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ONCE more the pleasant Summer term has become a thing of the past, and the only cloud on the horizon was that it scarcely lived up to its name in the matter of weather: indeed, there were many days in the Spring term that were far warmer and sunnier. On the whole, however, it might have been worse; for only one cricket match was spoiled by rain, and the Red Letter Days of the term, apart from Sports Day, were blessed by sunshine.

The damp conditions undoubtedly prevented the First Eleven from finding their true form, if, indeed, they can ever be said truly to have found it except perhaps in the Rowan's match. Certainly in the early days the soft wickets were a possible excuse for the numerous batting failures, which were less justifiable later in the season. Despite this lack of success, however, the records of the batsmen show an improvement upon last season. Leburn and N. Thomson both improved their averages; and if fewer members had an average above ten, the rest of the averages were slightly higher than the "tail" of last season. Leburn, moreover, had the satisfaction of taking fifty wickets, a feat last achieved by W. Watt in 1933; while G. Wilson should prove a real match winner for some years if his improvement continues at its present phenomenal rate. Further, we are pleased to notice a great improvement in the team's fielding and a greater enthusiasm among the juniors for the game; some of them indeed have already found places in the second team and in the Colts XI.

The weakness at Cricket was again largely responsible for the defeat of the School by the Old Boys on Commemoration

Day, June 25th; though on this occasion a large gathering saw a strange upheaval of "form". Few F.P.'s, we feel, were sanguine of success in the Relay, and certainly few of the School anticipated so substantial a victory for the F.P.'s as J. G. S. Forrest provided them with by his magnificent quarter mile. We thought him fast when he was at School, but we should be very interested to know how much he knocked off his own record time for the distance. A second unpleasant surprise awaited the School in the Fives, where something in the nature of a reserve side was overwhelmed. Our congratulations, however, to the weakened tennis side upon their victory, the first time the School has won for three years. Equally meritorious were the victories of both swimming and polo teams. The young relay team should be able to hold its own for at least a further year; while the polo team, also on the young side, will be able to call upon numerous reserves when necessary, thanks to the fostering of a "nursery." Finally, our heartiest congratulations to the Strathallian Club upon their determined and successful effort to retain the Cup for yet another year; though we cannot help feeling it is about time that the School took it into custody.

Sports Day, June 8th, was to a certain extent marred by heavy rain, and the keenness of the competition in the individual championship and the House tournament by the injury on heats day to J. F. Waterston, who may well have proved a formidable challenger to A. Watt, with whom he shared the Junior Championship two years ago. This is in no way intended to detract from Watt's excellent form in

gaining five firsts to win the Championship from R. Peacock who claimed the quarter and half mile races. Had conditions been more favourable he might well have beaten several records: our congratulations, Allan! I. Geddes and F. Edmonds drew in the Junior Championship and share the Allan Anderson Cup. Competition was particularly keen among the Juniors—a good omen for the future. Nicol won the House Championship for the sixth year in succession and must be congratulated upon this remarkable record; but we cannot but feel that this honour, like the Commemoration Day Trophy, would be the better for a change of hands.

We are pleased to record a further innovation at Strath. During the early days of the vacation a party of senior boys went on the Continent under the guidance of Mr. Shaw, whose careful planning of the tour enabled them to gain an insight into French social life. After a few days at St. Briac, near Dinard, to see France at play, the party moved on to Tours in the heart of the chateaux country, and ended with a few days in Paris. We understand that the party thoroughly enjoyed the tour, and we are hopeful of including in this number some impressions of the itinerary.

One other glimpse of past events before looking ahead to the coming term. The first of the new rugby pitches is now completed, even to the goal posts, and the turf would seem to have knit together excellently, thanks, no doubt, to the wettish summer. Short of any unforeseen occurrence the pitch will be available for First XV matches at once. Meanwhile some progress has been made with the levelling operations on the second of the new pitches; but this cannot possibly be available this season.

Soon the winter nights will be upon us, and with them the resumption of indoor activities. Dramatic and Debating Societies view the approaching session with considerable confidence; and, in addition to the usual Saturday Ciné, arrangements have been made for three visitors. Dr. Habberton Lulham will be paying a return visit to the School on Oct. 21st, while, all being well, we hope to welcome last year's other successful lecturer, Lt.-Col. Haddick

during the Spring Term. Dr. Lulham speaks on "The South Downs," and Lt.-Col. Haddick upon "Young Germany," a subject of topical interest. Early in November Miss Edith Cherry-Garard comes to lecture on "Corsica and Sardinia"; while the English Classical Players will be presenting "Henry IV. Part 1," in the Gym. on December 14th.

Naturally, at this time of year we bid "God speed" to many of the Senior members of the School, and it is impossible to mention all of them by name. We would thank them collectively for their services to the School, whether in the classroom, the playing fields or socially, and wish them every success in their future careers. The loss of all the Prefects and House Prefects will naturally leave large gaps to be filled in the various sports' teams and in the executive of the various societies. Of no one is this truer than of the School Captain, R. A. Peacock, who deservedly stands very high among Strathallan captains, combining popularity with unquestioned authority. Leader of the 1st XV pack and Captain of Swimming, Bertie has infused his own tireless enthusiasm into those under him in all spheres; and much of the credit for the School's victories in the Swimming events on Commemoration Day is due to his efforts. Moreover, he proved an admirable Chairman of the Dramatic Society, and was a worthy successor to Ian Smith as Secretary of the Debating Society: altogether fitting himself for participation in the wider activities of Cambridge life.

To fill the places of those leaving, the following promotions were made at the end of term:

School Captain: M. Gordon.

Vice-Captain: D. Hood.

Rugby Captain and Captain of Freeland

House: D. Macnaughton.

Captain of Simpson House: S. S. Brown.

Captain of Nicol House: M. Binnie.

Captain of Ruthven House: J. F. Waterston.

House Prefects: J. T. Paton, C. Turner, C. Don and N. McLeod.

Sub-Prefects: K. Grant, H. Thomson, G. S. Wilson and E. Davison.

The Dramatic Society

THE Society is again fortunate in being able to view the recommencement of activities with confidence born of the knowledge that four or five of last year's executive remain at School to give the lead to less practised hands. As these are experienced actors also, the nucleus of the cast of the Christmas Social is already provided for.

Financially also, the Society has few worries, below appearing a statement of accounts for the past session.

INCOME.

By Balance, Easter, 1937—			
At S. French, Ltd.	£2	6	5
Reserved by Mr. Riley	0	16	9
At Bank ...	3	19	8
			£7 2 10
„ Subscriptions, reserved by Mr. Riley—			
Christmas Term ...	£7	2	0
Easter Term ...	7	6	0
			14 8 0
„ Collection—Christmas Social ...		3	0 2
			£24 11 0

EXPENDITURE.

To S. French, Ltd. ...	£1	10	0
„ Membership Cards ...	0	8	0
„ Stage Equipment (Canvas purchased by Mr. Riley) ...	9	3	6
„ Expenses of Dramatic Production—			
Hire of Costumes	£2	5	0
Postage on same ...	0	6	0
Rebinding 1 Copy of Play ...	0	2	0
Cigarettes ...	0	7	6
Sundries ...	0	8	9
Programmes ...	0	2	9
			3 12 0
„ Cheques and Postages ...	0	2	0
„ Balance—			
With S. French, Ltd.	£1	7	0
Reserved by Mr. Riley	6	1	3
At Bank ...	2	7	3
			9 15 6
			£24 11 0

L. S. SCOTT, *Hon. Treas.*

Special Notices

The Annual Rugby Match between the Club and the School will take place at Forgardenny on Saturday, 3rd December, 1938, at 2.30 p.m. Members desiring to play might please apply to Mr. W. Wills, 9 Montgomerie Terrace, Ayr, or Mr. W. G. Leburn, Edenshead, Gateside, Fife, or Mr. Robert Auld, 64 London Road, Kilmarnock, not later than Saturday, 26th November, 1938. The Council trust that non-playing members will endeavour to be present at the match and support the Club.

The Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held in St. Enoch Hotel, Glasgow, on 17th December, 1938. Circulars regarding same will be sent out in due course.

The Council have to intimate that at the Annual Meeting held in December, 1937, it was decided that the Annual Ordinary Membership subscription should be raised from 7/6 to 10/-. This takes effect as and from 1st December next.

The Council have pleasure in intimating that the response to the circular sent out with regard to the proposed presentation to Mr. Riley has been very gratifying. The subscription fund, however, is still open, and any members who desire to contribute and have not done so might send their donations to the Honorary Secretary of the Club, Mr. J. B. Maitland Cowan, 30 George Square, Glasgow.

Mr. Riley is at present sitting for his portrait, the artist being Mr. Cursiter of Edinburgh.

It is proposed to present the portrait at the Annual Dinner on 17th December next.

As many members are aware, a luncheon is held in the Balcony of Cranston's Tea Rooms, Renfield Street, Glasgow, every Monday between 1 and 2 p.m. Mr. Riley has kindly agreed to attend the luncheon on the first Monday of each month and the Council trust that members will avail themselves of this opportunity to meet each other.

Sports Day

ON Wednesday, June 8th, the School Sports were held, and for once fine weather did not grace the proceedings: indeed, during the interval there was something of a thunder shower. Nevertheless, the many parents and friends present enjoyed warm spells between the showers and some excellent competition on the track. Conditions were naturally all against any records being broken, but there were some exceedingly good performances notwithstanding, the two sprints providing particularly close finishes. Watt's jump of 5 ft. 3½ in., while it failed to beat Forrest's record, was, circumstances considered, equally meritorious. Watt fully justified expectations raised last year when he was Junior champion, by winning both sprints, both jumps and the hurdles, and with 25 points was a comfortable winner of the Victor Ludorum Cup, with R. Peacock runner-up.

