council:—Messrs. G. G. Baker, London; D. J. Bogie, Edinburgh; R. R. Fraser, Kirkcaldy; W. A. C. Lambie, Glasgow; J. Lusk, Ayr; D. O. Melrose, Glasgow; R. D. Paton, Glasgow; Alastair Reid, Glasgow, and N. Guthrie Reid, Glasgow.

The Chairman then thanked Mr. Riley and Mr. Bogie, as Trustees, for their services, and moved that they be re-appointed, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman thanked Mr. J. Callum McGeachy and Mr. W. M. Shanks, the

Auditors, for their services, and moved that they be re-appointed, which was unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman then reported that the Committee had arranged for the Annual Dance to be held in the Burlington House on 1st February, 1935, and that circulars would be sent out at an early date. He hoped that there would be a large attendance of members and friends.

Mr. Dow moved that the Annual Dinner should be held next year in February, but after discussion it was decided to have it in December again for the coming year.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

The Twenty-First Anniversary

TO mark this occasion Mr. Riley presented to the Club a Chain of Office of gilted silver and enamel for use of the president on ceremonial occasions. The chain has a pendant of the School coat of arms in two colours, and the links are bound together by a clever use of the Scottish thistle in emblematic form. Each link carries a silver disc on which will be engraved the names of successive presidents. The chain as a whole is a very handsome one and gave pleasure to all those who had an opportunity of examining it closely.

In making the presentation at the meeting before the Annual Dinner, Mr. Riley said, "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—This is the 21st anniversary of our School and to mark this occasion I propose to present to the Club a Chain of Office for its President. You know we are only yet in our infancy—a very lusty infancy it is true—and it is only now that tradition is beginning to grow up, and I believe that the time has arrived when we might usefully introduce a little in the way of ceremonial and ritual. A few of our oldest schools are able to trace back certain customs to their earliest days; in fact one is able to show a clear line of descent of one of its governors right back to its founder, and I propose in giving you this insignia of office to couple with it two things which to-day while I am



Fives Courts, Tuck Shop, and Cloak Room.

with you may seem very commonplace and perhaps even presumptuous, in spite of the fact that I am speaking to you with the deepest sense of humility, but which, in the days to come, when I am taken away from you, may have some little, shall I say, sentimental value—two things, the first is my blessing and good wishes for the success of the Club as a corporate body and for the success and happiness of its members individually, and the second is a charge which I lay upon its holder that he—or she if the days of co-education do come—should pass on in unbroken sequence the benediction of the founder.”

In the absence of the President, Mr. Guthrie Reid, who unfortunately was indisposed, Mr. Riley invested Mr. Oliver Melrose with the Chain of Office.

In accepting the chain, Mr. Melrose agreed with the sentiments that had been expressed and said that it would be a good thing to have something tangible presented by the founder to hand on in succession, and he said that the passing on of Mr. Riley’s benediction was more than empty ceremonial.

During the course of the Dinner the Club, through its acting President, presented the School with an Honours Board for the purpose of maintaining a record of School Captains. The board is an imposing structure of oak surmounted by the School Crest in colours and is to be placed in the main dining hall at Forgandenny. At the same time two silk Flags bearing the coat of arms were presented to the School to be held by the “Cock House.” Mr. Riley, in accepting these gifts on behalf of the School, pointed out the close connection between Club and School which, he said, was tending more and more to bring School and Club even closer together.

NOTICE TO FORMER SCHOOL CAPTAINS.

In this connection Mr. Riley would be very glad if former School Captains would send to him for the purpose of check their full initials together with the dates between which they held office. Early notification would be very greatly esteemed.

The Annual Dinner

THE Annual Dinner of the Club was held on the 22nd December, at the Grosvenor Restaurant, Glasgow. The chair was taken by Mr. D. O. Melrose, last year's President, in place of Mr. N. Guthrie Reid who was unfortunately indisposed and unable to be present. The guest of honour was Sir Robert Wilson, LL.D., J.L., J.P., who, in proposing The Club, made an exceedingly witty speech containing several excellent stories full of fun and inuendo, but Sir Robert's speech contained more than this, it had a real message splendidly woven into the fabric of his fun and wit. He pointed out the great opportunities that Strathallians had of fitting themselves for responsible positions in our Empire and he reminded them that great opportunities carried with them great duties, especially social duties to those of their fellows on whom fortune had not smiled so favourably, and he urged upon his listeners not to shirk the opportunities that came along of taking part in public work in order to make the world a better place for all strata of society. The speech was listened to with great attention, and in spite of the fact that he had his audience rocking with laughter at times, he never failed to keep his grip on his audience as he developed his message.

Mr. Melrose in acknowledgment pointed out the many important public offices that Sir Robert had filled with distinction and assured him that not only had the gathering enjoyed his wit but that it had not missed his call to service.

The toast of The School was proposed by Mr. Thomas Irvine who became quite

reminiscent as he took his audience back to days gone by, and Mr. Riley, in reply, continued in a similar vein and winded up by pointing out that in four years time the School will have scored a quarter of a century and he himself half a century.

The toast of Our Guests was proposed by Mr. W. G. Rowan and replied to on behalf of the guests by Mr. A. L. Bryson.

The toast of Absent Friends proposed by Dr. Archie McGeachy was honoured in silence.

During the course of the evening Dr. Ernest Morrison of Bannockburn who entered the School in 1914, in pointing out that perhaps his memory went further back into the history of the School than that of any of the Club members present, gave some very interesting details of the early days at Strathallan. He stated that he had visited the School recently at Forgandenny and said that present pupils must consider themselves exceedingly fortunate for they had accommodation and equipment far beyond the fondest dreams of any of those of his year. He spoke of an old rugby photograph which he had in his possession, the first photograph of Strathallan's first rugby XV, and he said that along with him in the second row were four others and he pointed out that every one of these four had passed beyond the vale and he invited the meeting to drink a silent toast to those who had gone before.

