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Editorial

BEFORE proceeding with the news, there is one S.O.S. message:—

“MISSING, since Easter, 1933, enthusiastic support for ‘The Strathallian.’ When last seen was observed in humorous storyettes, interesting articles and poems; it is feared that loss of memory or forgetfulness is the cause.”

We have tried to word our customary plea for active support in a familiar form in the hope that it may strike responsive chords. It becomes increasingly difficult to give novelty to an editorial of which the main theme is invariably the same. A magazine can no more live on promises as a man can by bread alone. Once more we would appeal to some of our early contributors to show that the art of composition is not lost.

In the School, support has come from very few boys of late, and this naturally is of greater concern than the absence of support from F.P.’s; we naturally expect with their additional activities and interests they find the will often defeated by lack of opportunity. The same plea scarcely holds good for present pupils, even

if this term there has been the legitimate excuse of “Examinations.” What makes the situation more annoying is that it is usually the present pupils who complain that the magazine contains too much seriousness. “Dull and uninteresting,” they say, without thinking that the remedy lies in their own hands. They may not all be literary geniuses, but many reveal a sense of humour in their conversation, and it is the humorous idea that is wanted.

This term we suffer considerable loss on the Editorial Board by the departure of W. C. Roy. He has been a faithful supporter of the magazine since his arrival at School six years ago, and has contributed regularly for nearly four years, despite the calls of his numerous other activities during the last twelve months; and even when he has not himself contributed to the current number, he has made his presence felt among the boys and in some miraculous way cajoled articles from unsuspected quarters; while his little habit of temporarily mislaying contributions has been a never ending source of delight at the Board meetings. We wish him God Speed!

School Notes and Notices

IT must be long since so fine a Summer term has been passed at Strath. It is certainly a unique experience for the effects of a drought to be felt, but this was actually the case when the shortage of water necessitated a short hold up in both tennis and swimming. Fortunately, this was only short, and during the heat wave nothing was so appreciated as a swim after a set of tennis. Work had to be done, however, and the two exam. forms put in some solid study despite the conditions. The results of their efforts are to be found elsewhere.

Despite the fact that they had to stay back rather longer than usual after the rest of the School had gone holidaying, the time seems to have passed pleasantly enough. True, a certain amount of work had to be done in order to keep it fresh in mind; but during the remainder of the time they were left free to indulge any particular fancy, and the tennis courts and swimming pond proved popular, while others went further afield with golf clubs.

All the important events of the term took place in brilliant sunshine. The first of these was the Cross Country, which again attracted a large crowd of competitors. It is pleasing to note that the times for both Junior and Senior events were considerably reduced, the former by nearly two and a half minutes, the latter by over three minutes. This was undoubtedly due to the keenness of the contest for individual and House honours. Indeed, it is doubtful if so close a race as the senior will be seen for many a year. W. Roy had a substantial lead from the field as they came up the golf course, but a spirited burst by R. Maemath, the favourite, gave him the victory by twenty yards in the excellent time of 24 min. 32 sec. W. Hood ran in third, but none of the Houses thus represented won the House competition for the first six men home. Simpson, by good team work were placed first with 67 points, Freeland and Nicol tying for second place nine points in arrears. The Junior race was a more one-sided affair, Freeland team being exceptionally strong. R. Johnstone was first man home in 15 min. dead, followed by R. A. Wilson, also of Freeland. With all six men

in the first ten home, they were easily first with 34 points, Ruthven and Simpson occupying second and third positions with 82 and 94 points, respectively.

Sports Day was again favoured by fine weather, though conditions were all against record breaking. Nevertheless, we have to congratulate W. C. Roy upon lowering the 220 yards record, and upon his convincing all round display to win the Victor Ludorum Cup with 26 points. We also congratulate Nicol House upon winning the House Competition, after a keen struggle in the early stages with Freeland. As they followed this victory with a win in the Cricket, they hold all the cups for this year, a highly creditable performance. To commemorate the occasion, and as a mark of personal appreciation from Mr. Riley, W. Watt, the House Captain, received a replica of the challenge cup at the end of term.

Commemoration Day followed less than a fortnight later, and though the number of Old Boys was not so large as last year, the function was a decided success. A full account of the various events is to be found elsewhere, but we have again to congratulate the School on a well-deserved victory by four events to two. The win in the tennis was nothing if not decisive, while in the cricket the School repeated last year's success by snatching victory in the last minutes. One of these times they will leave it too late, we fear.

The Cricket season has been a glorious one from the view-point of weather; not quite so glorious as far as success was concerned, for defeat at the hands of three school sides is rather unusual. In the person of its captain, W. Watt, the side had a really deadly bowler, much too good for the average school side. We congratulate him upon breaking the School record for the number of wickets taken in a season, hitherto held by T. M. Hart, the Oxford Blue and International, who captured 64 wickets in seventeen matches for an average of 6.5 runs per wicket. Without disparaging Hart's performance, we fancy that Watt's feat is the more meritorious. He had 66 victims for an average of 5.8 in thirteen matches, most of which were played on the almost perfect wicket at

Strath., and against sides of which Schools provided the least opposition. Indeed, it may with perfect safety be said that the better the opposition, the better the School played. The defeat at the hands of Heriot's, Gordon's and Dunfermline revealed a weakness in batting totally inconsistent with true ability, which is better displayed by such matches as that with H. B. Rowan's XI., or in the spirited recovery against Perthshire. Actually, all the batsmen, down to number eleven, were capable of scoring runs, but were far from dependable, so that it was the batting, rather than the bowling, as was anticipated, that contributed to our defeats.

That the team has owed much of its success to the continued dry weather and consequent hard wickets is undeniable, and was proved on the occasion of the Staff match, for on this occasion, with a wet ball, neither Watt nor Forrest were able to swing their deliveries, and the Staff gained their initial victory. Mr. James and Mr. Atkin opened for the Staff, and after the former had left at 11, Mr. Norton assisted in taking the score to 47. Mr. Atkin was unfortunately out when going strong, four short of his half century. Mr. Cole played steadily and had scored 21 before being out l.b.w. with the score at 76. The tail wagged to some purpose, however, and when Mr. McCutcheon, who played well, was beaten, the score had reached 113. When the School batted, they opened confidently, but Shaw was smartly run out at 20, and this seemed to shake their confidence. The Staff fielding, despite missed catches (Oh, Mr. Atkin!) showed a great improvement upon previous years, and the boys found run-getting difficult against a well-placed field, and with Vickerstaff bowling cleverly, half the side was out for 53. Forrest was the only batsman to score freely and included a six and four fours in his innings of 31. Shanks (11) and Macmath and McKenna (9 each), offered a stubborn resistance, but eventually the boys had to acknowledge defeat by 15 runs. We congratulate the winners upon their improved showing, even if they failed rather badly when they met the boys on the tennis courts.

Our congratulations also to:—

A. Fleming and Billy Smith as the Senior and Junior Tennis Champions, an

honour they were retaining for the second year.

R. P. Campbell and J. A. Smith on their success in the Senior and Junior Swimming Championships.

R. Macmath upon being awarded the cricket bat presented annually for the most improved batsman in the cricket teams.

Many old friends leave us this term, chief among whom we number Mr. James, who leaves, after a sojourn of more than six years, during which he has been universally popular, to set up a Commercial School in Glasgow. While we all regret his departure—and the departure of the "Coffin" will be the loss of a real landmark, one might almost say institution—we take this opportunity of wishing him every success in his new venture. The School showed its appreciation of his services by presenting to him a gold watch, suitably inscribed, while the Staff gave him a cheque, at his own request, with which a desk might be purchased, a constant reminder of his days at Strathallan.

The Prefects leave en masse, and their personalities will be missed in the House and in the spheres which they have made their own. All rounders such as W. Watt, W. C. Roy, J. Shaw and A. Fleming will leave considerable gaps on the Sports side. The Rugger sides, particularly, suffer heavily, for in addition to the above quartette, A. Mackay, A. Harrington, H. Shanks, K. G. McKenzie and J. Marr will be missing from the First XV. Mackay and E. Sinclair will be greatly missed by the 73rd Perthshire; McKenzie in his capacity as Swimming captain, where he has shown any amount of enthusiasm; Shaw as Tennis captain; and Roy as chairman of the Dramatic Society, in whose socials he has become famous as a delineator of "silly ass" roles. Mackay, McKenzie, Watt, Fleming and Harrington will also leave gaps to be filled in the Society's ranks; while Fleming has been a leading force in the Debating Society's success. To these, and all others who pass on into the world, we wish every success, and trust that they will find congenial outlets for their energies in their new spheres.

At the end of term the following

promotions were announced by Mr. Riley, the remaining vacancies to be filled later:

Prefects: I. Macbride, School Captain; W. McKenna, Vice-Captain and Captain of Nicol House; J. Breckenridge, Rugby Captain and Captain of Simpson House; R. Macmath, Captain of Freeland House; and W. Carrie, Captain of Ruthven House.

House Prefects: J. M. Wilson, T. Dishington, J. Forrest and D. Peter.

THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Although only two of last year's committee will be available for the coming session, no fears are entertained as to continued success for the Society. In the first place there are nine members who have already had experience before the footlights, and though not all these will be available for the end of term play, since they will be answering the more urgent call of examinations, the nucleus is there for a strong cast. Further, financially, the Society is in a strong position and will be able to improve its stage equipment in the near future.

Below we publish the accounts of the Society for the past session:—

Expenditure.

To Samuel French Ltd. ...	£2	0	0
„ Purchase of Membership Cards ...	0	10	0
„ Expenses of Easter Social—			
Hire of Wig ...	£0	2	6
Production of Programmes ...	0	1	9
Purchase of Spectacles ...	0	2	0
Cigarettes ...	0	5	0
Wood & Son for Inks, etc. ...	0	4	2
Sundries ...	0	3	1
		0	18 6
„ Sundry Cheques and Postages ...	0	0	9½
„ To Balance, being—			
Balance at French Ltd. ...	£1	8	6
Balance at Bank ...	10	13	2
		12	1 8
		£15	10 11½

Income.