Competition here, and in the House Championship, was to a degree spoiled by injuries. Ruthven House were particularly unfortunate in losing F. Waterston, once Junior champion, and J. Shanks during heats day. Their presence would certainly have had considerable influence upon the final positioning of the Houses. As it was, Nicol ran out comfortable winners with 128 points, followed by Freeland (83), Simpson and Ruthven.

The Junior Championship, which carries with it the Allan Anderson Cup, was shared by I. Geddes and F. Edmonds with eight points each, with W. Gregory runner-up, but competition here was so keen that four other boys had four points each. When these move up into senior circles the struggle for house and individual championship will be a particularly close one.

Prizes were distributed as usual in the Gym., and were presented by Dr. John

Morrison, who, as father of three Old Strathallians, had many amusing reminiscences of early Strathallan and Mr. Riley to recall when he replied to the latter's introduction which followed a review of the School year.

The full list of prize-winners and other awards made upon this occasion was:—

Open Events.

100 yards—1, A. Watt; 2, T. Macfarlane.
 220 yards—1, A. Watt; 2, T. Macfarlane.
 440 yards—1, R. Peacock; 2, E. Nicholson.
 880 yards—1, R. Peacock; 2, E. Nicholson.
 Hurdles—1, A. Watt; 2, J. Steel.
 High Jump—1, A. Watt; 2, H. Thomson.
 Long Jump—1, A. Watt; 2, T. Macfarlane.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—1, J. Steel; 2, D. Lewis.

Under 16 Events.

100 yards—1, F. Edmonds; 2, D. Robinson.
 220 yards—1, F. Edmonds; 2, D. Robinson.
 440 yards—1, I. Geddes; 2, W. Hunter.
 880 yards—1, D. Fulton; 2, J. Fulton.
 Hurdles—1, I. Geddes; 2, M. Thomson.
 High Jump—1, P. McGlade; 2, J. Scott and R. W. Gregory (equal).
 Long Jump—1, R. W. Gregory; 2, M. Thomson.

Under 14 Events.

90 yards—1, I. Petrie and J. S. Baillie (dead heat).
 220 yards—1, J. S. Baillie; 2, I. Petrie.
 High Jump—1, E. MacCrimmon; 2, J. S. Baillie.
 Long Jump—1, I. Petrie; 2, A. Don.

Under 12 Events.

80 yards—1, I. Mackay; 2, G. Lowden.
 High Jump—1, J. Clark; 2, R. Young.

Other Events.

Three-legged Race—1, D. Scroggie and G. Wilson; 2, W. Kerr and J. Lowden.
 Obstacle Race—1, T. Blair; 2, M. Wightman.
 Tilting the Bucket—1, J. Sim and O. Milne; 2, F. Anderson and J. Steel.
 House Relay—1, Freeland; 2, Nicol.
 House Tug-of-War—1, Nicol; 2, Simpson.

Other Awards.

Smith Cup—R. A. Peacock.
 Robert Houston Medal—I. Smith.
 Senior Dux—D. Hood.
 Junior Dux—J. Scott.
 Senior Scout Medal—W. Hunter.
 Junior Scout Medal—M. North.

Commemoration Day

AFTER far from promising beginnings, Commemoration Day was once more fine, and there was an exceptionally good turnout of Old Boys to participate in and watch the various field events, which proved more full of surprises than usual.

Over thirty F.P.'s were present at the Chapel Service at 2.15.

The sports events opened with shock number one for the School: the Relay Race, after being a close thing over the first two laps, looked to be going the usual way when Watt gave his side ten or fifteen yards lead on the third lap, but as soon as we saw Forrest set off in pursuit of Peacock, we realised that our hopes were doomed to disappointment; and though Peacock stuck grimly to his task, Forrest ran out an easy winner by twenty yards to put the Old Boys five points up.

In view of the strong eleven the Old Boys fielded, the School hopes were not high when they were sent in to bat; by tea time they had sunk very low when the side was back in the pavilion for 90. Then came the cheering news that the School tennis team had sprung a surprise on the F.P.'s and were winners in each match. Five points all, and hope renewed with tea!

After tea the Old Boys put the issue beyond doubt when, having won the cricket by five wickets, they won an initial victory in the fives. Peden and Mackie proved themselves the hardest hitting pair the School has produced and rushed to victory before the School pairs realised the game had begun. A 4-0 defeat for a School side will take some avenging.

All the School could hope for now was a draw, which would still enable the Old Boys to retain the cup, but these hopes were quickly dashed. The School Eight went under to the weighty F.P.'s in the tug-of-war. With nothing to lose and all to gain, the School teams prepared for the swimming events. Admittedly the Old Boys were not so strongly represented as usual in either events, but all credit must be given to the youthful School teams for their success, for the first time on record, in the Relay and the Polo. When all did so well, it is almost invidious to mention

individual performances, but J. Smith's final lap in the relay deserved victory against any opposition; and in the polo Macalister played excellently in goal, while surprisingly good throwing by the forwards and excellent judgment in rearranging the side at half time rewarded Peacock's efforts with the swimming this year.

And so, when it was all over and everyone had said their fill to everyone else, the window of Mr. Riley's study staged the final scene, with Mr. D. J. Bogie receiving once more into the keeping of the Club the Cup from Mr. Riley, and in his reply thanking the members of the School for their share in the donation towards the presentation to the latter; Peacock accepting once more the wooden spoon from the Club President; three cheers for Mr. Riley and a gradual dispersal of the company—reluctantly—till next year.

THE LATE MR. R. D. PATON.

It is with very deep regret that we announce the death of Mr. R. D. Paton, which took place on the 28th of May last. Mr. Paton, who resided at Rominar, Erskine Road, Whitecraigs, was dux of the School in 1931 as a result of taking first place in the Cambridge School Certificate Examination. Mr. Paton rose to a prefectship and was in charge of the Scouts under the Scoutmaster. Perhaps he will be best remembered for the many-sided activities in which he took part with more than ordinary success, and he made a deep and lasting contribution to the social side of School life. Indeed, many of his innovations still flourish to-day; some exactly as he initiated them years ago. He was exceedingly popular with his fellows and was an especial favourite with the younger boys, many of whom must have treasured memories of the little kindnesses with which he favoured them. Mr. Paton took a very active interest in the Old Boys' Club and filled with distinction many offices in connection with its social activities. He will certainly be missed.

We take this opportunity of extending to Mr. and Mrs. Paton the sincere sympathies of the members of the Strathallian Club.

Records

WE appreciate the important events and records of the school of this past term—the usual unheard-of high percentage of examination passes, the F.P.'s winning the Commemoration Day relay, and the failure of soup and mince to be served for lunch on the second Tuesday in June.

Without in any way wishing to detract from any of these records, we feel that it would be a pity if we allowed to slip into oblivion the record of an event which, although perhaps unimportant in the greater world of sport, nevertheless deserves attention from our inner circle.

We, of course, refer to some of the records created in the glorious, but vain, bid, made with bat and ball, by the Old Crocks in a match against the School.

This epic battle, which was described in the "Forgandenny Lyre" as a "needle encounter," took place on Vickerstaff Velvet on June 16th, play being commenced at almost 7 o'clock.

We would like to point out respectfully that the result might (?) have been reversed had we not been forced to take the field, owing to rain in the West, in goloshes. And had we not, for the first two hours of play, been minus our wicket-keeper and long stop who both stopped, on the way up, at Gleneagles to look for golf balls (?), lost on the previous Saturday.

Quite apart from our worthy skipper, Turner Johnstone, winning the toss, thereby justifying our confidence in him, and his holding unexpectedly a couple of brilliant catches which stuck, the performance of Oliver Melrose, our fast bowler, deserves first notice. With his thundering run up to the wicket and immaculate length he accounted for four valuable School batsmen—one caught and three run out. He followed this up with a valuable back to the wall opening partnership with Lewis MacDougall who emulated Earl Baldwin by appearing at the wicket smoking a very much oversized briar filled with thick black borrowed from the bootman. This, and his appearance in a smart divided skirt and MacWoolworth tartan stockings, seemed to have an intimidating effect on the School bowlers.

Another fine partnership was that between Alister Lambie and Tom Irvine, the latter being seen wearing a single pad on the wrong leg. This partnership was ended by Lambie knocking down his own wicket due to his agricultural-like action, but only after he had succeeded in losing three balls, off sixes, in the jungle country on the far side of the Scout Hut (—to the Woods!).

Rather more interesting were the four successive scores NOT made by Guthrie Reid, Bobby Barr, Bobby Johnstone and Gilmour Leburn. Never before have we experienced such a débacle, and the respective batsmen came in for a good deal of barracking which was only silenced after a sit-down strike. The ducks of the first two mentioned were understandable as both are golfers of great perseverance, never on any account giving up a ball as lost. Less easy to understand is Johnstone, but perhaps the fact that he had to pawn his glasses to raise the train fare to the game from Cambridge accounted for the failure, although he also appeared to be suffering from the effects of the 77 byes he conceded while acting deputy wicket-keeper. Although Leburn failed, he showed he had lost none of his old time form, for it was only after batting for an hour and a half that he was finally bowled in trying to force his first run.

Lastly, we shall long remember Archie Barr and Willie Watt, arrayed in trousers two sizes too small, smashing the long standing highest score for a last wicket partnership with a splendid innings of 5—this after they had toiled for over an hour with the ball during the School innings, and both succeeded in limiting their number of wides to single figures. An immoderately good performance!

We might add that we have since received a telegram from Mr. Bradman, suggesting we take up fishing before the Australians come to Scotland.

We are now looking forward to next year's affray which, after the experience we have gained this year, we hope to win by a comfortable margin.

