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Editorial

OUR first duty this term is to thank the members of the Senior School for their splendid rally to the support of the magazine in the early days of last term when it was found that we were several pages short of material for the last issue. We were pleasantly overwhelmed with contributions in less than forty-eight hours, and as a result the consensus of opinion about last term's number was "pretty good," which, allowing for the meiosis natural to the schoolboy of to-day, is indeed high praise. All of which goes to prove the truth of our frequent statement that the boys can make the magazine what they like it. "And the moral of that," as the Duchess of "Alice" would say, "is ———." It is surely not necessary for an S.O.S. to be sent out before the

magazine can be supported as it should be: contributions are always very welcome.

With the departure of R. Johnston and V. Mackay the last of the present members of the Editorial Board have gone. We would thank them for their loyal services and support, and trust that in their new spheres they will give an occasional thought to the "Strathallian." Consequent upon their departure, it becomes necessary to make elections to a new board soon after this notice has appeared in print, and those with literary inclinations or aspirations, or those possessing zeal for an excellent cause are cordially invited to stake their claims. The greatest satisfaction in life comes to those who give: and here is an opportunity within the scope of all.

School Notes and Notices

A GLORIOUS Summer term, marred only by threats of epidemics which failed to materialise and the inevitable preparations for examinations and inspections, drew to a placid conclusion. The inspector's report is highly gratifying, and we trust that the efforts of those unfortunates "doomed for a certain time" to work for examinations after the departure of their school-fellows will have met with the reward they deserve. At least they could not blame the heat for any lack of effort made, for those fortunate to be in the new classrooms have been able to remain cool under the most testing conditions.

The final block of classrooms has now been completed and workmen are at work on the new workshop which it is hoped will be ready for occupation before the end of this term. Here not only will carpentry be available, but facilities have been provided for elementary metal work. Besides this, various crafts such as weaving and leather-work are to be taught under conditions which can only be described as excellent. Boys at Strathallan nowadays must surely be accounted as lucky.

The Gym. is being equipped with heating preparatory to its use as theatre and cinema during the winter months. As far

as the former is concerned, a spacious stage is complete at the North end, but the lighting, curtains and other stage equipment have still to be attended to before the Christmas social. The Ciné Club has been brought right up to date by the acquisition of a new talkie machine, and we understand that reproductions of the very latest films will be available on Saturdays henceforth.

The term has been one of record breaking. Not, we think, has there been before such a glut of runs at cricket, for instance. The School has been treated to no less than ten centuries in the course of the season, and only one of them has come from the bat of a visitor. J. G. S. Forrest, the captain, scored six of these, and though two of them were made only in the House Matches, that feat alone is a record, for we cannot recollect when last a "star" batsman shone in both House games, much less scored centuries. R. Johnston claimed the other three. He was the first to pass T. Hart's record total runs for the season, quickly followed by his skipper, and both, after having averages of over a hundred for some weeks, ended the season with figures almost undreamt of in the School's history. Nor have they been alone in scoring rapidly and well: indeed it has been said in the pavilion that nothing less than forty is applauded at Strath. these days—particularly noteworthy were the half centuries by N. Thomson and G. P. Sharp in the Rowan's match. In consequence of this forceful batting on the part of the early batsmen, tall scores have been the order of the day, 252 for 1 wicket against Dollar being an easy record, we believe. The bowling, too, has been good, R. Taylor bearing the brunt, and his nine for 33 against Stewart's was a magnificent effort. A feature of the term has been the keen competition for places in the First Eleven, several second teamers earning their place in the senior side before the season closed. The somewhat meteoric rise of J. Mitchell, a left arm medium paced bowler, is a case in point, for in less than two months he has progressed from an unknown to a Second Cap and a regular member of the First Eleven. This is a healthy sign for Strath. cricket.

The annual match with the Staff provided the usual interest, the School repeating last year's success. They batted first, and runs

came nicely until at 39 Johnston underestimated the fielding of a new member of the side and was smartly run out. Vickerstaff then took command, and with six wickets down for 56, the Staff seemed headed for victory. Murray (53 not out) began to open out, however, and with assistance from Hall (18) and Auld (23), a useful total of 139 was recorded. The Staff, for the first time on record with a full XI, collapsed badly, following Mr. Alty's being run out, and although Mr. Cole batted through the innings for 36, he was seldom comfortable and could find no one to stay with him, Messrs. Alty, Langstaff and Norton being next highest scorers with seven, in a rather meagre total of 74.

It is curious how fortunate we have been with the weather: no matter how unsettled it may have been before or after, all our important dates, Sports Day, The Rowan's Match, and Commemoration Day, have been blessed with really perfect days.

The first of these, on June 10th, was further favoured by there being just enough cool breeze to bring the best out of the runners. J. Forrest cannot be too warmly congratulated upon the repetition of his last year's triumph in carrying off the whole of the senior events; but we venture to think that the opposition was keener: certainly he broke three records and equalled a fourth in the course of the afternoon, and only one of these was an easy victory. Thanks to him, and to material assistance from the Juniors, Nicol lifted the Sports Cup for the third year in succession. The Junior Championship was very closely contested, and at the close of the meeting A. Watt and J. F. Waterston tied for the Allan Anderson Cup, and both of these, but particularly Waterston's clean running and excellent judgment in the distance races, were a delight to watch. We congratulate the winners upon their success, and all competitors upon providing such an interesting afternoon's sport.

Commemoration Day, June 28th, was a great day for the School, and nothing could have been more heartfelt—and more effective—than V. Mackay's wish that the F.P.'s might long keep the Wooden Spoon he had received the previous year. There was a suggestion that Mr. Norton's half-crown should be framed, for it won the toss at Cricket, and even more important, it

gave the School the choice of ends in the Tug-of-war. The consequent winning of this event won the cup for the School, though they made sure of it by registering their first win in the Water Polo also, against what was admittedly a weakened F.P. side. Our heartiest congratulations!

One little matter arose out of the meeting. The F.P.'s in no way wish to depreciate the School's victory—it was a good drubbing—but they wish formally to protest against the use of spiked shoes in the Tug-of-war. Some of the senior boys will remember that this question has arisen before, some two years ago. We would repeat now, what was said then, that the handbook of the A.A.A. states definitely that in a tug shoes should have perfectly smooth soles, and such a ruling bans all cricket or rugger boots. We trust that the boys will realise the necessity of abiding by prescribed regulations, and that the whole matter may be amicably settled before the next occasion arises.

There are three news items concerning members of the Staff which may be of interest. We hear that Mr. E. J. Frank has taken a teaching appointment in Prague, and he writes half promising us some impressions of the country where he seems to have settled down and made friends quickly. Mr. Waters has joined the noble order of Benedicts during the vacation, and the School extends all good wishes to him and Mrs. Waters. Finally, we regret the departure of Mr. S. Knox, for during his two years' sojourn with us he won universal popularity. We wish him every success in his new school in Nottingham.

A good batch of the senior boys, and those in authority, leave us this term, and it is almost impossible to mention them all by name and thank them for services rendered. We take this opportunity of thanking them collectively and wishing them good luck in their new spheres. But certain of the authority cannot possibly go unheralded: some of them have been "heid yins" for two years and have left their mark indelibly. Of these, first must be mentioned the Captain, V. Mackay, who in his two years of office, by his quiet authoritative manner and high ideals, has been a tremendous influence for good in all spheres of School life. Any successor has

a difficult task to perform, because comparison will be inevitable. The prowess of J. G. S. Forrest upon the playing fields dwarfs everything in School history, and has greatly facilitated his task of maintaining law and order within the School precincts. He has been two years Captain of Rugby and Cricket, three years Swimming Captain and Victor Ludorum, and Tennis champion for two years, so that he must be reckoned one of the finest of all-rounders; and it will be very surprising indeed if we do not hear more of him at Cambridge, whither he goes with Mackay to study medicine. With them goes R. Johnston to the Law. He, too, has excelled at Rugby and Cricket, serving three seasons with the senior sides, and, like Forrest, one of the oldest and most hard-working of the Water Polo team. We could tell many tales of Bobby when he was not quite such a serious-minded member of the community—but we won't. Graeme Sharp also goes into the legal profession, but at Glasgow. He has been one of the most hard-working members of the School pack for the past two seasons, and is physically fitted to go far in the greater hurly-burly of senior Rugby. To the Medical School at Glasgow University go R. Auld and G. Harrington. Auld, though handicapped by lack of inches, has been a tremendous worker in the School pack and a smart point on the cricket field. Harrington's promising Rugby career was cut short while he was still a Junior, but he has made himself highly proficient at Fives, of which he has acted as Captain for the past two years. All of these have borne a large share in the various indoor activities and will sadly be missed; but perhaps better known in this direction is J. Ritchie, with R. Gillanders, Mine Host of "the Strathallan Arms" and keen organiser of the School Ciné Club, to which the School has been long indebted for their pleasant Saturday evening entertainment. In addition, he has been in charge of the Library, and in that capacity has acquitted himself well.

In their places the following promotions were made at the end of term:—

Prefects.—School Captain: J. Macbride.
Vice-Captain, Rugby Captain, and Captain of Freeland House: R. Houston. Captain of Ruthven House:

I. Smith. Captain of Nicol House:
W. Steel. Captain of Simpson House:
J. Donaldson. R. Gillanders.

House Prefects.—George P. Sharp, Robert C. Taylor, I. R. Galbraith, T. Macfarlane, W. Pringle, F. A. Anderson.

Sub-Prefects.—J. H. Peden, J. N. L. Thomson, R. A. Peacock, J. Mackie, D. N. McColl, J. J. Beatson, A. J. B. Milroy.