All those present agreed that the Dinner had been a great success and many parties lingered in scattered groups long after the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Strathallian Club, 1935

Office-Bearers.

Hon. President—H. Riley, Esq.
 President—Samuel Dow, Esq.
 Vice-President—George Smith, Esq.
 Hon. Secretary and Treasurer—J. B. Maitland Cowan, Esq.
 Trustees—H. Riley, Esq., and D. J. Bogie, Esq.

Auditors—J. Callum McGeachy, Esq., and William M. Shanks, Esq.

Council—G. G. Baker, London; D. J. Bogie, Edinburgh; R. R. Fraser, Edinburgh; W. A. C. Lambie, Glasgow; J. Lusk, Ayr; D. O. Melrose, Glasgow; R. D. Paton, Glasgow; Alastair Reid, Glasgow; N. Guthrie Reid, Glasgow.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—30th November, 1934.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

For Year ending 30th November, 1934.

Income.			Expenditure.		
To Ordinary Subscriptions received ...	£56	17 6	By cost Magazines for year 1933 ...	£38	4 0
„ Interest on Conversion Stock for half-year less Tax ...	2	6 6	„ General Printing (including Circulars) and Stationery ...	14	16 11
	£59	4 0	„ Postages of Magazines and Circulars ...	5	18 6
„ Balance—Deficit for year ...	12	14 5	„ Deficit of Annual Dinner, 1933 ...	6	3 6
	£71	18 5	„ Deficit of Dance, 1934 ...	2	12 0
			„ Bank Dues, Postages, Telephones, etc. ...	4	3 6
				£71	18 5

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

As at 30th November, 1934.

Life Members' Subscriptions—			Balance of Funds at date in hands of Trustees—		
Received to 30th November, 1933, from 112 Life Members ...	£560	0 0	£200 3% Conversion Stock ...	£199	11 0
Received during year from 23 New Life Members ...	115	0 0	Post Office Savings Bank ...	300	0 0
	£675	0 0	In Bank ...	76	14 4
				£576	5 4
Revenue and Expenditure Account—			Cash in hands of Treasurer ...	177	9 10
Balance at 30th November, 1933 ...	£91	9 7			
Less Deficit for year to date ...	12	14 5			
	78	15 2			
	£753	15 2			
					£753 15 2

GLASGOW, 17th December, 1934.—Examined with the vouchers and found correct.

(Sgd.) J. CALLUM McGEACHY, C.A. }
 (Sgd.) WILLIAM M. SHANKS, C.A. } Auditors.

(Sgd.) J. B. MAITLAND COWAN,
 Hon. Treasurer.

The New Workshop

DURING the visit of an inspector from the Oxford and Cambridge Examining Board it was pointed out the great desirability of establishing a workshop not only for the purpose of woodwork but where arts and crafts could be extensively practised, chiefly in the boys' own leisure hours. When the suggestion was put to the School it was received with acclamation and during this last term we have been very fortunate in being able to fit out in really good style a workshop capable of accommodating about sixteen boys. There are twelve large double benches and one large table, together with a first rate equipment of tools.

The junior boys are the only ones who make use of this room during school hours when they are engaged chiefly in basket work and leather work.

In the evenings from about 8.15 to 9.30, there is a big call upon the accommodation in the workshop, and each evening has been allotted to a special group of boys who are engaged under the supervision of Mr. Waters and Mr. Bain in making various articles of utility for their own rooms at home. Billy White produced an excellent cabinet, plain but most carefully made, a job which has been described as really first class. Many of the other boys commit the fault of trying to complete their work too quickly and, as a result, the finished article fails to reach a first class standard; but now that the boys have in front of them the whole term there is really no need to rush and it is hoped that they will set a greater store upon the quality of their production rather than upon its quantity.

A most amusing sidelight was thrown upon the activities in the workshop as Christmas approached for many of our juniors—Scotsmen and not from Aberdeen—discovered that it was possible to make a good-looking wastepaper basket or letter tray for about one shilling (the cost of the raw materials), whereas they had figured it out that to buy a present for father or mother or auntie would cost three shillings—quite an early lesson in economics, but when one comes to think it out, a faulty

one! If mother, father or auntie happen to read this they will, of course, realise the flaw in these boys' economic reasoning when they are told of the many hours that the wee ones took over their respective tasks and the enthusiasm they put into them and the joy they felt when they had finished them.

It is Mr. Waters' intention to introduce other types of arts and crafts as he finds the boys' capabilities enlarge, and the demand in other directions begins to grow.

INDIGESTION

There is no truth in the rumour that the senior Geography class has been commissioned by the State to survey Scotland. The enthusiasm shown last term seems to have abated, the boys contenting themselves with a complete survey of the School grounds.

It is understood that Casanova and Don Juan will turn pale with envy when certain members of the Staff are called upon to plead the cause of Romance in the Staff debate. At least, that is what the Debating Committee hoped when they chose the speakers.

We hear that another member of the Staff has joined the Motor Cycle Club. He travels at fifty miles per hour everywhere, and has already come to grief through cornering at speed. He is strongly fancied for next year's Junior T.T. Race.

The wave of politeness which swept through the School during the fever epidemic was most surprising. The solicitude shown by one boy for his fellows' health was quite unnatural.

We divide this term's biscuit between the boys who translated "L'abbé aimait la bonne chère" as "the Abbot loved the dear housemaid," and "Il jeta un coup d'oeil sur l'abbé" as "He threw a cup of oil over the Abbot," and the one who thought that the Treaty of Wedmore was made between England and France to encourage the English gentlemen to marry more French ladies.