W.G.L., Publicity Agent

(Unpaid), Old Crocks C.C.

Les Strathalliens en France

"For we have now no thought in us but France" (*Henry V*).

AS the light crept up slowly from the East, dimming the moon which had lit our passage across the Channel, it found our ship steaming with haughty indifference past rocky little isles that lay to right and left. Strangely unreal they looked in the early light of dawn; as cold, grey and desolate as the faces of our boys who now came staggering from all corners of the ship where, since our departure from Southampton, they had stood, sat and lain in the most unlikely attitudes and places. (It is said that it was not the chief engineer who slept in the chief engineer's bunk that night.)

And we had then no thought in us but food.

This we obtained when, after arriving at St. Malo and transferring by "vedette" and motor-coach, we at last reached St. Briac. (Note: Our impressions of the French breakfast shall not be recorded. It is a subject painful to boys nurtured on Strathallan "ordinaries.")

The three gloriously sunny days we spent here were among the happiest of our holiday. St. Briac is a charming little Breton village on a coast that is as lovely as its name: "La Côte d'Emeraude." It is but a few miles away from Dinard which, such is the profanity of this generation, will be remembered chiefly for its magnificent swimming pool. We shall not, however, forget our two excursions to Cap Fréhel and Mont-Saint-Michel.

Cap Fréhel is a headland of red sandstone rising sheer out of the sea, and from its point the rugged, majestic coast stretches back for miles and miles. We reached it by a road that passed through ever changing scenery: cornfields and orchards, wide expanses of gleaming white sands (Sables d'Or), and then the wild "landes" covered with rushes and heather. And as we drove along we sang the never ending refrain: "J'ai perdu le 'do' de ma clarinette..." and we felt it was good to live.

Of Mont-Saint-Michel what can we say in a few lines? It is an abbey, fort and townlet built on a rock which, at high tide, becomes an island: a gem set in an azure sea. The following short description is suggested as a language-test for our readers:

"Le Mont Saint-Michel, une des principales beautés naturelles et monumentales de la France, a mérité d'être appelé 'La Merveille de l'Occident'. C'est un îlot rocheux abrupt, isolé dans une vaste baie, aux confins de la Bretagne et de la Normandie. Le sommet de la colline est occupé par l'ancienne abbaye et par son église, dont la flèche effilée porte à 152 mètres au-dessus des grèves la statue dorée de saint Michel. Au-dessous de l'abbaye, sur les flancs sud et est du Mont, s'étage la petite ville encerclée de remparts, avec ses petites maisons aux pignons pointus: c'est une saisissante évocation du moyen âge."

Something similar was felt by one member of our party: "The town itself can hardly have changed since the days when the Knights Templars strode through its narrow streets or surveyed the enemy from its fortified walls." Only our writer has forgotten the "boutiques et restaurants" for the tourists and souvenir-hunters, and for all his lyrical outburst we still suspect him, alas, of having preferred to these beauties the omelettes of the one and only Madame Poulard.

It was with very real regret that we left Brittany for our next destination, Tours. Our train journey took us through plains wonderfully fertile, where everything grew thick and ungrudgingly. No wasted ground here.

The golden ears of the corn, barley and oats moved in the wind and brushed against the very trunks of fruit trees laden with cider fruit. By and by vineyards appeared, and then came Tours, the capital of La Touraine with her châteaux and her vines. We visited several of these châteaux:

Amboise, Langeais, Azay-le-Rideau, but, to quote again the same member of our party: "None of these could compare with the lovely Château of Chenonceaux. Built on a bridge across the river Cher, it stands as serenely beautiful as when Henry II lived there with his wife, Cathérine de Médicis, and his favourite, the famous Diane de Poitiers." He might have added that the trio would seem to have lived in harmony ("Ils faisaient bon ménage" as the French say), for their initials DHC entwine in a monogram carved in the magnificent woodwork of the walls and chimney-pieces. The two splendid gardens on either side of the château are still called "le jardin de Cathérine" and "le jardin de Diane."

Mention must here be made of a visit we paid, during one of these excursions, to the wine caves of Vouvray. Here, wandering through the long underground galleries which sheltered thousands of bottles of wine at varying stages of fermentation, we had the whole of the most interesting process explained to us, and we must admit that our ideas on the matter had been somewhat crude. The party was then received by the "propriétaire," M. Vavasseur, the "très glorieux et vineux maire de Vouvray" who gave a touching discourse on his wine "du soleil dans un verre" (and it well deserved that name as it sparkled in the sunlit glasses), and who retired with writers' cramp after autographing souvenir postcards for every member of our band.

Not the least among our pleasant experiences in Tours was our stroll through the town to the open-air market where we bought scarves and neckerchiefs, keenly bargained for, ate plums, peaches and cherries, and sampled everything from the extraordinary looking but surprisingly tasty cheeses of goats' milk to the "rillettes," another gastronomic speciality of Tours.

To many of us, perhaps, the memory that will remain most vivid is of our ride to St. Avertin, a little village some miles out of the town. It was a strange procession that started out from our hotel that evening. At the head came two tolerably dirty cabs pulled by two extremely weary horses

and occupied by the turbaned Senior Language Master of Strathallan School and his bodyguard. These gallant gentlemen graciously saluted the astonished passers-by or shouted wild greetings to the worthy citizens taking the air on their door-steps. Behind followed a very cortège of bicycles and tandems, and the air was full of laughter and the ringing of bells. When we arrived at our destination, the sun had set long since, and as we crossed the bridge that spans the river, we presented, we have been informed, a comic, fantastic silhouette against the evening sky. Here, under the light of arc lamps we bathed in the cooling waters of the Cher and spent such a happy hour that we decided to return next day. So next morning saw us on the road once more, this time all mounted on bicycles and tandems. We started with bathing and canoeing, organised a regatta (Note by A.J.S.: The principal race was won by the Senior Language Master of Strathallan School who finished with a terrific burst of speed) and ended up with a game of water polo (Note by Mc.L.: The Senior Language Master did not take part. The "terrific burst of speed" had laid him out).

But time had passed all too quickly. We must be off once more. And so to Paris, stopping at Orléans for a visit to the Cathedral, a look at the beautiful statue to Joan of Arc and, most important, lunch.

And now that we have come to write about Paris, we pause and hesitate. We are bewildered. Where shall we start? How can our many experiences and impressions be condensed in a few words? We give it up. Either you know Paris and we can tell you nothing, or you do not and ... Eh bien, allez-y. It's the only way. We believe that we saw as much as could possibly be seen in the three short, crowded days we spent in the French capital: the bookstalls along the Seine and Notre-Dame on its island, the decorations (put up for our King and Queen) and the Eiffel Tower, the sewers of Paris and the Palace of Versailles, Le Louvre, La Madeleine, the crowds of the Quartier Latin, the artist who would sketch your portrait at five francs a time, the little old newspaper

seller round whom we wove a story of dark political intrigue, l'Arc de Triomphe, l'Avenue de l'Opera, La Place de la Concorde, Les Champs Elysées, the exclusive swimming baths at Auteuil-Molitor, the... We enjoyed ourselves and we tired ourselves out. There was always something new and even those who were most tired of "sight-seeing," were deeply impressed by the majestic simplicity of Napoleon's Tomb in the Invalides. It was well worth while.

Here, for instance, is our programme for the last day of our stay in Paris: in the morning, shopping in the large stores where many little presents were bought for those at home; in the afternoon, drive through the historical part of Paris, up to the quaint little village of Montmartre and the Sacré Coeur, where you stand and gaze over the magic city spread out before you, and back again to the Cour de Justice, which we entered in time to hear a murderer sentenced to... eighteen months' imprisonment—local colour! In the evening, to the Opéra, the indescribably beautiful Paris Opera House. They were playing "Samson and Delilah," followed by a delightful Ballet. And then, home? Not

yet. On to Les Halles, the Paris Covent Garden, "le ventre de Paris," as it has been called by Zola. We picked our way through mountains of cabbages and hills of tomatoes and entered a restaurant as quaint as its name: "Le Chien qui Fume." We all had the famous "soupe aux onions," and some of us liked it. We were too early for snails and tripe, for it was but 2 o'clock in the morning, and the real life of Les Halles would not begin for two hours yet. And then to bed, tired, but well pleased, there to sleep until the morrow which would take us back to London. The rest does not count. The scope of this article has been clearly stated in the title.

And so we leave with regret the hospitable soil of France with all its loveliness and sunshine. But life is all a matter of compromise, of compensation. We return to the land of rain and mist, but also of British breakfasts: juicy kippers and bacon and egg. And the memory of those happy days now past will remain with us always. A memory—and a hope for another year, perhaps; as we say with Laertes: "My thoughts and wishes bend again towards France."

Ridgeway Hill, 27th September, 1937

MR. RILEY has asked me several times to write some account of the fighting in Waziristan during the past year, but as the campaign was of eighteen months' duration and the fighting over a wide area, it would be impossible to give more than a brief resumé, which would leave people none the wiser. So I propose to give a short account of one single action in which my regiment played a leading part in the latter part of September, 1937.

At the time my regiment was stationed at Razmak, a large military post in Waziristan, on the Bannu-Warra Road, and several times the Razmak brigade had been on "column" including the "Kaisra Valley" operations during the preceding November, 1936. At the time of which I

am writing large "lashkais" of enemy were in the vicinity of Razmak itself, and were continually sniping transport on the road, attacking pickets, and actually sniping Razmak in daylight as well as dark. About the middle of September it was reported that the enemy had cut the water pipe line which had its source in a spring on a mountain called "Mamu Sur," some five miles from Razmak. This entailed a vast economy in drinking water, and towards the end of September water was being rationed.