By Balance, Dec., 1932, at			
French Ltd. ...	£0	18	3
„ Balance at Bank ...	6	18	11
		£7	17 2
„ Subscriptions for Easter Term ...	5	2	0
„ Collection, Easter Social ...	2	11	9½
		£15	10 11½

Commemoration Day

THE attendance of Old Boys at School on Commemoration Day, June 24th, was scarcely so good as last year. Only sixteen were in time for the Chapel service at 2.15, the morning rain, the first experienced for over a month, doubtlessly suggesting to many that the field events would be completely washed out. Later, however, nearly fifty Old Strathallians put in an appearance, and as a result an entertaining and interesting afternoon was spent.

Mr. Riley took as his Bible reading Kings xix., beginning at the fourth verse, and in his address adapted the Elijah story to to-day's critical situation. The hymns selected for the occasion were "Glorious things of Thee are spoken," "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven," and "O God, our help in ages past."

In the subsequent trial of skill upon the sports field, the School opened with its usual victory in the Relay Race, J. Breckenridge, R. Kirkland, W. Roy and R. Macmath each being a little better than their opposites, G. Smith, "Tweedle" Irvine, W. Wills and R. Dunn, and gaining a twenty-five yards victory.

The Cricket match, won by the School when all seemed lost, and the Tennis match are recounted in detail in the Sports Notes. So, too, are the Swimming events, which were taken before tea and yielded the Old Boys their only victories; though it was a pleasing thought that in the Polo match victory was won by boys who only a year or two ago were helping materially to beat off all challengers. The School Relay of W. Mitchell, J. Smith, I. Gordon and R. Campbell did well to hold the strong Old Boy team of R. Reid, I. Lang, N. Gillanders and A. Lambie to a two-yard victory.

The final event of the day was the Tug-of-War, in which the light School side—they must have been conceding at least a stone per man—after being beaten in the first pull, fought back grimly and won the second after a protracted struggle. The deciding pull was by way of anti-climax, for the School caught the Old Boys completely off their balance after little more than half a minute and won easily before they could recover.

The field events, however, were but a minor part of THE DAY, for with what

joy were past history and scrapes discussed, what delight was there at the renewal of old friendships; and that, no matter who wins or who loses, is the purpose and true spirit of Commemoration Day.

Sports Day 1933

THE School Sports were held on Tuesday, June 13th; and a good company of parents and friends made the most of an interesting afternoon's programme in fair, sunny weather. Conditions were against good times being recorded, but W. Roy ran splendidly in the 100 yards and the furlong. In the former, running against a considerable breeze, he was only 1/10th second outside record, while in the latter he lowered the School record by 7/10th second to 20 1/5th seconds. With victories in the high jump and the hurdles and a second in the long jump and cross country he was an easy winner of the Victor Ludorum Cup with 26 points. J. Marr, whose running in the quarter and half mile races was a feature of the afternoon and who, despite a spiked foot, won first place in the long jump, was runner-up with 15 points; but his challenge came too late, for Roy had established himself in an impregnable position.

As was anticipated, after his fine display last year, R. Kirkland won the Allan Anderson Cup for the Junior Championship very comfortably, and this despite an ankle injury which kept him out of the high jump, an event he won last year. He had four first places, and was followed by D. Gardner (8 points) and T. Farquharson and S. Carswell (6 points).

The House Championship was of a fiercer nature than the Individual. Freeland House commenced the day with a lead of eight points from Nicol, and were indebted to their juniors for maintaining this position till close on the interval, when Nicol's strength in the open events began to make itself felt, and when the interval arrived they had fallen nine points behind, a deficit they never looked like making up. When the afternoon came to an end, Nicol had garnered 126 points against Freeland's 88; while in the fight for the "wooden spoon," Simpson, thanks to Marr's good

work in the second half of the programme, managed to be rid of it to Ruthven by 46 points to 43.

One of the disappointments of the day, and indeed a contributing factor to Freeland's failure in the championship, was the running of R. Macmath, last year's Junior Champion. Handicapped by sickness, he failed to produce his now famous burst of speed which has hitherto carried him to victory in the closing stages of the quarter and half miles; and only began to find his real form in the House Relay, when he ran a valiant, if vain, race to catch Forrest who had a long lead.

The prizes were distributed by T. Ferguson, Esq., of the Port Commission, Rangoon, who, as Mr. Riley pointed out at the conclusion of his survey of the year's work, was one of the earliest Strathallians, and in his fight against adverse circumstances, both in and after the war, typified the fine fighting spirit of the School—the Will to Success.

The full list of prize-winners is as follows:—

Open Events.

100 yards. 1. W. Roy; 2. J. Breckenridge.
220 yards. 1. W. Roy; 2. J. Breckenridge.
440 yards. 1. J. Marr; 2. R. Macmath.
880 yards. 1. J. Marr; 2. R. Macmath.
High Jump. 1. W. Roy; 2. J. Forrest.
Long Jump. 1. J. Marr; 2. W. Roy.
120 yards Hurdles. 1. W. Roy; 2. J. Forrest.
Throwing the Cricket Ball. 1. W. Watt;
2. H. Shanks.

Under 16 Events.

100 yards. 1. R. Kirkland; 2. R. Campbell.
220 yards. 1. R. Kirkland; 2. T. Farquharson.
440 yards. 1. D. Gardner; 2. T. Farquharson.
880 yards. 1. D. Gardner; 2. T. Farquharson.
High Jump. 1. S. Carswell; 2. M. Mitchell.
Long Jump. 1. R. Kirkland; 2. S. Carswell.
120 yards Hurdles. 1. R. Kirkland; 2. J. Drummond.

Under 14 Events.

90 yards. 1. T. Macfarlane; 2. R. Grant.
220 yards. 1. T. Macfarlane; 2. I. Grant.
High Jump. 1. T. Macfarlane; 2. D. McColl.
Long Jump. 1. R. Grant; 2. T. Macfarlane.

Under 12 Events.

80 yards. 1. I. Grant; 2. J. Shanks.
High Jump. 1. I. Grant; 2. J. Shanks.

Other Events.

House Relay. 1. Nicol; 2. Freeland.
House Tug-of-War. 1. Nicol; 2. Freeland.
Three Legged Race. 1. A. R. Scott and S. Dobbie; 2. G. Strang and D. Wood.
Obstacle Race. 1. R. P. Campbell; 2. R. Houston.
Tilting the Bucket. 1. A. R. Scott and R. P. Campbell; 2. T. Farquharson and W. Smith.

The Malvern Country

THAT Mr. Masfield, the Poet Laureate, should feel (at the time when he was strongly conscious of the call of the sea and was being inspired by it to write his Salt-water Ballads, which include the now world-famous "Sea Fever") the charm of the Malvern Country seems to me justification for writing of it; if indeed any such justification is necessary. And yet to put into words the secret of its charm is no light task.

There are seven Malverns clustering round the range of hills which run North and South, a few miles West of the Severn, and between the Cathedral cities of Worcester and Gloucester. So at least all guide books tell us, but either their writers cannot count, or one must be kept secret, for some seven or eight years' intimate acquaintance with the district has revealed only six to the writer. But that is by the way, and comparatively unimportant anyway. The hills rise up out of the wide plain of the Severn Valley, and are conspicuous landmarks for fifty and more miles around, for two of the peaks pass the thirteen hundred feet mark; and a fairer sight can scarcely greet the eye than the sunset behind them, with the sky all the shades from flame to green, and the hills casting gigantic shadows on the plain, calling forth innumerable purples in the woods and orchards clinging to their slopes. For the hills form part of the Malvern Chase, for long the almost impenetrable haunt of the wild boar, and though the summits are velvety grass slopes, they rise from out woodlands which even the growth of towns and villages has failed entirely to subdue.

From the eastern slopes of the North Hill and the Worcestershire Beacon, from which, according to Macaulay,

"Twelve fair counties saw the blaze" in the days of the Armada, slips the town of Great Malvern. "Slips" is the word, for it seems to cling lovingly to them, and ceases to exist as soon as the plain is reached. After an absence of some years I visited it again, fearing that with the building of a theatre, where Sir Barry Jackson houses annually a Dramatic Festival, and an open air

swimming pond of magnificent proportions, I should find its former charm gone. But no! Such touches of modernity cannot alter the dreamy, I might almost say lazy, somnolent atmosphere that hangs over it. Despite the encroachment of the omnibus and the car, there was still the same old-fashioned four-wheeler plying for hire, the same horse pulling it, as sleepy as ever, hardly able to summon up sufficient energy to switch away the same fly that tormented it years ago. The visitors walk the streets, and look at the shops: no-one ever seems to buy; no shopkeeper ever seems anxious to sell. Five o'clock on Christmas Eve finds the whole town quiet, its shops all closed, while at Worcester, scarce eight miles away, ten o'clock sees the shops full of last-minute purchasers. Sunday is a day of rest; even the dogs seem to assume a more decorous behaviour and no longer frisk or bark. And yet life goes on here, and they are happy to let it pass them by. After all, they have a foretaste of Paradise already.

On Sundays it is still the correct thing to go to church: indeed, there are no counter-attractions, for golf courses and tennis courts are closed. Then one visits the Priory Church, surely one of the finest parish churches in the country. It was originally attached to a Benedictine Monastery, the northern side of the Nave being original 11th century work, while all of it is pre-Reformation. Its stained glass, the gift of Henry VII., ranks easily with the finest in the kingdom; it boasts of exceptionally fine encaustic tiles, manufactured in the monastery kilns, some very fine Miserere seats dating back to the end of the 14th century, like those in the neighbouring Worcester Cathedral, in a wonderful state of preservation, and is indeed, both in size and architectural interest, worthy to rank with the nearby Cathedrals.

All that remains of the monastery to which the church was attached is the Abbey gateway, in perpendicular style, under which, no doubt, Henry VII. passed frequently when he visited the Malvern he loved.