TUCK SHOP—A GROWL

We have got a brand new tuck shop properly fitted out adjoining the fives courts. It is run by the members of the Cinematograph Club who carry out the whole of the work of buying the stock and selling the stuff. They are very energetic and keep a careful watch that they do not give you too much change! It's a good job they don't have to weigh the sweeties or else we would have to keep a sharp watch that we got the correct weight. The reason for this acute businesslike manner is to be found in the fact that the Ciné Club is in want of funds and therefore tries to make as much out of the shop as possible in order to save the Ciné Club from bankruptcy. Still we mustn't grumble for they are doing the thing really in a swell style. I often wonder what those Old Boys will think who never cease to tell us of the horrors of the bad old days about having to wash in cold water, sometimes even break the ice, having to sit in chapel, and to go really long walks, mathematical walks measured not only in miles but in miles per hour conducted by Mr. Ward. The poor dears, as though we don't have our troubles too! I bet when they come up to play the Old Boys' match they will google when they see Lyons' Swiss Rolls encased in real chocolate, not stale but straight from the factory in London, priced 1½d. each. May I give them a tip to buy a penny bar of Buzz and to eat half of it before they leave the shop, otherwise if they have got any money in their pockets they'll certainly come back and buy some more. Now that's just where they have got us for we are only allowed to spend tuppence except on Saturdays, and since the stuff comes on a Thursday it's no use being allowed to spend a shilling when the stuff isn't there, but no doubt a special supply will be laid in for the Old Boys' match, and who is it that is being spoiled then? Certainly not us! And what's more we've got heaps of lemonade and all sorts of other "ades" too, and that's another of our grievances for lemonade costs threepence a bottle and what I can't see for the life of me is the use of putting lemonade in a shop at threepence a bottle when a chap's only allowed to spend tuppence. It's really cruelty to schoolboys. We've got a brand

new tuck shop and I think we should get a brand new allowance. I suggest sixpence, hoping that we might get fourpence at the very least. Passed unanimously and sent to the Boss for confirmation amid loud cheers.

IMPORTANT CHANGE IN THE GAMES' TIME-TABLE

During the epidemic of scarlet fever last term it was decided as part of the method of combatting the infection to cease early morning school at 11.15 and to play games from that time until a quarter past one. Certain adjustments in the time-table had to be made and on the whole the amount of study done during the week is only fifteen minutes less than the amount done under the old regime. So successfully did this scheme work, the boys showing greater vitality on the games-field, healthier appetites at lunch, and greater concentration during afternoon school, that it was decided to give the scheme a full year's trial. It is now in full working order and has brought about a greatly improved games organisation.

Boys go down to the games-field three times per week, two of which are devoted to rugger, the other being spread over hockey, fives and badminton.

The junior detention takes place on Tuesday when the juniors play hockey, fives or badminton. On Wednesday there is no detention and this allows for full and complete sides at rugger, the games being under the immediate control of the games masters. On Thursday senior detention is taken and those who are free engage in hockey, fives or badminton. On days when it is impossible to go down to the field owing to weather conditions, indoor badminton and fives, together with the swimming bath, afford most appreciated opportunities for exercise, whilst it is hoped that with so many boys who are keenly interested in arts and crafts they may be allowed to use the workshop.

The leisure time at Strathallan has never been so well provided for, nor so well organised, and this is reflected in the greater contentment and the sweeter working in the School as a whole.

Strathallan Boy appointed Captain of Scottish Boys' Golf Team

Mr. Bertie Walker, whose photograph is given below, has been appointed captain of the Scottish Boys' International Golf Team which is to play the English boys this year.



Bertie, who is under average height, will surely be one of the smallest players in the tournament, but although only small in stature everyone recognises that he has a great heart. He first entered the Boys' Championship in 1933 when it was played at Carnoustie and when a fellow Strathallian, Mr. Billy McLachlan, was beaten in the final, one or two of the national newspapers commented very favourably upon the play and demeanour of a little chap called Walker who smiled as he went along, smiled as he won the hole, and retained the same smile when he lost. Could any boy wish for a finer testimonial than this, which we hope we may fairly claim is by no means an uncommon characteristic found among boys at

Strathallan? Bertie surprised the critics by knocking out an English international in the third round and he was only beaten at the last hole but one in the fifth round by Findlay of Glasgow. In the same year at Kingussie he reached the semi-final round of the Montgomery Cup which is something in the nature of a senior competition. At the Boys' Championship at Moortown, Leeds, in 1934, Bertie was knocked out in the second round, but in spite of this was chosen as first reserve for the Scottish team. D. Ayton of Barry has been his coach and is very proud of his pupil. Bertie is to follow out the profession of his father, a doctor in Broughty Ferry, and he hopes to complete his university preliminary examination this term. Strathallians past and present offer their hearty congratulations!

THE SONG OF THE GARGLING SCHOOLBOY

Gargle in and gargle out,
Gargle like a rainy spout;
Gargle out and gargle in,
Gargle with uplifted chin;
Gargle here and gargle there,
Gargle, making a germ-snare;
Gargle there and gargle here,
Gargle to prevent germ-fear.
Gargle red and gargle white,
Gargle with the morning light;
Gargle white and gargle red,
Gargle as you go to bed;
Gargle hither, gargle thither,
Gargle till each germ must wither;
Gargle thither, gargle hither,
Gargle each germ to a dither.
Gargle lower, gargle higher,
Gargle like a harp or lyre;
Gargle higher, gargle lower,
Gargle like a squeaking mower;
Gargle left and gargle right,
Gargle every single night;
Gargle right and gargle left,
Gargle germs, their life bereft;
Gargle as a germ deceiver,
And so escape from scarlet fever.

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Sports Notes

RUGBY

THE season started badly, Forrest cracking a bone in his wrist in the second game, so that the early games were little more than a series of experiments. Some difficulty was found in picking a three-quarter line, the best solution being Forrest and Hood in the centre. Forrest had plenty of room to move here and was more valuable than at stand-off, but Hood was rather a liability until he had learnt the new position. He has picked it up well on the whole, with the exception that he still does not realise that intercepted passes which do not come off leave a gap which it is impossible to stop in one's own "twenty-five."

