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## Editorial

THE Summer Term, with its long evenings and outdoor recreations has come to an end, and we would remind boys that with the Winter, the Editorial Board can reasonably, and indeed will, expect greater support for the "Strathallian." That some of the younger members of the School should try their hand at literary composition of this type is the more desirable since so many of the present Board and contributors have left us this term. The School must realise that the magazine is theirs and they are responsible for seeing that it is full of interesting material: we feel the boys will realise their obligations and act accordingly.

Our chief business this term is to wish good luck to those members of the Board

who leave us this term. Chief of these is Jimmy Smith who has served faithfully for more than three years, and could always be depended upon to fill a breach in time of tribulation. Even when pressure of work prevented his own contributing (and that was seldom, for busy man though he was, he was one of those happy mortals who could always "find time"), he had a knack of stimulating others to work for him; and such an individual is invaluable to a magazine committee. With him goes Charlie Roy, who, driven to bay, could generally find some West Indian reminiscence to narrate. We hope to hear from them in their new spheres.

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## School Notes and Notices

THE Summer Term again brought fine weather with it, and the call of the open air did much to detract from the charm of work indoors. Nevertheless good progress was made throughout the School as the examination results testify. Those of external examinations are reported elsewhere; but we offer our congratulations to those who, staying behind a fortnight after vacation had officially commenced (it is almost adding insult to injury!), put their backs into their work to maintain the high level of successes.

The outstanding days of the term were undoubtedly Jubilee Day, Sports Day, The Rowan's Match, and Commemoration Day; and these will live long in the memory of participators and spectators alike.

Jubilee Day was a whole holiday when a great inter-house competition was staged

in all summer activities; and this afforded admirable opportunity for trying out possible combinations for School teams in future events. Ruthven and Simpson opposed Nicol and Freeland. Honours were more or less divided in the Cricket, the latter taking the first and fourth matches for 24 points, while the former combination won second, third and fifth games for 28 points. Nicol and Freeland proved much too strong in the tennis, winning five out of eight matches and scoring 28 points to their opponents' 12; but Ruthven and Simpson took ample revenge in the fives, winning all but one game and taking the lead with 22 out of the possible 24 points. A victory in the Swimming relay could still have given the Nicol-Freeland union the advantage, but the Ruthven-Simpson team, which included J. Smith, D. Hall, M. Mitchell, D.

Innes and G. Sharp, proved much too strong and won comfortably to finish the day twenty points ahead.

Sports Day, June 11th, was unfortunately one of the few unsettled days of the term, but it will long be remembered for the fine way in which J. G. S. Forrest swept the board in the open events and thereby carried his House to victory. We congratulate him heartily upon a really brilliant performance which enabled him to retain the Victor Ludorum Cup for a second year, and at the same time break an eight year old record in the Long Jump. In his work for Nicol House Forrest was ably seconded by G. Anderson who won the Junior Cup with 12 points from T. Macfarlane and S. Lyle. Congratulations, too, to V. Mackay who was awarded the Cruickshank Cup, presented by Mr. A. J. Cruickshank, an Old Strathallian, for the boy who is considered best to have served the interests of the School each year.

The Rowan's match saw the School XI at their best—and worst. The great attraction was the delightful stroke play of J. B. Hobbs who opened the visitors' innings. It would have given us great pleasure to see him score a century, but we must confess to even greater pleasure when he fell to a catch by Forrest off Aitkenhead for 44. The latter's bowling was a feature of the day, for the adult side could take no risks with him, and was rather unenterprising. In marked contrast, indeed, was the bright opening partnership by Murray and Johnston, and we prefer to remember their forceful play and that of W. Hood rather than the horrible misunderstandings between the wickets which resulted in the running out of two of our best bats. The clock cheated us of victory on this occasion, but the game proved the side as one of the best seen at Strath.—at least during the last ten years. Its one fault was that it was prone to nerves—so different from T. M. Hart's team with which we feel it most invites comparison—and the F.P.'s unfortunately saw them at their worst on Commemoration Day.

The team avenged a defeat by the Staff two years ago in a time limit match of one hour a side at the end of term. The Staff were full of confidence when they took the score to 105 for 7 wickets. Mr. McCutcheon

was the hero of the innings and was loudly applauded for his hard hit 46. Mr. Cole was next highest scorer with 26. Despite some early disasters, the School scored rapidly and passed the Staff's total with a few minutes to spare. Roy (29), Aitkenhead (20), Forrest (16) and Smith (11) were chiefly responsible for the success.

While upon the subject of cricket, we would voice our congratulations to D. Murray for winning the bat for the most improved batsman for the second year in succession. He thoroughly deserves the honour, for he has been the backbone of the batting, and never better than with his back to the wall. His average for the season of 36.3 adds a run to the record of the School.

Commemoration Day was a great success, and resulted in the closest fight of the series; and while we congratulate the Old Boys upon their victory, very real credit is due to the School for its spirited fight. Thanks to the debacle in the cricket match the School were only on terms when the Swimming events began. The relay was the finest race we have ever witnessed in the pond, but the Old Boys went ahead by the touch, and by holding a slightly better side to a draw in the water polo really won, and not merely retained, the Cup.

The President of the Old Strathallian Club, Mr. S. Dow, formally opened the new changing rooms on this occasion, and these are now ready for use. The magnificent block stands opposite the cloak room at the House and consists of four rooms, fitted with bath and sprays, with a dressing room adjoining each: and, tastefully decorated as they are, are a distinct addition to the amenities of the School, particularly as they are designed to be uniformly heated throughout: while beneath them is an elaborate system for drying wet rugger togs, whereby all risk of chills is obviated.

Our congratulations to H. E. Walker on his captaincy of the Scottish Boys Golf team which was able to hold the strong English side to a draw. He had no luck in the Championship, however, R. Houston going furthest of the Strath. contingent.

Of forthcoming events we would particularly call attention to the visit of Mr. Smythe, his fourth, to the School on Oct.

21st to lecture on "A Tyrolean Journey." He is assured of a hearty welcome and we of a real treat. Other lectures are in negotiation.

Dramatic, Debating and Ciné Societies will resume activities after their Summer recess, and all anticipate successful sessions, the first two hoping much from younger members who showed considerable promise in last season's meetings, and the Dramatic Society is anticipating recruits capable of female impersonation, a department where at present there is a slight deficiency.

Summer Term is generally a season of Hails and Farewells, and this term is no exception. We wish Mr. Frank, whose services in the orchestra will be sadly missed, and Mr. Roberson success in their new spheres, and extend a hearty welcome to Mr. Pendlebury and Mr. Alty who take their places on the Classical and Sports side of the staff.

The older members of the School will be interested in news of one or two other past members of the Staff. During the vacation we had a visit from Mr. Crawford who seems to be enjoying married life, and work, near Birkenhead. Mr. Legge and Mr. James have also entered double harness during the Summer vacation.

Among the boys who leave School this term is J. A. Smith, a man of many parts. Captain of Ruthven, member of the 1st XI and 2nd XV, Tennis Captain, centre forward of the water polo team, Vice-Chairman of the Dramatic Society, Committee man of the Debating Society (we shall miss his arguments with Smith minor), inspirer of the Ciné Society, and last, but by no means least, mine host of the "Strathallan Arms," he yet found sufficient time for study, winning the Gold Medal upon the Cambridge Senior results, and passing his First M.B. at Cambridge while still at School. Another loss on the sports side is the departure of W. Hood, a fine wing three-quarter, and the star fast bowler, besides being Fives champion and twice Table Tennis champion. A. Carswell, T. Dishington, H. Fleming, R. Campbell, P. Wilson, W. Paton, R. Clow, R. Aitkenhead, C. Roy and J. Dow will all leave vacancies on the sports field and the various societies, and we wish these and

all others the best of luck in whatever sphere of life they may have entered.

The promotions made to fill the vacancies made by the above departures are as under:—

**Prefects.**—School Captain: V. Mackay; J. G. S. Forrest (Rugby Captain and Captain of Nicol House); I. Wood (Captain of Ruthven House); R. Johnston (Captain of Freeland); G. P. Sharp (Captain of Simpson House); R. Auld.

**House-Prefects.**—W. G. Harrington, R. A. Houston, J. C. Ritchie, W. R. Steven, D. L. Watt.

**Sub-Prefects.**—I. Hargrove, R. Gillanders, R. A. Wilson, W. Snodgrass, W. Steel, J. Strang.

## ANNUAL DINNER.

The Ninth Annual Dinner of the Club will be held on **21st December, 1935**, in **The North British Station Hotel (Queen Street Station), Glasgow**, when Sir David Allan Hay, O.B.E., J.P., C.A., will be the guest of honour.

## MONDAY LUNCHEONS

For various reasons it has been found necessary to alter the rendezvous of the Monday Luncheon which is at present being held in the Ca'doro Restaurant, Glasgow.

From Monday, 7th October, accommodation has been arranged for in Cranston's Tea Rooms Ltd., 17 Renfield Street, Glasgow (second floor), from 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

The Council express the hope that those Members who have regularly attended the Luncheons will still do so, and that other Strathallians will take advantage of the opportunity of meeting together every Monday.

## RUGBY MATCH

The Annual Match will be held on 7th December, 1935, at 2.30 p.m.

Members wishing to play might please communicate with W. A. C. Lambie, Esq., 34 West George Street, Glasgow (Telephone: Douglas 3138).