And I can see again, as the soft twilight
falls,
The ghost of some old monk, with shorn
and shining pate,
Bend his slow steps towards the tolling
bell that calls
Him from the world, and pass beneath the
Priory Gate.

At the risk of becoming wearisome to
those to whom architecture and history make
no appeal, I must make some mention of the
remains of another Benedictine Monastery,
an offshoot of that already referred to, at
Little Malvern, at the southern end of the
range, again used to-day as the church.

A little house of GOD,
With entrance porch trod
Hollow by the peasant feet
Passing to Sunday pray'r—
GOD'S little house, where
Three score souls may greet
From the age dark pews
HIM with His rightful dues :

A house, that once had been,
With dark, rough rude-screen
And miserer'd seats unworn,
Blossoming in its prime,
Now by the hand of Time
Stands wasted and forlorn ;
And all its flower
Nipped in a little hour.

To the average Scotsman, used to his
native crags and, often, forbidding
mountains, it is difficult to explain the charms
of mere hills. Not a little lies in the green
of the grass, the fact that at each step it
yields to the foot like some multimillionaire's
carpet, that it invites a gambol because it
does not bristle with boulders, that even in
mid-winter, when the hoar frost lies heavy,
it still yields with a crunch that is music to
the ears. Some of the charm, too, depends
upon the position of the hills. How pleasant
is it in the Spring to look down from the
Malverns upon the distant orchards, or in
the Autumn to watch the wind's steaming
effect as it ruffles the patchwork of corn-
fields and pasture land ; and in Winter to view
a snow-clad world which is something more
than a mere barren waste, a chequer board
of black woods and white fields, the latter

all rimmed with the black hedges, the roads
black also, or merely a smudgy brown,
according to the amount of traffic they bear.
Then again, Nature is never asleep : at West
Malvern, over the hill from Great Malvern,
roses have been blooming in profusion in the
gardens at Christmas, while in the wooded
foothills further west that mask picturesque
villages such as Cradley and Bosbury, I have
found primroses and even bluebells.

These foothills are a never ending source
of delight to anyone who loves peace and
knows his Nature. They stretch away west-
ward some eight miles to the market town
of Ledbury, one of the most picturesque
black and white towns I know, with its 17th
century half timbered Market House in the
centre of the market square, shops on one
side and Saint Katherine's Hospital on the
other, all timbered. Further up the main
street is Lord Biddulph's large residence,
Ledbury Park, associated with the Civil Wars
when the town was occupied by Prince
Rupert. Dotted among the hills are villages
with old churches, some, like that at Ledbury,
with the steeple detached from the church
itself. Streams, overgrown with kingcups,
pour tumultuously among the hills, through
thickets, where one may start a pheasant or
even a fox, for this is a great hunting
country, and it is no uncommon sight to meet
the hounds and scarlet-coated riders thread-
ing their way through the underbush.

For those interested in archæology, at the
southern end of the range are two British
Camps, the one on the Herefordshire Beacon
being of immense size and in a perfect state.
On the isolated, windswept hill, how easy it
is to imagine with Mr. Masfield,

“ Spearman and charioteer and bowman
Charged and were scattered into spray,
Savage and taciturn the Roman
Hewed upward in the Roman way.

There—in the twilight—where the cattle
Are lowing home across the fields,
The beaten warriors left the battle
Dead on the clansmen's wicker shields.”

The same hill is associated in legend with
a Giant, whose cave and grave are still to be
seen, the latter growing larger every year.
And, naturally, the atmosphere would not be

complete without a curse, attached to the last hill in the range, the Raggedstone. A monk, forced to walk on his knees from here as a penance, placed a curse upon all who should fall under the shadow of the hill; and the simple country folk are still only half convinced that it is only a legend.

But it would be unfair to leave the Malverns with any suggestion of a curse. I have said nothing of the attractions of the surrounding country, nothing of the magnificent view to be had after a stiff climb, unless you are old and follow the path, from the summit of the Worcestershire Beacon, with all the Welsh mountains visible to the west,

and to the east the Severn winding under Bredon, past the tower of Gloucester Cathedral, and so on to the Bristol Channel. I rather leave you looking down upon the sleepy town at the foot of the hill beneath you, as you lie upon the springy turf, with the lark singing his evening hymn, the sun fast sinking, and you

Gazing on the dreaming tower of Malvern Priory,

With its red tile roof a-gleaming in the sun,
That, o'er the nodding head of Worcester Beacon, fiery

Burns in token that the lazy day is done.

M. N.

Freedom

THROUGHOUT the world democracy is perishing; dictators rule the destinies of nations and the lives of people. In Britain many are heard to say that the system of Party Government has outlived its utility and that a dictatorship would be more beneficial to the country. Such reasoning is founded on ignorance of the principles behind party government, failure to appreciate freedom, and wilful blindness to the dangers of dictatorship.

The virtue of party government lies not in personalities but in principles, and the greatest of these principles is that expressed in the cry of the 19th century which led to the German Revolution and to the overthrow of tyranny in Russia—live free or die—the demand of all men, the expression of the advance of civilisation. By progress man has earned the right to individual thoughts and actions, freedom to form his own views, both religious and political, and, most important of all, the right to have a part in the management of his country by deciding into whose hands control shall be delegated. Party government is the logical outcome of the demand for such liberty.

It is interesting to trace the growth of this demand for liberty from the time of the

Norman occupation, when the people had no freedom, were in utter misery, and owned neither lands nor goods without the consent of their overlords. Despite Magna Carta, which served only to give more power to the barons and further suppress the people, this desperate condition remained until the first forerunner of our present Parliament was formed by Simon de Montfort: representatives from the towns and shires were given the right to voice the opinions of the people. From this time the demand for liberty, political freedom and the revolt against tyranny and oppression became vital. The great victory of the Puritans for freedom of conscience marked an important stage in the self-realisation of the people. The form of government established by de Montfort persisted throughout the centuries; its form was often altered and civic rights extended to minorities—Jews, Catholics and Dissenters. And so to-day the election of those who govern the country is left without reserve to the mass of the people. In the words of Richard John Seddon, "There is nothing so dear—almost next to life itself—as civil rights to the British race."

Political thought and political theory are opposed to the idea of a dictatorship. Aristotle's dictum "that the State came into

existence for the sake of life and exists for the sake of good life" still influences our opinions. The State may be considered as a moral institution whose purpose is to direct men's lives to the high level which is the goal of humanity; the immediate purpose of the State is still directed to securing conditions and protecting rights. Moral action is action proceeding from the free choice of the individual; if an action is done under compulsion it is morally neither right nor wrong. A State governed as ours is, can and does ensure the conditions in which free moral development of persons is possible; the rights of freedom of thought, personal liberty and discussion are guaranteed. These rights are essential to the growth of character. The inevitable repression and restriction which would result from the advent of a dictator would stultify moral growth not so much of ourselves, but of future generations. Evolution demands personality; personality is an individual achievement. Nature has no concern with races or with nations. It is impossible, one writer says, to believe that we shall enter Heaven in batches: the Y.M.C.A., followed by the Black Shirts of Italy; battalions of Sein Feiners preceded by members of the Anti-Vivisection Society. Man must have freedom to find himself — there is no freedom in dictatorship.

On what does Britain's greatness depend? Not on our land nor on our machinery, but on credit and capital. These two, credit and capital, depend upon the condition of society: party government is an indispensable component of that condition — it is part of that "great source of traditional influence" which has led to Britain's greatness. Alter this condition of society and we shall become an impoverished nation.

Consider also the effect of a dictatorship on the Dominions. At present, for all practical purposes, the Dominions are self-governing—the ideals of democracy have been extended to them as well as to our own people; but they are still subject to the intervention of the Mother Country, especially in matters relating to foreign policy. Is it possible that there exists a man who on becoming dictator of this country would be possessed of super-human genius, universal knowledge, and inspired diplomacy such as

would make him acceptable to the Dominions? In this country his word would be law, but what if he attempted to dictate to our Dominions? Attempted coercion lost us America.

What of India? The various crises which have arisen in that great country during the last few years have, in the opinion of all but Mr. Churchill, been dealt with in a masterly fashion. Toleration, reason and forbearance have been used to advantage. But would a dictator be content to parley with a Ghandi? Would he not frown upon this attempt to give a democratic government to the people? Any attempt of force would stir up the whole country—Hindu, Moslem, Untouchable and the rest. India would be lost also.

Dictatorship means tyranny and death for dissenters. There can be no such thing as a "benevolent dictatorship." In Italy the establishment of the dictator was marked by assassinations, riots and wholesale murder of Socialists. In Germany to-day we see the same unscrupulous use of force and persecution of Jews.

What are the principles which lead to this violent rule? It is difficult to find a reason apart from a man's overwhelming egotism and the sycophancy of his followers, but a significant clue is found in this extract from Mussolini's famous speech at Naples: "Overcome enemies with evil." Under a dictatorship there is but one opinion—that of the dictator; agree with it or die. Such a thought is so foreign to our ideals of freedom and equality as to be almost incomprehensible. The brutality of a feudal age; the tyranny of a Czar; the oppression of irresponsible kings — all these, which democracy and progress have destroyed, are resurrected by substituting a dictator for representative government. Do we prefer freedom and equality to tyranny and injustice; liberty of speech and writing to terror-stricken silence; justice for all, irrespective of class or creed, to suffering and death for dissentients; open debate in council to humiliating acceptance of a dictator's orders?

We have been born to an inheritance of freedom which we shall not lightly relinquish.

I. S. C.

The World Jamboree at Gödöllő, Hungary

AFTER an exceedingly tiresome journey to Dover, during which we had a six hour wait at Preston in the early hours of Sunday morning, we found ourselves on board a Dutch steamer bound for Ostend. Although conditions verged on stormy towards the end of the voyage, the crossing was fairly good. The real discomforts of the trip began at Ostend.