The New Playing Fields

Negotiations have now been completed which will result in the addition of about forty acres of ground to the School. This particular land formed a kind of a tongue into the School property, and its acquisition will not only give us an even boundary line but will bring into the possession of the School ground which will add considerably to the amenities of the place. To those who know the local terminology the names Charlie's Acre and Home Park will give them a good idea of where the ground is situated, and they will at once appreciate how valuable this ground will be to the athletic side of School life when they realise that a scheme is afoot to put down five new rugby pitches and to develop a nine-hole golf course lying entirely within the School policies. It is proposed that one of the pitches which will lie immediately below the new changing room be devoted entirely to School matches. This in itself will be a considerable acquisition for it will ensure a first class pitch being in first class condition and in close proximity to hot baths and a comfortable wash up. It is expected that the scheme will take two or three years to complete, but it is hoped that one pitch at least will be ready for play next year, since work has already commenced on it.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, 19th December, in St. Enoch Station Hotel, Glasgow. Notices will be sent out to members prior to that date.

The Dramatic Society

The Dramatic Society is looking forward with great keenness to performing upon the new stage in the Gym. at Christmas. True, it will have lost many of its old hands, notably R. Johnston, G. Harrington and J. Forrest, but its younger members acquitted themselves so well that little fear is entertained for the casting of their next production, particularly as R. Houston, I. Smith and R. Peacock will still be with them from the last committee, all with some experience of production.

Financially, too, the Society is in a good position, though the refitting necessary to the new stage will naturally make considerable inroads into the substantial balance at present held. New scenery has to be built and the lighting of the stage adapted for all contingencies.

Below we publish an Income and Expenditure Account for the past season, details of the various items having already been approved by the Society at the opening of the Spring Term.

EXPENDITURE.

To Samuel French Ltd.	...	£4	0	0
„ Expenses of Dramatic Social, Christmas, 1935	8	7	4
„ Balance, being:				
At S. French Ltd	£2	3	7	
At Bank	...	7	9	10
Reserved by Mr. Riley	7	8	0
			17	1 5
			£29	8 9

INCOME.

By Balance, Easter, 1935	...	£12	9	7
„ Subscriptions, Christmas, 1935	7	10	0
„ Subscriptions, Easter, 1936 (Reserved for Stage Equipment, £7 8s. 0d.)	7	14	0
„ Collection at Christmas Social		1	15	2
			£29	8 9

J. ANDERSON, Hon. Treasurer.

Commemoration Day

A GLORIOUS Summer day dawned for Commemoration Day on the last Saturday in June, and a record number of F.P.'s availed themselves of it to revisit their Alma Mater and test once more the strength of the School games. The Present proved in no uncertain fashion that there are as good fish in the sea as ever came out of it. The pleasure of V. Mackay, the School Captain, and the boys with him, when Mr. George Smith, as President of the Strathallian Club, was presented with the wooden spoon Mackay had received last year, was unquestionable.

But that was only the end to a great day. Here was an Old Boy newly back from India meeting former classmates for the first time for several years: here another who found old haunts almost unrecognisable and innovations a source of wonder after only two years' absence; among all, the reminiscence, enquiry, and latest news of old friends in circulation: while on the playing fields the struggle for mastery went on.

Once more the School was soon five points up, for the Relay resulted in the customary victory. Actually the first three relays saw the best struggle since the inauguration of the contest, W. Roy, R. Dunlop and R. Kirkland serving the F.P.'s excellently, and the lead changing hands more than once; but over the quarter mile J. Forrest ran clean away from W. Hood, who failed entirely to reproduce his school form.

Then the School won the toss at Cricket, and Mitchell quickly had their early stars back in the pavilion, while Forrest completed the damage; and though the tail wagged heroically and played out the stipulated overs, 132 never looked big enough against the aggressive methods of the School, who now had their tails up with a vengeance.

Before this was over, however, the Old Boys drew level and were again pegged back. Their victory in the tennis by three matches to none was as overwhelming as it was complete, only W. Leburn and W. Anderson making a real fight of it. The

Fives resulted in as conclusive a victory for the School, where the F.P. pairs, W. Smith and J. M. Wilson and R. L. Paul and I. Scott were out-manoeuvred by the exceptionally strong School team.

The surprise of the day came with the School's victory in the Tug-of-War. No one will deny that Mackay had half won the event when he won the toss, for the lesson of Sports Day was still fresh, and with the deceptive slope, the School had won the first pull almost before it had begun. The second pull came as writing on the wall for it was only after a hard struggle that the F.P.'s won, and the third pull decided the issue in favour of the School.

This victory settled the destination of the Cup, but the interest was maintained at fever heat to the end. The Old Boys won their second success when a fine swim by J. Smith gave them a touch victory in an excellent Swimming Relay: and nothing can describe the excitement of the Polo match, in which the School gained its initial victory in this event by the odd goal of seven.

MONDAY LUNCHEONS

The Council regret that so few members are taking advantage of the Luncheons which are held every Monday in Cranston's Tea Rooms Ltd., Renfield Street, Glasgow. The Council would like the younger members to take an interest and attend regularly. An excellent four course luncheon is served, the tariff being 1/6. Luncheon can also be obtained à la carte. Now the winter has set in, the Council expect a large increase in the number attending. Mr. Riley has kindly agreed to be present at the Luncheon on the first Monday of each month during term time.

NEW MEMBERS

The Council are pleased to intimate that this year, to date, 18 Life Members and 14 Ordinary Members have joined the Club.

Sports Day

SPORTS DAY, Wednesday, 10th June, was favoured by weather such as we have come to look upon as our right, but which has not been altogether our lot of recent years, bright sunshine; and a large gathering of parents and friends was in attendance. Conditions for the runners, too, were favourable, for there was just enough cool wind to refresh the competitors without in any way impeding them. We looked for records to be broken and were not disappointed.

The day, indeed, was a further triumph for the holder of the championship, J. G. S. Forrest. Everyone was asking whether he could repeat his last year's success and carry all before him: that he did deserves the highest praise, for we are sure he had to fight harder to retain his titles than to win them. Hard pressed by T. Macfarlane, he equalled the School record of 10 $\frac{2}{5}$ seconds for the 100 yards, and in the quarter of a mile a great fight with C. A. Lyle gave him a narrow victory in 56 $\frac{2}{5}$ seconds, three-tenths of a second under Young's time in 1928. The half mile he might well have lost to R. Johnston, for he established a long lead in the final straight and then eased up, while in a grand spurt which showed a real do-or-die spirit, Johnston almost caught him on the tape; even so the time was only three seconds outside record. He won the Throwing the Cricket Ball easily, with a throw six inches short of the hundred yards, almost ten yards further than Lacey's 1930 distance. The Hurdles and the two Jumps also went to him, the Long Jump fairly easily, though he failed to improve on his last year's record; but the High Jump only after a long duel with J. Peden, who seemed to clear the bar with greater ease yet failed at 5 ft. 3 in. Forrest then jumped for a new record, eventually clearing a measured height of 5 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. This event was, indeed, with the quarter mile, the most memorable event of the day; and while we congratulate Forrest on his successes, the opposition also deserves the highest praise; for few runners can give their best and break records against a clock.

Nor was the fine showing confined to the open events. The clean running of J. F. Waterston was a delight to watch in the distance events, and here we felt was a junior who might easily lower the records set up by Forrest at no distant date. A. Watt's long legs and clean raking stride were too much for him in the hundred yards sprint, but these two, with ten points each, were worthy winners of the Allan Anderson Cup. Even the Under 14 and Under 12 events were keenly contested and revealed excellent material in the making. There is no doubt that from a purely athletic point of view the Sports must be voted the most successful for many years.

It was the Junior events which decided the destination of the House Championship. Forrest's splendid lead naturally gave his house a magnificent start, but it was anticipated that Freeland would carry most places in the Under 16 events and so cancel out Forrest's wins; but Watt and E. Nicholson notched valuable points for Nicol, and Waterston and J. Steel registered wins for Ruthven and Simpson, so that Freeland, far from competing for the first place, were soon reduced to a desperate struggle with Ruthven for the second. Eventually they shared the position, as was fitting, with 64 points each, 35 points behind Nicol.

The prizes were presented by D. J. Bogie, Esq., B. Com., C.A., an Old Boy of the School, in introducing whom to the parents, Mr. Riley, in his review of the year's work, named as first trustee of the School. In thanking Mr. Riley for the honour thus conferred upon him, Mr. Bogie recalled the Strathallan of its early days, his own small share in former Sports Days, and paid tribute to Mr. Riley's genius as founder and true patron of the School.

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

Open Events.

- 100 yards—1, J. Forrest; 2, T. Macfarlane.
- 220 yards—1, J. Forrest; 2, V. Mackay.
- 440 yards—1, J. Forrest; 2, C. A. Lyle.
- 880 yards—1, J. Forrest; 2, R. Johnston.

120 yards Hurdles—1, J. Forrest; 2, C. A. Lyle.
 High Jump—1, J. Forrest; 2, J. Peden.
 Long Jump—1, J. Forrest; 2, G. P. Sharp.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—1, J. Forrest;
 2, J. Peden.

Under 16 Events.

100 yards—1, A. Watt; 2, F. Waterston.
 220 yards—1, J. Steel; 2, D. McColl.
 440 yards—1, F. Waterston; 2, J. Steel.
 880 yards—1, F. Waterston; 2, E. Nicholson.
 120 yards Hurdles—1, L. Scott; 2, J. Shanks.
 High Jump—1, A. Watt; 2, L. Scott.
 Long Jump—1, D. McColl; 2, A. Watt.

Under 14 Events.

90 yards—1, K. Jack; 2, I. Geddes.
 220 yards—1, D. Stevens; 2, K. Jack.
 Long Jump—1, R. Gregory; 2, A. Black.
 High Jump—1, D. Stevens; 2, A. Black.

Under 12 Events.

80 yards—1, A. North; 2, I. Petrie.
 High Jump—1, I. Petrie; 2, E. McCrimmon.

Other Events.

