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Editorial

FOR just over a year we have watched with interest, and studied critically, the progress made in the construction of the Studies Block. Then, after much feverish activity by the workmen in the latter part of the holidays, "we" moved in in September.

The removal has meant, for the Senior School, something in the nature of a social revolution, and the immediate result has been an almost complete reorganisation in House routine. The most marked change has surely been the new importance attached to the House as a separate unit. Already it is apparent that we are four and not one, each House developing its own individual characteristics. As with most projects, success will be assured only in the future, but we feel confident that this year should see at least the first fruits of the seed sown the previous Summer.

From our experiences here to-day, the way is being made clear for those that follow, and the foundations laid of new traditions that must inevitably ensue. We are in a way pioneers, and as such must go warily. With less than half a century behind us we are the youngest Public School in Scotland, and it is important, looking now as we are to the future, that the past, short though it may be, should be kept in mind. We must, in fact, ensure that we maintain the best traditions of the past and that the new ones we make are sound and wise.

By Speech Day next June, it is to be hoped that the workmen will have made a final departure, and that the building will be ready to be inspected in a complete state.

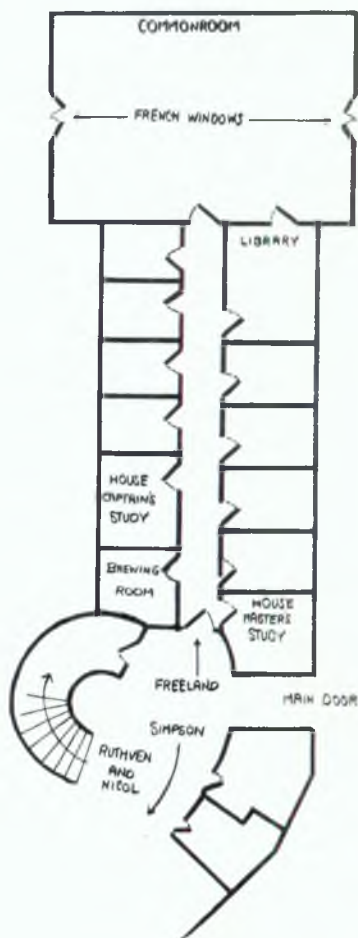
School Notes and Notices

WE welcome this term four new masters: Mr. J. A. Binnian, B.A. (Cantab.), who in addition to teaching History and general subjects is House Tutor to Freeland; Mr. C. P. Hewson, M.A. (Edinburgh), takes Geography and general subjects, and is a House Tutor in Riley; Mr. H. G. Macintosh, M.A. (Edinburgh), who teaches History and general subjects, and is House Tutor to Simpson; and Mr. J. C. Kershaw, who takes P.T. and teaches Mathematics. He has succeeded Mr. Burnet as Secretary of Rugby.

We welcome also C./Sgt. Price, late the Black Watch, who in addition to becoming P.S.I. to the C.C.F. has taken on the late Mr. McIntyre's job in the stripping rooms.

The Army and Basic sections of the C.C.F. are now under the command of Mr. H. E. M. Haines, and both Mr. Binnian and Mr. Macintosh have accepted commissions in the C.C.F., the former with the Army and the latter with the R.A.F. Mr. Heron is now Freeland Housemaster, and our congratulations go to him on his marriage in August. He is now living in the West Lodge. Mr. Burnet has taken over Nicol House, with Mr. Maxwell as House Tutor.

As already mentioned in the Editorial, the Studies Block was occupied at the beginning of this term. Photographs of the building have, however, been held over until the Summer number, by which time it is hoped that the exterior will be faced and the surrounds tidied up. A plan of one House wing is, however, included.



Each wing is exactly similar, being composed of a Housemaster's room, nine studies, Library, Commonroom and brewing room. There is accommodation in the studies for approximately twenty seniors in each House, the juniors occupying a Commonroom that is both roomier and better lit than anything there has

been in the past. Freeland and Simpson are on the ground floor, with the other two Houses upstairs, while there are two masters' rooms at the very top of the House.