The scrum has been moderate, good at times, bad at others. The worst fault at the beginning of the season was bad heeling from loose scrums; properly executed, the quick heel from the loose is the most deadly of attacks, for the opponents are almost invariably out of position. The wing forwards have often been lazy, some not shoving their weight. They have also not known their positions in the field and where to break through, but this has improved. Roy took his chance at full back, and has so far played a sound game, wisely keeping to the short kick which finds touch, in preference to a long one which does not.

A general weakness in the whole side lies in the passing; the correct procedure being to pass to any man who is in a better position than oneself.

Strathallan v. W. C. Roy's XV, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, September 22nd.

The visitors, composed in the main of Old Strathallians, provided a good opening game. On the whole, the School acquitted itself well, but failed to bottle up Roy so successfully as in the corresponding game last year, with the result he scored three excellent tries. The School pack rose to the occasion and held its own against the heavier eight, but outside, the visitors held a distinct advantage. Nevertheless, at half-time they led only by eight points to

three, a good individual effort by Forrest offering some compensation for two tries by Roy.

In the second half he continued to be a source of danger with his fine running down the wings. C. Roy had bad luck not to save the situation upon one occasion, when he brought down his brother well, but in falling, Billy was able to get the ball over the line for the touch down. The visiting threes were dominant in the later stages, and the School did well to keep the score down to a further eleven points.

Result: Strathallan, 3 pts.; W. C. Roy's XV., 19 pts.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar School, played at Forgandenny on September 29th.

The home side was well beaten by Aberdeen, though they were unfortunate to lose the services of Forrest after the first few minutes with a cracked bone in the wrist. Before this accident he had scored a splendid try, and the issue of the game seemed open. Aitkenhead took his place at stand-off, but the side became disorganised and, once the visitors began to score, demoralised. Actually, Strath. held a slight advantage forward, but whenever the Aberdeen backs obtained the ball, so feeble was the marking of the School threes, a score resulted. Time and again the centres broke through to give their wings easy tries. Cooper and Houston alone stuck to their guns and worked hard throughout the game; the remainder of the side went ignominiously to pieces.

Result: Strathallan, 3 pts.; Aberdeen G.S., 23 pts.

Strathallan v. Edinburgh Institution, played at Forgandenny on October 6th.

The School registered its first victory on this occasion, and though definitely on top in the early stages, it was a trifle fortunate to save the game during a period of strong Institution pressure in the second half. The forwards were carrying the scrums in the first half with monotonous regularity, and had the threes been more together a far

greater score would have resulted. Aitkenhead opened the scoring with as good a dropped goal as has been seen this season. Strath. continued to press, and after several attacks had failed, Houston made an opening and scored an unconverted try. The game then ran evenly, but with the visiting eight well beaten in the tight, the initiative still lay with the School had the three seized their opportunities.

After half-time, the Institution back division improved considerably, while the School's early fire seemed to die down. A good bout of passing ended in the visiting right wing scoring far out. Strath. replied with a forward rush, which was stopped on the line, but Hall broke away and scored near the corner flag. After this, Strath. faded out for a time, and strong Edinburgh attacks were rewarded when the right wing ran strongly and went over at the corner, after being badly missed by several Strath. players. The visitors crept up still further when their left wing-three went over far out, the kick failing. Strath. rallied but never looked dangerous, and the final whistle came as a relief. Aitkenhead played a good game, and his kicking gained ground, but he did not get his threes moving often enough. Houston was quick to seize his opportunities and has a good eye for an opening. The forwards were good, but failed to maintain the ascendancy they should have obtained.

Result: Strathallan, 10 pts.; Edinburgh Institution, 9 pts.

Strathallan v. Robert Gordon's College,
played at Forgardenny on October 13th.

The visiting side was very strong, and Strath. was forced to bow the knee. At least, however, they overcame their disorganisation, and played as a team. The forwards had a good day, and had they not heeled the ball as much as they did, the defeat would have been a much heavier one. The Strath. marking, especially by the wing forwards and scrum half, was bad, and several times Gordon's had as many as two or three men over. Their three line was big and heavy, but this was no excuse for the very bad tackling of the Strath. backs, who, in addition to being outpaced, were all too often merely shaken off. Aitkenhead did his best under the circumstances, but was too well marked to

achieve much. He gained much useful ground by touch kicking, but hardly ever set his threes going. Hood had a useful soccer dribble down the field to score under the posts, for Johnston to convert, but this was the only compensation for a riot of scoring by the visitors.

Result: Strathallan, 5 pts.; Gordon's College, 28 pts.

Strathallan v. Glasgow High School, played at Glasgow on October 20th.

The High School owed their victory to their more combined back play and outstanding ability on the wings; while Strath. lost many opportunities through faulty handling. Strath. kicked off and carried play into the home half, where for ten minutes or so they were definitely on top, several attacks on the Glasgow line only just failing. Finally, a quick heel put Aitkenhead in a position to drop a good goal. This caused a revival in the home side, who replied with a fine run by the wing man. Play ran evenly for a time, but Strang's work at the base of the scrum was poor and gave Aitkenhead few chances. Johnston cut through several times in great style, but sent his passes sadly astray. Before the interval the home side snatched two more unconverted tries down the wings.

In the second half, Johnston moved to scrum half, but by now the home three were combining so well that little difference was observable, for the Strath. backs were forced to concentrate on defence, which showed considerable improvement on previous matches. Our line was, however, badly outpaced by the strong-running Glasgow wing men, who brought the score up to twenty-one. Forrest's absence was greatly felt, as the School's backs seemed to be suffering from an inferiority complex: their work looked promising enough, but all the time they seemed to be saying, "We can't score; Forrest isn't here."

Result: Strathallan, 4 pts.; Glasgow H.S., 21 pts.

Strathallan v. Dunfermline High School, played at Dunfermline on October 27th.