Three-legged Race—1, W. Leburn and C. Scroggie; 2, R. Innes and R. Taylor.
 Obstacle Race—1, L. Steven; 2, R. Innes.
 Tilting the Bucket—1, R. Gjertsen and N. Brown; 2, H. Crawford and R. Orr.
 House Relay—1, Ruthven; 2, Simpson.
 House Tug-of-War—1, Simpson; 2, Nicol.

Other Awards.

Smith Cup—V. Mackay.
 Senior Dux—M. Wilson.
 Proxime Accessit—A. Forbes.
 Junior Dux—R. H. Wallace.
 Scout Medal—I. P. Murray.
 Junior Scout Medal—R. Gregory.

How Ships Talk

THE Committee which had been appointed by all the maritime nations to investigate the condition of the International Code, and to make suggestions, issued its report, and from the 1st of January, 1934, a completely new code and code book has come into use all over the Seven Seas. It does not permit more messages to be sent, for the present code is wonderfully elastic, and a seaman can say just what he likes with his twenty-six flags; but the addition of ten numerical and three substitute flags makes the business very much easier and quicker.

Flag signalling at sea is quite a fascinating subject, going back to the earliest days, although it is only comparatively recently that real efforts have been made in this country to make communication easy. Its exact origin is unknown, but it is believed that the ancient Romans used a very elaborate system of flag signalling. If so, the idea was lost for many years, for before the middle of the seventeenth century visual signalling at sea was limited to a few set orders for naval purposes. Flags were used by day and lights by night, the meaning depending on the position of the rigging. Not much progress since 400 B.C., when the Athenian admiral hoisted his purple cloak when he wanted his ships to turn together.

In the Middle Ages there were flags in plenty, for then the job of the seaman was merely to take the ship where she was

wanted, and the fighting was done by the knights on board, who were all proud of their pennants and banners, and displayed them in great profusion. But, as has been said, the messages which could have been conveyed were very limited in number, and ships were hailed, or a boat sent across with the message—both methods a fruitful cause of accident.

A great advance, as far as the British Navy was concerned, occurred about 1655, when Sir Wm. Penn drew up the "Duke of York's Fighting Instructions," which gave us so much information regarding naval warfare in these days. These Fighting Instructions mention the use of various ensigns, pennants, and red, white and blue flags, in addition to a red and white striped flag which was the signal to chase. Basing his ideas on these instructions, Sir John Narborough worked up a little code for communicating with his subordinates, and quite a number of other admirals seem to have done the same, although there was no actual code laid down. For general use there were only a few set signals, and these were generally to enable warships to communicate with the merchantmen which they were convoying. The signal to weigh anchor was for the man-o'-war to loose her fore topsail and fire a gun, while any ship of the convoy in distress "made a waft" and hauled up her sails so that it might be seen.

Admiral Russell made the next move in 1691, when he improved on Narborough's system, using red, white and blue pennants in twenty-five different positions, which enabled him to manoeuvre his fleet with tolerable accuracy; and he also introduced the first pocket signal book. Still there was no really adequate official action, and Admiral Matthews' fight with the French off Toulon in 1744 showed that the means provided were quite sufficient for an admiral to convey his ideas clearly.

About that time Captain Thomson, who was a poet as well as a naval officer, invented an alphabetical code in which the vowels were denoted by simple flags of different colours, and the consonants by parti-coloured flags of different shapes. There were two improvements on this code, Popham's and Curtis', both by officers who had served under Thomson.

Admiral Kempenfelt is generally known to the public by his going down in the *Royal George*, but he was a particularly fine naval organiser, and working on the model that the French had found very successful, he introduced something like a complete signal book into the Navy in 1781. This conveyed its message by combining distinct flags into pairs, which is the root principle of modern flag signalling, and his code was certainly a great advance, although it was itself improved by Lord Howe, whose code was used up to the date of Trafalgar. It was then replaced by Sir Home Popham's code, which worked on the numerical system, using four flags in a hoist. This was the signal that was used to convey Nelson's message at Trafalgar, but for many years the flags exhibited in *H.M.S. Victory* were those of Howe's code.

All these codes were, it will be noticed, intended for naval purposes only; but it was a naval officer, Captain Frederic Marryat (the famous novelist), who first thought of the Merchant Service. At about the time when the Napoleonic Wars ended, he invented a code of signals by which all sorts of messages could be conveyed, both naval and mercantile. The French Government adopted it with enthusiasm; the British Society of Ship-owners thanked him for the immense service that he had done for the commercial

community, and for the first time merchant ships were able to make their needs known as well as men-o'-war.

In 1855 the Board of Trade appointed a Committee to establish a commercial code of signals, which was so successful that it was soon adopted by the principal maritime nations, and became the International Code as we know it to-day. Eighteen flags were used at first, chiefly those of the Marryat Code, and represented the first eighteen consonants, and with these it was possible to make nearly 79,000 signals. The code book was translated into all languages, so that it was quite possible for ships of all nations to communicate with one another, and overcome the language difficulty; and it was, and still is, also used by naval ships for communicating with merchantmen.

It was not a perfect code as it started, and amendments and improvements were constantly being made in it, but it was the best code that had been put on the market until then, and it was soon universally adopted. Urged by this, the Navy also improved its own code signals and visual signalling generally, for men-o'-war between themselves used their own secret code and not the International.

In the meanwhile the Mercantile Code was improving, and in 1888 it was decided to add eight more flags, which greatly increased its utility. But the methods of most merchant ships in using the flags left a lot to be desired, and when Captain Lord Charles Beresford, bringing his cruiser home from the Mediterranean, thought he would test the Merchant Service's signalling by making a signal to every merchantman he met, he was doomed to disappointment. He spoke to thirty-three ships, in each case framing his signal to require only a short reply, but only three answered him, and of those only one made the answer correctly. Nowadays King's ships on passage carry out regular signalling practice with passing merchantmen and the proportion of correct signals made is most gratifyingly high, considering the fact that signalling is only a small part of the merchant seaman's job, whereas the Navy has specialists always on duty.

The International Code was again revised in the early days of the present

century, and one or two flags added. This is the code which has just been revised, and it has stood the test of nearly thirty years' work (including wartime) wonderfully successfully. Each ship carries, in addition to a set of flags whose size varies with hers, a signal book which enables the code to be used; for although each flag represents a letter, it is only in most unusual cases that words are spelled out. The signals are arranged according to their urgency, the two-flag signals being the most urgent ones. Thus AD means "Do not abandon your vessel until the tide has ebbed"; SY means "Do not trust to the weather, it has not done yet"; and ZV means "Have passed a wreck but could not render assistance; people still on board." Every possible combination of flags is put to good use, and every situation likely to arise at sea is dealt with; but the code also provides for the sending of messages that nobody could possibly provide for beforehand.

Special letters are set aside for every ship of any size at all, to save spelling out her name. The *Mauretania's* signal letters, or numbers, as they are always called, were "H L T Q." The *Thiru Gnan Sampanthapuravy* of Jaffna has not applied for signal letters, which appears to be putting her people to a lot of unnecessary trouble.

The Committee which has just issued its report has been at work practically continuously since 1919, for all sorts of matters had to be carefully considered before any decision was arrived at. All nations were consulted and had a full say in the negotiations, and wireless telegraphy also came in for full consideration. The final work of editing the new code was left to a Committee representing France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Spain, the United States and Great Britain, and these gentlemen have been hard at work for nearly three years, which gives a good idea of the magnitude of the job that they tackled.

A. B.

Earnside Echoes

WE are always pleased to record innovations at Strath. The latest is a development of the cross-word game, and consists of drawing up a time-table for the school curriculum. It is a most entertaining game, kiddies, almost as good as the second game derived from it, that is the deciphering of the completed time-table.

Another pleasant occupation these days is "Guess again," very prevalent among the seniors. The idea is to challenge a senior by naming the form he is in. One enthusiast challenged the same boy three times in the same day and was wrong every time.

The occupants of the first of the new classrooms—their exact status seems uncertain—are rumoured to be involved in a deep conspiracy against the classics.

We understand that members of the staff are keeping in strict training for the house-master's easy chair after lunch. The classical side is at the moment well ahead in its number of victories.

We understand that the poor youth who last term insisted upon counting the boiler

house cats every Wednesday has upon the advice of a friend desisted. It was that or a lunatic asylum.

We greatly deplore the passing of the Strathallan Motor Cycle Club. The only present member scarcely qualified for the Old Crocks' Race which has thrilled Earnside for so many years.

Believe it or not. The North Pole of the Earth is South-seeking, while the South Pole is North-seeking—such is physics.

Huge crowds were thrilled by the recent snakes and ladder contest in which Nicol crowned last year's triumphs by defeating Freeland after a grim struggle during which neither side asked for or gave quarter.

We sincerely trust that the boy who trod on something in the corridor the other day and found it was a sub. has now apologised.

We are completely at a loss to understand the mentality of one who, after a six or seven year struggle, has just passed his French and has now begun a study of German.

Strathallan in the Golf News

The newspapers recently have given great prominence to the prowess and accomplishments of Eric Donaldson in the recent Tournament in St. Andrews. Playing in the qualifying rounds of the Eden Tournament, Eric, who is only 15½ years, returned scores of 75 and 78 which, with his handicap of eight, gave him a net score of 137. For this he was awarded the second handicap prize. During the course

favourite with the crowd. In the British Boys' Championship played at Birkdale, Eric was beaten in the fourth round by an English international by 2 and 1, though in the Scotland v. England Boys' International match he was on the winning side in the foursomes and also won his singles match. Last summer term Eric spent a great deal of his leisure practising all manner of shots and his successes go to prove what the



Eric Donaldson, on the left, with the Duke of York's Cup which he won at St. Andrews, 1936.

of the Tournament proper, Eric disposed of one or two rather famous golfers to enter the semi-final round. Here he met McLeod, the ultimate winner, but was beaten 4 and 3. This was, of course, playing on level terms, but with his handicap allowance he succeeded in winning the Duke of York's Cup. In the later rounds Eric was followed by a large gallery of spectators and his unruffled demeanour and quiet smile whether winning or losing made him quite a

Americans have told us over and over again that if one wishes to become expert at golf one has to practise, practise, practise! Eric is a worthy successor to those Strathallan boys who in the last few years have gained fame in golfing circles, MacLachlan who was a finalist in the Boys' Championship two or three years ago, and Walker who captained the Scottish International team last year. Well done, Eric!