The former Middle School Commonroom (last year Ruthven and Simpson Commonrooms), together with the old House Prefects' rooms and Prefects' studies, have been converted into five dormitories, all belonging to Freeland House, while Ruthven, Simpson and Nicol, after several years of wandering, have returned to their original wings.

By the simple expedient of erecting a door at the end of the passage, the Sanatorium becomes a self-contained unit. An internal staircase has been built connecting the passage outside the Surgery to Dormitory 1A, which is now an additional ward for use during epidemics, and a small pantry has also been built at the extreme end of the wing.

The School Library has been redecorated and cleared of all the poorer fiction, which has now been distributed amongst the four senior houses. The use of the Library, which is now primarily for reference purposes, has been restricted to seniors. The Saloon, previously the Senior Commonroom, becomes a reception hall for use by the Headmaster, and is itself awaiting redecoration similar to that received by the Library. It is, however, part of the School, in that it is still used for such activities as Debates and Country Dancing.

With the increasing numbers (School total, Sept. '53—250) the stripping room accommodation is now inadequate, and the rooms upstairs have been utilised to meet the expansion. Expansion has also been required in the Dining Hall, and half the tables have accordingly been lengthened by some two feet.

Improvements have been carried out in the Servery and Kitchens: in the former dish-washing machines have been installed, and in the latter old and burnt-out frying equipment has been replaced by new.

All contributions for the Summer number of *The Strathallian* should be in the hands of the School Editors by 31st May, 1954.

Prize Winners and Award of Cups, 1952-53

English, L. D. Marshall. History, L. D. Marshall. Geography, J. M. Paterson. Latin, C. McCreadie. French, A. C. I. Duncan. Mathematics, I. M. Guthrie and C. McCreadie. Science, I. M. Guthrie and C. McCreadie. Music, L. M. Urquhart. Art, R. A. Gray.

The Smith Cup for the Captain of the School, D. M. Morrison. The Dux Medal, I. M. Guthrie. The Houston Medal for General Merit, A. C. Millar. Victor Ludorum, R. A. Paterson. Bruce Mackay Cup, R. D. Houston. Senior Rugger, Freeland. Junior Rugger, Simpson. Cricket, Ruthven. Sports, Freeland. Fives, Ruthven. J. G. S. Forrest Memorial Shield, Old Strathallians. President's Cup, The School. House Championship Flags, Freeland.

Examination Results

Cambridge General Certificate of Education

The following were successful:

Advanced Level

Guthrie, I. M.: Physics; Chemistry.
 Marshall, L. D.: English; History.
 Millar, A. C.: English; History.
 Sinclair, J. H.: English; History.
 Urquhart, L. M.: English; History; Music.

Ordinary Level (in five or more subjects)

Barclay, D. F.	McGregor, J. S. M.	Scott, C. D.
Dinsmore, H. W.	Menzies, J. C.	Scott, D. H.
Fitzpatrick, A. J.	Paterson, R. A.	Stewart, I. O.
Haddow, C. D.	Paton, J. S.	Stuart, D. M.
Laird, D. A.	Philip, R. J. M.	Taylor, I. W. G.
Mackay, R. C. H.	Prophet, P. I.	Walker, R. G. F.
Macleod, N. A. T.	Robertson, I. A.	

Scottish Leaving

The following were successful in various subjects:

Allardice, F. M.	Leishman, R. B.	Paterson, J. M.
Barbour, R. M.	Marshall, L. D.	Philip, R. G. M.
Duncan, A. C. I.	McBain, R. M.	Roger, W. P.
Gilmour, E. C. F.	McCreadie, C.	Sinclair, J. H.
Hamilton, J. S. H.	Morrison, D. M.	Stirrat, J. P.
Hofstetter, J. E.	Orr, K. C. L.	Stuart, H. L.
Hood, J. D.	Padkin, J. F.	Urquhart, L. M.