Here we quickly changed to a train, only to discover with horror that a two days' journey lay before us on hard, solid cast-iron seats. A more wearisome journey is hardly conceivable. Our first stop was Cologne at five a.m., to be remembered chiefly for the hot coffee with which we were served; and so down the Rhine to Frankfurt, again appealing through our stomachs, breakfast of rolls, hard boiled eggs and soda water being distributed; and at length on to Nuremberg.

We had a marvellous reception here from the Nazis—brass bands and flags galore—and the whole assembly stood to attention, hands raised in the Nazi salute during the singing of the Nazi anthem. We exchanged "how do you do's" as best we could, and then began an exchange of badges for their Hitler emblems.

The remainder of the outward journey was uneventful. We must give great credit to the imagination of the song writers about the Danube, however. Far from being the "beautiful blue Danube" of their songs it was a dirty yellowish colour. Of Passau, Vienna, seen at three a.m., and Budapest we saw but little; but at length reached Gödöllő where we were greeted once more with brass bands, and this time by hundreds of Scouts.

The next day, Wednesday, the Chief Scout officially opened the Jamboree in the arena. There was a march past of all the Scouts in camp, thirty thousand of them, one country after another—truly a most memorable and magnificent spectacle.

Throughout the fortnight the time was spent in visiting the various camps, while each day displays were given in the arena or sports ground. Camp fires at night were usual, and each country was asked to send representatives to the other countries' fire to give some account of themselves.

Excursions to various towns were quite common, and it was our lot to be taken to the Hungarian plains where the "Cheekos" (the Hungarian equivalent to cossacks) gave displays of horsemanship. Fruit being the main product of the small towns hereabouts, we were showered with it in various forms. For this we were truly grateful, for Hungarian food takes some getting used to. Polonies eaten raw, paprika, and solid jam proved almost indigestible, and further, the polonies particularly, believed that "it pays to advertise."

Budapest also came under our observation, and the bathing was especially appreciated. There is a huge place with warm, medium and cold ponds, and every fifteen minutes in the last named huge waves come dashing along with such force to carry the occupants of the pond more than half its length.

It is astonishing how much in common there is between people of different nations, and with the spirit of friendliness abroad, friends were easily made. German, French and English, as had been anticipated, were the predominating languages, but to make oneself understood it was often necessary to speak a word in English, another in French and finish with German. Scarcely anyone spoke Magyar except the Hungarians themselves, for seemingly it is exceedingly difficult to learn. Having discovered that it has about sixteen cases alone, most of us gave up the idea of even trying to learn it. However, there was one word everyone knew, "change." The universal "swopping" of badges (or anything else for that matter) which we had experienced at Nuremberg with the Nazis was again experienced here. Autographing, photographing and changing must have occupied an unsuspectedly large proportion of our waking hours, for it was confined not only to the Scouts but also extended to all visitors.

It was unfortunate that there was only a fortnight, and it passed so quickly that we seemed home again before we realised it. It was all great fun, but there is always a happy feeling about a homecoming; and sure enough the white cliffs of Dover were a welcome sight, and no less so were the hills of the Borders.

A. A. M.

Sports Notes

CRICKET

THE season has been, on the whole, a highly successful one, although it is disappointing that three out of the four matches lost should have been against school sides. It is no exaggeration to say that the more skilful the opposition, the better the 1st XI played. As cricketers they were infinitely superior to Heriot's, Gordon's and Dunfermline H.S., to whom they had to bow the knee. The fact remains that on these occasions they were out of luck, and to a certain extent let down by the batsmen, reputedly the strongest department in the team.

That the batting was strong as a whole is amply proved by the fact that every member of the side was capable of scoring runs on occasion, and that eight of the side have topped the twenty once or more in the season. A great cause for gratification is that six of the eleven will in all probability be available for at least another season.

The bowling has proved unexpectedly strong, Watt proving particularly deadly, averaging five wickets per match, and the schools as a rule found him almost unplayable. He was well supported by Forrest and Hood, both of whom kept a good length upon occasion to keep runs down, even if they were scarcely so deadly. The hard pitches particularly favoured the swinging deliveries of Watt and Forrest, and the spin bowlers, McKenna and I. Wood, had little opportunity of showing the skill they undoubtedly possess, though they, too, had some deadly spells. As all these bowlers, save Watt, will be available next year, there seems to be little need to worry about the bowling since all will have profited by the season's experience.

The fielding has scarcely been up to the usual Strath. standard. Watt set a brilliant example to his men with his clean picking up and good returns, while his fielding off his own bowling has been a feature of the play. I. Wood, J. Forrest and R. Macmath were closest imitators of their captain, and though others shone in particular matches, they were far from consistent and were at times extremely lax.

As a captain, Watt has shown considerable skill, and his placing of his field has been excellent, apart from a tendency to place his slips too deep which has resulted not only in missed chances behind the wicket but also several singles being scored by enterprising batsmen.

The second team saw many changes in its ranks. Here again there was no dearth of promising young bowlers, and again an inconsistency among the batsmen which was disappointing. All too often it was left to the tail to redeem a bad start. There is no doubt that its stability was considerably enhanced with the drafting in of several of the colts who did so well against Gordon's College Colts, one of the recruits, Johnston, soon finding himself promoted into the first team. In the two Colt matches played young bowlers were again discovered, though the batsmen failed badly against the Grammar School.

Team Criticism

W. W. Watt has proved a good captain in every way and obtained the best out of his men. He has been the School's star bowler, his swinging deliveries repeatedly carrying disaster. His batting has suffered in consequence, but he has come to the rescue on several occasions with some hard hitting. His fielding remains as brilliant as ever and a magnificent example to all. 1st XI Colours awarded 1932, 1933.

W. C. Roy is the School's most stylish and forceful batsman, though his over-eagerness to score quickly has occasionally cost him his wicket. His fielding continues to improve, though his groundwork still remains somewhat below standard. 1st XI Colours awarded 1932, 1933.

A. Fleming has been exceedingly consistent and possesses a solid defence. He should seek to improve his running between the wickets since he has been involved in several run out decisions. He fields at point where he has at times been brilliant. 1st XI Colours awarded 1933.

J. Shaw is a good opening batsman with a rock-like defence and a partiality for the leg side. He has played behind the stumps where he has been useful if somewhat

erratic. In the field he has usually been very safe. 1st XI Colours awarded 1933.

R. Macmath is the most improved batsman in the side. He possesses style and a full knowledge of stroke play, but is forceful, hitting well all round the wicket. He has put in some extremely good work in the outfield. 1st XI Colours awarded 1933.

J. G. Forrest, with Watt, has borne the brunt of the attack and has usually kept a good length to keep down runs. He is a stylish bat with a full repertoire of strokes, but should learn to restrain himself a little more. A sound fielder. 1st XI Colours awarded 1933.

H. T. Shanks failed to find his form with the bat till late in the season when he showed himself capable of forcing the pace. His fielding has been rather patchy. 1st XI Colours awarded 1933.

W. McKenna is a useful left arm spin bowler who found the wickets very unsuitable. A somewhat impetuous bat, he is capable of scoring rapidly once his eye is in. There is room for improvement in his fielding.

W. Carrie has played a very sound innings against the Old Boys, and reveals a sound defence combined with a capacity for quick scoring in emergency.

I. R. Wood is a useful change bowler, right arm spin, and is a fair bat, at present lacking in scoring strokes. His fielding has been exceptionally good.

W. Hood is a very good medium paced bowler who should do well next season. He should also make a useful bat if he can overcome his nerves and wait patiently for the ball to hit. He has shown up well in the field by reason of his smart returns.

L. Campbell possesses a very sound defence but is lacking in forceful scoring strokes. He has done many smart things in the field.

R. Johnston has proved the best, and certainly the most promising of the wicket-keepers tried, though naturally as yet he lacks experience. He has an excellent defence, and should now seek to cultivate other scoring strokes than to leg.

1st XI: Played 13, Won 7, Drawn 2, Lost 4.

AVERAGE RUNS PER WICKET:

In all Matches: For 14.3, against 11.11.

In School Matches: For 13.15, against 8.42.

Batting Averages.

	Innings.	No. times not out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.	Catches.
A. Fleming	- 12	3	51*	236	26.21	4
W. C. Roy	- 13	1	56	307	25.58	0
R. Macmath	- 10	3	51*	123	17.58	1
J. Shaw	- 12	0	30	160	13.33	4
H. Shanks	- 11	1	29	116	11.60	2
J. Forrest	- 13	1	27	123	10.25	2
W. McKenna	- 6	1	20	47	9.40	1
W. Watt	- 10	0	28	85	8.50	3
K. McKenzie	- 4	2	11*	15	7.50	3
R. Johnston	- 4	0	14	16	4.00	2
I. Wood	- 5	0	2	7	1.40	1
W. Hood	- 2	2	6*	10	—	2
W. Carrie	- 2	1	17*	19	19.00	0
I. Macbride	- 3	1	11*	13	6.50	1
L. Campbell	- 3	1	7*	10	5.00	1
J. Drummond	2	0	3	3	1.50	0

*Signifies Not Out.

Bowling Analysis

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avr. runs per wkt.
W. Watt	- 185.4	61	383	66	5.80
W. McKenna	- 34	10	86	8	10.75
K. McKenzie	- 35	8	98	7	14.00
J. Forrest	- 133.1	35	374	22	17.00

I. Wood	- 16	5	53	4	13.25
W. Hood	- 21	3	107	4	26.75

W. Roy also had 1 wkt. for 14 runs, I. Macbride 1 for 39, G. Balfour 0 for 4 and S. Dobbie 0 for 9.

Strathallan v. G. Heriot's School. Played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 29th April.

Strath. batted first, Shaw getting off the mark quickly with a boundary off his second ball, but with only 11 runs scored he lost Roy; and with only six added Shanks, Shaw and Watt had joined him in the pavilion. A. Fleming and Macmath offered more opposition, and the latter was playing well when a fast off drive was brilliantly held. Half the side was out for 34, but Fleming and Forrest, playing by no means perfect cricket, took the score to 82 before the latter was caught for 27. Fleming followed soon after for 30, and Macbride was the only other batsman to offer any resistance with 11 not out, the innings closing for 99.