Sports Notes

CRICKET

WE shall look back on the season of 1936 as one of the best in the history of the School. The high lights have been supplied by Forrest and Johnston, whose performances with the bat easily eclipse anything in the past. Forrest with four centuries and Johnston with three have left records which will stand for many years—probably they will never be equalled—and our heartiest congratulations are extended to them. Forrest's actual figures are 670 runs, with an average of 96.1, and Johnston's 667, with an average of 60.63. Johnston beat the existing record, his own, of 120 against Kilmacolm last season, in the corresponding match this season, and two days later set up a further record against Stewart's College of 150 not out.

Fourteen matches were played, of which ten were won, one drawn and three lost. We must admit to feeling really bucked about the easy victory over the Old Boys—ample atonement for the debacle of 1935. The record score for a Strathallan side was registered against Stewart's College, 295 for three wickets, whilst the 193 runs put on by Johnston and Forrest in that match is one of the best stands for any wicket which we have on record.

Once again Heriot's defeated us in a low scoring game in the early days of the term, and we are now growing accustomed to our fate, but the trouncing we received at the hands of newcomers in Glasgow Academy was a blow which we look forward to avenging next season.

The Second XI has had a good season also, losing three of its nine games, two of the defeats coming at the hands of First XI's of other schools. Though they had no brilliant performances to show, all its members were keen and got the utmost enjoyment out of their matches.

The lesser lights, too, have found cricket much more interesting this year, and the House league for non-team players has provided some exciting matches, and cricket of a much higher standard than previous years has resulted. The sides have frequently had the opportunity of playing on good wickets, and one is pleased

to note that this privilege has been much appreciated and never abused.

First Eleven Criticism

J. G. S. Forrest (1st XI Cap 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936) has showed this season his real power as a batsman. By curbing his natural inclination to "have a bang" at good balls, he has been able to get his eye in and proceed to bring out a fine variety of strokes. His footwork has greatly improved, and he still retains his knack of invariably dealing with a loose ball to the detriment of the bowler's analysis. He has bowled a fast and usually accurate ball with a good measure of success, but has not yet fully explored his possibilities as a bowler. His captaincy has given great satisfaction, though one has heard occasional criticism of his sparing use of Mitchell as a bowler. Actually, this has been a very wise policy, for a bowler of Mitchell's type and youth needs careful nursing. He has set his slips too far back to take all the chances offered, but this has been due to a dearth of good slip fielders.

R. Johnston (1st XI Cap 1934, 1935, 1936), the Vice-Captain, like his skipper, now plays all the strokes correctly and is a fine aggressive bat. His only fault is that he is too anxious to get off the mark and hence takes unnecessary risks early on. His best scoring shot is his off drive, which he times well and hits with plenty of power. He has shown a definite improvement as a wicket-keeper this year, while still having an occasional off day.

D. Murray (1st XI Cap 1934, 1935, 1936) left us mid way through the term and did not quite reproduce his form of 1935. He shows up best when the team is "back to the wall," as his dour battle with the wiles of Vickerstaff proved. His 53 not out against the Staff saved the day, and he was sadly missed in the Glasgow Academy match.

R. Taylor (1st XI Cap 1936) has backed up the excellent batting by doing the major share of the bowling. He kept his end going the whole time, taking 49 wickets at a cost of just over eight runs apiece. He has a nice easy action, keeps a good length, and is learning to turn the ball just enough to beat the bat without losing pace in the

process. His batting as yet is crude, though he has shown ability to hit the ball very hard at times.

N. Thomson was disappointing in his first spell with the team, but he returned to make a great show against Rowan's. His defence is sound, and he off drives well, but is weak on the leg side. He should do well next season.

R. Innes has had a meteoric rise to fame. Put in the Second XI in an emergency, he saved the game by lusty smiting, and has since been a valuable member of the First Team. He has no defence at all, but can sweep a good length ball to leg in a way that has to be seen to be believed. We wonder what A. Smith—one of the best bowlers in Scotland—thought about those two sixes.

W. Pringle, introduced mid way through the season, has shown good form with the bat. He is a stylist and can hit hard, though he suffers from the common complaint of pulling too much to leg at present.

G. Sharp was first introduced against Rowan's, when, like Thomson, he scored fifty. This was a grand performance in his first game, and later he showed it was no fluke. He has a pleasing style, but should play his off strokes with more power.

J. M. Mitchell is a bowler of great promise, though he still has a lot to learn. Bowling left arm, he swings the ball into the batsman and frequently breaks it back. He must learn to vary pace and flight, and he may create some bowling records next year. As yet he has shown little aptitude for batting.

W. Leburn has not enjoyed the success expected of him. His lack of inches still forces him to play back far too often, a policy which cannot pay on fast wickets such as we have had. The wickets have also been too hard for him to achieve much success with his slow spin bowling, but his time is bound to come.

G. Harrington has been a useful field and a popular member of the side, but has done little with the bat. He is stodgy and misses good opportunities of scoring by indecision. He must cultivate off-drives.

W. Steel, like Innes, has used the long handle with some effect. He has a good cut in front of point and is a reliable fielder.

Others who have played with the First Team are:—

T. Macfarlane. He has disappointed considerably. He looks a cricketer but cannot get runs—his whole trouble is slowness of footwork. He might develop, with concentration, into a useful spin bowler.

R. Auld showed good form against the Masters but otherwise did little of note with the bat. His fielding at point was a feature of the season's cricket.

D. Hall had a poor season. A natural hitter, he adopted defensive methods with no success. His fielding also was below standard.

J. Beatson showed early promise as a medium pace left arm bowler, but later showed ability to get runs, albeit by very unorthodox methods. He should be a useful player next season with plenty of net practice.

First Eleven.

Played 14, Won 10, Lost 3, Drawn 1.

Average Runs per Wicket.

In all matches - For 29.61; Against 11.12.
In School matches For 31.42; Against 7.32.

Batting Averages.

	Innings.	No. times not out.	Highest Score.	Total Runs.	Average.	Catches.
J. G. S. Forrest	- 12	5	130	673	96.1	6
R. Johnston	- 14	3	150*	667	60.6	9
G. Sharp	- 4	2	54*	111	55.5	0
R. Innes	- 9	1	43	201	25.1	4
W. Pringle	- 6	3	34*	68	22.7	0
N. Thomson	- 7	1	50	113	18.8	3
D. Murray	- 7	1	40	112	18.7	5
J. Beatson	- 4	0	19	41	10.3	1
R. Auld	- 4	1	16*	21	7.0	4
W. Leburn	- 8	1	14	40	5.7	1
R. Taylor	- 5	0	13	28	5.6	8
G. Harrington	- 3	1	2*	2	1.0	2
W. Steel	- 3	0	1	1	.3	1

*Not out.

Bowling Analysis.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Avr. runs per wkt.
R. Taylor	- 195.5	65	461	49	8.4
J. G. S. Forrest	105.16	37	250	29	8.6
J. M. Mitchell	- 41	11	157	18	8.7
W. Leburn	- 93.5	17	252	21	12.0
N. Thomson	- 9	0	24	3	8.0
J. Beatson	- 5	1	12	1	12.0
T. Macfarlane	- 17	0	67	3	23.3

Strathallan v. Heriot's School, played at Edinburgh on Saturday, 25th April.

Despite the cold and a heavy cross wind, an interesting game developed into a thrilling finish. Heriot's were dismissed for 72, a fair total considering the slowness of the outfield. Chief bowling honours went to Taylor (4 for 9), who made good use of the wind. Forrest bowled an excellent length for a long spell with wretched luck, whilst Leburn showed that he would be dangerous on somewhat firmer wickets. The fielding was fairly good for an opening match, Macfarlane, Murray and Forbes holding good catches.

Strath. opened with the "Old Firm" batting confidently, but Murray went to a doubtful catch at 15. Leburn soon followed, but Forrest and Johnston batted brightly, and victory looked safe when Forrest (10) was beaten by a good ball. Forbes played for safety, whilst Johnston (28) kept the score moving along to 56, when he was bowled by a yorker. A collapse followed, and the board showed 70 for nine wickets, with four quick victims of the l.b.w. rule, when Auld arrived. His first ball shattered the stumps to end the innings with Strath. two runs in arrears.

Result: Strathallan, 70; George Heriot's, 72. Lost by 2 runs.

Strathallan v. Gordon's College, played at Aberdeen on Saturday, 9th May.

The home side batted first, and wickets fell steadily to Leburn and Forrest. Half the side was out for 23, but a sixth wicket partnership put on 29 runs. Taylor then finished off the innings at 69, claiming three victims without cost. Forrest's three cost 21, and Leburn had four for 42. The fielding was markedly improved.

Strath. had little difficulty in knocking off the runs, Johnston (16) and Murray (19 not out) batting well, while Forrest (47 not

out) was in fine form. Stumps were drawn at 90 for 2 wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 90 for 2 wickets; Gordon's College, 69. Won by eight wickets.

Strathallan v. Kilmacollm, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 16th May.

Speculation was rife as to whether Johnston would repeat his performance of last season in this game, a twelve-a-side one. The cricket fans were not disappointed. Though the visitors, mainly thanks to some bright batting by F. S. McGuire, opened well and had 84 runs on the board for the loss of three wickets, Macfarlane (3 for 28) and Taylor (3 for 31) were mainly responsible for the innings closing for 136.