Dunfermline well deserved their victory in a forward game played under bad conditions, half the game being played in

a storm of rain and sleet, which made handling by the backs almost impossible. The home side adapted themselves better to the conditions, and the smartness of their forwards in dribbling and spreading out easily more than made amends for the slight disadvantage they were at in the tight. As it happened, this advantage profited Strath. nothing, for their backs could do nothing with the ball. The team as a whole made an unforgivable mistake in letting the home scrum half, who reminded many of the spectators of a faster edition of Dobson, score four times from a breakaway from the scrum. Both the wing forwards and the scrum half were asleep, but these tries gave Dunfermline an early lead of twelve points. Thereafter Strath. improved a little, and contrived to keep the game more in midfield.

In the second half the Strath. pack, where Dishington played a good game, using his weight advantageously, at least held their own, but could not get the upper hand of the home eight. A forward rush by the Dunfermline side, however, saw one of the pack secure a touch down and the kick made the score seventeen—nil. At this stage Strath. woke up, and for the concluding quarter of an hour were well worth watching for their spirited play. The game was carried down to the Dunfermline line, where a vain, if prolonged, attack was launched. Apart from early errors, Johnston, Dow and Dishington did well; none of the outsides had much opportunity of distinguishing himself, though a kick ahead gave Forrest the best scoring chance of the match, and he was a trifle unfortunate not to open the School's account.

Result: Strathallan, nil; Dunfermline H.S., 17 pts.

Strathallan v. George Smith's XV., played at Forgandenny on November 7th.

Outweighted and outplayed is a fair summary of this defeat. The School backs, with the exception of Forrest, were overawed and disorganised by the heavier metal of their opponents. In the first twenty minutes, half-hearted efforts by the School and smart work by G. Smith and N. Gillanders in going through, combined to give the visitors a lead of twenty-five

points—five converted tries under the posts. After having thus given the game away, the School improved slightly, and kept the score down to thirty-three at half-time.

In the second half, as is usual against older people, the School played better, and for a quarter of an hour there was some spirited mid-field play. Both sides played a good open game, but the Strath. tackling was so poor as to be unnoticeable. Forrest played like ten men, frequently crossing the whole field to catch an opponent whom the rest of the side was quietly watching. With forty-one points against them, Strath. suddenly sprang to life. After a quick drop-out, which went into touch near the visitors' line, Carswell scored from the line-out, and Johnston made a difficult convert. From the restart, Hood intercepted a pass in midfield and ran clean through to score under the posts, Johnston again converting. Strath. again attacked, and a sharp heel on the opponents' line enabled Houston to dive over under the posts, but Johnston failed to add the major points. This effort of thirteen points in under five minutes seemed to have satisfied the Strath. side, and they tailed off, while the visitors added a further eight points. Auld hooked well against a heavier pack, and Dishington's weight was valuable. Dow was conspicuous but ineffective. Forrest tended to isolate himself, though this was in part due to the ineffective backing up of the rest of the threes. His tackling, and he did the greater part of his side's, was excellent, and his kicking gained much ground, by which the disorganised backs could not profit.

Result: Strathallan, 13 pts.; George Smith's XV., 49 pts.

Strathallan v. Allan Glen's School, played at Forgandenny on November 17th.

Strath. had the better of a very even game, which produced no good football. The policy of not passing paid in so far as it worked the game down the field and gave opportunities for a quick dash over the line, but it gave the three-quarters nothing to do, and therefore no chance to improve. The few opportunities they had, however, only served to show their inability, for every movement which Forrest initiated broke down miserably, and the School's

only way of gaining ground was by kicking. In this Forrest excelled. Only one try came in the first half, a kick ahead by Johnston passed the full back, threw the visitors' defence in a tangle, and an attempt to kick dead saw Forrest race up and secure the touch down. Johnston missed an easy kick.

Much the same state of affairs prevailed in the second half. Strath. could work the ball down field according to plan, but could not finish off the work with a decent three movement. It was clear that low scoring would be the order of things, snap tries alone counting. Strath. was a trifle lucky when the visiting centre broke through, but Forrest got back to save on the line. Ultimately, however, Strath. went further ahead. Forrest ran through the line-out—a habit which will bring him trouble one day—and passed to Hall, who, ten yards from the line, was unstoppable. The kick, from near the touch line, failed. Allan Glen's undoubtedly had an off day, for their forwards were not so fiery as they should have been for so large a pack. Strath's heeling was good and clean, well suited to the tactics adopted. Johnston and Forrest played well among the outsiders, though Roy played a sound, if not brilliant, game. Cooper was outstanding among a pack which played well to a man.

Result: Strathallan, 6 pts.; Allan Glen's School, nil.

Strathallan v. Robert Gordon's College, played at Aberdeen on November 24th.

Strath. had an unlucky day at Aberdeen, when a very confident team had all the stuffing knocked out of it by the early loss of Houston, who cracked a bone in the pelvic region. With Carswell on the wing and only seven forwards, the team lost confidence, and the strong Gordon's threes got going well. They played soundly and ran through the Strath. defence to score 11 points in the first half. Forrest was doing three men's work, Aitkenhead and Hood failing to hold their man. Hood's attempt at interception left bad gaps at times. Just before half-time, Hood went away with a soccer dribble, and was unlucky not to be allowed the touch down.

In the second half Strath. played better, and scored point for point with the home side. Forrest started for Strath. by beating the Gordon's stand-off and full back to

score a fine try between the posts, which he also converted. Almost immediately afterwards he dropped a splendid goal, to bring the score to eleven—nine. The Gordon's backs could not be denied, however, their left centre, Booth, particularly making many openings by his strong running and long passes to the wing, which completely bewildered the Strath. defence, three more tries resulting. In the reorganised Strath. side, Carswell took Houston's place very creditably, while Macfarlane on the other wing did his best to hold a faster and more experienced player. Forrest was by far the best player on the field, but his very brilliance isolated him. Of the forwards, Sharp and Cooper played well, and Wilson made a very satisfactory debut in the 1st XV.