## Commemoration Day

COMMEMORATION Day on Saturday, June 29th, must be voted an outstanding success. The glorious day which the kindly fate, who has so far watched over these reunions, provided on this occasion called forth a record number of F.P.'s to their Alma Mater, one of them creating a minor sensation by arriving by air. He had virtually to be re-introduced to his School. He was fortunate enough to find a few of his contemporaries present; though generally speaking a more recent generation predominated. The meeting with old classmates, the revisiting of old haunts and the relation of past adventures was enjoyed by all, and during the lull in conversation there was always a tense struggle going on in the various spheres of sport.

The day was made the occasion of the formal opening of the new Changing Rooms situated near the House, and Mr. S. Dow, as President of the Old Strathallian Club, performed the ceremony with an appropriate speech in which he referred to "ribbon development" at Strath., and to Mr. Riley's outdoing Russia's Five Year Plan. During the subsequent inspection words of high praise, not unmingled with envy, were heard on all sides from the Old Boys.

The struggle for the Cup, which the Old Boys won very easily last year, was the keenest of the series. The majority of the events are reported in the various sections of the Sports Notes, but a brief recapitulation and commentary may not be unfitting, if only for the benefit of those who were unable to be present.

The School was soon five points up with a win in the Relay Race: but it was by no means the runaway victory it usually is, and this despite the reluctance of the Old Boys to put in a team. The School must clear their minds of the idea that this event is a certainty for them. Then followed the first surprise of the day, when first reports from the tennis courts announced the Old Boys losing the first set

in all three games; and while the School team, M. Mitchell and W. Leburn, R. Clow and R. Houston, R. Auld and D. Watt, ran out easy winners over L. Paul and W. Smith (the only successful F.P. pair), L. McDougall and J. Findlay, and A. Fleming and W. Wills by two matches (six sets) to one (two sets), the ten point lead thus established quickly faded when the School, batting first in the Cricket match, collapsed before W. W. Watt and N. Gillanders for a mere 37, which left the Old Boys little difficulty to make things all square with four to play.

The School went ahead with a clean cut victory in the Fives. W. Hood and G. Harrington and J. Mackie and W. Leburn winning four games to love against J. Wilson and W. Smith and I. Scott and J. Montgomerie. The Tug-of-War again squared the accounts, for while in both pulls the School gained the initial advantage, weight told in the end, and the Old Boys must have had the advantage of a full stone per man.

So came the Swimming and all seemed set for a School victory in the Relay race when J. Smith had the lead of a yard at the beginning of the last lap. In a terrific race W. A. C. Lambie just secured the touch, and with this faded the School's hopes, for it had been previously agreed that the cup must be won outright, and now a draw was all that could be hoped for. For the first time in the history of these meetings, however, the School was definitely on top in the Water Polo, and, thanks to splendid throwing by D. Hall, were two up at the change of ends. Unfortunately, errors in defence, including a gift goal, enabled the Old Boys to get on terms and so win the Cup conclusively by 22½ points to 17½.

At the close of the day, Mr. Riley therefore called upon Mr. Dow to accept the Cup on behalf of the Club, while V. Mackay, the School Captain, was presented with a wooden spoon, which he hopes to exchange for the Cup next year.

## Sports Day

**T**HE Annual Sports were held on Tuesday, June 11th, and though rain marred the proceedings and necessitated the prize distribution being held in the gymnasium for the first time in memory, there was a good gathering of parents and friends to watch an interesting afternoon's sport.

One of the most pleasing features of the meeting was the excellent competition and good performances in the under 14 events where Freeland competitors took the honours, a happy augury for the future. At the same time the Freeland under 16 entrants disappointed to a certain extent the hopes based upon last year's showing, and the Junior Victor Ludorum Cup was won by G. Anderson for Nicol with the 100 yards, the furlong and the quarter mile (12 points) to his credit, T. Macfarlane and A. Lyle, with a first and two second places, being runners-up.

J. G. S. Forrest's performance in the open events was in a class by itself. A splendid start in the 100 yards gave him a victory by inches over W. Hood, who made gallant efforts to turn the tables in the furlong, the quarter mile and throwing the cricket ball, but had to be content with second place. Only in the final lap of the House Relay did Hood succeed in showing Forrest a clean pair of heels, but he deserves every credit as a very gallant loser. Forrest swept everything before him and set up a record for the Victor Ludorum Championship with 40 points. In addition, his long jump of 20 ft. 5 in. added nine inches to the existing record set up by J. J. Highet in 1927. He is the first boy in the history of the School to win the cup outright in successive years. J. Macmillan shared it before his last year at school in 1926 and won it outright in the following year, while C. Lacey held it in 1929 and 1930.

The House Competition was a very keen one, though with Nicol so well served by Forrest and Anderson the real struggle ensued for second place between Ruthven and Freeland. At the beginning of the afternoon Ruthven led with 53 points, followed by Nicol, 48 points, and Freeland, 40 points. By the interval Nicol had taken the lead with 76 points, while Ruthven led

Freeland by a point, thirteen behind. In the second half of the programme Nicol brought their total to 114, while Freeland and Ruthven drew, most fittingly, at 77 points each.

The prizes were distributed by A. J. Cruickshank, Esq., an Old Boy who has brought fame to the School with his rapid rise in the insurance world, and his address to the boys was an inspiring one, advocating the finding of one's niche and then going all out to reach the top of the ladder.

Mr. Cruickshank gave the boys a sketch of his early career, and he spoke to them of the joys and attractions of fighting one's way up in the world and earning for oneself a fuller life—a life of struggle, determination and ambition. He urged them not to lose the spirit of adventure but to take it along with them, and under the guidance of sterling character work out their path of life, and then life itself would develop into one great adventure which would be to them a source of infinite satisfaction.

The prize-winners were as follows:—

### Open Events.

100 yds.—1, J. Forrest; 2, W. Hood.  
220 yds.—1, J. Forrest; 2, W. Hood.  
440 yds.—1, J. Forrest; 2, W. Hood.  
880 yds.—1, J. Forrest; 2, R. Johnston.  
120 yds. Hurdles—1, J. Forrest; 2, J. A. Smith.  
High Jump—1, J. Forrest; 2, A. Carswell.  
Long Jump—1, J. Forrest; 2, C. Roy.  
Throwing the Cricket Ball—1, J. Forrest; 2, W. Hood.

### Under 16 Events.

100 yds.—1, G. Anderson; 2, N. Thomson.  
220 yds.—1, G. Anderson; 2, T. Macfarlane.  
440 yds.—1, G. Anderson; 2, A. Lyle.  
880 yds.—1, R. Peacock; 2, A. Lyle.  
120 yds. Hurdle Race—1, A. Lyle; 2, F. Anderson.  
High Jump—1, D. McColl; 2, T. Macfarlane.  
Long Jump—1, T. Macfarlane; 2, N. Thomson.

### Under 14 Events.

90 yds.—1, G. Carrie; 2, H. Thomson.  
220 yds.—1, G. Carrie; 2, H. Thomson.  
High Jump—1, H. Thomson; 2, J. Shanks.  
Long Jump—1, G. Carrie; 2, J. Shanks.

### Under 12 Events.

80 yds.—1, R. Gregory; 2, E. McCrimmon.  
High Jump—1, D. Robinson; 2, R. Gregory.

### Other Events.

Three-legged Race—1, G. Sharp and R. Innes; 2, R. Gillanders and R. Taylor.  
Obstacle Race—1, W. Leburn; 2, N. Smith.  
Tilting the Bucket—1, R. Campbell and J. Smith; 2, R. Innes and G. Sharp.  
House Relay—1, Ruthven; 2, Nicol.  
House Tug-of-War—1 Nicol; 2, Freeland.

## Mr. George G. Baker

**M**R. GEORGE G. BAKER entered Strathallan in 1922, and up to his entering Oxford in 1927 his school days were one long run of academic successes culminating in his gaining first place in the school in the Cambridge School Certificate Examination which he passed with honours, being awarded the dux gold medal.



G. G. Baker, Esq., B.A., B.C.L. (Oxon.).

On the social side of school life, Mr. Baker's success was equally marked. He was a prefect and there were very few activities in school life which did not bear the impress in one way or another of Mr. Baker's influence and efforts.

He was not long at Brasenose College before his abilities and personality began to manifest themselves, for in December, 1929, he was elected to the first honorary scholarship of Brasenose for life, and within a few months he filled the presidential chairs of the College Law Society, the College Athletic Club, and the Bryce Club

—the latter being something in the nature of the University International Club. He took his degree with First Class Honours in Jurisprudence and was awarded the Senior Hulme Scholarship worth £600, and a month or so later gained the Harmsworth Scholarship in the Middle Temple worth a similar sum of money. In October of this year (1930) Mr. Baker was elected a member of the Vincent's Club, a much sought after honour, and a year later he graduated as a Bachelor of Civil Law, and was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in the early part of 1932. During his last year at the University, Mr. Baker was President of the Junior Common Room of Brasenose, and right through his University career he took more than a passing interest in athletics where he ran fairly regularly in the University cross country side, and was awarded his centipede colours. He was manager of the Oxford University Athletic team in 1931.

Mr. Baker soon began to establish himself at the Bar and a natural leaning towards politics began to show itself. He unsuccessfully contested an East End seat for the London County Council in the Ward Elections of 1934, but in November he was elected to the Paddington Borough Council.

Right up to the present date Mr. Baker continues to take an active interest in athletics generally and he often turns out with a London club (the Thames Hares and Hounds), whilst on the golf course he has occasionally been included in a representative side from the Bar.

The very many friends Mr. Baker has made would be startled if they could read these lines for Mr. Baker was ever the most modest of men!!! Even his old school-master was not informed of many of the successes recorded here and there are one or two of his intimates who will declare that there are some omissions even yet.