Johnston then proceeded to hit up a sparkling century, and on the stroke of time he passed his previous record, scoring 123 not out. Murray (40) also batted well, and when stumps were drawn Strath. had scored 177 for the loss of 3 wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 177 for 3 wickets; Kilmacollm, 136. Won by ten wickets.

Strathallan v. Stewart's College, played at Forgandenny on Monday, 18th May.

This match saw the School set up a record score of 296 for 3 wickets. Johnston and Murray scored with great freedom, and when Murray (24) left at 80, Forrest joined in the good work. Both batted in grand style, with the Captain overhauling his partner rapidly. He passed him in the eighties, but when 94 he was forced to retire with a badly cut eye. Johnston soon completed his century, and after Leburn and Macfarlane had been dismissed, Forrest returned, and quickly emulated Johnston. The innings was declared at 296 for 3 wickets, Johnston carrying his bat for 150 and Forrest for 104. The former hit four sixes and 20 fours in his score, Forrest being content with nineteen fours.

Forrest's injury prevented him from bowling, but Taylor rose to the occasion in great style. He soon had the visitors on the run, and backed up by excellent fielding, had half the side out for 15. The tail offered some resistance, but even so at 81 for nine wickets he had taken them all

for a personal cost of 26 runs. N. Thomson secured the last wicket at 104, and Taylor finished with the excellent analysis: O 20, M 8, R 33, W 9, and bowled unchanged all through the innings.

Result: Strathallan, 296 for 3 (declared); Stewart's, 104. Won by 192 runs.

Strathallan v. Stirling County, played at Forgandenny on Wednesday, 20th May.

The visitors brought up a formidable side, including the professionals, Ackroyd and Flint. Winning the toss, they elected to bat on a real batsman's wicket. The first wicket fell to Taylor before the scorer had been troubled, but Ackroyd quickly ran into form and treated us to a fine exhibition of batting. His 104 was the most polished innings seen at Strath. for many a day, and it was a grand object lesson to the youthful spectators. I. McEwen, a former Strath. Cricket Captain, rendered useful assistance with a careful 29. Flint (35 not out) and R. Marshall (25 not out) carried the total to 259 for 5 wickets before the closure was applied.

Facing a big score and a veritable array of bowlers with reputations, things did not look bright, and when Murray was badly run out at 4, Strath. stock was in the doldrums. Forrest and Johnston then played fine cricket, both being severe on the speed merchant, T. Graham. Ackroyd brought about Johnston's downfall by bowling him off his pads for 26, while Forrest was badly l.b.w. to Flint for 27. Five wickets then fell for the addition of less than 40 runs before the newcomer, Innes, arrived. He hit up a sparkling 38, and with the help of Auld took the score to 152. In a second innings Strath. made 91 for 4 wickets, Forrest scoring 67 not out in brilliant style.

Result: Strathallan, 152; Stirling County, 259 for 5 wickets (declared). Lost by 102 runs.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar School, played at Aberdeen on Saturday, 23rd May.

The School resumed its winning vein in this game in no uncertain manner. On a difficult wicket Forrest and Taylor made the ball "fly," and the somewhat youthful Aberdonians offered feeble resistance. The

innings closed at 31, Forrest claiming 5 wickets for 4 runs, and Taylor 4 for 18.

Johnston's over anxiety to score cost him his wicket for 6, but Forrest was in no difficulty, and with Murray plodding along, the home total was soon passed. Murray fell at 68 to a brilliant catch, his share being 12. Badly missed on several occasions, Forrest took his score to 84 before stumps were drawn at 140 for 4 wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 140 for 4 wickets; Aberdeen G.S., 31. Won by 9 wickets.

Strathallan v. Dollar Academy, played at Forgandenny on Wednesday, 3rd June.

Johnston scored with great freedom all round the wicket and quickly left Murray behind. When the latter was caught at 59 he had scored only 5. Forrest also found little difficulty with the bowling, and both batsmen helped themselves to boundary after boundary despite frequent bowling changes. The Dollar bowling and fielding remained steady under gruelling punishment, and in an hour and a half 193 runs were added without loss. Both batsmen played splendid cricket, and at the close Johnston had 137 and Forrest 105 in the total of 252. Johnston's hitting may be gauged by the fact that he hit three sixes and twenty-four fours.

Dollar batted only eighteen minutes less than the School for a mere 47 runs in an unsuccessful attempt to play out time. Taylor (3 for 15), Forrest (3 for 13) and Leburn (4 for 15) all bowled extremely well.

Result: Strathallan, 252 for 1 wicket (declared); Dollar Academy, 47. Won by 205 runs.

Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy, played at Crieff on Saturday, 6th June.

The home side won the toss but sent the School in to bat. Right from the start the School attacked the bowling with a spirit of confidence. Johnston gave a difficult chance off his first ball, but scored 20 in boundary strokes before making a poor shot to a ball well to the off. Forrest and Innes then indulged in a prolific partnership, at one stage taking toll from every ball. Innes eventually left for 46, when he skied the ball to point. Forrest went on to

complete his century. This contained some very fine shots, and he was hitting the ball too hard to give any easy chances. When he returned a ball to the bowler at 109, the innings was declared at 218 for 6 wickets, scored in two and a quarter hours.

In contrast, Morrison's opened very cautiously, only one run coming from the first six overs. Afterwards, they scored more freely, and 43 runs were on the board before the opening pair were separated. Apart from some vigorous hitting by the later batsmen, however, the remainder of the side did not appear too comfortable against the bowling, which was far from being brilliant. Taylor was the best bowler and kept a good length; Forrest, apart from some good overs, was too erratic, and Leburn was pitching the ball too short. The fielding, however, was keen, Pringle, Forrest and Auld being prominent in this phase of the game.

Result: Strathallan, 218 for 6 wickets (declared); Morrison's Academy, 113. Won by 105 runs.

Strathallan v. Glasgow Academy, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 13th June.

Early morning rain still covered the surface, while the wicket was still hard underneath, but Forrest, winning the toss, elected to bat. The Academy fast bowler, Henderson, made good use of the wind to swing the ball in from the off and soon had the batsmen in trouble. Pringle went in the second over, Johnston at 12 and Forrest at 20, all clean bowled through adopting attacking methods in conditions which did not justify them. The School never rallied, and were dismissed for 49, only Beatson (15) troubling the scorers to any extent. Hopes were raised when Forrest clean bowled Duncan with his third ball. At 10 he took a second wicket, but it was Taylor's off day, and the Academy scored slowly but surely and at the close were 63 for 3 wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 49; Glasgow Academy, 63 for 3 wickets. Lost by eight wickets.

Strathallan v. Hillhead High School, played at Forgandenny on Wednesday, 17th June.

In the absence of Forrest, Johnston acted as skipper. The visitors had first lease of

the wicket, and Taylor opened the attack in fine form with four successive maidens, including a wicket in the second. After Leburn had secured two wickets, Mitchell, a newcomer, was brought on and he made an encouraging debut, taking four wickets for 13 runs. This, coupled with Taylor's 3 for 7, explains the low Hillhead total of 39.

Pringle and Johnston scored freely in taking the total to 30, when the former was run out. Hillhead's total was then passed without further loss, Johnston (48) and Innes (30 not out) being top scorers in the score of 96 for 4 wickets.

Result: Strathallan: 96 for 4 wickets; Hillhead H.S., 39. Won by nine wickets.

Strathallan v. H. B. Rowan's XI, played at Forgandenny on Thursday, 18th June.

The continued absence of Forrest, and the fact that the redoubtable J. B. Hobbs was to assist the visitors, caused Strath. to view the game with misgivings, but their fears were unjustified. The result—a creditable draw—did not disgrace the depleted side. Rowan's had first use of one of Vickerstaff's best wickets, but runs came slowly at first. J. J. Hight went at 29, well bowled by Taylor, and Mitchell got a real Strath. ovation when he dislodged H. McIndoe's off bail at 36. Hobbs was batting very correctly, and, assisted by H. Walker, took the score to 72, when Taylor claimed him, victim to the l.b.w. rule. Runs still came, but at 128 a transformation came over the game, and in the space of nine overs six wickets fell for a mere nine runs. The last pair, A. Smith and C. G. Crerar, however, collared the bowling and dashed our hopes of victory by putting on 86 runs for the last wicket. Mitchell (5 for 108) and Taylor (4 for 63) stood up well to the punishment dealt out to them, but Reid, brought in as a bowler, did not do himself justice.

Strath. opened badly, Johnston and Pringle being in the pavilion for 13. Innes (31) and Beatson (19) improved matters, but at 60 for six defeat seemed certain. N. Thomson and G. Sharp then got going, and a good blending of care and aggression put on 103 runs for the seventh wicket, so that stumps were drawn at 185 for eight. Sharp and Thomson fully

merited the ovation they received, for they saved us from the worst blow that Strath. cricket can receive—a defeat by Rowan's XI.

Result: Strathallan, 185 for 8 wickets; H. B. Rowan's XI, 226. Match drawn.

Strathallan v. Allan Glen's School, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 20th June.

The visitors batted first, but were completely subdued, being able to muster only 57 runs, and of these Mr. Extras was the only double figures (17) in the score book. Taylor (5 for 17), Forrest (3 for 15) and Mitchell (1 for 7) all bowled well.

Johnston and Sharp set about the bowling to such effect that 47 runs were on the board in twenty minutes before the former, then 24, was clean bowled. Forrest (10 not out) and Sharp (33) batted well for a total of 73 for 3 wickets.

Result: Strathallan, 73 for 3 wickets; Allan Glen's School, 57. Won by nine wickets.

Strathallan v. Dunfermline High School, played at Forgandenny on Wednesday, 24th June.

Once again Strath. had a field day, and this time Forrest easily led Johnston in the race for runs. Johnston (57) was the first to fall at 144, a record opening partnership, and a few overs later Forrest completed his fourth century. He was finally dismissed for a brilliant 130, being caught off a skier, a six and twenty fours being his best strokes. Sharp (16), Thomson (34) and Pringle (34 not out) all carried on the good work, and Forrest declared at 287 for seven wickets, a total resulting from fine forcing play.