It soon became obvious that steps would have to be taken to relieve this pressure and to mend the pipe line. This, of course, was the enemy's chance to draw the Brigade out of Razmak into the hills: and

it was obvious that any attempt to mend the water supply would be met with strong opposition and would entail a major operation.

Orders came through on the night of September 25th to stand by at twelve hours' notice. This was eventually cancelled, and it was decided that only two regiments would take part in the operation which would be a night show.

At 1 a.m. on the 27th, the 3rd Gurkhas and ourselves left Razmak and, splitting up into companies, we made for our first objective, a place called Black Rocks, about 1½ miles away. The going was hard at first, along a narrow defile, and although all the troops' boots were muffled, we made a certain amount of noise. Halts were frequent, in order that the advance guard could keep in touch with the main body and with flanking troops.

At about 2.30 a.m. we reached Black Rocks and halted for about twenty-five minutes. Meantime the moon rose and, though we hadn't expected this, it was a blessing in disguise. On pushing forward, we found that the approach to Ridgeway Hill was along a narrow spur intersected by a number of small ridges running obliquely to our line of advance.

At about 3.15 we had reached a point more than half way to our objective when we were challenged from point blank range by an enemy picket. On realising we were troops, they fired several shots at us, and the whole regiment took cover because such were our orders, and on no account were we to return fire.

This was a general signal for alarm, and immediately the whole neighbourhood seemed to wake up; and we could hear the enemy shouting to one another in Pashtu, and the voices echoing in the stillness.

After a few minutes they opened a very accurate fire on us from a range of about 300 yards, and the C.O. decided not to attack Ridgeway Hill until first light when

we could get artillery and machine gun support.

The firing increased as time went on, and, though it was impossible to estimate enemy accurately, it seemed that they were in great numbers on an immediate objective which formed an L shape from our position.

So we dug ourselves in and waited. As light came, the firing became more accurate, and by 6 a.m. we had several casualties. My company, being the most forward of all, were in small "sangars" hastily erected with boulders, and it was impossible for the men to move at all.

At seven o'clock I received a message to "stand by" for an attack on Ridgeway Hill, and it was explained to me what I had to do and what the artillery were going to do. The guns opened up at 7.5 a.m., and I have never been so impressed in my life. The whole of the objective went up in flames, which gave me a lot of confidence.

My company advanced at 7.15 a.m., and, owing to the artillery bombardment, the enemy had left the crest of the hill, so that when we reached the top of the objective, we found only their dead and wounded, and spent some time collecting them.

The objective was then ours, and, having "dug in" again, I reported the situation. We got sniped in this position, in which we remained for over five hours. The retirement was fairly simple as we were not followed up, and fortunate to relate, my company suffered no casualties either in the attack or the retirement.

It proved that we could take the initiative when required, and we served the purpose of dispersing the "lashkar" and mending the pipe line. I cannot say enough in appreciation of the conduct of the troops, and the decorations which were given were well deserved.

W. G. W.

THE SMOKER'S REVERIE.

(With all due apologies where necessary).

I wandered lonely as a cloud
Of smoke, down by the field;
When suddenly temptation strong
Came on me: I did yield.

I cast a furtive glance around
Back, forward, here and there,
But not a soul was to be seen:
It seemed the field was bare.

The God to whom we kneel and bow
And offer up our prayers
Has created many glorious things,
But nought like "20 Players."

So with a sigh of deep content
I spent ten minutes running
With a "gasper," and marvelled at
My own most wondrous cunning.

Alas! in Prep. that very night,
HE approached with awesome step;
Shocked me from my dreams by saying:
"Come and see me after Prep."

Upon HIS desk, as I stood there,
I saw the pink solution
Which shortly would bear testament
To my hand's pollution.

At HIS command, I plunged my hand
Into the pinky sheen;
But barely was it half way in
Than pink had changed to green.

The final phase was short, not sweet;
And with hands a-dripping gore,
I wrenched and tugged at painful knobs
Upon that dungeon door.

MORAL.

You smokers, therefore, take to heart
The advice I here propound:
If ever Satan doth you tempt,
Choose carefully your ground.

T. M.

MOONBEAMS.

The night is now half-spent. Alone on high
A witching moon is gliding through the sky,
And in the pale blue magic of her beams
Our restless world's at peace and sunk in dreams.

The moon sails on. Her watch she has to keep:
At Simpson House she now decides to peep,
And, looking in, she finds, still wide awake,
Poor wee Mackay, who has the tummy-ache.

There Murdoch lies, in agony and gloom,
And yet he KNOWS he ought to leave the room;
But he has heard the sound of muffled feet—
The cat-like tread of "Flaggy" on his beat.

Now, looking towards the door, he seems to see
An eye that's gleaming where the key should be
Then footsteps move on down the corridor
'Tis just as well! Mackay can wait no more.

So up he jumps; there is no time to waste;
And, rushing out, as though by Satan chased,
He dashes on, ON, ON towards his goal,
A sense of grim disaster in his soul.

Then, suddenly, he stops in blank surprise.
Bemused, aghast, he can't believe his eyes:
From that same place that he was aiming for,
There's Ian coming down the corridor.

"Oh dear," says Murdoch, "I seem all confused;
But as that's ME, I must have been excused!
It's all so very sad and weird," he said,
And turning tail, he got back into bed.

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The night will soon be spent. Alone on high
The moon's still sailing through a whitening sky,
And in the pale blue magic of her beams
She lulls Mackay to sleep and happy dreams.

A. J. S.

Sports Notes

CRICKET

ALTHOUGH the First team's record for the season is poor, only four out of the ten inter-school matches were lost, and only Glasgow Academy showed a definite all-round superiority. In most of the drawn games, the School finished in the more favourable position. As might be expected, the club sides proved too good for what must be considered a moderate school side.

What success the team did achieve has been due chiefly to the efforts of four players, Leburn, Thomson, Wilson and Reid, who alone came through the season with respectable individual records. Glimpses of good form were seen from Macnaughton, Jack and Stewart as batsmen, and from Steel as a bowler. Generally speaking, however, it seemed that the older and bigger boys had gone beyond the stage when hopes of improvement seemed feasible, while the younger and smaller boys, when given a trial, were not successful due to lack of strength to hit the ball. Reviewing the season now that it is over, it must be acknowledged that it would perhaps have been worth while to include the younger members, if only to give them match practice and experience.

Throughout the term the bowling has been good, and the bowlers have been well supported by good wicket-keeping and fielding; but the series of batting failures was lamentable.

Summary of Results.

School Matches - P. 10; W. 2; L. 4; D. 4.
Runs per wkt. For 10.92; Against 10.57

All Matches - P. 15; W. 3; L. 7; D. 5.
Runs per wkt. For 11.46; Against 13.63

Team Criticism

G. W. Leburn (1st XI Cap 1937-8) as an all round cricketer, has stood out above all the others. His batting has been steady, but he should not over-estimate the quality of the bowling. He has been very successful as a bowler, but it would be more profitable for him to bowl his leg breaks more often than he does. As captain he must have been disappointed with the displays of his team. He handled his bowling well and, fortunately, realised his own capabilities in this respect.

F. Anderson (1st XI Cap 1937-8) was Vice-Captain, and his chief value to the team has been his ability to keep wicket and the possibility of quick runs when they were required. After a shaky start he showed consistently good form behind the stumps and gave confidence to the bowlers, especially Leburn. But as a batsman he has not inspired, and was able to score runs only off bad bowling on the leg side.

N. Thomson (1st XI Cap 1937-8) has only partially realised the hopes that he would be a consistent scorer. He can play good off drives and pulls to leg, but he must remember that these shots are easier to play later in the innings when one is seeing the ball better. Impetuosity has been the cause of his downfall on many occasions. A useful fielder.

W. H. Reid is a fast bowler who was seen at his best on hard wickets. He bowls a good off-break and nips quickly off the pitch; but he is inclined to be erratic, and his bad length bowling met with contempt on easy wickets. Towards the end of the season he showed greater activity in the field.

G. S. Wilson's medium paced, good length bowling proved least expensive against the strong club sides, for it was usually difficult to score freely off him and he was liable to make the ball keep low unexpectedly. With greater strength he should develop into a good fast medium bowler,

and he has shown some improvement as a batsman.

K. Jack has improved considerably on last year's batting form and should be good next season if he maintains this improvement. He now realises the importance of back play and does not go forward indiscriminately to every ball as he used to do. He can off drive and pull to leg, but his failing is nibbling at off balls with the face of the bat towards point.

D. Macnaughton can be considered the most improved batsman. He has a good defence but his footwork is poor, and he often plays his shots without moving his feet at all. His scoring shots at present are for the most part behind the wicket. He is alert in the field and has taken some good catches in the slips.

J. Steel has been disappointing as a batsman, since last season he showed much promise. He has been unable to develop any scoring shots apart from steering some balls through the slips, and as a result his occasional lengthy stays at the wicket have not been productive of runs. He has proved a useful change bowler, keeping the runs down and taking a few wickets. An excellent fielder.

G. Carrie displays a curious mixture of orthodox defence and "agricultural" shots. He usually stops the straight balls and hits hard to leg, but his off shots are negligible. A good fielder, he has taken some excellent catches at cover point and deep square leg.

T. Macfarlane has been more successful this season as regards the number of runs scored, but he has not really improved in batting ability. He can put up a stout defence at times and can also hit the ball hard, but he lacks concentration and plays across the flight of the ball too much. He is inconsistent in the field.

O. Stewart gained a place in the team late this season and showed good batting form in his first game, but this was not maintained. At his best he can make good square cuts and off drives. An excellent fielder anywhere in front of the wicket.

Batting Averages.