Mr. Baker is a gifted speaker, and there are few who were present at the Strathallian dinner a few years back when "G. G." opened out in a vein rich with humour but polished to a degree, who will forget the whimsical way in which he addressed the company, keeping it in roars of laughter. Needless to say, Strathallan

and Strathallians all over are proud of his achievements, and are grateful to him not only for the interest he takes in the club but for the knowledge and foresight which he brings to bear on all questions raised at Annual General Meetings. Whatever Mr. Baker may confess he owes to his old school, Strathallan, there is not the slightest doubt that the school feels greatly his debtor. His career is only just beginning and he stands out as an example of what a first class character controlling first class ability and unlimited grit can accomplish in spite of the so-called disadvantage of lacking influence of any kind at the outset.

During his many activities Mr. Baker has found time to become engaged and he will by the time this is published be married to Miss Findlay of Mount Vernon, Glasgow, the sister of an old Strathallian.

Scene: Cupid's Court.

Counsel: Mr. Baker, where did you first see Miss Findlay?

Mr. Baker: As a matter of fact I first saw Miss Findlay through the window of the prefects' room.

Opposing Counsel: My Lord, this is, or is not, most conclusive evidence in favour or against frosted glass windows for the prefects' rooms.

Mr. Riley: Mm—ah—under the circumstances...

Verdict: Plate Glass, but no blame attaching to Mr. Baker.

## Railway Misnomers

**I**N the railway vocabulary are many expressions which, taken literally, would puzzle the layman.

Perhaps the best known to the public is the "Permanent Way." It is well known that the Permanent Way is, unfortunately for our railways, not permanent, and is constantly requiring to be relaid or adjusted to keep the levels correct. The name "Permanent Way" was, in the latter part of the 18th century and the beginning of the 19th century, applied to tramroads which connected collieries with the towns. The tramroads or plateways were laid with flanged cast iron plates, the wheels of the wagons having no flanges. It was found by using these tracks that horses were able to haul heavier loads and thus

save time and money. However, this method was soon superseded with the advent of steam haulage. In 1804 Trevithick designed and built the first steam locomotive. This locomotive was put to work on the Penydarran tramway in Wales, but was not a success and was subsequently scrapped. Trevithick is undoubtedly the "Father" of the locomotive, and not James Watt or George Stephenson, as is commonly thought. The first locomotive to be used in Scotland was on the Duke of Portland's tramroad from Kilmarnock to Troon. This was in the year 1817.

The tramroads ultimately proved too weak for the steam locomotive. The iron rail as we know it to-day was invented and flanges fitted to the wagon wheels to keep them on the track.

The "Tyre" of a railway wheel is the flange and the flat which make contact with the rail. The Tyre is cast in one piece, expanded by heat and shrunk on to the wheel proper.

The "Platelayer" is a familiar figure to every traveller by rail, yet, strange as it may seem, he never lays any plates! The name has survived since the days when the vehicles ran on plates as already referred to.

Permanent way "sleepers" have no connection with the sluggard! "Sleepers" are large blocks of wood, 8 ft. 6 inches long by 10 inches wide and 5 inches deep, which support the rails. Experiments are at present being made with steel sleepers. One may hear railwaymen speak of "Pickled Sleepers"—no, you are wrong, nothing whatever to do with "Egyptian Mummies"—it simply means that the sleepers have been treated in the works with creosote in order to prolong their life. A "Hollow Sleeper" does not mean that there is a "vacuum" inside the sleeper, but that the ballast requires packing underneath.

Do not sit down on a permanent way "Chair" or you will regret it. The chairs are made of iron, fixed to the sleepers by spikes or, nowadays, by large screw bolts. Great Britain is practically the only country in the world which uses these chairs. Foreign railway practice is to use flat bottom rails secured to the sleepers by over-lapping spikes. In this country the rails are laid in the chairs and fixed securely in position by "Keys." The



"Keys" are blocks of hard wood, generally oak. The "Platelayer's" job is to make certain that the "Keys" are securely fixed and in position. He may often be noticed doing his "length" (the portion of the track allotted to him) and stopping from time to time to hammer the "Keys" into position.

Rails are manufactured from a hard steel, the outcome of continuous experiments by chemists. The rails are joined together by plates and bolts, the plates being known as "Fishplates." The fishplates are rectangular iron plates, but in the early days of the railway some were manufactured in a shape rather like a fish, which may account for the name. An amusing story is told concerning a railway clerk who received an account from a manufacturer for several thousand "fishplates" and after some thought passed it on to the "Hotel" Department! The ends of the rails must be kept a small distance apart to allow for expansion, otherwise in hot weather the rails would become badly twisted. This gap causes the slight thump (called "Hammer Knock") which the wheels are continually making as the train speeds along. Recently in Germany the experiment has been made of joining the rails together by electro-welding. This method has been tried in a tunnel (where the temperature is fairly constant) on a length of 8662 feet of rail, but some time will elapse before it can be judged whether it is a success. It is interesting to note that the length of a rail in Britain varies from 45 to 90 feet.

A railwayman is sometimes heard speaking of a "Scissor Crossing" and "Diamond Crossing." A "Scissor Crossing" is two cross-overs crossing each other, forming a likeness to a pair of scissors. A "Diamond Crossing" is two lines crossing diagonally—the rails forming the shape of a diamond at the point of intersection.

"Catch Points" are found on a steep gradient, and can be readily identified by the click when the train passes over them. Their purpose is to derail a runaway train and thus prevent collision with a following train. The Great Western Railway have been experimenting with what is called a sand drag. The runaway train is diverted by the catch points on to rails covered by sand, and the resistance thus caused gradually stops the train. On many of our

railways the points are named "Runaway Points," which is clearer to the laymen.

Lastly, a railwayman will say that the trains are being "cracked." This term is used when detonators (fog signals) are being used to indicate to the driver the position of the signal. J. B. M. C.

### THE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Society views the coming session with considerable optimism, for while naturally it has lost all save three of the office-bearers who made last, the 1934-5, session so successful, three veterans is indeed wealth with which to face the future. Further, the end of term play gave several younger members experience, and the general keenness, together with the advent of several juniors who possess possibilities for female rôles, augurs well for a successful year.

Financially, too, the Society continues to flourish, despite the acquisition of several invaluable stage properties, so that any production undertaken will not be cramped by monetary considerations.

The income and expenditure account is as under:—

#### Expenditure.

To Samuel French, Ltd.	...	...	£2	0	0
„ Purchase of Dimmer	...	...	1	15	0
„ Purchase of Pistols ...	...	...	1	6	2
„ Purchase of Microphone and Rheostat	...	...	0	12	6
„ Purchase of Flex ...	...	...	0	6	3
„ Dramatic Social expenses—					
Hire of costumes ...	£2	10	0		
Carriage on same ...	0	5	0		
Shoes ...	0	5	6		
Cigarettes ...	0	10	0		
Grease paint ...	0	1	6		
Sundries ...	0	1	5		
			3	13	5
„ Purchase of “One Act Plays”	...	...	0	5	0
„ Musical Society ...	...	...	2	0	0
„ Sundry cheques and postages	...	...	0	1	3
„ Balance being at					
French Ltd. ...	£1	8	9		
At Bank ...	11	0	10		
			12	9	7
			£24	9	2

#### Income.

By Balance, Xmas, 1934—					
At French Ltd.	...	£0	0	3	
At Bank	...	16	6	4	
			£16	6	7
„ Subscriptions (61 members)	...		6	2	0
„ Collection (Easter Social)	...		2	0	7
			£24	9	2

M. MITCHELL, Hon. Treas.



## Some Observations upon New Germany

THE following rather random remarks are based upon personal observation, and are mentioned as they impressed the writer.

Possibly the most striking thing about new Germany is the fact that the infancy of the German child passes quietly, quickly, and under strict supervision: certainly he learns the meaning of cleanliness and discipline more thoroughly than does the Briton. This comparison will constantly be made, for those who have never crossed the sea "do not know how the other half of the world lives," and may therefore be enlightened by it.

School hours vary slightly, being from eight till one in summer, and from nine till two in winter. The afternoons are required to prepare thoroughly the programme of the following day; and Saturdays are working days. A German child's chief entertainment is on Sunday afternoon and evening when he is taken into town to dine and to a concert with his parents. It is interesting to note that he is permitted to take a small glass of "helles" (light beer) and not given coloured aerated waters, with the result that he learns to drink in moderation.

In the city schools the pupils enjoy periods of gymnasium and swimming in the municipal baths, but in the country schools endless study is the order of the day. At fourteen the boys and girls begin to take part in inter-scholastic sports, and their training is as thorough for this as for their studies.

With the passing of schooldays, German youth realises its sorrowful position. The student, for instance, works his way through the university. Few parents have the capital, thanks to the inflation of thirteen years ago, to pay for the continuance of their children's education; but undaunted, these earn money for their tuition by giving private lessons themselves in their own particular subject, or by acting as guides and interpreters, or as musicians in orchestras and dance bands.

Yet they are the happiest people on earth, determined, knowing no class distinctions—but knowing through experience the value of money and of knowledge. In Germany, to become a high official in a

bank, corporation, or even a business concern, it is necessary to have studied at a university and won honours from studies. To be a hero on the playing field does not assure one of a future.

The wages paid in commercial life are atrocious, promotion is remote, and even the owner of a business or factory finds life made difficult through Hitler's foreign policy. Through German money being forbidden to leave the country, and through lack of colonies, youth's love of adventure and progress is blighted. It threatens to become discontented, downhearted—but certainly not warlike. Now is the time for us to use a motto "Live and let live".