The Fifers tried to play out time but failed by twenty-five minutes. Only J. Kerr (27) showed much ability to deal with the bowling of Taylor (3 for 34) and Mitchell (5 for 8), and the last wicket fell at 88.

Result: Strathallan, 287 for 7 wickets (declared); Dunfermline H.S., 88. Won by 199 runs.

Strathallan v. Old Strathallians, played at Forgandenny on Saturday, 27th June.

The great doings of the School side had their effect upon the Old Boys. We know

they bragged before the game to give themselves a sort of "Dutch courage." It certainly did not deceive young Mitchell, who dismissed such stars as D. Thomson, G. Leburn and W. Roy in his first two overs. Then Forrest wisely took him off and continued the attack with the assistance of Taylor. Wickets fell steadily to Forrest, but at 95 for nine came an unexpected resistance from R. Kirkland and C. Roy. Showing better form than ever they did at School, they put on a bright 37 runs for the last wicket, to bring the total to 132.

The School made light of the task before them, Johnston (18), Forrest (38), Thomson (19) and Innes (23) dealing with the bowling of W. Hood and W. Watt in a workmanlike manner, and scored ten valuable points in the inter-sports contest. The win amply avenged last season's defeat, and Forrest's bowling analysis of 6 wickets for 41 was an outstanding performance.

Result: Strathallan, 136 for 4 wickets; Old Strathallians, 132. Won by six wickets.

R. O. C.

Second Eleven

The Second Eleven, too, has had a successful season. They were admittedly badly overplayed by the First team of Morgan's Academy, scoring a mere 60 and going down by nine wickets. Dundee High School 1st XI had the better of a low scoring game. Strath. could only muster 23 against some really good bowling and, though the visitors had topped this by one run before the first wicket fell, the whole side was out for 56, Reid claiming six victims for 23 and Wilson three for 5. On the other hand Stirling High School could only score 63 (Wilson eight for 27) in reply to the home side's 145, though of these all but the first 45 came from the last three wickets, Innes scoring 39 and W. Steel 24.

The third defeat came at the hands of Gordon's College; Beatson (46) and G. Sharp (42) were top scorers in the Strath. total of 140. Thanks to a fine 91 by the opening batsman, Gordon's passed this total for eight wickets. On the other hand

narrow victories were recorded, in low scoring games, against Heriot's, in the opening match, and Glasgow Academy. In the former, 61 was enough to defeat the visitors by five runs, thanks to some good bowling by W. Steel (four for 6) and Reid (four for 20). In the latter, the School scored 74 and, although the Academy put on 52 for two wickets, Reid (six for 21) and Mitchell (three for 15) brought about a collapse, so that the innings closed at 66. The other victories were more comfortable. Reid (six for 17) had a big hand in dismissing Aberdeen Grammar School for 77 after Strath. had scored 159. Dollar Academy were dismissed for 71 (Beatson five for 24), and after losing four wickets scoring 22, Beatson (41 not out) and Hall (49) took the Strath. total to 161 before stumps were drawn. Morrison's Academy could only scrape 31 against the bowling of Reid (five for 21) and Mitchell (five for 8). This total was passed with the loss of a single wicket, and Strath. went on to score 161.

D. Hall headed the batting averages with 29, followed by Beatson, 24; W. Steel, 16.6; G. Sharp, 12.4; N. Thomson, 11; and W. Anderson, 10.4. Mitchell (4.1 for 8 wickets), Reid (6.4 for 33 wickets), Steel (6.8 for 6 wickets), Wilson (8.9 for 15 wickets) were at the top of the bowling analysis. It will be noticed that many of these players won promotion into the senior side by their performances and, as the majority of them are still young, the omens for next season are bright.

Second XI caps were awarded to N. Thomson, R. Innes, W. Pringle, G. Sharp, J. Mitchell, G. Harrington, W. Steel, V. Mackay, W. Reid, and J. Beatson.

House Matches

The House Matches were played on Saturday, 29th May, and resulted in an easy victory for Nicol, largely due to the prowess of their captain, who had the personal distinction of scoring a century in each game—a most unusual feat for a recognised batsman in House games.

After being 114 for three wickets, Nicol totalled 184, Forrest being ninth out for 113, having hit three sixes and thirteen

fours. Innes was the most successful bowler for Ruthven with four wickets for 12 runs. In reply Ruthven scored 99, only Murray (29), Mackay (18) and Peden (18 not out) reaching double figures against some good bowling by Forrest (7 for 31).

In the other game good batting by J. Steel and good bowling by J. Wilson enabled Simpson to spring a surprise in their game with Freeland, but the winners proved no match for Nicol in the final, where, thanks to a 147 not out knock by Forrest, they had scored 192 for 5 wickets. After being 42 for two wickets, Simpson collapsed before Forrest (four wickets for 23) and Beatson (five for 30), and were all out for 57.

SWIMMING NOTES

The swimming pond this term has been particularly popular owing to the hot weather. The juniors showed the most interest, and some of them will shortly be extremely good swimmers. A special word of praise is due to J. Clark, who is undoubtedly the youngest boy to win his swimming badge, and this at his first attempt. Other successful entrants were N. McLeod, G. Wilson, W. Bone, H. Thomson, J. Paton and O. Stewart.

Seventeen entrants competed for the Senior Championship, D. Hall, J. Macbride, R. Innes and H. Peacock qualifying for the final heat. Here a good race resulted over the first hundred yards, but then it became a question of by how much Hall would beat Innes. He won comfortably in 2 min. 8 sec.

In the Junior event forty-eight boys competed, J. D. Wilson, G. Wilson, H. Thomson and O. Stewart reaching the final. J. Wilson and Thomson fought over their last year's struggle again with the same result, except that Wilson won much more comfortably in 1 min. 18 sec.

Commemoration Day saw the School in force in the Relay and Polo contests. The fact that the cup had already been won seemed to spur the teams to even greater efforts. In the former event J. Smith managed to give the F.P.'s a victory by the touch after the School had led over the

first three laps. The School team, J. Forrest, J. Wilson, R. Johnston and R. Innes swam extremely well and were far from disgraced.

On the other hand the School had a fine victory in the Polo—the first on record. G. P. Sharp surpassed himself in scoring two goals, while Hall scored from one of his less-frequent-than-usual long shots. The School's fourth goal came from a penalty for holding in the penalty area. J. Smith scored all three goals for the F.P.'s. The School team was: J. Peden; R. Peacock and J. Forrest; D. Hall; R. Johnston, R. Innes and G. P. Sharp.

J. G. S. F.

TENNIS

The addition of two new courts was a benefit of which full use has been made this term. They play even better than the old ones and are greatly appreciated.

The big events of the term were the Masters and F.P. Matches, and the individual championships. In the Masters match the two first pairs, Mr. Hallet and Mr. Cole and R. Auld and J. Forrest were outstanding, each couple dropping only one set. The second pair, W. Leburn and E. Watt should also develop into a fine combination. G. Harrington and T. Macfarlane completed the team, which emerged victorious by ten sets to eight. Against the F.P.'s R. Auld and R. Houston formed the first pair, and W. Anderson took Watt's place in his absence through illness. The F.P.'s proved far too strong, and well though all the boys played, the School lost by three matches to none. Special mention should be made of Leburn and Anderson who put up a splendid fight.

Seventy-three competitors entered for the Junior Championship, W. Pringle, W. Sandeman, D. McColl and G. Garrie reaching the semi-final with comparative ease. Here Pringle had to fight all the way to dispose of Sandeman, 6-4, 6-4, while McColl had a much easier passage. In the final he met his master in Pringle, who finished strongly to win 6-2, 2-6, 6-0.

The Senior event provided few surprises, Forrest, the holder, passing into the final

with the loss of but five games in five ties. In the other half W. Leburn reached the final without much difficulty, though the illness of E. Watt robbed the fourth round of a promising duel. The final produced some magnificent play. After losing the first set by 2-6, Leburn gave an amazing exhibition and by beautiful placing, fine retrieving and clever lobbing, he broke through his faster and long-reaching opponent's defence to win at 6-4 and establish a three game lead in the final set. A great duel commenced, Forrest eventually levelling at four-all. At this stage his superior stamina began to tell, and by immaculate driving, fine anticipation and great speed about the court, he was able to retain his title at 6-4. We must thank the finalists for the finest exhibition of tennis that has been witnessed at Strath. for many years.

G. P. S.

FIVES

Summer weather is not the best in which to play fives, and as a result the only thing to be placed on record is the thorough defeat of the Old Boys on Commemoration Day. The School won all games, the first pair, J. Mackie and W. G. Harrington conceding only 13 points, and W. Leburn and J. Peden 14 against the F.P. pairs, W. Smith and J. M. Wilson and R. L. Paul and I. Scott. The victory was largely due to the inability of the Old Boys to keep in position, a mistake of which the harder hitting boys were not slow to profit.

It should be mentioned that this year consideration had to be given to a large group of "possibles" in the composition of the School side; the four did not automatically chose themselves as in former years—a sign that the standard of the game has been considerably raised. May it long continue to improve!

W. G. H.

RUGBY PROSPECTS

For the coming season we have only two "Caps" remaining, R. Houston (the new Captain) and J. M. Peden. Nevertheless, the prospects are quite bright, since there are many candidates who have developed considerably in talent and size since last

Spring term. In addition, there are also available several of last season's First, namely R. Peacock and J. Donaldson among the forwards, and T. Macfarlane, a wing three-quarter. Houston will play as centre three-quarter this term, leaving the full back position vacant, to be filled by either J. Mackie, who has a strong kick, or A. Milroy, who is perhaps the sounder of the two. Early practices have revealed a number of possibilities for the remaining places in the three line, so that there should be no cause for fear in this section of the team. F. Anderson seems a certainty for the stand-off half position, and he showed last year his capabilities on a few occasions with the First team; he is moreover a reliable place kicker. His partner will probably be I. Smith or D. MacNaughton, both plucky players.