	Innings.	No. times not out	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.	Catches.
G. W. Leburn	- 14	2	50	293	24.4	2
N. Thomson	- 13	2	63	229	20.8	3
O. Stewart	- 4	1	31*	43	14.3	3
D. Macnaughton	11	3	42*	93	11.6	6
T. Macfarlane	- 6	2	19*	40	10.0	1
K. Jack	- 12	0	28	115	9.6	1
F. Anderson	- 13	2	44	102	9.3	7
G. Carrie	- 12	2	21	84	8.4	3
W. Reid	- 7	2	12	26	5.2	3
J. Steel	- 14	1	19	66	5.1	4
G. Wilson	- 9	0	8	21	2.3	1

*Not out.

Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avr. runs per wkt.
G. W. Leburn	- 181	24	555	50	11.1
G. S. Wilson	- 152	31	423	35	12.1
W. H. Reid	- 109	19	345	20	17.25
J. Steel	- 30	7	114	6	19.0

Strathallan v. R. Gordon's College, played at Aberdeen on Saturday, 7th May.

Weather conditions were most unsuitable for cricket, since it was bitterly cold, and there were occasional showers of snow and rain. The home side batted first, and from the start scored freely: the first wicket partnership realised 106 and the later batsmen lost their wickets in attempting to force the pace. That Gordon's were able to declare at 174 for five wickets revealed the ineffectiveness of the School bowling, though Wilson maintained a good length and thoroughly deserved his three wickets at a personal cost of 34 runs.

The batting of the School was satisfactory: Leburn played a characteristically sound innings without giving the slightest chance in scoring a not out 45. Anderson's batting proved a great contrast, and he scored 44 very quickly, chiefly by means of his favourite leg shots. Jack (15) and Steel (9) also showed promise. The conditions were not ideal for the fielding side, but it was noticeable that the home side showed greater keenness and alertness in this department of the game.

Result: Gordon's College, 174 for 5 wkts. (decl.); Strathallan, 136 for 6 wkts. Match drawn.

Strathallan v. Stirling County, played at Forgandenny on Wednesday, 18th May.

Thanks to splendid bowling by Leburn and Wilson, the School dismissed their visitors cheaply, the former claiming the first four wickets for seven runs, and the total was a mere 11. G. W. Leburn, however, played confidently and though nine wickets were down for 57, he and T. Macfarlane added 52 runs to the total before Leburn was caught for 68, Macfarlane carrying his bat for 15. W. Leburn had seven wickets for 39 runs.

The School batting was a very disappointing business, and apart from two moderate stands in the middle was a long procession. Three wickets fell before a run had been scored; half the side was out for nine, and only Thomson (12), Lowden (12) and Waterston (17 not out) reached double figures, the bowling of Johnson, the professional, proving too good for the majority of the boys.

Result : Strathallan, 60; Stirling County, 109. Match lost.

Strathallan v. Heriot's School, played in Edinburgh on Saturday, 21st May.

As in the previous match the School bowling proved good enough, but the batting was even worse than on the previous Wednesday. Heriot's, who batted first, began disastrously, five wickets falling for a mere nine runs. They made a partial recovery and went on to score 77. Wilson again bowled a perfect length and was the most successful bowler with five wickets for 24 runs. The slow bowling of Leburn (3 for 25) and Shanks (2 for 19) also had the batsmen in difficulties. The fielding, apart from two or three bad lapses towards the end, was good.

Steel and Leburn took the shine off the ball in a lengthy, if scarcely prolific, first wicket partnership, but Leburn was bowled for 17 in attempting to hit and then changing his mind in the middle of the stroke. Nevertheless, the situation seemed well in hand with 40 runs on the board for

two wickets. Then Thomson paid the penalty of impetuosity when he appeared well set, and a total collapse followed, the score having risen only to 54 with eight wickets down. Even then resolute batting might have saved the game for but two overs remained of play, but Shanks decided to hit out, not properly but across the flight of the ball, and after being yards wide of the first three balls, was clean bowled by the fourth; and Wilson followed, also clean bowled, the next ball.

Result : Strathallan, 54; Heriot's College, 77. Match lost.

Strathallan v. D. Stewart's College, played at Forgandenny on Monday, 23rd May.

This game was abandoned owing to rain when the visitors had scored 61 for four wickets. At one stage the score had read 15-4-0, Leburn being in deadly form to claim three of the wickets in four overs for 4 runs, and his final analysis was three wickets for 8.

Result : Stewart's College, 61 for 4 wkts. Match abandoned.

Strathallan v. Melville College, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 28th May.

The game was played in terrible weather conditions. The wicket was soft at the beginning, and a continuous drizzle added to the unpleasantness. Again the bowling proved adequate, but failed to compensate for woefully weak batting. Leburn and Steel gave the School a good start with 34 runs, but the whole side was back in the pavilion for 65. Steel (19), Leburn (17) and Carrie (12) are to be congratulated on reaching double figures.

Some good bowling by Leburn (6 for 36) had the visitors fighting for runs from the start, half the side being out for 30, and nine wickets falling for 49, but some hefty hitting by the last pair enabled Melville College to declare at 69.

Result : Strathallan, 65; Melville College, 69 for 9. Match lost.

Strathallan v. Dollar Academy, played at Forgandenny on Monday, 30th May.

Lack of time probably robbed the School of its first victory in this evening match. Dollar batted first and were dismissed for 88, the wickets being evenly divided between the bowlers. Steel proved his usefulness by a steady spell of five overs, of which four were maidens, for five runs and three wickets; while Leburn had three for 35, Wilson 2 for 18, and Reid, who proved somewhat erratic, 1 for 24.

After the early loss of Steel, Strath. rallied well, and though wickets fell more rapidly after Thomson's departure for 19 at 42, victory seemed within sight when stumps were drawn at 63 for 5 wickets, Leburn being still undefeated with 27 to his credit; and the game resulted, as did the corresponding fixture last year, in a somewhat tame draw.

Result: Strathallan, 63 for 5 wkts.; Dollar Academy, 88. Match drawn.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen G.S., played at Aberdeen on Saturday, 4th June.

Heavy rain before the start made the wicket very soft and the outfield slow. Low scoring was therefore to be expected. Leburn and Steel opened for the School, and though the latter remained for nine overs, the score was only seven when he left. Jack speeded up the rate of scoring, but Leburn continued to refuse chances of scoring off bad balls. When this pair had departed at 51, there was a complete collapse and the innings closed for 68, Macfarlane being the only other batsman to reach double figures.

Aberdeen fared little better, seven wickets falling for 41. A recovery at this stage put them in sight of victory, Strath's score being passed with the loss of a further wicket. Dropped catches undoubtedly lost the match, though curiously enough the ground fielding was good. Leburn (2 for 17) and Steel (2 for 9) were the steadiest of the bowlers, though Wilson claimed 3 wickets for 28.

Result: Strathallan, 68; Aberdeen G.S., 70 for 8 wkts. Match lost.

Strathallan v. Glasgow Academy, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 11th June.

Batting first, the Academy scored 140 all out; and at no time did the School bowlers really get on top, each wicket producing a fair quota of runs. Leburn and Wilson with four wickets each, for 36 and 53 runs respectively, practically shared the bowling.

Again the School batting collapsed. Apart from Leburn (16, all singles), Jack (28) and Carrie (21), no one showed the least ability to play the bowling of W. Harper (8 for 14), and the stand for second wicket between Leburn and Jack of 38 was the only one of note. Leburn batted sedately, and Jack gave an encouraging display. Later Carrie indulged in hitting, but combined this with good defence; but the final total of 81 was a very poor response.

Result: Strathallan, 81; Glasgow Academy, 140. Match lost.

Strathallan v. Hillhead H.S., played at Forgandenny on Tuesday, 14th June.

Once more, with an initial victory in sight, the School was thwarted by lack of time, stumps being drawn when advantage lay definitely with the home side. The batting showed signs of improvement after a shaky start. Three wickets were down for 28, but Thomson (28 not out), Macnaughton (12), Anderson (28 not out), and Mr. Extras (18), enabled Leburn to declare with the score at 104 for four wickets.

Wilson and Leburn opened the School attack, and each had a wicket in his first over; but it was Leburn who had the visitors in difficulties, and bowling unchanged, he took the remaining five wickets that fell before the closure to make a full analysis of six for 40.

Result: Strathallan, 104 for 4 wkts. (decl.); Hillhead H.S., 65 for 7 wkts. Match drawn.

Strathallan v. The Old Crocks, played at Forgandenny on Thursday, 16th June.

"The Old Crocks" is a misnomer, since the team included at least two good batsmen and two good bowlers, who might have

been able to beat us on their own. Batting first, the School recovered from a bad start. Leburn, Steel and Jack were back in the pavilion for 13 runs, but Thomson and Macnaughton became associated in a fourth wicket partnership of 115, and strange to relate, wasted no opportunity of making runs against bowling which, by no stretch of the imagination, could be termed good. Thomson hit four sixes and six fours in his 63, while Macnaughton's more sedate 42 showed form that was particularly pleasing. This partnership enabled the School to declare, for the second time in succession, with the score at 143 for 6 wickets.

The visitors indulged in happy-go-lucky, hit or miss cricket. Little comment is necessary beyond saying that in their innings of 91, there were three sixes and eleven fours, the remaining runs coming from singles, many "off the edge." Wilson claimed six wickets for 49, Leburn 4 for 41.

Result: Strathallan, 143 for 6 wkts. (decl.); Old Crocks, 91. Match won.

Strathallan v. Allan Glen's School, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 18th June.

Batting first, the School made a better start than usual, the half century being on the board for the loss of but two wickets. Three more wickets fell with the score at 54, however; but Carrie and his captain batted confidently to take the score to 80 before Leburn was out for an excellent 47. The tail wagged to some purpose, 77 runs being added for the remaining wickets. Stewart, playing his first game in the 1st XI, batted very well for 31 not out, while Carrie (21), Reid (12) and Macfarlane (10) helped to take the score to 157.