To a certain extent sport has come to the rescue, for every form of sport has been organised. Clubs with as many as three thousand members are in existence, wherein particularly physical development is most sought after. On a Sunday afternoon as many as ten football matches can be seen in progress at the same time, each game being preceded by an exhibition of gymnastics to music.

Hitler has developed this movement, and his example of more intensive physical culture in schools is being followed in England. Further, his "dreaded" concentration camps are really the principle underlying one of the points of Mr. Lloyd George's New Deal. Germany under Hitler does not know of "corner boys," whose physical and mental condition become putrid through continual idleness. The concentration camps are a godsend, because a man can then build roads, cut trees—but for his labour he eats well, sleeps well and enjoys good health.

And here one must say one thing more of Hitler and his policy. He is attempting to breed in German youth a team spirit, through the activities of his Brown Shirts. In the meantime he has definitely ruined German trade, both export and import, by his interference with the manufacturers. Although, however, to the experienced traveller business in Germany seems at a standstill to-day—even the cherished café life seems numbed—I believe that in time they will arise the healthiest business nation because they have rid themselves of the Jews.

W. W.



Rugger XV, 1934-5.



School Prefects, 1934-5.

## Sports Notes

### CRICKET

**T**HE salient feature of this year's cricket programme has been the very obvious improvement in the standard of play, both in Strath. itself and in the schools we have met. One is inclined to believe that this is due to the increased interest shown generally in Scotland for the game.

At the nets there has been an evident desire by most members of the 1st and 2nd Elevens to study the game seriously. Juniors, too, seem to have lost the idea that a knock in the nets is just an excuse for ten minutes hard slogging. Admittedly the juniors are badly handicapped by the lack of true wickets, and it is not really surprising that so few natural batsmen emerge from the lower school.

The outstanding event of the season was the appearance of Jack Hobbs in the ranks of Harry B. Rowan's XI, and it is a matter of great pride that the team put up such a great show; while it was a particular feather in Aitkenhead's cap that he secured the Surrey star's wicket for a modest 44. Though lacking the crispness and sparkle of his younger days, Hobbs still showed his ability to play beautiful "text book" cricket. With one of his text book statements we must disagree, however. He says that any boy in school cricket who can keep a good length is bound to get wickets. This he wrote in 1920, and we feel that with the improved wickets and batsmen with a good idea of defensive cricket, the bowler must have "a little something that the others haven't got" to find his name in the bowling analysis.

The First XI was unfortunate in having three of its fixtures cancelled for various reasons. Though the opening game against Heriot's made an inauspicious beginning to the season, the School side later showed good all round form and lost but two further games, against Glasgow High School and the Old Boys. The latter game was a sad fall from grace after the bright cricket displayed in the previous games, and can only be attributed to a sad attack of nerves.

### Team Criticism

**J. G. S. Forrest**, the skipper, performed his special duties admirably. His knowledge of the game is above the average, and he has kept his team together well, by a judicious mixture of discipline and encouragement. His batting at the beginning of the season was characterised by the same faults of impetuosity and carelessness as in 1934, but half way through the season things began to go right, and three successive half centuries showed what was in him. Subsequently he has thrown away his wicket on several occasions by the run out route. His bowling has improved greatly, but he must acquire the art of pitching his spin bowling accurately and of bowling his slower ones with the same run and action. 1st XI Colours awarded 1933, 1934, 1935.

**R. Johnston**, the vice captain, has fulfilled the promise of 1934, and holds the distinction of being the only century maker. Naturally an aggressive batsman, he has cured himself of a glaring tendency to pull away to leg. His off shots have much improved, but his strokes backward of point still need attention. As a wicket-keeper he has not shown up so well as last season. 1st XI Colours awarded 1934, 1935.

**D. Murray** has once again borne the brunt of the batting, and on several occasions he has held the fort when other cracks have failed. He has developed a powerful-off drive, and hooks the ball to leg effectively. The facts that he has been top scorer in five consecutive innings and has put up the School batting average record speak for themselves. We shall always remember the good tempered way in which he tolerated the leg-pulling from his more lively companions. 1st XI Colours awarded 1934, 1935.

**W. Hood** has filled the rôle of stock fast bowler wholeheartedly and well. His stamina and pace are both remarkable, but he found that length and speed will not get some batsmen out. He has begun to bowl with his head, and if he continues thus he will make a name for himself. Promoted in the batting order, he has

flattered only to deceive, although his glorious hitting against Rowan's will long be remembered. He is the best fielder in the side, and two at least of the catches he made were astonishing. 1st XI Colours awarded 1935.

**R. Aitkenhead** has made a reputation as a spin bowler, though wickets have not suited him so well as in 1934. His length has been much steadier, and he has kept his head better when punished. His batting has shown improvement, especially on the off, but his defence needs tightening up. 1st XI Colours awarded 1935.

**J. A. Smith** made a meteoric rise into the limelight by sheer pertinacity, but he has still much to learn. He plays a good shot to third man, but does not swing his bat and follow through to off drives. He plays too many shots without moving his feet at all, and it is footwork generally that must be attended to.

**I. Wood** has met with no success with the ball compared with last season, though he still preserves immaculate length. He must learn to spin the ball. As a batsman he has eradicated his weakness on the leg stump and is developing a drive, but as yet fails to make a square cut—a shot which left-handers generally find paying.

**D. Irons** has all the making of a brilliant batsman, but is still handicapped by lack of inches. In this sphere he has a great future, but in the field he is rather slow and too prone to use his feet where a quick pick-up would bring results. His bowling is promising, for he flights the ball well and turns it nicely from the leg.

**C. L. Roy** has once more failed to come up to expectations, though he has occasionally done some bright things. He has the strokes but also an inferiority complex which makes him too timid to try them. He has bowled a fastish ball with a good length, and he should try to develop himself as a bowler rather than a bat.

**D. Watt** is a hitter, pure and simple, and given the opportunity he will make a lot of runs for he is not awed either by pace or by turn on the ball, and many a bowler's heart has been broken by this type of batsman.

**R. Houston's** fielding at point has been a feature of the season, but so, unfortunately, have been his l.b.w.s. He is really unlucky,

and when the luck turns he will score many runs.

**H. Fleming** has failed to reproduce in the senior side his excellent form with the bat with the Second XI, for over-caution has been his undoing, while **D. Hall** has suffered from the opposite fault. **A. Gray**, too, is certainly not flattered by his match record, though in the nets he is a stylish bat and possesses a variety of shots: his wicket-keeping is good. **R. Taylor** has also appeared in the side as a change bowler and will probably be one of the mainstays next season. He must pitch the ball up more and learn to turn it both ways.

### First XI:

Played 11, Won 6, Lost 3, Drawn 2.

### Average Runs per Wicket:

In all matches - For 17.46; Against 9.23.

In School matches For 16.6; Against 8.5.

### Batting Averages.

	Innings	No. times not out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.	Catches.
D. Murray	- 11	3	65*	291	36.3	1
R. Johnston	- 10	0	114	216	21.6	4
J. G. Forrest	- 11	1	57	206	20.6	4
J. A. Smith	- 7	1	61*	108	18	1
W. R. Hood	- 11	3	29*	123	15.4	3
I. R. Wood	- 8	2	26*	62	10.3	2
D. M. Irons	- 4	0	33	40	10	3
R. C. Aitkenhead	- 9	2	14*	65	9.3	1
C. L. Roy	- 7	1	20	44	7.3	0
D. L. Watt	- 2	1	5*	5	5	1
R. Houston	- 2	0	1	2	1	2

\*Not out.

### Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avr. runs per wkt.
W. R. Hood	- 146	41	269	45	5.98
J. G. S. Forrest	- 50.5	14	126	13	9.69
R. C. Aitkenhead	104.5	11	357	33	10.8
D. M. Irons	- 2	0	17	2	8.5
I. R. Wood	- 39	9	104	2	52

**Strathallan v. Heriot's School**, played at Forgardenny on April 27th.

Even allowing for the lack of practice, Strath. made a sorry display in the opening match of the season. The visitors had first lease of the wicket, and though Hood claimed the first wicket with his second ball, the half century was sent up before he claimed the second victim. After this runs and wickets came at regular intervals

till half the side was out at 98. Only five runs were added for the next four wickets, but a last wicket partnership carried the score to 124, Hood claiming six victims for 32 runs.

Strath. never recovered from a bad start, the first five wickets falling for a mere 26, several of the batsmen being "yorked" out, and all of them failing to show any discrimination as to what ball to hit. Aitkenhead (13) and Hood (17 not out) were top scorers in an innings which realised only 75.

Result: Strathallan, 75; George Heriot's School, 126.

**Strathallan v. Gordon's College**, played at Forgandenny on May 11th.

The School registered a clever win over Gordon's to open a run of five successive victories. The visitors batted first, but lost their first wicket without a run scored. Nevertheless the half century was passed before Aitkenhead met with success. This was in part due to errors in the field. The batting was far from enterprising, and with half the side out for 73 it became painfully slow. Eventually, after over two and a half hours' batting the innings was declared closed at 116 for 9 wickets, of which Hood had claimed five for 31.

Shocks awaited Strath., for Johnston was clean bowled first ball, and at 14 Forrest had his stumps scattered for only six. Murray was patience personified and was still in when joined by Smith at 45 for 4. These two pulled the game round, but at 77 Murray was caught for a valiant 30. Smith batted well for 29, but the School had only 102 runs on the board when he left as eighth wicket. Wood by this time seemed set, but nine runs were still required when the last man came in. Wood nursed the bowling to effect and amid great excitement won the match. He and Taylor added 26 runs before the latter was caught and bowled for 11, Wood being undefeated at 26.