Chapel Notes

THE following preached the sermons at the Sunday Chapel Services during the Summer Term: 3rd May, Rev. Prof. W. S. Tindal, O.B.E., M.A., D.D.; 10th May, Dr. A. L. F. Smith, C.B.E., M.V.O.; 17th May, Rev. Dr. A. C. Craig, M.C.; 24th May, Rev. A. Cameron, B.D.; 21st June, Rev. Dr. A. W. Burnet; 28th June, Rev. Dr. T. B. Stewart Thomson, M.C., T.D.; 12th July, Rev. D. F. Ferguson, M.A.; 19th July, The Headmaster.

Between June and October, 1953, the following anthems have been sung by the Choir: "Jesu, Joy of Man's desiring" (Bach), "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace" (Wesley), "Lead me, Lord" (Wesley), "Thou visitest the earth" (Maurice Greene), "Blessed be the God, the Father" (Wesley), "I waited for the Lord" (Mendelssohn), 100th Psalm (Franck), as well as a number of others repeated from previous terms.

Nineteen candidates were admitted to full membership of the Church of Scotland at the service on 19th July. Two candidates were confirmed at St. John's Episcopal Church, Perth, at the end of the Spring Term.



Loch Linnhe

Founder's Day

FOUNDER'S Day, following the precedent set last year, was held on June 27th, when for the second year in succession the School won the President's Cup.

The programme was unchanged, with the exception of the procession to the Founder's Grave, which is now to be held every five years. The comparatively small number of Old Strathallians present for the Chapel Service in the morning had increased considerably by the time the various matches began in the afternoon. The cricket, after an exciting race against the clock, was won by the School for the first time since 1950, while the relay race, swimming and fives also went to the School, the Old Strathallians winning only the tennis.

Lectures and Entertainments

ENTERTAINMENTS this term have, to date, consisted of a lecture on Field Sports by Major the Hon. Douglas-Home, and a film, "Laughter in Paradise".



Iona

In the first we were treated to some bird recordings, and also some excellent slides, painted by the lecturer himself. The film, well known as a comedy, was spoiled by a continuous scraping noise on the sound track. It is hoped that the School will shortly purchase a sound-projector; the standard of films shown, and their presentation, should then improve.

J.A.B.

Music Notes

INTEREST is centred at the moment on the preparation of Haydn's "Creation", which will probably be performed both in Perth and Auchterarder as well as at the School towards the end of March. These invitations to perform "on away grounds" are very encouraging, and all those in the choir are to be congratulated on the general impression which their performances give to visitors in chapel on Sundays. The ability to read music is noticeably improved amongst members of the choir; the ability to sing musically is not always so apparent, but this is partly due to over enthusiasm (born possibly on the touch-line) and, in the tenor ranks especially, to the proverbial lack of *natural* tenors in these Isles.

On October 20th a party of twenty-three boys attended a concert in Perth given by the Amadeus Quartet. The programme contained two of the greatest masterpieces written for string quartet: Mozart's "Dissonance" Quartet and Beethoven's Quartet in B flat, Op. 130. The playing was always good, at times superbly so, and technical difficulties were never even remotely apparent.

The Carol Service will be on Sunday, December 13th, and it is hoped that a small group will sing carols round the village one evening at the end of term.

The following are to be congratulated on successes gained in the Associated Board Examinations for pianoforte:

Grade 7—A. C. I. Duncan (Credit), L. M. Urquhart.

Grade 5—J. D. Hood, H. L. Stuart.

Grade 4—D. M. Sinclair (Credit).

Grade 3—S. W. Grierson.

D.E.C.

Gramophone Club

MEMBERSHIP of the Club has grown this term to forty. K. Leishman has been appointed Treasurer, and he introduced the first programme in a weekly series of record recitals on Wednesday evenings.