Owing to the nature of the wicket, Leburn opened his attack with Reid and Wilson, a policy which proved highly successful, for the former bowled with real venom and claimed five victims for 16 runs in 13 overs, while Wilson claimed three for 19 in 12 overs, each bowling five maidens.

Result: Strathallan, 157; Allan Glen's School, 61. Match won.

Strathallan v. Dunfermline H.S., played at Forgandenny on Wednesday, 22nd June.

Again, some fine bowling by Reid was in the main responsible for the visitors' dismissal for a mere 72. He bowled 14 overs, six of which were maidens, and apart from an occasional loose ball, had the batsmen always in difficulties. He took seven wickets for 32 and in addition held two good catches off his own bowling. Leburn (2 for 29) and Wilson (1 for 5) were the only other bowlers called upon.

On going in to bat, Leburn scored 25 out of the first 30 runs, but the other early batsmen failed, including Stewart who had been promoted in the batting order. The tail accepted the responsibility at 35 for 6 wickets; and Jack, who batted soundly for his 23, and Macfarlane carried the side to victory with three wickets in hand. Macfarlane went on to make some good shots in his 19 not out, but Reid and Wilson did not stay long, and the innings ended with the total 91.

Result: Strathallan, 91; Dunfermline H.S., 72. Match won.

Strathallan v. H. B. Rowan's XI, played at Forgandenny on Thursday, 23rd June.

Batting first, the visitors scored 263 for eight wickets before declaring. The bowlers never gained the ascendancy in spite of gallant efforts, since the batsmen were far too experienced to be worried, though two wickets had fallen for 37, and the last three wickets fell for the addition of 27 runs. Leburn, Wilson and Reid were heavily punished, but Leburn had the satisfaction of taking six wickets for 98 runs, a very creditable performance. While this huge total was being compiled, the School fielding did not slacken, and few runs were given away. Anderson was in good form behind the stumps: he stumped two men, caught a third, and conceded only one bye. The spectators must have enjoyed the batting display, and further enjoyment was in store when the School batted.

After Steel and Jack had left while assisting Leburn to score 42, Thomson

joined his skipper and played delightful cricket against really good bowling. After making 50, Leburn was caught in the slips; he had played in his usual correct way, but was hitting the ball far harder. Thomson was 42 when stumps were drawn, and throughout his innings he had been steadier than usual, but had punished the loose ball, being particularly strong on the leg side. The total of 123 for three wickets was very satisfactory, and, quite frankly, much better than had been anticipated.

Result: Strathallan, 123 for three wks.; H. B. Rowan's XI, 263 for 8 wks. (decl.). Match drawn.

Strathallan v. Old Strathallians, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 25th June.

The Old Boys won the toss but sent the School in to bat. Forrest's speed frightened Jack, who backed away and was bowled, but Leburn and Thomson added 38 runs for the second wicket before the former was caught behind the wicket. Their running between the wickets was excellent and well judged—an object lesson, we hope, to the younger spectators, but one which was obviously lost upon some of the later batsmen, four of whom were run out in attempting impossible runs: it should be remembered that the harder the ball is hit straight towards a fielder, the less likelihood is there of a run. Leburn scored 18, Thomson 38, and only Steel (11 not out) of the remaining batsmen reached double figures in an innings which realised but 90.

The task of passing this score seemed an easy one for the F.P.'s, but it was not achieved without a struggle, since Reid and Leburn bowled extremely well. Reid took a fine catch low down in the slips to give Johnston's wicket to Leburn, who also beat Forrest with a good ball after being driven twice to the boundary earlier in the over. Meanwhile, however, G. W. Leburn had been batting confidently, and with G. K. Chalmers, took the score to 54 before the latter was l.b.w. to Reid for 20, while at 77 Leburn met with a similar fate for 24. D. Thomson and W. Hood, however, saw the School's total passed with five wickets in hand.

Result: Strathallan, 90; Old Strathallians, 91 for 5 wks. Match lost.

Strathallan v. Mr. Cullen's XI, played at Forgandenny on Wednesday, 29th June.

A strong batting side proved too good for the School bowlers, runs coming with the greatest of ease. The wicket was lifeless and gave the bowlers no help, and the early batsmen hit the ball to all parts of the ground to raise the total to 205 for 4 wks. before the closure was applied. Wilson came through the ordeal with the creditable figures of two wickets for 32.

A final batting failure must be recorded. While it must be admitted that the sun came out to make the wicket difficult, A. Cullen, bowling left handed leg breaks, and A. Tuill, turning the ball a great deal from the off, played havoc with the School batsmen. Jack was batting well until he was foolishly run out for 12. Macnaughton (14) suffered a similar fate. Carrie (14) and Anderson (18 not out) indulged in hitting which to some extent was rewarded, but apart from these the Strath. innings of 72 was little more than a procession.

Result: Strathallan, 72; Mr. Cullen's XI, 205 for four wks. (decl.). Match lost.
T. A.

The Second Eleven

The Second Eleven opened the season well, and went till the end of May without defeat, but then, with their forces depleted by the promotion of some of its members, including the Captain, to the First, they lost the last two games against Glasgow Academy 2nd XI and Morrison's Academy. In the former game the School claimed eight of the visitors' wickets for a mere 44, but the ninth wicket partnership added 56 runs, and the century was well beyond the scope of the School who found the Academy bowling unplayable and were dismissed for 31. Morrison's found 63 runs ample to defeat the School who could muster only 37 in reply.

These two defeats, however, were by no means typical of the cricket played by an extremely youthful side, where bowling strength predominated. Gordon's College could score but 79 in reply to the School's 151 for 5, of which Philp hit a not out 60 and Waterston 43. Blair had six wickets for 10 runs. Against Stirling H.S. 1st XI the School declared at 104 for 8 wickets and were in a favourable position when stumps were drawn, five wickets having fallen for 48. Heriot's School dismissed Strath. for a mere 72, but good bowling by D. Fulton (7 wkts. for 26) gave the latter the victory by 16 runs. Against Morgan Academy 1st XI the School managed to draw, after a third wicket partnership of 87 had enabled the visitors to declare with half the side out for 122. Steady batting carried the School total to 96 for 6 when stumps were drawn. In the remaining match Dollar Academy was beaten by 4 wickets.

The School averaged 10.2 runs per wicket against their opponents' 9.0. Don headed the batting averages with 32, followed by Waterston 26.5, Philp 16.3, Macfarlane 13.9 and Stark 10. Sandeman headed the bowling analysis, averaging 4.3 runs for nine wickets, followed by D. Fulton, 8.5 for 18 wkts., and Blair, 8.2 for 17 wkts. As the majority of these will be at School for at least one more cricket season, prospects are bright for the future.

The House Matches

The House Matches, played on May 24th and June 1st, provided the customary enthusiasm and surprises. It is a pity that the draw brought Simpson and Nicol together in the first round for this was undoubtedly the closest match. The games were played on time limit principles, and after Leburn had batted cautiously—necessarily so since Steel was bowling excellently—he at last found a partner to stay with him in Don, who, aided by good fortune, helped to take the score to the 150 neighbourhood. Against this score, Steel, with assistance from Carrie, strove desperately to get the runs without the loss of wickets; and though fewer wickets fell than on the Simpson side, Nicol could not

get the runs fast enough against the good bowling of Wilson and Leburn, backed up by keen fielding. They failed by some fifteen runs in their attempt—a very creditable performance. In the other first round tie, Thomson carried his side on his shoulders for he scored 54 of the 86 runs put on for five wickets, and in addition had claimed three wickets for 11 runs when Freeland batted. Sandeman (16), Aitkenhead (13) and Macfarlane (23) had given the side a useful start, but the tail seemed unable to cope with the bowling of Shanks and his captain, and added only thirty runs between them.

The final saw Ruthven fall before the onslaught of Wilson and Leburn for just the half century, only Stark (16) reaching double figures. Wilson had seven wickets for 24 runs. Against this total, however, Simpson began badly, Stewart's first over yielding three wickets before a run had been scored. Philp was run out, Grant caught and Don bowled. Two more wickets fell with the score at 11, and when Leburn was caught for 20 at 36 things began to look desperate, but fortunately Wilson stepped into the breach and carried his side to victory with a not out 14, with two wickets to spare. Thomson claimed four wickets for 18.

M. N.

TENNIS

T. Macfarlane was appointed tennis captain at the beginning of the term. Despite the somewhat inclement weather which limited play to a considerable extent, one very pleasing feature made itself apparent, a wealth of talent in the middle and lower school.

The Annual Tournament saw what must have been a record entry, 74 in the Junior event, and 72 in the Senior. The finals were played off on Tuesday, 12th July, and in the Senior G. Carrie beat A. Frame 7-5, 3-6, 7-5. Throughout the match Frame played the better tennis, rarely misplacing a ball, but time and again he found himself unable to cope with Carrie's service. Carrie's smashing at the net was the most notable feature of his play, and he deserves

all due credit for magnificently pulling up in the final set, after being 4-1 and 5-2 down. On his way to the final Carrie had defeated W. Leburn, holder of the championship and runner-up of two years ago, in the semi-final round, and thereby avenged his defeat by Leburn in the final of the Fives Championship last term. In the Junior final J. Scott beat V. Lowden by 6-2, 6-4 in a keen game that was more even than the score suggests.

We are very pleased to record a victory for the School against the Old Boys on Commemoration Day, particularly as it is some years since the School accomplished the feat; and the victory was all the more creditable since, with Leburn, Carrie and Macfarlane playing cricket, the side could not be regarded as full strength. We congratulate the reserves!