Result: Strathallan, 134; Gordon's College, 116 for 9 wkts. (declared).

**Strathallan v. Kilmacolm**, played at Forgandenny on May 18th.

This match was a personal triumph for Johnston. Admittedly the bowling of the visitors was far from deadly, but this is no disparagement of his 114 in little more than

an hour: on the day's form he would have got the runs under any circumstances. He had scored 78 when he lost Murray at 91, scored in 35 minutes, and altogether reached the boundary on twenty occasions. The innings was closed at 174 for 9 wkts., each side playing twelve men, Forrest (20) and Murray (12) being the next highest scorers.

The visitors fared badly against the opening combination of Hood and Aitkenhead, half the side being dismissed for 13 runs. The captain, coming in at 17 for seven, sought to pull the game round by a stubborn defence, but he could find no one to adopt similar tactics and the whole side was out in 50 minutes for 37 runs. Aitkenhead had six wickets for 20 runs and Hood four for 15.

Result: Strathallan, 174 for 9 wickets (declared); Kilmacolm, 37.

**Strathallan v. Stewart's College**, played at Forgandenny on May 20th.

Strath. gave a bright batting display, despite the early loss of their opening pair with a total of 13. Hood and his captain carried the score to 76, when Hood was caught just after completing his quarter century. Forrest, in partnership with Smith, went on to make his half century and was out at 54. He and Smith, who was not out 61 when the closure was applied, each claimed a six and eight fours in his total. Roy contributed a useful twenty and the innings was declared at 188 for six.

Stewart's set about their task in a business-like fashion, severely punishing Aitkenhead in his first spell, and 33 runs were on the board when Forrest broke the opening partnership and followed this success with a second wicket without addition. With the fall of the third wicket at 57 a collapse set in, Hood working terrible havoc among the tail and closing the innings well within the time limit for 68. Hood's full analysis read O. 15.4, M. 10, R. 9, W. 5, while Forrest's wickets cost six runs apiece.

Result: Strathallan, 188 for 6 wickets (declared); Stewarts' College, 68.

**Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar School**, played at Forgandenny on June 1st.

The visitors opened confidently enough, and twenty runs had been scored before an

Aitkenhead-Johnston combination met with success, but the loss of two further wickets for the addition of five runs nullified the good start. Two quick wickets by Forrest when he relieved Aitkenhead saw half the side out for 48. The remainder of the side, apart from some spirited hitting by Macgregor and Munro, offered little opposition, and the innings ended at 102. Hood claimed four wickets for 38, Irons, Forrest and Aitkenhead each claiming two for 17, 19 and 24 respectively.

Johnston and Murray opened confidently when the School batted, the former hitting hard to score five boundaries in his 24 scored out of the opening partnership of 36. Hood was clean bowled first ball, but Murray and his captain had no difficulty in knocking off the required runs. The former hit five fours in his 38, while Forrest, after giving a very difficult chance early on, drove beautifully to carry his bat for 51, forty of which came from boundary strokes.

Result: Strathallan, 115 for 2 wickets; Aberdeen G.S., 102.

**Strathallan v. Hillhead H.S.**, played at Glasgow on June 12th.

Strath. batted first, and after Johnston had had an early let-off, he and Murray batted finely. The latter peppered cover and mid-off with splendid carpet drives, and 61 runs had been scored when Johnston was beaten for 25, having for once scored slower than his partner. Hood again disappointed, but Forrest was more fortunate. He was badly dropped after scoring a single, but showed his gratitude by giving the ball plenty of air and the perspiring Hillhead fielders plenty of exercise. When he was finally bowled for 57, the innings was declared closed at 162 for 3 wickets, scored in ninety-five minutes. Murray's 65 not out was a magnificent innings.

Hood opened the bowling in a devastating mood and clean bowled the first three men, and had the fourth caught in four overs for four runs, and the total was only 11 for five wickets. A stand for the sixth wicket took the score to 33, Cunningham batting brightly for 19, and the opening bat, J. Foster defended stubbornly for 17. He was last man out, beaten by Forrest, who, after a costly first over which yielded eight runs,

claimed five wickets in six and a half overs for only a further eight runs. Hood's analysis was four for 21, and the Hillhead total only 59.

Result: Strathallan, 162 for 3 wickets (declared); Hillhead H.S., 59.

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

Strath., with last season's crushing defeat to avenge, put in the home side on what looked a tricky wicket. Shepherd, who made a century last year, soon settled down but not until R. A. Caldwell joined him at nine for 3 wickets did the High School pull the game round. At 30, however, Forrest got in a real snorter to send back Shepherd, just as he was beginning to open out, for 21; and a collapse followed at the hands of Hood and Forrest, so that seven men were out for 45. The last three men defended stoutly, but two of them were foolishly run out when well set, and the total had reached a not-too-formidable 80 when the last wicket fell. Hood claimed four victims for 29, Forrest three for 29.

When Strath. went in to bat, it quickly became obvious that the hot sun was turning the pitch into a bowlers' paradise. Johnston was splendidly caught in the slips at 2, but Murray (20) and Smith (16) batted well to take the score to 33. Shepherd was bowling remarkably well, however, and Murray got in front of a straight one, while Smith was beaten all ends up with a fine off break. Forrest threw away his wicket by lashing a good ball wildly for mid-on to bring off a good catch. Hood lost his head and ran himself out when well set, and six wickets were down for 50. Only Aitkenhead (13) offered any further resistance, the innings closing at 71. The fielding of both sides was admirable as was the bowling on a day which had rendered the pitch favourable for both.

Result: Strathallan, 71; Glasgow H.S., 80.

**Strathallan v. H. B. Rowan's XI**, played at Forgandenny on June 21st.

Rowan's opened with J. B. Hobbs and J. R. Kerr, but Hood and Aitkenhead kept such a good length that few liberties were taken. Forrest changed the bowling judiciously and at 67 caught Hobbs (44)



at forward short leg off Aitkenhead's bowling. Mr. Kerr also fell to Aitkenhead at 84. The School spin bowler had a great day, taking six wickets for 68 runs against batsmen with big reputations. After being 131 for 3 wickets, the visitors collapsed rather and were only 167 for eight when the innings was closed, after all but ten minutes of three hours batting.

The School, with two and a quarter hours before them, made a valiant bid for victory. Johnson and Murray attacked the bowling from the start with great determination and had 86 runs on the board when the former went for 39. Then the School went temporarily unhinged. Hall was soon out l.b.w.; Murray called Forrest for a poor run, which resulted in the captain's dismissal for four; and no sooner had Hood got going than Murray was himself run out at 104 for 56. A further wicket fell at 106, and Strath's hopes began to fade when, with Wood in, Hood also fell on the defensive. Wood was finally caught for 17 at 136. With the advent of Watt for the last over things livened up and 18 runs were gathered, Hood hitting three successive fours; but the effort was too late, and the match was left drawn slightly in the School's favour. Hood was not out 29 and Watt 5.

Result: Strathallan, 154 for 6 wickets; H. B. Rowan's XI, 167 for 8 wickets (declared).

**Strathallan v. Allan Glen's School**, played at Glasgow on June 22nd.

Strath. inflicted the first defeat of the season on the home side in this match. The wicket was sticky, and Forrest wisely sent in his opponents who could make nothing of the Hood-Aitkenhead combination. Seven wickets were down for 20 runs when H. Yaffie made a valiant effort to pull his side round. He hit 20 courageous runs, but could get no one to stay with him, and Allan Glen's were all out for 37; Hood, four wickets for 11, and Aitkenhead six for 23.

Our opponents' bowling was surprisingly good, however, and only the pugnacious Murray was able to get runs, and this despite a bad attack of "lumbago" brought on by a fast ball from C. Smith. Murray made 28 out of the first 37 runs and saw

four men precede him to the pavilion. Aitkenhead then got going and his 14 not out enabled Strath. to finish with 52 for 7 wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 52 for 7 wickets; Allan Glen's, 37.

**Strathallan v. Old Strathallians**, played at Forgandenny on June 29th.

One would like to draw a veil over this match, for the School batting, on the first lease of a perfect wicket, can only be described as pitiable. Well as N. Gillanders and W. W. Watt bowled, the School did not do themselves justice: only Aitkenhead reached double figures, and there were five "ducks" in the side. Watt's four wickets for 12 runs and Gillander's five for 16 were flattered by the "nerves" of their victims.

That the wicket was faster than usual was proved when the F.P.'s went in to bat, for they lost four wickets in passing the School's total and play ended at 47 for five. Aitkenhead had three wickets for 27 and Hood two for 12.

Result: Strathallan, 37; Old Strathallians, 47 for five wickets.

**Strathallan v. W. C. Roy's XI**, played at Forgandenny on July 6th.

The visitors, composed mainly of F.P.'s and including two of the staff, fared badly at the start against Hood's bowling, for J. Shaw, A. Fleming, W. Roy and Mr. Cole went quickly, and half the side was out for 23. Some hard hitting by T. Lang (43), W. Watt (24) and S. Wright (20), partially retrieved the position and left the School to face a total of 114.

Watt did not prove a bogey with the ball as on the previous Saturday, and Murray and Irons gave the School a good start, 68 runs being on the board before Murray retired hurt for 25. Forrest and Smith failed to score, but Hood (22 not out) and Wood (8 not out), with Irons (33), enabled the School to reach 113 for four wickets before stumps were drawn.

Result: Strathallan, 113 for four; W. C. Roy's XI, 114.