The forwards show signs of being an energetic lot and quite capable once they have got together. They will be led by R. Peacock, who is Vice-Captain of the side. The chief problem here is to find a hooker. I. Galbraith fulfilled these duties for the Second last season and he is still available,

other candidates being provided by N. McLeod and J. Mitchell. A pleasing feature of the early practices has been the good work of R. Peacock and D. McColl, who are up on the opposing backs very quickly.

The Second team should also enjoy a successful season since in practice games they have held their own against a possible First team; while there seems a wealth of material for the Third team when occasion arises.

T. A.

ANNUAL RUGBY MATCH

The Annual Rugby Match will be played this year at Forgandenny on Saturday, 7th November. Kick off 2.30 p.m. Members desiring to play should send in their names (stating name of club, team and position in which they desire to play) to either W. Wills, 9 Montgomerie Terrace, Ayr; T. Irvine, 3 Blythswood Avenue, Renfrew; or R. Lamont Paul, 67 St. Andrews Drive, Pollokshields. The Council trust that non-playing Members will endeavour to be present and support the Club.

Scout Notes

"An exceptionally good term's scouting."

IN these words the District Commissioner (Major Baillie of Perth) gave his opinion of our work this term when he visited the Troop on the last Saturday of term. The weather did much this term to compensate for its unkindness of last term, and not a single meeting was in any way interfered with. As a result, patrol work in the open occupied most of our time, and the results by the end of term were highly creditable to all concerned. The Seals made a very fine brick fireplace and did some useful draining on the way to the playing fields; the Hawks put in a prodigious amount of labour on their steps and causeway through the wood; the Lions did some necessary repairs to the exterior of the hut, and attempted a trestle bridge; the Owls made an excellent tree hut; the Otters a camp sundial, and the Wolves, Rattlesnakes, Swifts and Eagles flights of

steps and "rustic arbours" in various parts of the wood.

Mr. Shaw and Mr. Knox, who undertook the judging this term, had an unenviable task, as the competition between the patrols had been so keen. Our grateful thanks are accorded to them for the careful way in which they made their decisions. Their awards were as follows:—The photography competition was won by Scout I. P. Murray of the Hawks Patrol with a snap of the School swans and cygnets; Patrol-leader N. Smith was second. The cup for the best individual work was won by Scout R. Orr of the Rattlesnakes Patrol with a leather camera case. The shield for the best Patrol work went to the Seals; the shield for the most improved Patrol to the Wolves; and the trophy for the best Patrol to the Hawks, with 70 points, the

Seals being second with 62 points, and the Owls third with 51.

It gave us great pleasure to have the District Commissioner with us on Saturday, 4th July, to inspect the Troop, view our work, and present the trophies. He offered useful criticism to the Patrol Leaders and gave a rousing address to the Troop. We hope he will be able to keep his promise to visit us again next term.

The two medals kindly presented by Mr. Riley on Sports Day to the two best Scouts in the Troop were won by Scouts I. P. Murray, Hawks' Patrol (over 14) and R. Wylie Gregory, Otters' Patrol (under 14).

Visitors to the Troop this term have included two Patrol Leaders of the 53rd Perthshire Troop. Being a city Troop, they do not get the same opportunities for "outside" work as we do, and they were eager to see what we did. They spent an interesting morning with us, and we trust that they will be able to visit us again in the future.

Recruits Gray, Scott and Hunter were invested this term, and are extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the entire Troop.

This term we lose the services of many of the leaders of the Troop. These are:—A.S.M., E. V. Mackay; Troop Leader, D. J. Hall; Patrol Leaders J. Anderson, W. Anderson and N. Smith. They have been invaluable members of the Troop, and we shall sadly miss them—they leave us with our grateful thanks and our very best wishes. The following promotions take place next term:—Troop Leader, T. Macfarlane; P.L. Eagles Patrol, W. Leburn; P.L. Wolves Patrol, G. Knox; P.L. Hawks Patrol, M. Paul; P.L. Rattlesnakes Patrol, J. D. Wilson.

The Troop was greatly disappointed when Field Day was postponed three times owing to illness in the School; finally it was not held at all. Fifteen members of the Troop are attending the Camp in Borrowdale, Keswick, and are only hoping for good weather in order to spend there a most enjoyable ten days.

The annual Scout Camp was held from August 25th to September 5th at Longthwaite Farm, Borrowdale, Keswick. The S.M., four Patrol Leaders, and nine

Scouts attended. It is impossible to conceive a more delightful site than that occupied by the camp. The tents were pitched on a level field on the banks of the River Derwent amid the overshadowing mountains of Borrowdale. Fresh spring water and firewood were to be had in abundance nearby, while excellent bathing and fishing facilities were available in the river.

The first five days were magnificent, as scarcely a cloud ruffled the sky: two or three bathes were the order of the day. The surrounding district was thoroughly explored, and six scouts took the opportunity of doing their 1st Class Journeys. A trip round the Eleven Lakes—including visits to the Aira Falls, Ulleswater, Coniston, Bowness, Lake Windermere and Dove Cottage—was thoroughly enjoyed.

During the last week, however, the Troop was treated to unceasing torrential rain. Many expeditions had to be cancelled, and what promised to be an excellent climb under Great Gable and Scawfell had to be abandoned early in the afternoon. The Troop, however, accepted the conditions in the true Scout spirit, and were little the worse for their experience.

Scout Camp, 1937

An invitation has just been sent to the Troop to attend the World Jamboree, which is to be held from July 30th, 1937, to August 13th, at Vogdensang, Bloemendaal, ten miles west of Amsterdam. The inclusive cost of train and sea journeys, excursions and all expenses will not be more than £6 10/-. Notice of the members intending to be present must be sent to the Scottish Headquarters by November 1st, 1936.

The suggestion has been made that the Troop attend this Jamboree in 1937 instead of having a camp on its own. Scouts are asked to draw the attention of their parents to this announcement. The S.M. will be pleased to give fuller particulars to anyone requesting them and would be grateful to parents if they would write to him as soon as possible this term if they decide to allow their sons to attend.

L. P. W.

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WE hear that Mr. Gordon Walls, presently in London, is to be married next month to Miss Morag M. Kennedy, of Glasgow. The best wishes of every member of the Club will certainly be extended to Mr. Walls and his good lady.

Mr. Willie Carrie, of Elgin, has now joined Aberdeen University, where he is taking up the study of law.

Mr. G. Buchan Black was married to Miss Eileen Nancy McGibbon on the 8th September, at St. John's Church, Dundee. We extend on behalf of the Club sincere wishes for their future happiness. Mrs. Black is the daughter of Professor and Mrs. McGibbon, of Dundee.

We had a call from Mr. W. C. Roy, who is going out on behalf of Messrs. James Findlay & Co. to Southern India in the region of Travancore. The West of Scotland Rugby Club will thus lose a wing three-quarter who has been a consistent scorer for the past two seasons. We should hear of Mr. Roy's success in the All-India rugby tournaments in the near future.

Mr. Sandy Mackay, who captained Greenock Wanderers last season and who is holding the same office for a further period, will not be available for their early matches. Business reasons have taken him to Southend.

We congratulate Mr. G. Douglas Muir, who came out first in the Honours History Class at St. Andrews University. He has received an appointment from the Colonial Office in the Educational Service in Malaya. Prior to proceeding East, Mr. Muir is doing an extensive course in oriental languages and education in London, and hopes to commence work in the East in about a year's time. Strathallians in that part of the world will no doubt get in touch with him.

Mr. James H. Black, who qualified as a chartered accountant a year or two ago in

Glasgow, is now qualifying as a certified public accountant in the United States. He is residing at 37 Hobart Avenue, Shorthills, New Jersey.

Mr. Raymond Greenlees, who is acting as a chemist dyer in one of the large dyeworks at Bury, Lancs., has been transferred to the Association's central laboratories in Manchester. Since it is here that the main problems of chemistry and dyeing are solved, one does not wonder when he says that the work is very interesting indeed.

Mr. Douglas Hamilton is taking up the B.Sc. electrical engineering course at Armstrong College, Newcastle, this October. We wish him every success in his studies.

Mr. J. J. Cochrane, B.Sc., is now acting as agent in the Ayrshire district for one of the big feeding stuffs firms of Liverpool. Mr. Cochrane took his B.Sc. in agriculture at the University of Glasgow.

Strathallians of Bridge of Allan days will be interested to know that there is every likelihood of Mr. Henry Rissik, who took a first class honours degree in electrical engineering in Glasgow, starting up in a manufacturing business in the neighbourhood of Dundee. He is a recognised authority with a reputation extending to the Continent of Europe on rectifiers.

Mr. James Newbigging, who has been employed as a chartered accountant with one of the Marketing Boards, has received an appointment at the Federal Treasury, Kuala Lumpur, in the Malay States. His work is very similar to that done by the public trustee in England. He points out that Kuala Lumpur with more than a quarter million inhabitants is in no way backward in providing social amenities for Europeans. The temperature does not seem to trouble him unduly but he remarks that when it rains it rains. This carries great

significance when it is remembered that Mr. Newbigging's home is not a great distance away from Greenock. Insect life seems to be the main bugbear, and on the authority of the official handbook of Malaya he states that there are 250,000 varieties of the "wee beasties." But his professional instinct is evidently intrigued for he complains that the handbook does not tell him how many there are of each variety. Possibly there were shades of Mr. Ward's advanced maths. classes in the sub-conscious regions of his mind when he penned this letter.

Another well known Strathallian has received an appointment with the government in Malaya, Mr. T. M. Hart, the Oxford Blue and Scottish Internationalist. Mr. Hart has spent the last two or three years in the Colonial Office in London and he has been granted permission for his wife to accompany him—quite an unusual concession to a Government official on his first trip.