The Staff were challenged to a match towards the end of term, and the result of a most enjoyable match was a draw. The Masters were victorious in the doubles, but the Boys levelled things up in the singles; and when, in an attempt to force a decision, a further two sets of doubles were played, a win by the Staff in one was again nullified by a win by the boys in the other.

T. M.

FIVES

Considering the numerous counter-attractions during the Summer term the Fives courts have been well patronised.

The first event was the House Matches. Here the luck of the draw brought Simpson and Nicol together in the first round, and here the former won a way into the final by a matter of four points over the four games. The Simpson pairs, Leburn and Grant and H. Scott and C. Don, overwhelmed Ruthven, who had put out Freeland easily in the first round, to the tune of four games to none.

On Commemoration Day the Old Boys gained their initial victory in this event, J. Peden and J. Mackie overwhelming the opposition by sheer speed, and I. Smith and

D. Fulton having a more strenuous task to win. The School was represented by H. Scott and M. Binnie and D. Hood and E. Nicholson.

G. C.

SWIMMING

The Swimming Pond has been extremely popular this term, and much serious work has been done. As a result of this we were immensely pleased to record initial successes against the F.P.'s on Commemoration Day in both Relay and Polo. Regular practice for the latter had its just reward, and though Stewart and Macfarlane scored the goals, the whole team played excellently to win 4-2 after being led at half time by the odd goal in three. The School was represented by Macalister, Peacock and G. Campbell, T. Macfarlane, C. Turner, D. Macnaughton and O. Stewart in the Polo, and by J. Smith, D. Macnaughton, J. Fulton and D. Fulton in the Relay.

Interest in polo has been greatly stimulated by the organisation of a league, Authority, Grub Room, and Commoners, the former proving champions. These games, however, have given match practice to many of the younger boys, and as a result the School reserve strength is greater than ever before. A welcome innovation was a friendly game with Glasgow Academy on the occasion of their cricket fixture with the School. A close game resulted in a win for the School by two goals to none.

The Championships also aroused considerable attention. Of the sixteen Seniors who competed, J. Milne, J. Smith, K. Grant and G. Wilson qualified for the final, which was won rather comfortably, as was anticipated, by J. Smith, G. Wilson being second. Some two dozen Juniors contested for places in the final, J. Fulton, D. Fulton, D. Alexander and S. Baillie qualifying. A good race resulted in J. Fulton winning narrowly from D. Alexander.

Tests for the School Badge were passed during the term by H. Thomson, E. Macnaughton, D. Robinson, S. Baillie and J. Sim, senr.

R. P.

RUGBY PROSPECTS

There are no old "caps" remaining at School this year, and D. Macnaughton, the captain, will have the task of leading a side with practically no experience of 1st XV games. Of the recognised XV, Jack, H. Thomson and J. F. Waterston, if his leg injury proves susceptible to treatment, alone are available, but Paton, Binnie, Don and Mortimer have played occasionally.

Many of last year's Second and Third team forwards have grown in size, and it seems likely that a hefty pack will eventually materialise. For the most part also it will be speedy. Jack played well as hooker last year and should retain his place. Edmonds and K. Grant should prove useful because of their weight. Paton, Turner and Molison are hard working forwards who usually keep well up with the play, while other competitors

for places include N. McLeod, S. Brown and M. Thomson.

D. Fulton will probably be the full back since he played regularly in that position for the 2nd XV last season. Macnaughton will play at scrum half, an ideal position for a captain, but it will be difficult to find a partner for him, since none of the possible backs showed signs last year of developing into a good stand-off half. H. Thomson, Mortimer, V. Chapelle, C. Don and M. Binnie are all strong runners, but they seem to lack cleverness. They may, however, develop in this respect: their defence should be sound at all events.

The Second and Third teams may be on the small side, but there are some useful players coming along, including G. Wilson, Auld, J. Scott, and Scroggie as backs, and Blair, Hunter and J. Fulton among the forwards. T. A.

Scout Notes

A GAIN the Summer term, in spite of somewhat unsummery weather, has been the most enjoyable, from the scouting point of view, in the year. Work in the open has been the order of the day and has been entered upon wholeheartedly by the younger members of the Troop. Huts of every kind—in trees and on the ground—have sprung up in the wood almost like mushrooms. While a few failed to reach completion, the majority have been really well planned and constructed. The Lions (P.L. D. Stevens) made a rope bridge. After many tests and trials it proved most successful and, on bearing two members of the Staff in addition to countless Lions and others, was acclaimed "bridge worthy." The Owls (P.L. W. Leburn) were responsible for something resembling an A.R.P. dug-out. The Otters' tree hut was the best of all and was a really ingenious piece of work. D. Whitton (Seals) fitted up an extremely useful morse-sending and receiving set in the hut; it is hoped that this will stimulate an interest in morse as opposed to semaphore signalling.

As there was only a poor response to the appeal for Scouts to attend a Camp in the Summer holidays, the project was reluctantly abandoned.

D. Whitton (Seals) is to be congratulated on winning his gold cords—the first, I believe, in the history of the Troop to gain this distinction. R. Miller (Otters) has been awarded his King's Scout Badge.

"Field Day" was held on Saturday, July 2nd, when the Troop again visited the old mill on Culteuchar Hill. The climb up the Ochils was undertaken in almost tropical conditions, but a mist and then heavy rain enveloped us in the early afternoon. In spite of this, a most enjoyable day was spent; fires, dotted here and there, burned merrily; culinary operations—whether successful or not—were undertaken with a zest born of a healthy appetite; individuals explored the old and most interesting camp on the hilltop; and in the late afternoon, an inter-patrol football competition—won by the Swifts (P.L.

D. Hood)—was held. A tired, but very happy Troop set out for Strath. at 6.30.

On Saturday, July 9th, R. Fernie, S. Baillie, I. Paton, and E. Reekie were invested in the Hut. Following this, Mr. Waters very kindly judged the Corners and individual work. His task was difficult as competition was very keen, and the margin between the leading patrols was small. He allotted the awards as follows:—

Trophy for the Best Patrol—Otters (P.L. R. Miller).

Shield for the Most Improved Patrol—Wolves (P.L. E. Nicholson).

Cup for the Best Corner Work—Otters (P.L. R. Miller).

Cup for the Best Individual Exhibit—J. B. Clark (Otters).

In the afternoon Major Duncan (District Scout Commissioner) visited the Troop for the second time in the term and made the presentation. In an inspiring address, he spoke of the need of leadership in the world and said that it was in troops of the calibre of the 73rd Perthshire that the leaders of the next generation must be sought. He was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his kindness in visiting us.

At a Court of Honour held on Saturday, July 9th, the S.M. thanked the retiring P.L.'s and officials for their loyal support, and, after some discussion the following appointments were made for next year:—

Eagles—P.L., V. Chapelle; 2nd, M. North.

Hawks—P.L., D. Whitton; 2nd, D. Robinson.

Lions—P.L., D. Stevens; 2nd, J. Stark.

Otters—P.L., R. Miller; 2nd, J. B. Milne.

Owls—P.L., H. Grant; 2nd, T. Philp.

Rattlesnakes—P.L., M. Thomson; 2nd, G. Wilson.

Seals—P.L., W. Hunter; 2nd, J. Calder.

Swifts—P.L., D. Hood; 2nd, D. Jackson.

Wolves—P.L., I. Gray; 2nd, N. McLeod.

I. P. W.

BIRTH.

FRAZER.—On 17th May, 1938, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard M. Frazer, Elinore, Muckamore, County Antrim, a son.

MARRIAGES.

IRVINE—NAPIER.—At the Congregational Church, Nairn, on 27th August, 1938, by the Rev. E. C. MacIntosh, Thomas, son of the late Mr. James Irvine and of Mrs. Irvine, Blythswood Avenue, Renfrew, to Ella Barclay, only daughter of Mr. Alex. Napier and the late Mrs. Napier, Northend, Nairn.

MACEWEN—DICK.—At St. Kessog's Church, Callander, Perthshire, on Wednesday, 29th June, 1938, Ian MacEwen, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. William MacEwen, The Kraesult, Callander, to Doris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Dick, 1 Melville Terrace, Stirling.

MACDONALD—SINCLAIR.—At the Central Hotel, Glasgow, on 21st June, 1938, by the Rev. James Hamilton, M.A., Perth, James Gordon Miller, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. MacDonald, Benview, Clarkston, Renfrewshire, to Isabel Lillias, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sinclair, 25 Mount Stuart Street, Glasgow, S.L.

REID—GRAY.—At Trinity Church, Pollokshields, Glasgow, on 2nd June, 1938, by the Rev. S. Maurice Watts, B.D., Elgin Place Congregational Church, Robert Brown, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Reid, 9 Merrylee Road, Newlands, Glasgow, to Grace Armstrong, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray, 28 Mansionhouse Road, Langside, Glasgow.

THOMSON—IRELAND.—At Wormit Parish Church, Wormit, Fife, on 7th September, 1938, Cyril L. Thomson, Carseview, Wormit, to Margaret, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ireland, Wormit.

DEATH.

PATON.—At a nursing home, Glasgow, on 28th May, 1938, Robert D. Paton, jun., Rominar, Whitecraigs.

ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced between George Bell, second son of Mr. and Mrs. David Smith, Dunearn, Newport, Fife, and Margaret Isobel, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Martin, Dundee.

The engagement is announced between our Honorary Secretary, John Burnet Maitland Cowan, only son of the late R. Maitland Cowan, J.P., and of Mrs. Cowan, Ashdale, Whitecraigs, and Jean Alison, elder daughter of Mrs. Archibald Crawford, Whitecraigs.