Heriot's opened well, the first three wickets falling for 63. At 73 Watt, resuming after a rest, brought about a dramatic change, taking wickets with successive balls, and following with a wicket in each of his next overs, so that the visitors had lost seven wickets for 79. At this stage Watt's second spell had yielded six wickets in five overs for eight runs. Though a further wicket fell at 98, the School were well beaten, mainly due to some hard hitting by Liddel, who scored 52. The game revealed a woeful weakness in bowling, there being no one to support Watt from the other end. Watt's final analysis was six wickets for 43, McKenzie being the next most successful bowler with two for 13.

Result: Strathallan, 99; George Heriot's School, 137.

Strathallan v. Dollar Academy. Played at Forgandenny on Saturday, May 6th.

Shaw and Roy opened the School's innings and gave the side a good start, forty being on the board before Shaw was out l.b.w. for a patient 18. Roy and Fleming added a further 39 before Roy was caught for 40. A collapse followed, only Shanks (15) making any show with the bat, and he and Fleming (21) were both foolishly run out. Indeed the running between the wickets left much to be desired. A total of 106 did not augur well for the School.

Dollar were well served by their opening batsman, Melville. He was fourth out for a rapidly compiled 44 with the score at 60. Thereafter the Strath. bowlers were definitely on top, and thanks to good bowling by Watt (4 for 28, including the hat trick), Wood, I. (2 for 0), and McKenzie (2 for 16), the School had little difficulty in registering a convincing first victory, Dollar being all out for 64.

Result: Strathallan, 106; Dollar Academy, 64.

Strathallan v. Gordon's College. Played at Forgandenny on Saturday, May 13th.

Winning the toss, Strath. batted first, but with only six runs on the board, Roy was stumped. Against slow spin bowling Strath. put up a poor show, and four

wickets were down for 26 when Forrest and Fleming came together, and they carried the score to 41 before the former, who was forcing the pace well, was run out for 14. Macmath was also run out at 52, and was followed seven runs later by Fleming who had batted ninety minutes for 17. Thanks to some big hitting by McKenna, who hit two sixes and a four in his total of twenty, the score was ultimately taken to 83 before the last wicket fell, after nearly two hours play.

Strath. opened the attack confidently, the first wicket falling without a run scored, but thereafter the visitors went for the bowling and demoralised the bowlers so that the home score was passed with only four wickets down. The innings was closed at the tea interval with the score at 107. Watt was again the most successful bowler with 4 wickets for 34 runs.

Result: Strathallan, 83; Gordon's College, 107 for 6 wickets.

Strathallan v. Kilmacolm. Played at Forgandenny on Saturday, May 20th.

Winning the toss, Strath. sent in the visitors to bat, and good bowling, backed up by alert fielding, caused wickets to fall at regular intervals. Four wickets were down for 25 runs, and nine for 48, but the last wicket proved more difficult to take and the innings closed for 64.

In reply Strath. lost Shaw with only four runs on the board, and Forrest was out l.b.w. without addition to his second ball. Thereafter, however, Roy and Fleming batted confidently, the former hitting the ball hard. The innings was closed when he was caught behind the wicket for 44, which included a six and eight fours, Fleming carrying his bat for 24.

Result: Strathallan, 72 for 3 wkts.; Kilmacolm, 63.

Strathallan v. Stewart's College. Played at Forgandenny on Monday, May 22nd.

The visitors were again sent in to bat, and good bowling by McKenna and Watt saw four wickets down for 23 runs before lunch, the former claiming three of them in four overs for seven runs. The batting was singularly dull and unenterprising, the innings lasting close on three hours for 63 runs, half of which were contributed by the

last three batsmen. Of the forty-four overs bowled, twenty were maidens, more than half of Watt's fifteen being so. He took three wickets for 14, but McKenna with four for 13 had the best record.

Shaw and Fleming gave their side a good start, twenty going up before the former was bowled. Forrest hit a forceful 17 before being caught at 52. Roy and Fleming saw the visitors' total passed without further loss, and the innings was closed at 121 when Fleming was caught for a careful 41, three boundary strokes being his best strokes. Roy, after a shaky start—he was appealed against for l.b.w. three times in one over—hit hard and included two sixes and two fours in his not out 42.

Result: Strathallan, 121 for 3 wickets; Stewart's College, 63.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen G.S. Played at Forgandenny on Saturday, May 27th.

The Grammar School batted first against the bowling of Watt and Forrest, and runs came but slowly, the former opening with four maidens. The first wicket fell at eleven, the second at twenty-two, at which score Watt captured four wickets in seven balls. Eight wickets were down for 33, but a timely ninth wicket stand took the score to 94, the innings finally closing for 100. Watt, who bowled excellently throughout, claimed nine wickets for 21 runs in 19 overs, hitting the stumps seven times. The home fielding was poor, Shaw, behind the stumps, particularly missing chances.

Shaw and Fleming opened Strath.'s innings, and, after the former had been missed off his first ball, gave their side a good start, 32 being on the board before Shaw, who had run many short singles, went out l.b.w. Forrest and Roy failed to reach double figures, but with Shanks and Fleming associated runs came freely until at 89 the former was caught for 24, which included five fours. The visitors' score was passed without further loss, and Macmath and Fleming took the score to 138 for 5 wickets before stumps were drawn. Fleming had exercised great care and had reached the boundary on but three occasions in compiling his 51.

Result: Strathallan, 138 for 5 wickets; Aberdeen G.S., 100.

Strathallan v. Dunfermline High School.

Played at Dunfermline on Wednesday, May 31st.

The home side won the toss and elected to bat on a grassy wicket. The early batsmen faired badly against the bowling of Watt and Forrest and four wickets were down for 10 runs. A stand for the fifth and eighth wickets, however, improved the situation but the score had only reached 68 when the last wicket fell. Watt was almost unplayable and had the satisfaction of taking all ten wickets for a mere nineteen runs, hitting the stumps eight times. His full analysis read O. 20 M. 9 R. 19 W. 10. Forrest also bowled excellently and bowled thirteen overs for only nine runs. The fielding was again poor, though Johnston, playing behind the stumps, justified a further trial.

Strath.'s innings opened disastrously, four wickets being down for eleven runs. Shanks and Watt improved the score, but at 30 the former was caught, and the latter was bowled with only one run added. McKenna and McKenzie were the only other batsmen to reach double figures with 15 and 11 not out respectively. The finish was exciting for with the last man in Strath. wanted four runs for victory and had five minutes to play. Johnston provided something of an anti-climax by being run out with both batsmen at the same end after McKenzie had hit what both batsmen thought had been a boundary.

Result: Strathallan, 65; Dunfermline H.S., 68.

Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy.

Played at Crieff on Saturday, June 3rd.

Watt won the toss and sent in the home side. Runs were slow in coming at first but matters livened up with the advent of Williamson with some fine strokes to the off. He scored more than half the runs, and after his dismissal wickets fell rapidly, four wickets falling with the score at thirty. Eventually the innings came to an end after an hour and a half's play for a mere 46. The fielding was much improved, Macmath and Hood making really spectacular catches. Watt and Forrest bowled almost unchanged, the

former taking six wickets for 10 runs, the latter four for 24.

Strath. opened in an uncertain manner, two wickets being down for 14, but a fine stand by Roy and Shaw realised 55 runs in half an hour before the former was caught for 30 which had included a six and three fours. With the match won, Strath. hit out, and the innings closed for 116. Roy batted brilliantly for 41, his fourth time in the forties this season. He hit four sixes and three fours. Johnston also batted well for his 14 runs and was next highest scorer.

Result: Strathallan, 116; Morrison's Academy, 46.

Strathallan v. Perthshire. Played at Forgardenny on Thursday, June 15th.

The visitors batted first and made light of the School bowling. After the first wicket had fallen at 33, the hundred was sent up without further loss. The fielding was not very inspiring, though Watt set his men a splendid example, and made a brilliant catch off his own bowling to take the first wicket. At 109 Shaw accepted a chance off Watt. The score had reached 163 before further success met the School, Shaw holding a catch from the opening batsman who was credited with 79. Without addition, Forrest clean bowled Farquhar, and from this point bowlers held the upper hand till the innings was closed at 186 for six wickets, Watt claiming half of them for 55 runs.

The School's opening was not auspicious, Fleming being bowled without scoring, with the score at 7, and Forrest being run out for two at 13. Roy enlivened matters but fell a victim to a well placed field for eight at 32. Shanks failed to score, but Watt hit lustily and was top scorer with 28, which included a six and five fours. Shaw played a characteristic innings of nineteen, but it was left to Macmath and L. Campbell to save the situation. Coming together with the score at 75 for seven wickets, they played out time and took the score to 102, Macmath being 23 and Campbell 7 when stumps were drawn.

Result: Strathallan, 102 for 7 wickets; Perthshire, 186 for 6 wickets (innings declared).

Strathallan v. Glasgow High School.

Played at Glasgow on Saturday, June 17th.

Winning the toss, the High School elected to bat on what looked like a batsman's paradise. Strath. gained their first success, however, with only ten runs scored. After the fall of the second wicket at 24, the later batsmen failed to make much of the bowling, and the innings ended with the very modest total of 56, the result of full two hours' play. Forrest was the most successful bowler, with sixteen overs, half of them maidens, for 20 runs and four wickets. Watt had four wickets for 29, and Roy one for 1.

Rain occasionally interfered with play, but Strath. opened confidently, Roy and Shaw finding little difficulty with the home bowling. Roy batted delightfully, his placing of the ball between third man and cover being masterful. First out at 47 he batted flawlessly, reaching the boundary four times in his 35. Shaw, following him to the pavilion with still two runs required for victory, had played a patient innings for thirty-five minutes for 15. Forrest and Fleming saw the game won without further loss after the innings had been in progress forty-five minutes.

Result: Strathallan, 57 for two wickets; Glasgow High School, 56.

Strathallan v. H. B. Rowan's XI. Played at Forgardenny on Wednesday, June 22nd.