## Second Eleven

The Second Eleven has had a moderately successful season. The only game lost was against Morgan's Academy 1st XI on May



25th. Morgan's scored 91, Leburn claiming five wickets for 29. Strath. began their reply well, Fleming (16) and Houston (24) seeing 51 runs up for three wickets, but a bad collapse left the total at a mere 76. Two games were drawn, with Gordon's at Aberdeen and Heriot's at Edinburgh, both slightly in Strath.'s favour; indeed the 73 runs in 50 minutes at Aberdeen was a highly creditable performance. The other away match against Aberdeen G.S. was won by four wickets, Leburn playing a large share in the victory by taking six wickets for 28 and scoring 12 out of Strath.'s total of 68. At home the School put up a good show against Morrison's Academy whom they dismissed for 58. N. Thomson and A. Fleming each scored 49 in the Strath. total of 145 for five wickets. Finally the 2nd Glasgow High School were decisively beaten, Leburn making a not out 51 in the Strath. total of 143 for five wickets, while in reply the High School could only muster 50.

Leburn, in conjunction with Fleming, has been the bulwark as far as batting is concerned, and with Taylor has borne the brunt of the attack, with averages of 7 and 5, for 23 and 7 wickets respectively. Watt has been most prominent in the field and Auld proved an able substitute for Gray behind the stumps and no mean performer with the bat. A pleasing feature of the side is that with the exception of Campbell, Fleming and Carswell, all its members will enjoy at least one more season's cricket. The side scored 567 runs for 13.5 runs per wicket, compared with their opponents' 436 for 7.2 runs per wicket.

Leading batting averages:—

	Innings.	No. times not out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.
N. Thompson	- 3	1	49*	75	37.5
H. Fleming	- 5	0	49	114	22.8
W. Leburn	- 6	1	51*	100	20
R. Auld	- 4	1	15*	30	10

\*Not out.

### House Matches

All the House matches this year have been of a one-sided nature. In the preliminary tie Ruthven dismissed Simpson for 33, Hood taking six wickets for 8 runs, and Aitkenhead four for 20. In reply, Murray scored 32 not out out of a total of

41 for 2 wickets. Nicol defeated Freeland by an even bigger margin. Forrest claimed six wickets for 19, and Wood the remainder for 15 in the Freeland innings of 37, of which Houston scored 12 and Macfarlane 11. Forrest and Wood quickly knocked up 47 before declaring, Forrest claiming 38 of them.

Under such circumstances a fine final might have been expected, but Nicol collapsed badly before Hood and Aitkenhead, the former starting the trouble with a brilliantly held return from Forrest. He claimed six wickets for 35, and Aitkenhead three for 24. Forrest, Watt, Steel, W. Dunlop and H. Tod reached double figures in the Nicol total of 79.

Murray and Irons opened for Ruthven and proceeded to dig in well before attempting to score. Indeed the first eight overs yielded only five runs, but thereafter runs came at a good pace and the score was taken to 77 before Forrest beat Irons for 26. Murray was 49 when stumps were drawn with the total 81. Ruthven must be congratulated upon their success for they proved themselves the best equipped side for the time limit policy.

### TENNIS NOTES

The first event of the term was the House Competition, which was played off for inclusion in the Sports Championship. The best equipped houses met in the final, for Ruthven and Nicol had little difficulty in disposing of Simpson and Freeland respectively. The final was a closely contested game, Ruthven emerging victorious by three matches to one.

Immediately after Sports Day, the Championships were begun, and all the games were keenly contested. In the Junior Tournament G. W. Leburn and C. A. Lyle contested the final, which the former won easily 6-4, 6-0, to retain the Championship for a second year. He is to be congratulated upon his success as for his inclusion in the School team. He has a great future before him.

Forrest met Hood in the Senior final, the latter having sprung a surprise upon D. Watt, last year's runner-up. He met his master in Forrest, whose hard forehand drives took him out the winner 7-5, 6-1.

On Commemoration Day, a team weakened by the absence of Forrest and Hood, gained a meritorious victory, two matches to one, six sets to two, and 42 games to 28. Mitchell and Leburn, Clow and Houston, and Auld and Watt represented the School.

Later in the term, Forrest and Auld, Hood and Watt, and Houston and Leburn beat the Staff by twelve sets to six, concluding a season conspicuous for the show of juvenile talent brought to notice by the Junior Tournament.

J. A. S.

### FIVES

Despite the heat, the Fives courts have been in continual use, though the only events of importance were the House Competition and the match with the Old Boys.

The former served as a good testing ground for possible School pairs. It was perhaps unfortunate that Nicol and Ruthven were drawn against one another in the preliminary rounds, for this was the tie of the competition, everything turning upon the points scored, since each side won two games. Hood and Leburn, the Ruthven first string, carried all before them, but even then only two points separated the sides at the conclusion, and had Mackie and Fulton not fallen into errors at the critical moment when they knew that the match depended upon their winning by as large a margin as possible, the issue might have been reversed. As it was, Ruthven had no difficulty in defeating Freeland in the final by four matches to love.

On Commemoration Day, Hood and Harrington, and Mackie and Leburn easily defeated the F.P. team of J. Wilson and W. Smith and J. A. Montgomerie and I. Scott by four games to none.

G. H.

### SWIMMING

With a hot Summer term in progress, the pond has been immensely popular this term, and a good Polo side has materialised. This was Carswell; Dishington, Campbell; Hall; Forrest, Smith, Mitchell. Unfortunately cramp robbed us of Mitchell's services for Commemoration Day, and Dishington being an absentee, Forrest dropped back to partner Campbell, while Innes and Johnston came in on the wings.

The School did most of the attacking in the first half and established a two goal lead through magnificent throws from Hall, who was a tower of strength in attack and defence. Indeed the School was for once well on top of the F.P.'s, and even after the change over when they were defending the deep end, they were still the better side. Carswell, who had performed great deeds in goal was, however, beaten by a shot which "drifted in with the tide" and later was in error in taking a goal throw which he threw direct to Lambie who had no difficulty in putting the ball into the open goal to level the score.

The Relay race was also a closely contested affair. Here Johnston, Innes, Campbell and Smith upheld the honour of the School and were slightly in the lead at the start of the final lap, but Lambie again proved just a little too much for Smith and beat him by the touch.

The House swimming resulted in an easy victory for Ruthven, Freeland and Simpson making a real fight of it for second place, the latter being successful.

There was a large entry for the Championship races. The Senior final was the finest struggle we have seen for some years. At the end of four laps there was not more than six yards between J. Smith, D. Hall, R. Innes and R. Campbell, in that order. Then Campbell showed us what it was that had given him the championship two years already. He began to spurt after the turn and, timing the race beautifully, overtook Smith about ten yards from home and won by about four feet, Hall finishing third.

In the Junior Championship, J. D. Wilson, H. Thomson, R. A. Peacock and J. Donaldson qualified for the final from an entry of over fifty, and a good race saw Wilson win by about four yards from Thomson. A pleasing feature of this event was the good form shown by some of the younger competitors, and their progress will be watched with interest by the powers that be.

On the last Saturday evening of the term, an inter-house Polo match was initiated, and proved so popular that it is hoped to make it an annual event. Nicol and Freeland played Ruthven and Simpson, and in the absence of Mr. Norton the game

became water rugger, for R. Campbell and D. Hall reduced to a fine art complete mis-reading of the rules. We thank V. Mackay for his gallant effort to referee the match under the circumstances.

J. G. S. F.

### RUGBY PROSPECTS

The School is fortunate in having last year's captain, J. Forrest, back for a further season, and while he will be faced with several difficulties, hopes run high for a much improved display. He will have at his disposal ten of last season's campaigners, the majority of them forming the back division. It would be foolish to pretend that last season's backs were an ideal combination, but with experience behind them and six months' physical development as an asset, there is no reason why they should not add fresh lustre to the School's name. Houston remains one of the soundest full backs we have had for some years, and with both halves available service from the scrum should be more than adequate. Forrest and Murray had struck a good understanding by the end of last season, and Mackay can always be depended upon to look after one wing. The loss of W. Hood on the other may prove serious, though the Second XV wingers were full of promise and may step into the breach.

I. Wood, G. Sharp, D. Hall, R. Auld and J. Peden will form the nucleus of the pack, and there are three other 2nd XV Caps available who have had occasional games with the First, but it would seem that the forwards will be somewhat lighter than last season and will therefore need increased liveliness as a compensation against weightier opponents.

The fixture list shows little change from previous years, though Perthshire will be met again after some years' absence. The Second Fifteen have ten fixtures and the Third five, so that ample opportunity will be given for match play among potential members of the School side.

The First XV fixtures are as under:—

Oct.	5.	Aberdeen G. S.	- Aberdeen
		„ 12.	Edinburgh Instit. - Forgardenny
		„ 19.	Gordon's College - Aberdeen
		„ 26.	Dollar Academy - Dollar

Nov.	2.	Dunfermline H.S.	- Forgardenny
		„ 16.	Allan Glen's School Glasgow
		„ 23.	Geo. Heriot's School Edinburgh
Dec.	7.	Old Boys	- Forgardenny
Jan.	18.	Morrison's Acad.	- Crieff.
		„ 25.	Aberdeen G.S. - Forgardenny
Feb.	1.	Dan Stewart's Coll.	Edinburgh
		„ 15.	Gordon's College - Forgardenny
		„ 26.	Scottish Wayfarers Forgardenny
Mar.	14.	Hillhead H.S.	- Glasgow

### The 73rd Perthshire Troop

It has been customary to regard the approach of the summer term as that of outdoor work. This term has been no exception. The programme of work has never been interrupted by rain, and although some meetings have had to be shorter than many could have wished, there has been great keenness displayed in every moment of the Troop's activities.