As is shown by the relative states of the record covers, the choice of music is still rather narrow. A good resolution, and one which would lead to much enjoyment and perhaps some displeasure, would be to play one unknown record for each familiar one.

D.E.C.

Mountaineering

It is perhaps a trifle premature to talk of the Mountaineering Club, for such a body exists, as yet, only in my mind. However, with a body of some 18 reasonably stalwart hill-walkers and a record of six or seven meets held during the past year there would appear to be sufficient enthusiasm to justify the experiment in the near future. Its existence would help to equip individual members as and when they turn out, club subscriptions enabling the purchase of certain minima in the way of climbing equipment for hire. By the time the next issue of *The Strathallian* is printed progress in this direction will probably have been made.

One meet has already been held, at Lochearnhead, and a party of ten—3 masters and seven boys—climbed Ben Vorlich without incident. Visibility was not very good but the meet made an excellent training run. During the holidays a party of four spent an enjoyable fortnight in Norway, part of which was occupied by high level hill walking.

M.H.

C.C.F. Notes

Army and Basic Sections

CAPTAIN POTTS left the contingent at the end of camp, and Lt. Maxwell has, after 14 years' service, given up his Army career. They will both be missed a great deal, although Mr. Maxwell will still help with map reading. Mr. Binnian, a gunnery officer, replaces Lt. Maxwell.

Numbers are a little down on last year, but their exact distribution depends as usual upon the results of Certificate "A" exam., which will probably take place at the end of November. There is a larger entry than in previous years, though insistence upon a reasonably high standard of efficiency before the exam. may reduce the entry figures.

The recruit platoons are very promising and may take Certificate "A" in the Summer term, thus commencing a regular sequence of training which will lead to Part II in the second March of their service.

Camp at Barry was rather wet but, if it fell short of last year's standards of accommodation, it excelled last year in standard of food and convenience of training areas, and in the standard of demonstrations, which were carried out by the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

The Pipe Band has an astonishingly large number of recruits but they are all very welcome and necessary to its continued success. Pipe-Major Sinclair and Drum-Major Brogan have both expressed the opinion that if everyone really practises, then the band will enter the inter-schools competition at Edinburgh.

Shooting proceeded according to plan, under the watchful eye of Mr. Spurgin, and if funds permit the improved type of backsight will join the new foresight already fitted to all four rifles.

The Signals section is now under the competent command of Corporal Arneil, and two at least of the twelve signallers are hoping to pass the assistant instructor test during the year. C.S.M. Morrison left us last Summer and will be especially missed by all those who strain their ears trying to pick up other schools on the wireless net. The "net" is being improved this year and results should be much better. The telephone exchange will probably be set up at the end of this term.

R.A.F. Section

Last term it was decided to enter the section for the Advanced Proficiency examination. The amount of work done by cadets in this sphere, however, was very limited due to the close proximity of final scholastic exams. However, credits were awarded to F./Sgt. Smith, Cpl. McCreadie and Cdt. Guthrie, and the

following obtained passes: Cds. Gilmour, McGregor, Robertson, Stuart, H. L., and Ross, C. W.

Camp this year was held at Moreton-in-the-Marsh, where everything was done to give Strathallan, the only unit there, a wonderful time. Aerobatic trips in Prentices and Harvards were eagerly sought after. Some Tiger Moth flights were also obtained at the end of the week.

The Link Trainer section was almost continually swamped by those keen to master the art of instrument flight. The range was another happy hunting ground, where the unit was able to participate in .303 shooting.

Half-way through our stay Wing-Commander Roy, an old Strathallian, came to the camp to inspect us. He gave a favourable report. Day trips to Oxford and Cheltenham were arranged, and also a swimming expedition to a nearby lake.

During camp Cdt. P. I. Prophet went to Hornchurch, where he obtained a Flying Scholarship. He is now flying every week-end from Scone with Cpl. Scott.