The visitors were strongly represented and batted first on a perfect wicket, the pace of which the early batsmen were totally unable to judge, and early success greeted the School bowling. The first wicket fell to Forrest at 12, and with only five added Watt clean bowled two, and Forrest a third. It was unfortunate that at this stage J. J. Hight of Ayr and E. Solbe came together in a stand that yielded 98, for they alone were responsible for the size of the visitors' total—they and a certain looseness in the field, particularly behind the stumps where 23 runs were conceded, to be the third highest contribution. Eventually Hood beat Hight for 53, which included a five (four from an overthrow) and eight fours. With half the side out for 114, Strath. played doggedly

and captured wickets at regular intervals, Solbe's somewhat lucky innings being brought to a close at 45. The innings closed at 169, Watt being the most successful bowler with six wickets for 48.

In reply, Strath. were soon faced by trouble, Shaw being caught for 3 with the total only 6. Roy and Forrest redeemed matters, however, 41 being on the board before the latter was caught for 12. Roy soon followed him to the pavilion for a good 25. Fleming batted cautiously, and with useful contributions from Shanks and Watt (11 each) the score reached 74 for 5 wickets. It was left to Fleming and Macmath to give the School a real chance of victory, the latter being particularly aggressive. Fleming was out at 151 for a patient 36. McKenna attempted to force the pace but was out with the score seven short of the visitors' total to the last ball of the last over. Macmath had by then reached 51, which included seven boundaries.

Result: Strathallan, 162 for 7 wickets; H. B. Rowan's XI, 169.

Strathallan v. Old Strathallians. Played on Commemoration Day, Saturday, June 24th.

The Old Boys batted first, and runs and wickets came at appropriate intervals. Melrose, after being all at sea to Watt for a while, began to find the boundary, being finally beaten by Wood for 25, top score. I. Lawson batted well for a not out 16, while Lambie gave us a characteristic 21, including a six and three fours, and six wickets were down for 109. After this the School bowlers got the upper hand, and the innings closed for 134. Watt was again the most successful bowler with four wickets for 34 runs.

Shanks and Roy opened in the absence of Shaw, who, with Fleming, was engaging battle elsewhere, and they gave the School a fine start, 55 runs being up before the former was run out for 29. Forrest and Macmath failed to stay long, for the Old Boys could show the School something in the way of fielding, but when Watt went back to the pavilion the score was 103 for 4 wickets and the match seemed as good as won for time seemed no object. When Roy was clean bowled by Gillanders, however,

the game took a fresh turn. He scored 56 and hit a six and eight fours in a somewhat, for him, restrained knock. Barr and Gillanders were now worrying the batsmen, who, content to defend, ultimately were beaten without adding materially to the score which was only 126 for 8 wickets, and time almost gone. At this stage Carrie became his real self, hitting Barr for 14 runs in four balls and giving the School the victory in the penultimate over. He carried his bat for 17.

Result: Strathallan, 147 for 9 wickets; Old Strathallians, 134.

Strathallan v. G. Leburn's XI. Played at Forgandenny on Thursday, June 29th.

Strath., with a somewhat weakened side, won the toss and batted first. Roy was out in the second over with the score at two, without scoring; the first time this season he has failed with the bat. Two runs later Forrest was smartly run out. Shaw and Fleming improved matters, but found run getting a difficult matter on account of the brilliant fielding of Copley, the Cupar professional, who in addition ran out two men and caught a third. Eventually the innings closed for 100, J. Shaw being top scorer with 28, and Fleming (16), Shanks (10) and Macmath (9) the next highest.

The visitors started in none too confident a fashion, Watt claiming the first three wickets for 12 runs out of a total of 24. A stand between Copley and D. M. Craig put a different complexion upon matters, particularly when the reserve bowlers were called upon, and 61 runs had been added before Watt bowled the professional for 38. With the loss of only another wicket, Strath.'s total was passed by the visitors with five minutes to spare. Watt claimed four wickets for 35 and had the satisfaction of beating the existing record of 64 wickets in a season.

Result: Strathallan, 100; G. Leburn's XI, 106 for 5 wickets.

SECOND ELEVEN

On paper the second team's record, P. 6, W. 1, D. 1, L. 4, does not look impressive, though actually the side was better than the figures reveal; for one of the lost games, against Aberdeen G.S., was only

lost by the small margin of six runs, and the drawn game against Morrison's might well, with but a few more minutes' play, have been a most convincing win. True, the defeat at the hands of Gordon's College was a heavy one, but was counter-balanced by the but little less crushing defeat of Heriot's School in the opening match.

The average runs per wicket is a better basis of judgment of the team's strength. For 50 wickets, Strath. averaged 8.5 runs, while their opponents averaged 7.93 for 49 wickets. There was a fair supply of bowlers of average ability, G. Balfour heading the bowling analysis, chiefly on the strength of splendid bowling on a sodden pitch at Dollar, with 8 wickets at 2.375 runs per wicket, followed by C. Roy with 6 for an average of 4.66. The batting was somewhat less consistent, J. Drummond heading the averages with 17.66, followed by I. Wood and G. Balfour with 16.66 and 12 respectively.

Second XI caps were awarded to W. McKenna, W. Carrie, I. Wood, W. Hood, L. Campbell, R. Johnston, I. Macbride, G. Balfour, J. Drummond, D. Wood, C. Roy and H. Fleming.

HOUSE MATCHES

The preliminary ties of the House Matches were played on July 1st and the final on the following Monday. Nicol, despite the absence of W. Roy and W. McKenna, proved easy victors over Simpson, dismissing their opponents for 50 (J. Marr, 18) and then compiling 53 before Forrest was caught for 19, Watt being not out 33. Freeland also won an easy victory over Ruthven who were dismissed for 55 (A. Harrington, 17). In reply Freeland scored 62 for two wickets (H. Shanks 15, R. Johnston not out 14, R. Macmath not out 32).

The final was a closely contested affair with an exciting finish. Nicol batted first and against the bowling of Shanks and Dobbie were soon in difficulties. Three wickets were down for 11 and five for 26, but thanks to a 21 by D. Wood, 15 from R. Dunlop, 12 from C. Roy, and a not out 20 by R. Kirkland, the score crept up to 85. Shanks had four victims for 21 runs and

Dobbie a similar number for 46. Freeland did little better against Watt and Forrest, half the side being out for 28, but thanks to a stand by R. Campbell and E. Sinclair for eighth wicket the score was carried to 79. Watt bowled exceedingly well to capture the last two wickets for the addition of five runs and give his side victory by a single run. He claimed five wickets for 34, and bowled unchanged with Forrest who had four for 37. Campbell with 24, Sinclair with 17, Shanks with 10 and Mr. Extras with 13 were the chief contributors to the losers' total.

SWIMMING NOTES

From the first week of term the pond has enjoyed its full measure of popularity, the more so after last term's rather meagre opportunities. Unfortunately, over-indulgence led to a temporary closing of the bath, and from various causes it remained closed till some ten days before Commemoration Day. From that time, however, it has been in constant demand, the advent of a real heat wave inviting boys to take more than one plunge a day.

Ten days' intensive practice enabled the boys to put up a good show against strong F.P. sides upon Commemoration Day. In the Relay Race, M. Mitchell and J. A. Smith gained a slight lead from R. Reid and I. Lang, but a good lap by N. Gillanders against Gordon gave the Old Boys a slight advantage, which Alastair Lambie improved upon at the expense of R. Campbell, to win by about four yards. In the polo, as was anticipated, the Old Boys proved far too strong, winning by three goals to none, all scored in the first half by almost unsavable shots at the deep end goal by I. Lang, A. Lambie and R. D. Linton. In the second half the Old Boys kept up the attack, but Marr distinguished himself with some grand goal-keeping. The School backs, particularly A. Mackay, played well, but they failed to link up with their forwards owing to Mitchell's failure to mark his man, which left the visitors with a man to spare in the middle of the bath. Further, a lack of practice was plainly revealed by the poor throwing on the part of the School forwards; the Old Boys, on the other hand, excelled in this

department. However, the School team: J. Marr; A. Mackay, K. G. Mackenzie; M. Mitchell; I. Gordon, R. P. Campbell and J. A. Smith, put up a very creditable performance, and with further practice—few changes being necessary in the side for next season—should mould into an excellent side.

The Championships were contested on Monday, July 3rd, and resulted in keen struggles. In the Junior event, J. A. Smith, M. Mitchell, D. Hall and J. Macbride qualified for the final, which, after three lengths, resolved itself into a struggle between Smith and Hall, the former winning by two yards. R. Campbell, I. Gordon, P. Wilson and G. Balfour contested the senior final, and here it was anyone's race during the first hundred yards. Then Gordon and Campbell drew ahead and fought it out to the bitter end, Gordon finishing a close second. In the House relays, Simpson were triumphant in both events. The Senior relay was a particularly keen contest, Nicol leading over the first two laps. A good lap by I. Macbride, however, gave Simpson the lead, and Gordon, their last man, successfully beat off the challenge of J. A. Smith to win by two yards.

On the last Saturday of the term, nearly thirty boys competed for the School swimming badge; and we congratulate H. T. Shanks, D. S. Gardner, S. Carswell, T. Macfarlane and P. M. Paton upon their success in this direction.

A new bathing costume, in the School colours, has been designed this term by Messrs. Rowan, though as yet few boys possess one. It is urged that these costumes should be obtained when next a costume is required, so that a certain uniformity may be obtained.

K. G. McK.

TENNIS NOTES

The tennis courts have been exceedingly well patronised throughout the term, except during the short time when the shortage of water to dress them, due to the drought, necessitated their being closed. As a result of the practice the tennis has improved considerably.

The School team, under J. Shaw's captaincy, has been successful in all three

of its matches. Opening with a decisive win against the Masters by 13 sets to 5, Messrs. Cole and Atkin being the most successful staff pair, the School defeated the Old Boys on Commemoration Day by eight matches to none, 14 sets to 3, each pair dropping only one set. The Bridge of Earn Club was beaten by 12 sets to 4. Shaw and Fleming made a fine first pair, and dropped but three sets in their matches. Breckenridge played consistently in all three matches. H. Shanks, J. Marr and W. Smith have played twice each, and Harrington, Forrest and Carrie have found a place on one occasion.