The outstanding event of the early weeks of the term was the lighting of a beacon on Castle Hill in the Scout chain of bonfires on the night of May 6th in celebration of the King's Jubilee. We are very grateful to Mr. Riley for his permission to take part in the chain, and to Mr. Calder of Ardargie for his permission to use the hilltop as a site for the beacon. The Troop laid the bonfire on the morning of May 4th. On the Monday the official rocket was obtained from the District Commissioner, Major Baillie, and after a few words on the value of kingship by the S.M., the rocket was discharged and the bonfire lit promptly at 10.30 p.m. The National Anthem was sung, and three cheers given for His Majesty. The Troop found its way through the darkness down the hills to arrive back in school just before midnight. We were pleased to have Mr. Ward and Mr. Cole with us. The debris of the beacon was cleared up by a small party from the Troop on the following Saturday, and a small cairn of stones built in commemoration.

Field Day was an event of more personal enjoyment. Two successive postponements led to the final choice of Saturday, June 22nd as the date. Except that the shorter and steeper route over the Glenearn estate

was taken, the usual orders were observed. After the apportioning of the rations, patrols moved off, one after another, to the Post Office, and thence to the site of the old mill. The weather remained kind throughout the day. After lunch (which provided an opportunity for many to pass their 2nd Class fire-lighting and cooking tests) there was a tendency among some members to spend the afternoon in repose, whilst others departed for active games. Mr. Frank, Mr. Knox and Mr. Waters joined us in the afternoon and stayed to tea. We are glad they survived the experience. After tea there was the usual clearing up to be done, and this was, with some few exceptions, done well, the officers being particularly pleased with the cleaning of the billies.

It is a very gratifying fact that the Troop membership has increased, the number at present standing at 66.

There has been a constant improvement in the 2nd Class work submitted for the testing by the S.M. and V. Mackay. Fewer people are now content to rest on the laurels of the Tenderfoot. Such badge work as has been done has been chiefly of the outdoor variety. The first two to attempt the Tracker badge—D. Hall and N. Smith—completed the tests in plaster casts and the following of trails and were awarded the badge. We are very pleased to congratulate Hall in obtaining the coveted prize of the Bushman's Thong. H. Tod has accomplished the no mean feat of gaining the Gold All-Round Cords. C. M. Scroggie has gained his first All-Round Cords; and we congratulate J. Anderson upon joining the company of King's Scouts. The Troop—and more especially those boys who took the opportunity—are very grateful to Mr. Bain for his readiness to help with the Horseman badge. Four recruits, D. Jackson, E. MacCrimmon, J. Waterston and D. Campbell were invested on Field Day.

Arrangements for the Summer Camp are now well advanced. Numbers have this year increased to 20, and while we are gratified by the increase, we trust that others will not be content to allow it to be a record.

There was a keen struggle in the patrol competition. We would thank Mr. Cole

and Mr. Hallett for the care with which they judged the exhibits. The trophy was awarded to the Otters, a patrol of keen workers, all of whom had their share in the patrol's success. The cup for outdoor work was gained by the Lions who effected a piece of real pioneering work by constructing a rope bridge; but the whole of the outdoor work has been of a high standard. The individual cup was won by H. Tod with a very well made sledge. I. P. Murray again won the photographic competition. The trophies and medals were presented by Mr. Crichton, organising secretary for Scotland, on July 6th. He also showed us several tricks with ropes, hand-signals and sketches. We were very glad to welcome him to Strath. At his request the Swifts are to send a replica of their patrol emblem to hang in the hut at Scottish H.Q.

We wish good scouting to those who leave this term. Among them are J. A. Smith and J. A. Dow who, as officers of the Troop, have done valuable work.

### Postscript

Since the writing of the above, the Scout Camp has become an accomplished fact. Eighteen boys camped at Ripley Valley, Harrogate, from August 28th to Sept. 7th. Once again Mr. Gibson took charge of the cooking arrangements, and we are all very grateful to him for his tremendous share in making the camp a success. Under his direction, newcomers to camp found, as did the newcomers last year, that food is well cooked at camp; there was no grumbling over the food, and the meals were always a source of delight.

The weather was not unkind. The suddenness of a midnight thunderstorm proved more alarming in sound than harmful in effect, the tents bearing the strain of the deluges very well. Only one day was really wet, but no ill-effects followed it.

We had two outings from Camp. One day was spent in York where, in the morning we visited York Minster and Chapter House and, in the afternoon, the L.N.E.R. museum of famous locomotives. We were also conducted round the Guildhall. A later day was occupied in a motor coach tour of Wensleydale. The places visited were the churches of Tanfield and



"Strath." with "Changing Rooms."

Masham, the castles of Middleham and Bolton, and Aysgarth Falls. The outing occupied the whole day and proved most enjoyable. Lunch at Leyburn proved for many an introduction to a Yorkshire product, Wensleydale cheese.

Opportunities were taken for the completion of that type of badge-work which is best done in connection with camp. Six boys did their first-class hike from camp, and on their return handed over the three small tents to the six who wished to do the individual part of the camper badge. There were some delicious dampers cooked in the completion of the first-class cooking test by four boys. There were considerable opportunities for swimming—the River Nidd affording good diving as well.

The people of Ripley village were again most kind to us. This year we narrowly lost to the village at cricket, but were able, a few evenings later, to win the football

match. For the last night of camp there was a camp fire and sing-song to which many of the villagers came. The Troop also visited the Castle grounds to see the full effects of the floodlighting there.

So far as the S.M. dare say it, it was very enjoyable for all. We were very glad that Mr. E. L. Walker was able to join us. Those who came to camp for the first time soon settled down and found that any earlier qualms were quite uncalled for. We all sympathise greatly with those who did not come because they did not wish to do so. Perhaps by next year they will have realised that a true scout takes every opportunity of camping and finds it a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Those who were at Ripley this year are the ones to ask about camping; they will best explain its pleasures and worth.

For the Troop next summer I wish good camping.  
K. L. McC.



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THE School coat of arms worked in a concrete stone has been incorporated in the archway over the entrance porch, and has been the subject of favourable comment. It is the handiwork of Mr. Alex. Frazer of Kirkcaldy, to whom we are greatly indebted for this addition to the external amenities of the building. It forms a most appropriate completion to the old gateway, and has been so skilfully worked that one would hardly realise that it had been recently added. The School's grateful thanks have been duly expressed to Mr. Frazer.

Mr. Jack Hobbs, the All-England cricketer, visited us as a playing member of the Rowan's XI. It was soon evident that he and Vickerstaff, our groundsman, had met before. Together they went out to inspect the wicket. Very little was said until after the match when Mr. Jack Hobbs was very loud in his praise, not only of the appearance of the wicket but of its true playing qualities. Some of the terms he used were really flattering, and as we know that he has repeated them to several of Scotland's cricketers we are quite content to leave it at that—we are very proud of our pitch. To Mr. Bobby Aitkenhead fell the honour of dismissing the All-England cricketer. Bowling a very slow ball, and varying his length very skilfully, he enticed Hobbs to play forward and send up a very simple catch to Forrest about six yards from the wicket. The boys who took part in this match will never forget it for the School should have won with ease had there been five more minutes available. Mr. Hobbs autographed the ball and the bats of every member of the First XI.

Mr. John Balfour who has been residing at Hawick, has left Scotland for the Argentine where he is to join his parents on their ranch. Mr. Balfour intends to

take up farming in that country, where his brother Bob is acting as assistant manager on one of the large estancias.

To Captain James Guthrie falls a most interesting experience in his journey to Lhasa as Medical Officer accompanying the Political Agent. Captain Guthrie, who is attached to the Indian Medical Service, must have collected a great number of impressions of Northern India and the borderlands in his capacity as medical officer in various regions. His brother, Mr. William Guthrie, who is a B.Sc. Engineering of London, has taken an appointment as engineer to one of the railways in Chile. It is believed that his headquarters will be in Antofagasta, but it is probable that he will be moving about up country.

Mr. George Thomson, of Fingask, Bridge of Earn, is now in the valuers' department under the Scottish Office and is at the present moment attached to the Aberdeen office where, among various duties, he spends a considerable time in valuing estates and effects for the purposes of death duties. He was recently married to a young lady from New York. We wish them both a happy and prosperous future.

Old Strathallians will be very interested to note that a School record was set up at the last sports where J. G. S. Forrest, the rugby captain, came first in every one of the open events. This is all the more meritorious since competition was exceptionally keen, and his most optimistic followers were not prepared for more than three firsts.

We congratulate Mr. Gordon Watt of St. Andrews on his being gazetted to the regular army. Mr. Watt has been transferred for service with the Indian Army, and we hope to publish his address in India in our next magazine.

Mr. Brydon Scott, who has recently been married, is still with Messrs. Layton, Bennett, Chiene & Tait of Blomfield Street, London, and he is attached to their permanent audit staff with the Associated Newspapers Ltd. Mr. Scott, whose address is 100 Alexandra Court, Empire Way, Wembley, Middlesex, will be delighted at any time to renew his old friendships with Strathallians who may be in London.

We note with great pleasure the appointment of Dr. W. O. G. Taylor to the honorary visiting staff of the Glasgow Eye Infirmary as Clinical Assistant. Dr. Taylor passed his Finals last year, and we offer him our heartiest congratulations upon his advancement at such an early stage.