Mr. John Balfour, who is out in the Argentine, sends us a letter written on Commemoration Day, a point which has not escaped his notice and which probably impelled him to put pen to paper. He bewails the fact that most Strathallians in the Argentine seem to have forsaken rugby and he partly blames the very hard state of the ground and partly the fact that they are getting rather old for the hurly-burly of the game. Among the many questions he asks—some not always easy to answer—there was one about which there was no dubiety. It was as follows: "Did the F.P.'s manage to keep the cup?"

Old Boys will be gratified to know that a donor who wishes to remain anonymous has handed to the School trustees, Mr. David Bogie and Mr. John Cowan, a War Stock bond for £100 to provide an annual prize for the boy who "by personal merit and outstanding service has done most to further the weal of Strathallan." This is the first bequest to the School and as this subject has been broached once or twice by Old Boys, this announcement will make it clear to them that the way is now open for them to exercise their generosity and so place any bequests on a legal and impersonal basis.

At the School sports Mr. Riley made an announcement which will be far reaching in its effect. He told the gathering that it was his intention to hand over the School as a gift to the Old Boys Club, subject to life interest. Mr. David Bogie and Mr. John Cowan have consented to act as trustees and it is the intention to form the School immediately into a limited liability company so as to facilitate the transfer at the appropriate time. This will ensure that on Mr. Riley's decease the School will be carried on. It is expected that further information will be forthcoming at the annual dinner when Mr. Riley will explain the position in detail. There was one point on which he was emphatic on Sports Day, and that was that he had no intention whatever of discontinuing his active participation in the School.

We have been informed that Mr. Charles E. L. Anderson has received an appointment with the Investors Specialised Fixed Trusts Ltd. (Dawnay Day & Co. Ltd. Group), London. We wish him every success. His address in London is 14 Wexford Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.12.

We noticed the following paragraph in the daily press: "Mr. Sam. Reid, the well-known Edinburgh motor agent, while flying a private plane over his native Orkney Islands, saw a sheep in distress on the north face at Moull Head, Deerness, and dropped a note to the farmer there who rescued the sheep from its perilous position."

Mr. J. P. Tindal, of Glasgow, has resigned from his post as Secretary of the Witney Blanket Co. Ltd., and has joined the staff of Mr. John Tindal, Stockbroker, Renfield Street, Glasgow. We note he has been appointed honorary secretary of the Whitecraigs Rugby Club for the season 1936/37.

We announce the engagement of Mr. E. B. Mackay, of Greenock, to Miss Sheila Leitch.

We have to announce the wedding of Mr. George Menzies, of Kirkcaldy, to Miss Kathleen F. Cunnison, of Milngavie, at the Memorial Chapel, University of Glasgow, on 2nd September. Another September wedding was that of Mr. James P. W. Park,

of Kirkcaldy, to Miss M. A. A. Clark, also of Kirkcaldy, in St. Brycedale Church, Kirkcaldy. We offer our congratulations and best wishes for their happiness.

We make no apologies for introducing the following paragraph. It has become a necessity!

McGregor.—At Merleholm, Kingston, Bishopton, on Saturday, 11th July, 1936, to Mr. and Mrs. Ian McGregor, a daughter.

Neill.—At Andorhina, Whitecraigs, on 9th September, 1936, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Neill, a daughter.

At the Glasgow Dental College, Mr. W. Ramsay Steven passed his first dental examination, while Messrs. J. H. Frost and Matthew Mitchell passed in Biology.

From our Glasgow University Correspondent.

In making out my report this time I am afraid that I shall have to miss out several results of final examinations — results which I believe will make good reading — owing to the fact that the magazine is going to press before these become available. Messrs. Ian Scott and Charlie McLeay are sitting their finals in medicine, and Mr. Walter Linton his fourth professional. Mr. Robin Taylor passed in *Materia Medica* and Pathology, and Mr. Wilson Harrington in Pathology, taking his *Materia Medica* this month. They should both pass on to the fourth year. Messrs. O. T. Brown and W. B. McKenna safely negotiated their second professional, a feat which seems to be becoming harder year by year. Mr. Hugh Fleming completed his first year and will pass on to the study of Anatomy and Physiology. Mr. K. G. McKenzie, who is taking the engineering degree, commences his third year, and Mr. Alec Fleming in the same faculty enters upon his second year course. Mr. George Turner in the Law faculty is sitting his examinations in Latin and Mathematics. I noticed the success of an old Strathallian in this faculty in the person of Mr. Gordon McDonald who graduated as a Bachelor of Law. In the University rugby team, Mr. W. McKenna, who kept his place in the side throughout last season, should be a tower of strength, and it is probable that he will

be joined by Mr. Alec Fleming who played regularly for the Second. Mr. Wilson Harrington was also a member of this side but it is doubtful whether he will be able to gain a place in the first three-quarter line. Some of our fellows are playing for sides outwith the University, and Mr. K. G. McKenzie seems to have secured a safe berth in the Whitecraigs team, and Mr. James Dunlop, who was a regular player for the Technical College Second string last year, has every reason to hope to secure a place in the First. I notice that Mr. O. T. Brown has been put up for election as a third year member to the Students' Representative Council, and as he has done good work in a similar capacity I think there is little doubt but that he will be successful. Finally, if there are any boys leaving School this year who are coming up to the University, any of their old school-fellows will be delighted to show them the ropes; tell them not to be shy, but to make themselves known.

From our Cambridge University Correspondent.

Examination reports are the principal feature of interest at this time of the year, and though all the results are not yet to hand we congratulate Mr. Willie Watt on his success in Part 2 of the Law Tripos, where he gained his B.A. degree with very high Second Class Honours. In fact, he just missed a First. Mr. Sandy Carswell, who is also studying in the Law faculty, gained a Second Class in the qualifying examination. In Medicine, Messrs. J. Wilson and J. Smith both were awarded Second Classes in the May examination. In the realm of sport Messrs. J. Wilson and J. Smith have represented St. John's on occasion at tennis, while the latter, who has been quite a prominent member of the college polo team, has been elected secretary of the college swimming club. Mr. Alastair Montgomerie is at present touring South Africa with the Cambridge Eskimos, as the University Ice Hockey team is called. I noticed that Mr. Edward Hart, who is a scholar of St. John's, graduated in Medicine a month or two ago, putting what one may call a crown upon a

long line of successes gained at school, the university and the Middlesex Hospital in London. I hear that we are to have the pleasure of welcoming four Strathallians this term, Messrs. A. Dow, R. S. Johnstone and E. V. Mackay, who are coming up to John's, the latter being very fortunate in spending his first year as a resident in college; Mr. J. G. S. Forrest entering St. Catharine's, where he should have full scope for his wonderful ability as an athlete. There is no doubt that his career from this point of view at least will be watched with very great interest not only by us at Cambridge and the boys at school, but by a large circle of Old Strathallians who know the great part he played in the contests against them on Commemoration Day.

From our St. Andrews University Correspondent.

During this last term Strathallians have done very well in the realm of sport as well as in things more academic. We would take the sporting side first since it has the wider appeal. Mr. H. E. Walker, who was captain of the Scottish boys Golf team last year, won the Angus County Championship—an excellent feat of which we all feel quite proud and we offer him our heartiest congratulations. Further, he was awarded his full colours at the University, and we shall be very disappointed indeed if he does not gain his Blue. In the realm of Tennis Mr. W. C. Smith, who was always among the prize-winners at Strathallan, won the St. Andrews University Singles Championship, and was awarded his full Blue for Tennis. For this season, 1936-37, he has been chosen captain of the University Tennis side—an excellent achievement.

Mr. G. Douglas Muir, who was taking an Honours History course, took first place in the Honours History school, being awarded a very good Second Class Honours degree. He is an applicant for a post in the Colonial Office and after passing through the usual oral and interviewing stages with credit, Mr. Muir has been given to understand that he will receive an appointment in one of the educational services out East. In Medicine, Mr. W. C. Smith passed in Physiology, whilst Mr. A. C. Fraser was

successful in his first four M.B. subjects. We are looking forward to having a good Rugger side this year, and in our matches with Panmure, the High School, and Kirkcaldy, we meet several old Strathallians, some of whom are doing exceptionally well in the rugger world. We are hoping to arrange the usual annual game with the School.

From our Edinburgh University Correspondent.

Only one Strathallian this year has graduated at this University, Mr. Harry Shanks, of Falkland, gaining his B.Sc. degree in Agriculture. Mr. Gordon Reay, who is at the Veterinary College, is passing on to his final. At the present moment we have only one representative in the Faculty of Arts and Law in Mr. James Grosset, who is expected to graduate in the next few weeks. In the Medical schools, Messrs. Geo. Balfour, John Dawson, and J. Breckenridge pass on to the third year course subject to the latter passing Physiology, which he is sitting at this moment. Mr. J. W. Drummond will enter upon the second year course subject to passing in Chemistry during the present examination. This year Mr. Balfour is playing for Jed Forest, while Hawick again will have the services of Mr. Breckenridge. In one of the Tennis house championships, two Strathallians, Messrs. Balfour and Breckenridge, won their way into the final despite the very heavy handicap of minus 4 over 6. They were beaten after winning the first set 6-2, 4-6, 4-6. Mr. Balfour, who put up such a good show against the School on Commemoration Day, has been playing regularly for the 'Varsity Second at Cricket, and I see that he has had one or two very good performances with the ball, his best being 4 wickets for 4 runs. As is natural, we find ourselves here more in touch with border sport and I am pleased to note that Mr. G. M. Dobson has been elected Vice-Captain of the Melrose Rugby Football Club. On the other hand, Gala is bewailing the loss of Mr. R. Buchanan who has been serving an apprenticeship in a woollen mill; he should prove a great acquisition to Greenock Wanderers, the side nearest to his home.