The Championships have provided some good tennis through the term, and in the Senior event at least results were much as had been anticipated. In the Junior, W. Leburn provided a sensation by deservedly winning his way to the final at the expense of I. Wood and R. Auld, without being unduly extended. In the other half, last year's winner, W. Smith, made his way into the final in a similar easy manner. The final did not produce very good tennis, both players making many mistakes. Smith was the worst offender in the early stages, and was being led 2-4, when he steadied himself and won the next four games and the set. Leburn fought back pluckily in the second set, but, with Smith making fewer mistakes, did well to take three games. Although defeated, he showed great promise, and should become a formidable opponent when he acquires more inches.

A. Fleming reached the final in the top half of the draw, being only extended in the third round by W. Watt, who took four games off him. In the lower half, Marr found W. Smith a stiff hurdle before he reached the semi-final. Here he met Shaw, who had progressed comfortably, and to the surprise of everyone, defeated him. Shaw allowed Marr to dictate the type of game instead of playing his natural one, and fell in consequence. The final was a contrast of styles. Fleming possesses a hard drive and uses it on every occasion; Marr is in no sense a stylist, but he played with his head, placing the ball well and playing upon Fleming's backhand upon every occasion, when he discovered a weakness there. He was nevertheless outplayed and went down fighting, 6-1, 6-3.

Rugby Prospects

PROVIDING that one or two problems can be satisfactorily solved, hopes for a successful rugby season are distinctly bright. J. Breckenridge, the captain, is a wing three-quarter whose strong running and neat side step should enable him to pile up points for his side providing he is given anything like good support from his backs; but in building up a side he is faced with difficulties in this department. R. Macmath will be back to take up his position in the last line of defence and should take some passing if he continues to improve on last year's form. J. Forrest, who played several times in the 1st XV last season, will be available for the stand-off half position, and R. Kirkland, the speedy 2nd XV winger, should adequately fill the vacancy left by W. C. Roy. The inside threes and the scrum half positions are the problems, and it is obvious that Breckenridge will need to experiment widely before they are filled to complete satisfaction.

The forwards will form the real strength of the side. With T. Dishington and W. McKenna of last year's pack, the 2nd XV forwards of last season, many of whom have already experience of first team play, should prove a formidable combination, for the pack should be heavier than last year without lacking anything in speed and dash.

The story of the 2nd XV is very similar to that of the 1st. The strength lies forward, and on the splendid showing of some of the juniors in the house matches, it is plain that competition for places is going to be very keen. Fortunately, the same matches revealed some highly promising material to fill the vacancies in the back division. Even if youth will keep R. Houston, V. Mackay, G. Harrington, R. Auld, D. Watt, and J. Smith, out of the earlier games, they showed such promise that their turn cannot be long in coming, and until it comes, their presence in the 3rd team should enable it to hold its own against stiff opposition.

Rugby Fixtures

First Fifteen

Captain—J. Breckenridge.

Secretary—B. Roberson, Strathallan School, Forgandenny.

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Sept. 30	Aberdeen Gr. Sch.	Aberdeen
Oct. 14	Robt. Gordon's Coll.	Aberdeen
„ 21	Glasgow High Sch.	Forgand'ny
„ 28	Dunfermline H. Sch.	Forgand'ny
Nov. 18	Allan Glen's School	Glasgow
„ 25	Robt. Gordon's Coll.	Forgand'ny
Dec. 2	Old Boys' XV	Forgand'ny
„ 9	Hillhead High Sch.	Glasgow

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Jan. 20	George Heriot's Sch.	Forgand'ny
„ 27	Aberdeen Gr. Sch.	Forgand'ny
Feb. 3.	Dan. Stewart's Coll.	Edinburgh
„ 17	Dollar Academy	Dollar
Mar. 3	Glasgow High Sch.	Glasgow
„ 10	Morrison's Academy	Forgand'ny
„ 17	Bridge of Allan	Forgand'ny

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of the Strathallan Magazine.

Dear Sir,

Many people from Scots schools have recently come up to Cambridge in ignorance of the existence of a Cambridge University Scottish Schools Club. This club was founded in 1891, and though at one time it suffered a relapse, it is now in a flourishing condition.

Besides social activities, the Club offers excellent fixtures for rugby matches which are always enjoyed to the full. So the club tends to keep those who have had an education in Scotland together after they leave school.

As the subscription is merely nominal, we hope everyone coming up will join. Entries should be sent to me as soon as possible after arrival at Cambridge.

Yours sincerely,

T. HARVEY MILLER, *Hon. Secy.*,

St. John's College,

Cambridge.

Scout Notes

THE Summer Term has afforded a welcome opportunity for outdoor work. The weather has only twice made necessary a revision of programme and the use of indoor inter-patrol competitions of the nature of the planning of camp sites and camp diets. Most of us would have been willing to live in the camps described, but possibly many of us, though willing, would have been unable to live on the diets suggested.

A new departure was made when the Troop (or that portion of it which is regularly to be found at meetings) passed one morning in the Ochils and tracked the S.M. and A.S.M. The morning in the breezes among the hills proved a welcome diversion from the normal course of patrol work.

Since it has been decreed that all patrol work this term entered for the inter-patrol cup should be out-of-door work and should be marked from two standpoints—usefulness and scoutiness, it was interesting to watch the growth of patrol ideas. The Rattlesnakes under I. McBride and A. R. Scott are to be complimented on a very fine fire place (we hope for good things from that part of the hill now); the Owls did valuable work in digging a pit in which they buried much rubbish. The Seals have provided the troop with a flag pole in addition to a bridge. The Eagles have proved themselves engineers in bridging and stepping the path to the well. The S.M. is very grateful to the Wolves for a stile and steps which make his paths easier and avoid the necessity of dodging barbed wire. The Lions, under R. L. Paul, gained the Cup; they had made steps up a very steep part of the hill and also had a tree hut to their credit. The Troop is very grateful to Mr. G. H. Ward and Mr. E. J. Frank for the care with which they examined the patrol work. The entry of individual exhibits was disappointing numerically, though the exhibits shown were of a very high standard. The hammock made by O. T. Brown gained the Cup; I. Gordon and J. A. Smith also produced work of very good quality; while several good photographs were entered for the patrol competition.

Field Day was held on June 17th. The Court of Honour decided that the Troop should once more visit their usual haunts. There were no mishaps, and the day proved full of enjoyment. The winning of a rather nervous horse to friendship proved one of the most successful items in a successful day.

During the term we have been visited by two examiners for Ambulance and Public Health badges, with a very high percentage of success. Other badges gained during the term included Friend to Animals, Interpreter (the examiner for this being Mr. A. J. Shaw), Swimmer and Rescuer (under Mr. Norton) and Healthyman. Four recruits, K. Jack, H. Taylor, W. Knox and D. M. Paul have been invested as Scouts.

By permission of the District Commissioner, at the wish of the Court of Honour, Scout Thanks badges have been presented to Mr. W. E. Ward and Mr. M. Norton, to both of whom the Troop has owed, and still does owe, a very great debt of gratitude.

The trophy and cups were presented this term by the new District Commissioner, Major Baillie, who entertained the Troop with anecdotes of the Perth Rally and of camp fire stunts he has known. We are very grateful to him for his afternoon visit on July 8th, and for the helpful hints he left with us.

The Troop camp this year took place near Scarborough on the Yorkshire coast, at Raincliffe Farm (Mr. Miller), Lady Edith's Drive, from September 2nd to September 11th. There is amongst the officers of the Troop a feeling of disappointment that so small a proportion of its members went to camp this year. We would wish that the Troop should remember that no Scout can be a true, real Scout until he has learnt to camp, and camp well.

This term we lose two very important members of the Troop, the A.S.M., A. A. Mackay, and the Troop Leader, E. T. Sinclair. We lose greatly in their departure; to both we wish good Scouting in the years to be.

"O.S." Notes

A GAIN we were favoured with glorious weather for Commemoration Day. This time the School had to fight exceedingly hard to secure the victory in the various contests which were held. At 2.15 the usual service was held in the Chapel, followed by the customary athletic events, details of which will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

We were unfortunate in not having as large a turn-out as last year, due in all probability to a combination of circumstances—an unpropitious morning in Glasgow, university examinations and last, but not least, the Whitecraigs Rugby Fête. As the afternoon progressed, our numbers began to swell, until by 4 o'clock there was quite a good muster of O.S.'s on the cricket ground and on the tennis courts.

We were rather badly handicapped by our tennis team's not being able to include players from the University, and the School took full advantage of our weakness—but on the cricket field we were giving them the fright of their lives! As the game approached its climax, it was noted that Mr. Riley made his way round to the score books and began to cast anxious glances thereon—as well as at the time. There were two distinct possibilities—(i) that the School would be beaten by the clock, (ii) that all their wickets would fall before they got the runs. Alas! the old fighting spirit prevailed and we were just beaten.

We do not grudge the School its victory for it was in a very tight corner and we felt more than a tinge of pride to see them with their backs to the wall, contesting every inch of the ground. They won, just as we, in our days, have won many times—won when we ought to have lost.

It was a boiling hot day and we felt much more at home in the swimming bath, where the School had to yield both in the relay race and the polo match. After tea, when it came to the tug-of-war, there was a rare fight. For the first pull, the School had the advantage of the slope, but, in spite of this, they had to give way. Perhaps this victory took more out of us

than we realised, for we were beaten in the next two tugs.

Commemoration Day this year coincided with the declaration of many examination results. It was interesting to watch the repeated enquiries, the lighting-up of faces and the warm hand grips of mutual congratulations. Out of round about a dozen C.A. examinees, only three or four failures at the most were brought to light, whilst in the medical examinations at Cambridge, Edinburgh and Glasgow, no one seemed to be aware of any O.S. having come down. "These things make my heart sing," was Mr. Riley's remark to a group of O.S.'s, one of whom promptly rejoined "And mine is singing too." These cryptic words probably sized up the feelings of very many Strathallians that day.