A wide circle of old Strathallians will offer their congratulations to Dr. J. F. Dow upon his completion of his medical course at Cambridge and London. Dr. Dow has collected no fewer than five degrees or diplomas during this time. He not only distinguished himself in an academic way, but gained the high honour of being captain of the Middlesex Hospital teams at cricket and at rugby. He can certainly look back upon his 'varsity and hospital days with great credit and pleasure.

We are pleased to report that Mr. Francis Grant has passed the final of the C.A. examination; also that Mr. R. D. Paton has successfully passed the first half of the final.

We congratulate Mr. J. P. Tindal of 56 Newlands Road, Glasgow, on his appointment as Secretary of the Witney Blanket Company, Witney, Oxon. His post must be one of responsibility as he has a staff of forty under him.

Mr. J. B. Maitland Cowan has been appointed Director and Secretary of Advertime Ltd., Glasgow. The Company is producing advertising machines which exhibit in a sequence fifteen advertisements. We congratulate Mr. Cowan on his being gazetted 2nd Lieutenant Royal Scots Fusiliers (Machine Gun) on 4th May last.

Mr. J. Gordon Walls has been transferred to London. His address is 48 Parliament Hill, Hampstead, London,

N.W.1, and he will be pleased to hear from any old Strathallians in London. We also announce his engagement to Miss Morag M. Kennedy, of Crosshill, Glasgow.

The engagement is also announced of Mr. Hugh T. Isles, of Glasgow, to Miss Nancy B. Rattray, of Forfar.

We notice that Mr. Jim Black who qualified as a Chartered Accountant has now been appointed to the staff of Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Company and that he is taking up his duties with this firm in Montreal or Toronto. Perhaps this may meet the eye of Mr. James Whyte who is a lecturer at McGill University and no doubt he will get in touch with his old school friend.

There have been quite a number of weddings since the last issue of the magazine, and the Club offers its congratulations and very best wishes to the following Old Strathallians and their good ladies.

Walker—Smith. At St. Luke's Church, Broughty Ferry, on 1st June, 1935, William J. Walker, of East Newport, to Miss Alice Eileen Smith, of Broughty Ferry.

Scott—Martin. At St. Faith's Church, Brentford, on 6th June, 1935, M. Brydon Scott, of Wembley, to Miss Betty O. Martin, of Brentford.

Huie—Smeed. At All Saints' Church, Ramleh, Egypt, on 21st June, 1935, Ian Charles Huie, C.A., to Miss Gwendolyn Estelle Smeed, of Ramleh.

Wallace—Laskie. At St. Peter's Church, Dundee, on 7th August, 1935, Ronald Bruce Wallace, of Broughty Ferry, to Miss Dorothea Laskie, of Broughty Ferry.

Reid—Nicholson. At Sherbrooke Church, Glasgow, on 29th August, 1935, Noel Guthrie Reid, of Bearsden, to Miss Janet May Nicholson, of Newton Mearns.

Baker—Findlay. At Sandyhills Church, Glasgow, on 30th August, 1935, George G. Baker, of London, to Miss Jessie Raphael Findlay, of Glasgow.



Robertson—Alexander. At Rosslyn Chapel, Roslin, nr. Edinburgh, on 31st August, 1935, Allan Mitchell Robertson, of Dundee, to Miss Marion Avis Alexander, of 50 Chesser Crescent, Edinburgh.

Primrose — Ross. At Congregational Church, Pollokshields, on 3rd September, 1935, William G. Primrose, of Glasgow, to Miss Irma Peden, of Glasgow.

### From our St. Andrews University Correspondent.

I am glad to report that Strathallians this last year have had a very successful session and indeed as far as my acquaintance goes in the East of Scotland I have heard of many successes both in the business world and in the realm of sport. Mr. Douglas Muir was capped M.A. this last session, where he obtained a first-class distinction in medieval history. Mr. A. C. Fraser and Mr. W. Smith passed their first M.B., Ch.B. examination, the former gaining the mark of "merit" in Chemistry. Messrs. Lyall Fleming—who, by the way, got his rugger blue at St. Andrews this last session—and Gordon Reay also took examinations but their results have not reached me yet. I am glad to say that Mr. W. G. Leburn has been appointed captain of the Cupar Rugby Club which includes two other old Strathallians—the brothers Bell. A great deal of prominence has been given lately to the prospects of Mr. Neil Gillanders who is centre three-quarter with Panmure, and who is spoken of as being one of the Midlands' most promising players. There is no doubt that he knows the game and has the requisite weight and speed. Mr. W. M. Edward was successful in his first C.A. examination, and I notice that another recruit to the banking world from Strathallan is to be found in Mr. A. J. G. Brown who is stationed at Cupar in the Commercial Bank. We intend to take up a rugger team this term to play the School, and we hope that it will be composed solely of old Strathallians resident in this district. The game is more or less now an annual feature and all we

ask is that the weather should be kind to us for we know we shall have an enjoyable game.

### From our Edinburgh University Correspondent.

At the present moment there are only seven Strathallians up at Edinburgh, and I am glad to report that Mr. J. B. Ross and Mr. Ian Chalmers have both passed their finals, M.B., Ch.B. There is a distinct gap between these gentlemen and those who have come up recently, for we have had no students up for medicine for four years until recently when Messrs. Dawson, Breckenridge, Drummond and Balfour came in quick succession. Mr. John Dawson, who is in his second year medicine is on the Students' Representative Council, and it is quite a noteworthy fact that although Strathallan has so few representatives at Edinburgh University, yet it nearly always has a member on the S.R.C. Mr. George W. Balfour has passed his first year professional examinations, and Mr. J. Drummond passed in zoology and botany, and Mr. J. Breckenridge in zoology and physics. It is quite evident that the biology lab. at School is doing great service and it certainly would please Mr. Ward and Mr. Cole if they only knew how much their notes, which we got at School, have been in demand amongst other students. My own copies have passed through several hands. Many of us were very sorry indeed not to be able to be present on Commemoration Day which, unfortunately, clashed with the professional examinations in medicine, but perhaps we shall have better luck next year for every one of us here has vivid memories of the great struggles between School and Club on that day. Our rugby star in Edinburgh is, of course, Mr. Breckenridge who has, I believe, every chance of being chosen to play for the South against the All-Blacks, but we lesser lights often come across Old Strathallians playing in various clubs round about Edinburgh and the interval is generally spent in a "crack" over old times. There are two or three Old Strathallians at the Veterinary and Agricultural Colleges just now, Messrs. J. S.

Cruickshanks from Aberdeen, and Harry Shanks from Falkland, both of whom have been successful in their examinations up to date. It is to be hoped that this year some of us may figure in the University Vandal team on the occasion of its visit to Strathallan.

### From our Glasgow University Correspondent.

I am very glad to say that students here from Strathallan continue in the main to flourish exceedingly on the sports field and in the life of the university; whilst practically every man's name has appeared in the pass lists in one or other of the faculties. Medicine, of course, is our forte, and I append a list of successes which is by no means complete for there are one or two men in their first year whose results have not reached me.

First year.—M.B., B.Ch.: Messrs. W. McKenna and O. T. Brown passed in all four subjects, Chemistry, Physics, Botany and Zoology.

Second year.—Messrs. Wilson Harrington and Robin Taylor passed in both subjects, Anatomy and Physiology.

Third year.—Mr. W. S. Linton passed in Materia Medica and Pathology.

Fourth year.—Mr. C. W. McLeay passed in Medical Jurisprudence and Public Health with distinction in Public Health, and Mr. Ian Scott was also successful in both subjects.

Final.—M.B., B.Ch.: Mr. Ian Henderson and Mr. Archie Morrison were both successful, the former with distinction in midwifery. The fellows in the engineering faculty are still awaiting their results, and I hope I am able in my next letter to record successes here also.

I see that we are to have a new recruit for this coming session in Mr. Hugh Fleming, and as he has been through the mill in the way of the first year medical course at School he should have a comparatively easy passage this year.

We are wondering whether Messrs. Mitchell and Cooper, who were prominent

members of the School's rugger scrum, are going to attend classes at the 'varsity this year. If so, I can assure them a hearty welcome from members of the rugger side. Any other old Strathallians who are coming up can easily be put in touch with me through Mr. Riley, and I will do my best to smooth over any difficulties they may experience with regard to their early days here.

### From our Cambridge University Correspondent.

I am afraid that I have very little news this term beyond recording the fact that all Strathallians up at Cambridge were successful in their examinations. Mr. Willie Watt took a Second in Law, and Mr. A. Montgomerie obtained a Third in Economics, whilst Mr. J. Wilson came through his "Mays" successfully in Medicine. We have been visited once or twice by present members of the School who are coming up this year, Mr. James Smith in Medicine and Mr. A. Carswell in Law. I notice that they are both coming up to John's and they are assured of a welcome from Strathallians presently at Cambridge. It is wonderful how quickly news travels, for the information of Mr. J. Dow's success in his Finals at London and Cambridge reached us a very short time after the results were declared. He has certainly done well.

## SPORTS NEWS

### Commemoration Day

Cricket Team.—I. McEwen (captain), C. K. Chalmers, N. Gillanders, G. Leburn, D. Linton, W. McKenna, R. W. McMath, W. H. Reid, W. Ritchie, W. C. Roy, and W. Watt.

Swimming.—N. Gillanders, W. A. C. Lambie, W. S. Linton, and Roy Reid.

Polo.—N. Gillanders, I. D. Henderson, W. A. C. Lambie, I. Lang, W. S. Linton, I. McGregor, and W. Wills.

Tennis.—L. Paul, W. Smith, L. McDougall, J. Findlay, A. Fleming, and W. Wills.