Result: Strathallan, 9 pts.; Gordon's College, 20 pts.

Strathallan v. Old Strathallians and Strathallan v. Hillhead High School games on December 1st and 8th respectively were cancelled owing to the outbreak of fever in the School.

SECOND FIFTEEN

The Second Fifteen, without being a brilliant side, have been a more interesting side to watch, partly because they revealed a better understanding with one another's play, with the result some attempt at combined three-quarter play was seen. Unfortunately three of their fixtures were cancelled, the game at Dollar being frozen off, that in Dundee against Morgan's being flooded out, and fever in the School resulting in the cancellation of the final fixture with Hillhead. Honours were easy in the remaining fixtures.

The season opened with a convincing win over Aberdeen G.S. at Aberdeen. Territorially Strath. held the advantage for the greater part of the game, but it was not until Hay changed places with Roy at stand-off half that the game was won. Hay could take Fleming's rather slow and awkward passes on the run, while Roy could do nothing with them, and in the last quarter of an hour Hay sent in Murray twice and Watt once, Roy converting once. Dow and Dishington were outstanding among a hard working pack.

A fortnight later, on October 13th, the side was forced to admit defeat by Gordon's College at Aberdeen. The home side was physically superior to the Strath. side, and deservedly won by 15 points to 3, Hargrove scoring the School's only try from a movement begun by Steven and carried on by the threes. On the following Saturday, Glasgow High School were entertained and a well contested game was drawn at three points all, D. Aitkenhead gaining the School's try in the first half which definitely favoured the home side. After the change over the High School had the better of the exchanges, and a draw was a fair result.

THE THIRD FIFTEEN has been the most successful of the School sides, and is indeed a very promising one. Its members are young, with plenty of enthusiasm, and it is pleasing to note that as the term progressed and their knowledge of the game increased, several of its members won promotion into the second team. In their first game, the attack lacked real thrust, and while territorially they held the advantage, they had to be content with a pointless draw. Gordon's, however, were well beaten by 24 points to 8; and even more meritorious was the victory over Morgan Academy 2nd team by ten clear points.

SWIMMING

The pond has not been available much this term owing to threatened epidemics. A large number of boys competed in the first week of term for their swimming badges and very promising material was discovered among the new boys. The successful entrants were: J. Donaldson, A. J. Turner, H. Tod, D. McColl, C. Stewart, J. Paton, W. Paton, C. M. Turner, W. Anderson, J. Waterston, H. Walker, J. Wilson, J. Kelly, D. Methven, A. Gray. Only one polo practice was possible, and with R. Campbell back to the game, the School side looks a very promising one indeed. Even more pleasing is the enthusiasm among the younger members. House polo seems a thing of the very near future.

FIVES

There has not been quite so much interest in Fives this term, in part due to the strong counter-attraction of the workshop; but it is pleasing to report that certain of the younger element are becoming enthusiastic, and members of the Fifteens are finding it, as indeed it is, a fine training ground. In G. Harrington, who has taken very kindly to the game since forced to abandon rugby, the School possesses a very clever player indeed, whose constant practice will make him a formidable opponent wherever he plays.

BADMINTON

The gymnasium has now been marked out for the purpose of a badminton court, and there is a great demand both from seniors and juniors for its use. With only one court at our disposal, it is not possible for more than eight boys to be able to play during one day, but there are one or two seniors who are becoming quite expert and the day should not be far hence when the boys will be able to produce a team which will give the masters—who rather pride themselves upon their skill at badminton—a real good game. The lighting of the gymnasium has been renewed, and special protected lights of high power have been installed near the roof which, whilst providing most efficient lighting do not in any way interfere with high shots.

Under the new arrangement of the games' time-table it is possible for badminton to be played three times per week from 11.15 to 1.15 and each evening after prep. Taking into consideration that the gym. will be available for the greater part of Saturdays it should be possible for about forty boys to get one game per week. Should sufficient boys show proficiency at the game the old boys will be invited to bring up a team on Commemoration Day and to include the result of the game in the athletic championship between School and Club.

73rd Perthshire Scout Troop

THE beginning of the Christmas Term is always an anxious period for the officers of the Troop. The question arises each year concerning new recruits, whether their numbers will or will not make up for the loss at the end of the Summer Term. This year the fear was groundless, for despite the loss of ten scouts over the holidays, we have now increased the Troop, only two of the eight patrols not being full. It is some time since numbers were over sixty. Of the thirteen recruits, one had already seen some scouting, and the others, with the exception of two, have already passed the Tenderfoot and been invested.

A report of the Summer Camp has already appeared in a previous number of the "Strathallian." There is only one further remark to make. The memory of its enjoyments has already induced the patrol leaders to decide that this year the camp shall again be held in the same place, at Ripley, in Yorkshire. It is hoped that it will again be held in July. This preliminary notice is sufficiently far ahead to enable all members of the Troop to begin, and to have time to complete, an earnest and expectant preparation for the Troop camp, which it is the duty of members to attend whenever possible, but which isn't like most duties "good for you even if it doesn't taste nice," because it is both good for you and does taste nice.

There is place here for a word of praise. In the Summer we were faced by the loss of most of the Troop officers. The small nucleus of old P.L.'s who have remained have done their task very faithfully, and those new P.L.'s—T. Macfarlane, H. Tod, N. Smith and R. Gillanders—who have joined them have begun their task in a splendid fashion. This term R. L. Paul, for two years P.L. of the Lions, is leaving. He has done excellent work, and we wish him good scouting in his future.

This term has seen the beginning of the new Winter Competition system, under which the work of both winter terms is included in one competition. It is too early yet to say whether this change will be successful, but work in the hut has progressed, and several members of the Troop

have spent a considerable time in the workshop under the care of Mr. Waters and Mr. Bain—to whom we are very grateful for their readiness to give up so much of their time to helping there.