The engagement is announced between Alexander Campbell MacEwen, M.B., Ch.B., 12 Comely Park, Dunfermline, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. William MacEwen, The Kraesult, Callander, and Eileen Phyllis Cooper of Old Knowles, Camberley, Surrey.

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THE Old Boys' News column in this issue is somewhat curtailed owing to the fact that many of our regular contributors were called up as a result of the international crisis. Letters addressed to them pointing out that the magazine was about to go to press brought forth replies from very odd parts of the British Isles, and some of these replies took the form of a postcard scribbled in pencil! This is certainly an object lesson on the far-reaching effects of a national emergency such as we have recently experienced, but, on the other hand, it is first class evidence that when the safety of our islands is at stake Strathallians are well to the fore in their defence. During these last holidays a record number of Strathallians ventured abroad either in cars or on motor cycles, and most of them included both Germany and Italy in their itinerary. There was one point upon which all were agreed and that was that nowhere did they find among the common people any realisation of the dangers to peace nor of any desire on their part to engage in war with Britain. One party of tourists visiting Munich and Salzburg in the region towards the Czechoslovakian border witnessed the mobilisation in its early stages of the German army, and they were struck by the fact that the appearance of troops in warlike kit in the small towns and villages raised no enthusiasm such as arose during 1914. The troops themselves had no idea that there was any chance of a real war taking place and they explained that they were taking part in large scale manoeuvres to impress the Czechs and the French.

Dr. Charlie MacLay, who was recently married, ventured over the Stelvio Pass and sent a postcard to School stating that the facts as taught in the Geography Class were quite correct!

Messrs. Ritchie, L. Paul and J. Shaw toured France and the Riviera where they found the rate of exchange operating strongly in their favour, although many of the hoteliers were not above pushing up their prices when they found that their clients were British.

One or two boys from School enjoyed an extensive tour with Mr. Riley in his car through Germany, Switzerland and Italy, and perhaps the chief grumble was the quality of bread provided in Germany and in Italy. In the latter country it was really soggy, and in the former it was dark but less unpalatable. There was an extraordinary coincidence at Heidelberg where Mr. Eric Gillanders' sister is studying German. There was much speculation as to whether the members of this party would come across her during an afternoon visit to the town and the boys who wanted something more strenuous than a wander through the streets left Mr. Riley probably for a row on the Neckar with the remark: "Well, there is not much chance of finding a single person in a crowd like this," for evidently the town was full of excursionists. Barely ten seconds afterwards this young lady, who was on her way to Bonn to spend a holiday, confronted Mr. Riley, who was very much in mufti, with the remark: "I saw three or four young fellows obviously English public school-boys had just left you, and I came across on the chance." A small world, isn't it?

We must congratulate Mr. J. Grossett, of Leven, on the completion of his M.A., LL.B. degree of the University of Edinburgh, and upon gaining the John Robertson Prize in conveyancing.

Mr. Gordon Watt who is a lieutenant in the Queen's Guides in India, has been home on furlough, and he gave us quite an

interesting account of his life on the North-West frontier of India where he has been taking part in the fighting with the border tribes. He returned towards the end of June, and is now stationed at Marden in the North-West Frontier Province where conditions are a little quieter than usual.

We hear that Mr. R. J. Dunlop of Reading is now acting as demonstrator with the Albion Motor Works where several Strathallians in days gone by have served their apprenticeship. Mr. William Guild, of Dollar, who left School this summer is now serving his time with this same firm.

Messrs. Eric Neil and Roy Gillanders, together with Mr. Ian Hargrove, toured the Rhineland and Black Forest areas on motor bikes. They too confirmed the general impression that a war against England would be most unpopular in Germany. Indeed, Germans they met were anxious for a period of peace in order that there might be a chance of an improved standard of living being their lot.

We had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Norman Allison of Paisley. The former is with the Anglo-Iranian Company out in Persia. Mr. Allison, who is a graduate of the University of London, has been transferred to a new oil area which is about to be developed in Kuwait. It may interest readers to know that the development of this area has proved to be quite promising, and if a considerable field is proved and opened up somebody is going to make some money. Kuwait is on the Persian Gulf and for the greater part of the year is practically rainless and it is governed by a native ruler and has its own issue of stamps—often surcharged Indian stamps. One of Mr. Allison's younger brothers is with J. & P. Coats Ltd. in their factory in Rumania, whilst the youngest is farming in Canada.

There has been an innovation at School during this last term which seemed to be very popular, and that was the decision on the part of the Modern Language Master to take a party of boys—about twenty—to tour some particular part of the Continent each summer. On this occasion the boys entered France through Brittany, toured

the Chateaux country, and had a rousing time in Paris. One and all declared the venture to have been a great success, and it is proposed next year to go further afield, perhaps to Germany.

Many Old Boys will approve most heartily of an innovation that has been made this term, and that is the introduction of boxing lessons as one of the spare time activities at School. A professional coach has been engaged and he takes small classes of six once per week, and the boys themselves have pronounced the venture to be "super." A proper boxing ring has been set up in the Gymnasium, and the only person who seems to look askance at the venture is the Nurse.

We congratulate Dr. Wilson Harrington and Dr. Robin Taylor on their success in their final examination for the degree in medicine in the University of Glasgow.

The other principal items of interest from this university are the examination results.

Messrs. W. McKenna and O. T. Brown have passed their fourth year degree examinations, and we are sorry to learn that illness prevented Mr. J. M. Dunlop from sitting this examination, but he hopes to complete it at Easter. Mr. H. Fleming has passed his third year professional examination, and Messrs. R. Auld and G. Harrington have successfully come through their second year professionals in medicine, while Mr. Donald McColl has passed his first year science in the professional examination. Mr. A. Fleming has obtained his B.Sc. in Engineering and has given up his position in the 'Varsity 1st XV.

Messrs. R. W. McMath and G. Sharp, who are both studying Law, are in the 'Varsity 1st XV, and the former has recently been playing full back, his old School position. Mr. W. McKenna is also a member of the 1st XV, and Mr. W. Steel, who was playing for the University 1st XI during the summer, has also gained some distinction on the rugby field.

Mr. Allan Watt, who was Sports Champion this last year at School and who gives promise of being outstanding as an athlete, is now working in his father's firm

of Watt Brothers, Ltd., Glasgow. He hopes to go to London in about six months' time to serve his apprenticeship.

Messrs. R. C. Taylor of East Molesey, Surrey, and Douglas Gardner of Kilmarnock, have joined the Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve, and Mr. Alastair Dow of Whitecraigs has joined the Glasgow Division of the R.N.V.R., and we also hear that Messrs. V. F. Lauderdale of Aylesbury, and J. Martin Ritchie of Glasgow, have received commissions in the Territorial army.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. Graeme Little of Broughty Ferry on his appointment to one of the East African Branches of the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited.

We notice from a copy of the "London Gazette" that Sub-Lieutenant J. McC. Findlay has been promoted full Lieutenant.

From St. Andrews University we learn that Messrs. G. Ray and A. C. Fraser are entering upon their final year in medicine, while Messrs. H. E. Walker and W. C. Smith are up as fourth year students. We must congratulate Mr. Herbert Walker on receiving his blue for golf, an honour which in the opinion of many has been withheld too long.

In the Eden tournament at St. Andrews, one of the principal golfing events of the year, there were two Strathallians in the semi-final stage, Mr. Herbert Walker, who was beaten in the final, and Mr. Eric Donaldson, who left School this year. It was only a very narrow margin that prevented a Strathallan final in this tournament.

Mr. Lyall Fleming, who made quite a name for himself at School as a forward, is sitting his final in medicine very shortly and we take this opportunity of wishing him the best of luck.

From Cambridge University we have received quite a number of examination results for publication. Mr. J. A. Smith obtained Second Class honours in the Natural Science Tripos, while Mr. A. Carswell obtained a similar degree in the Law Tripos. Mr. R. S. Johnston gained a Second Class, first division, in the Law

Tripos, part 1, as did Mr. I. R. Galbraith in the Economics Tripos, part 1. We must congratulate Mr. Galbraith on taking first place in his college in this examination. Mr. H. B. Rowan gained a third class in Economics Tripos, part 1, and Mr. J. A. Dow obtained a similar pass in the Law final examinations. We offer our congratulations to all these gentlemen. Mr. E. V. Mackay passed the two parts of the qualifying examination in Medicine, which was rather a notable achievement in view of the many failures. Messrs. J. G. S. Forrest, R. Houston, L. Steven, and I. Smith came through their "May" examinations successfully. In the realm of sport we must congratulate Mr. J. G. S. Forrest, who is now the secretary of the Cambridge University Rugby Football Club, and Mr. J. A. Smith on obtaining his Relay colours against Oxford. Mr. Smith is one of the best swimmers the School has ever had.

Last year's School Captain, Mr. R. A. Peacock, has taken up residence in St. John's where he is taking the Economic and Law Triposes. As Mr. Peacock had a distinguished career at School both from an academic point of view as well as on the sporting side of school life, his career will be watched with more than ordinary interest, and we wish him the greatest success in his new sphere of activity.

From Edinburgh University we have received quite a number of examination successes. Mr. George Balfour and Mr. J. Breckenridge have now passed into their final year in Medicine; Mr. James Drummond enters his fourth year, while Messrs. C. Ritchie and J. Donaldson enter their second year. All these gentlemen are to be congratulated on getting through their annual examinations. This year there are three newcomers to the University, Mr. Grant Carrie, who is doing Law and who, by the way, distinguished himself in the Freshers' rugger trial quite recently; Mr. Eric Donaldson, who is taking up medicine and who should prove to be a valuable acquisition to the University golfing side; and Mr. John Shanks, who is at the Agricultural College taking his university degree, namely B.Sc. Agriculture.