Two articles by Old Strathallians have attracted considerable notice and, as neither of these articles was signed, on more than one occasion the writer has been asked for the name of the author. Many of his contemporaries would recognise, in the article on the Hudson Bay Company, the work of Mr. Alfred Reid, a former captain of the School, and he would have felt very gratified had he heard the encomiums bestowed upon it. The other article came from quite an unexpected quarter, for very few outside his intimate circle of friends would realise that the author of the article on "The Cox—his delights and delusions!" was Mr. Heber Brook who wrote from a very practical experience as "Cox" of the first boat of Queen's College, Cambridge. This article fell into the hands of an old rowing "blue" who declared that, within the limits of what is printable in the school magazine, the article was really excellent and true to life.

Speaking of Cambridge, we must pay tribute to Mr. Edward Hart and to Mr. Heber Brook for the splendid way in which they have enhanced Strathallan's reputation at that university. Mr. E. W. Hart gained first class honours in the Natural Science tripos and was elected a scholar of St John's College, Cambridge. He also

gained a scholarship to one of the London hospitals.

Mr. Heber Brook was awarded a second class honours degree in the Natural Science tripos of the same university.

These were the only two Strathallians at Cambridge taking their degree this year and the School, as well as the Club, offers the heartiest congratulations to both these Old Strathallians who are taking up the study of medicine in one of the London hospitals.

The Glasgow University medical results made excellent reading from our point of view, for all candidates whom we have been able to trace have come through with flying colours. Messrs. I. D. Henderson and A. Morrison passed their third professional examination, Mr. I. M. Scott his second.

We hear that Mr. Jim Waldie, who is with Dobie's, the tobacco people of Paisley, was chosen to represent the Renfrewshire Cricket League against Kelburne.

Mr. Gordon Walls has become a member of the staff of a Glasgow firm of muslin manufacturers, and we understand that he is likely to be domiciled in London in the near future.

Several Strathallians have joined the territorials during the last year, and a recent addition to this number is Mr. Scott Brook, who has obtained a commission in the 5/6th Batt. Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders.

Strathallians who are journeying in the South of England and who happen to pass through Dorking might look in at the London General Omnibus Company's station there, where they will find Mr. Billy Miller representing the India Tyre and Rubber Company.

We have had a call from Mr. Billy Waterston on the day when most of the Edinburgh University results were declared and he brought very cheering news. He himself has completed the first year of the course for the triple qualification in dentistry, medicine and surgery, and he gave us the welcome news that Mr. George Sturrock had obtained his B.Sc. with second class honours in electrical engineering. The Club's hearty congratulations to you both. Subsequently the writer

learnt that Mr. Sturrock had missed a first class by the narrowest possible margin. It is a considerable time since the School has gained a first class honours in electrical engineering, in fact we have to go right back to the late Bridge of Allan days when Mr. Henry Rissik accomplished this feat.

Many Strathallians have considered the police force as a career and not without good reason, for the establishment of the new police college has opened out a new vista for the fellow who is prepared to take off his coat and tackle the job in a whole-hearted manner. Mr. Ronnie Scott is following this course as a career, and at the present moment is residing in the Police Section House, Stoke-Newington, London. He speaks very highly of the interesting nature of the work and mentions that the pay is not altogether unsatisfactory, everything being considered.



Strathallians of the early Bridge of Allan days will recognise the photograph as being that of Mr. R. B. Lumsden, formerly of Denny. Mr. Lumsden has now qualified as M.B., B.Ch. Edinburgh, and has taken his Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons. Some years ago he passed his clinical examination for the degree of Doctor of Medicine and hopes some time in the future to complete his thesis.

Dr. Lumsden is now engaged as University Tutor in Ear and Throat

Diseases at the University of Edinburgh and is Senior Clinical Assistant in that department of the Infirmary. He holds the post of Assistant Surgeon to the Edinburgh Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital and has appointments at the Stirling Royal Infirmary and at Dunfermline and West Fife Hospital where he came in contact with Dr. Sandy MacEwen who is on the staff there. His professional work has brought him in touch with several Strathallians, both doctors and students, and an old boy's tie at once brings forth a hearty welcome from him. In his early days Dr. Lumsden was of a studious nature and to-day as he is climbing the ladder of fame he still carries with him his genial personality and unassuming manner. Many a grateful patient has told of brilliant operations performed by Dr. Lumsden, and his many friends are watching with pride the opening out of what should be a splendid career and vocation.

Strathallians in the Manchester district, especially those of the early Forgardenny days, might by chance run across Mr. Ben Stirling. He is a partner in Bell & Co., Accountants, 74 Corporation Street, Manchester. Many will be surprised to learn that he has been playing centre three-quarter back for one of the Manchester senior teams, especially when one remembers that he was no speed merchant at school. Mr. Stirling is taking a great interest in one of the local Scout troops, of which he is scoutmaster, and there is no doubt that he will make sure that it is a most efficient troop. Those who were members of a particular Strath. Second Rugger team will understand the full force of this paragraph.

Another Strathallian is gathering medals at the Dental College, Edinburgh, but he will have to do very well indeed if he is to beat the record of Dr. Norman Smith, a Strathallian who gained, we believe, eight in all. Mr. David Martin is well on his way for he has added to his collection the first medal in Dental Surgery and the first medal in Practical Pathology and Bacteriology, and he has still one year at least to go. More power to you, David.

Mr. Jim Finlay of North Mount Vernon is likely to be seen in the Royal Naval

Volunteer Reserves in the near future. He is probably the first Strathallian to enter this service since the war.

Mr. Gordon Watt is stationed with the Seaforth Highlanders at Fort George and he has now passed "on the square," which means that he has been successful in his practical examination in drilling and manœuvring his troops. He was to be seen route marching from Dover to Brighton during the hot month of July but we dare not print his description of the journeys.

A note came to hand from Mr. "Derry" MacLaughlin giving the information that he is taking up Veterinary Science in Edinburgh. Fortunately he has his Entrance Certificate and can go straight ahead. He will be of value to some of the rugger clubs in the Edinburgh district and may find a home with the Wanderers.

The results have come to hand from the Dental College in Glasgow and we congratulate Messrs. Simpson, McKenna and Cairns on their successes. This is the kind of news we like to receive.

Our congratulations also to Mr. David Wilkie of Kilmarnock who has completed his M.A. in Glasgow. He is continuing right away with his L.L.B. subjects. Best wishes to you.

A success of a different kind was also recorded by Mr. Jack Holmes who is farming at Luncarty. He was a member of the champion team of judges under 25 years of age at the Highland Show.

A large number of Strathallians will remember Mr. Ian McIntyre of Montrose. He called the other day at School and we learned that he is now the manager of a fruit farm out Blairgowrie way. From his description, fruit farming seems to be a very profitable undertaking, especially where raspberries are involved.

We noticed in the list of chartered accountants' examinations among the successful candidates the names of Mr. Turner Johnstone, Mr. J. H. Black, Mr. Ian Turner, Mr. Willie Shanks, Mr. Willie Walker of Dundee. We offer them and also any whose names are omitted our heartiest congratulations on their success.

We have a golfing result to announce in the success of Mr. R. W. Dunn, the well-known rugby player, who gained the Hay

Robertson trophy on the golf links at Perth. We note with satisfaction that he has been appointed captain of the Perthshire rugby team, but at the same time we feel that his rugby would receive more notice if he were playing with one of the senior teams.

One of the earliest life members of the Old Boys' Club, Mr. A. M. Robertson, of Auchterarder, is now with the Gordon Highlanders at Castlehill Barracks, Aberdeen, while Mr. Stewart Carmichael, of Dundee, is with the Royal Tank Corps at Catterick Camp, Yorkshire.

There have been a great number of Strathallian weddings since the last issue of this magazine, and we congratulate Dr. Young, late of Kirkcaldy, Mr. Alex. Thomson of Perth, Mr. Sneddon of Perth, Mr. Jack Lusk of Ayr, and Mr. Dick Frew of Ayr on their marriages and we wish them the best of health, happiness and success.

The School doctor, Dr. Robertson, has also joined the ranks of the Benedicts during the summer vacation. Good luck, sir!

Many of our readers will remember Mr. George Dickenson and Mr. Charlie Lacey—both rugger stalwarts. They have been engaged in a little cattle smuggling out West, for obvious reasons we cannot be more precise, but they were very disappointed from the point of view of the amount of excitement they got, but since there was a difference of about £1 per head in the value of cattle on two sides of the border and the number of animals they safely piloted across ran into several hundreds the incident had more than a small monetary interest.

We noticed that the School has started to play Fives; we are not quite sure of the exact variety but there was a "pill box" contraption on the left hand side of each court and this is supposed to turn the plebeian Rugby fives into the Eton variety. Possibly they will expect the O.S. contingent on Commemoration Day to provide the opposition, but without we can command the services of those who have been to Oxford or Cambridge it hardly seems likely that we shall be able to do so.

News has come to hand that Dr. Stuart H. Martin, who recently qualified at

Edinburgh, has been appointed as House Surgeon at St. Luke's Hospital, Bradford.

Strathallians all over the world will join in congratulating Mr. W. A. McLachlan on gaining his Boys' International Cap for Scotland, at golf, and of being Scotland's representative in the final of the Boys' Golf



Championship. In spite of the fact that he was beaten by Lucas of Stowe by 4 and 3, Billy put up a very fine show and at the end of the first round was all square.

Throughout the week his putting was really magnificent, and on many occasions twenty yarders were sunk.

On his way to the final he defeated two Internationals, Longhurst of England and Wilson of Scotland, whilst in the International match itself he was on the winning side in both the singles and doubles.

He is now the proud possessor of a 'National Tie and Silver Medal as Runner-up in the final of the Boys' Championship.

Heartiest congratulations to you, Billy, from all Strathallians!