The chief feature of the term has been its badge classes. Whether the prospect of a warm fire in the S.M.'s room is the real cause, or whether there is a genuine thirst for increased knowledge of a Scout's full nature, these classes have been well supported. Three of them were for King's Scout badge work—in Ambulance, Public Health, Pathfinder. Once a week there was a class for 1st Class Semaphore Signalling. An entirely new sphere of work was opened up by the Camper Class—the largest of all classes, and in some ways the most merry. All who took this badge have some idea of what camping is; only two had actually done the full camping requirements—twenty nights with the Troop and three nights on one's own. These two were therefore the only two to gain the badge; the rest, having now passed the theory part, will be awarded the badge when they have camped the required period. All who took their tests in these badges were successful, and we are again very glad to be able to record an increase in our number of King's Scouts. That number is now higher than ever previously, but we hope to go beyond even nine King's Scouts in a troop of sixty-three. Those who gained their King's Scout badges, either as a result of the Summer camp and its first-class journeys, or as a result of the above badges are O. T. Brown (who, leaving School, is not of "the nine"), J. A. Smith, D. Hall, T. Macfarlane, H. Tod, D. Irons, and H. Frost. "Camper" work, following the gaining of the King's Scout badge, is a step towards the out-of-door, much-to-be-coveted Bushman's Thong. We congratulate readily our new King's Scouts.

It is a matter of real interest that a previous P.L. of the Troop, H. Allen, who continued his Scouting after he had left School, is now on his way to the Australian Jamboree at Melbourne as a member of the Scottish group.

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CLUB COUNCIL.

14th January, 1935.

At a Meeting of Council held to-day, the retiring order of Members was balloted, and Sub-Committees appointed.

The following is the ballot order:—

Council retiring 1935.

G. G. Baker.
 W. A. C. Lambie.
 Alastair Reid.

*Council retiring 1936.

R. R. Fraser.
 J. Lusk.
 D. O. Melrose.

Council retiring 1937.

D. J. Bogie.
 R. D. Paton.
 N. G. Reid.

Editorial Board.

G. G. Baker.
 R. R. Fraser.
 J. Lusk.

Dance Committee.

N. G. Reid, *Convener*.
 J. Lusk.
 A. Reid.

Dinner Committee.

R. D. Paton, *Convener*.
 R. R. Fraser.
 W. A. C. Lambie.
 J. Lusk.

Sports Committee.

W. A. C. Lambie, *Convener*.
 D. O. Melrose.
 N. G. Reid.

Old Boys' News

STRATHALLIANS will be interested to note that Mr. H. T. Isles has taken over the old established business, service station and showrooms at 161-169 North Street, Glasgow, as a motor agent. Mr. Isles is the authorised agent for several of the best known makes of cars, and he will be delighted to be of assistance to any old Strathallians. He will particularly welcome a visit from any of his old school-fellows.

We note with great interest that Mr. Jack Breckenridge is playing centre three-quarter for Hawick, and in several games he has had a good "press." As a School boy Mr. Breckenridge was outstanding, and the speed and strength of his run brought many a try. He has not been in the game long, being a convert from the soccer code, and after a little experience he should develop into a first-class player.

Last year's School vice-captain, Mr. W. McKenna, has won his way into the pack of

the Glasgow University rugger 1st XV., and there is no doubt that he will go far for he has an excellent knowledge of the game, is very strong, and has a fine burst of speed.

The English papers have been full of praise of Mr. Ronnie Dunn, who figures as Lind's partner in the London Scottish XV. Mr. Dunn is in the very early twenties, and although he did not cover himself with glory in the Melrose Scottish trial, yet there is no doubt that his day will come when he will be a strong candidate for a Scottish Cap.

Many old Strathallians who knew Mr. Neil Gillanders will be very surprised to hear that he was chosen as wing three-quarter for the Midlands against the North at Aberdeen. At school, Mr. Gillanders played centre three-quarter, where his knowledge of the game and his weight were very useful factors, but in a recent match at Strathallan he showed a rare turn of

speed which surprised those who knew him in days gone by.

Mr. Willie D. Clark sends us a long letter from Montevideo telling us of his farming experience in the wilds of the Brazilian frontier. The persistent malady which is affecting many Strathallians nowadays seems to have reached even to South America, for he tells us that he is getting married in early 1935. "Tiné," here's luck to you from all Strathallians!

A long letter has come in from Nairobi from Mr. Hugh Hamilton. He is with his father's firm, Mitchell, Coutts & Company, and has sent a photographic annual of Kenya Colony, "which should be A1 for geography classes." Thanks! We shall make good use of it.

From Buenos Aires comes a letter from Mr. Tommy Docherty, who is due home this next July. He has been practically five years with the Southern Railway, where he is going "through the mill" on the traffic side. He complains that he cannot get any rugger for he is moving about the country, and looks back on his School matches with no little interest and envy. During his first two years out in the Argentine he played regularly for one of their best teams—the Pacific. Members of the luncheon party at the Ca'doro in Glasgow meeting every Monday at one o'clock will be delighted to have a visit from Mr. Docherty.

Another exile who is returning home this year for leave is Mr. Willie Thomson from Colombo. He was married last October. He is to arrive in this country during April and he, too, can be assured of a hearty welcome at the Luncheon Club. Here's health to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thomson!

Mr. Dan Smith, from Calcutta, is now home on leave at Newport. He has entered the marital state, and we extend to him and his good lady the very best wishes of all Strathallians. On his way home he called on Mr. Thomson in Colombo. "Naturally," says Mr. Thomson, "we had lots of things to talk about."

Here's another benedict—Mr. Callum McGeachy, who is a chartered accountant. He was married to Miss Nancy Downie in Shawland's Old Church on the 16th January. His brother, Dr. Archie McGeachy, acted as best man. Mr. McGeachy is residing now at 34 Cranworth Street, Hillhead, Glasgow. Your glasses

again, gentlemen—Good health to Mr. and Mrs. McGeachy.

We note with great satisfaction the return of Mr. George Dobson to the Gala team. Two years ago he was reserve for the South v. North trial, and his substitute in the Gala team played so well that he was retained. This substitute was reserve at Murrayfield in the final trial. Mr. Dobson came into the Gala team v. Academicals, and one of the Edinburgh papers says, "Dobson, the home scrum half, was a great success; in fact, he was the outstanding personality in a game that was always full of interest." That's the way to do it!

We have a letter from Mr. John Campbell, who is resident in Failsforth, Manchester, where he is a radio engineer with Ferranti Ltd. He holds the Postmaster-General's first-class certificate in Radiotelegraphy, and also the City and Guilds' certificates. The radio industry at the present moment is having a boom, and this is the time when a good man should be able to consolidate his position. Mr. Campbell would be pleased to hear from other Strathallians earning their livelihood in this industry.

A new Cambridge crest is figuring on letters received at School these days; the crest is that of Downing College, where Mr. Alastair Montgomerie is taking a course in Economics. Mr. Montgomerie has been through the practical side of the flour business, and has taken diplomas at the Royal Technical College, Glasgow, and the three-years course in Economics at Cambridge should put executive posts within his grasp.

The School is now represented at Cambridge in the following faculties:—Medicine, Law, Economics and English.

Many old Strathallians will remember a brilliant innings by Mr. T. A. N. Forsyth for the School against the Club on Commemoration Day a few years ago, when he hit out over thirty runs required for victory in less than six minutes and with less than one minute to spare from time. Mr. Forsyth is now at No. 2 Flying Training School, Digby, from whence he sends us a card showing six of the machines. Mr. Forsyth should be able to make a career for himself in the Flying Corps, for none who knew him could ever doubt his love of adventure.

We have a note from Mr. Charles Rich from Australia. He is now with Bebarfalds Ltd., Sydney, and perhaps the next time he writes he will let us know more of his activities with the firm.

We have a request for the address of Captain James Guthrie, who is with the Indian Medical Service. He is now in Tibet at the Indian Military Hospital, Giantze, and any letters should be addressed via Calcutta. He expects in the near future to be able to visit the forbidden city of Lasa, and we will then be able to get hold of some first hand news, perhaps even an article for the magazine.

Rowan's match with the School this year has been fixed for Friday the 21st June, and the Secretary informs us that it is practically certain that Jack Hobbs, the all-England cricketer, will be included in their XI. Vickerstaff, our cricket pro., has played with Hobbs in the Bradford Cricket League, and he has promised to prepare for him one of the finest creases he has ever played on in Scotland.

Two old Strathallians, Mr. Harry Allen, of Kirkcaldy, and Mr. W. M. Falconer have been chosen to represent Scotland at the jamboree which is being held in Australia. The School, and especially the Strathallian Troop, is very proud of this honour, following so closely upon that brought by Mr. Sandy Mackay when he was chosen to represent Scottish Scouts at the jamboree in Hungary a little while ago. The many old Strathallians who have passed through the Scouts at School will be very delighted to read that the present troop possesses a record number of King's Scouts and first-class Scouts, and has received congratulations from very high quarters.

Mr. Matthew Cameron, of Te Puke, New Zealand, has sent us a very beautiful pictorial supplement of the Auckland *Weekly News*, for which we extend to him our many thanks, and we hope that it will not be long before he will let us have a letter. The Editor of the magazine suggests that he might send us along with it a short article on the workings of a dairy farm in New Zealand.

We congratulate Mr. W. O. Gibson Taylor, who has graduated M.B., Ch.B. at the University of Glasgow. We also announce his engagement to Miss Margot M. Ritchie, D.S.C., G.G.F.H., of Torridon Avenue, Dumbreck, Glasgow.

The engagement is also announced of Mr. Roy Stewart Blair Hill, of Treckinopoly, India, and Miss Doris Hjördis March, of Kyle Park, Uddingston.

We are pleased to announce that Mr. G. G. Baker, barrister, London, was elected at the last election to the Paddington Borough Council. In a recent interview he states that he has been elected to committees whose duties are to look after local housing, sewerage systems, burial grounds, and public health generally. Mr. Baker, who is a First Class Honoursman of Oxford, and who, by the way, is a brilliant speaker, evidently intends to continue his education. The writer called at Mr. Baker's chambers in London and next to seeing Mr. Baker himself was very pleased to find that he was away at Brighton engaged in court business. Evidently Mr. Baker is by no means a briefless barrister.

Mr. Norman J. Allison, who holds several first-class engineering certificates in marine engineering, is now in the employment of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company on the fields attached to the constructions department. His address is c/o Anglo-Persian Oil Company, Masjid-i-Sulaiman, Persian Gulf.

A short time ago, Strathallians who peruse Scottish newspapers would feel a few heart tugs when they saw the photograph of Miss Porter's wedding to an eminent bacteriologist. Miss Leone Porter is the sister of the late Mr. Alan Porter, who was drowned at Rangoon, and who captained what many believed to be Strathallan's finest rugger team. We certainly wish the good lady and her husband a very happy life.

We hear of the forthcoming marriage of another of Strathallan's old captains, one who made quite a name for himself on the cricket field, Mr. Reginald D. Gillan. Congratulations! Perhaps we shall receive full details for publication in the next magazine.

The Second Annual Dance is being held in the Burlington House on Friday, 1st February, 1935, at 8 p.m. Tickets, 6/6, may be had from the Secretary, Mr. J. B. Maitland Cowan, Solicitor, 30 George Square, Glasgow. It is hoped that members will make every endeavour to be present and thus ensure an enjoyable evening. Members are invited to bring guests.