On the last day of camp we said goodbye to P.O. Gibbs, who has left us to go to Monmouth School. In his place we are happy to welcome two new instructors in Mr. Macintosh and Mr. Kershaw.

The materials for building a hangar have now arrived, and we hope to house our glider in it before the end of term.

E.J.E.S.

Twelve Days in Norway

AFTER months of impatient waiting the day had arrived. We left Edinburgh by bus for Newcastle at 10.20 a.m. on Wednesday, 29th July, with the other twenty-four Scouts who comprised the Scottish Scout contingent to Norway. The journey to Newcastle was uneventful and rather cramped, with a slight drizzle for most of the way, which seemed to do its utmost to damp our enthusiasm. However, a cup of hot tea at Wooler, just over the border, soon restored our spirits.

We arrived at the Tyne Commission Quay, Newcastle, at three o'clock, and having successfully evaded the Customs, boarded the S.S. "Leda", the latest and fastest of the Bergen Line's steamers. We cast off just after four, and sailed down the Tyne estuary past the numerous grimy shipyards, on the first leg of our tour.

At nine o'clock on the following morning we docked at Stavanger, an important sardine canning centre, after a calm and uneventful crossing. Half-an-hour later we went ashore and spent two interesting hours wandering through the quaint cobbled streets. Shortly before midday we steamed out of the harbour and headed northwards towards Bergen, hugging the coast all the



Side Street in Stavanger

way. In the early afternoon we passed Haugesund, and eventually reached Bergen at five o'clock in the afternoon. Here we were met by two Norwegian Scouts, one of whom was to accompany us on our travels.

The Scouts showed us to the station and we boarded the 7.00 p.m. Oslo train. After passing through some of Norway's most magnificent scenery we arrived at Voss, our temporary headquarters, two-and-a-half hours later. A two-mile trek from here brought us to our camp site, just as dusk was falling. After a welcome cup of tea we hastily pitched our tents and settled down for the night.

We were wakened next morning by the distant tinkling of sheep bells and the rushing of the nearby river as it swept past. When the enshrouding darkness had been dispersed by the morning sun we were able to see that the camp was situated in a small depression, bordered on two sides by snow-capped mountains and on the others by forests and a lake.

Our domestic chores over, we returned to Voss, where we caught a chartered bus to Ulvick on the Hardanger Fjord. From here we sailed down the Fjord to Granvin, after calling at several villages on the way. By this time evening was approaching and

we were compelled to return to camp, much impressed by the grandeur of the Norwegian scenery.

Next day we were again off to an early start, but this time in the opposite direction. We caught the train to Myrdal, and on our way passed through the three-mile-long Myrdal tunnel. After a short interval, we travelled by electric train over the famous Flam railway, constructed at an exorbitant cost by the Germans during the war. On arriving at Flam, a small and typically Norwegian village situated on the edge of the Sogne Fjord, we set off along the shore in search of a suitable spot for a picnic. In the late afternoon the weather broke and we reluctantly returned to Voss by the evening train.

On Sunday (led by our two pipers) we marched into Voss, where we attended a Norwegian service in the thirteenth century church. After lunch we borrowed a rowing boat and "rowed", with the aid of one oar and a piece of driftwood, across the lake.

Monday dawned bright and sunny and the whole day we spent exploring, sun-bathing and swimming in the remarkably warm waters of the lake. On Tuesday, however, it rained hard, and by evening several of our small hike tents were flooded, compelling their owners to spend the night in a nearby hay-shed.

According to our previous plans we were to leave Voss on Wednesday for a three-day hike to Gudvangen on the Sogne Fjord, but as there was no sign of the weather clearing it was decided to cancel the hike and wait for another day at Voss. On account of the heavy rain and flooded condition of camp site we elected to spend the night in the Scout Hall, which the Voss Scouts had kindly lent us.

It was still raining on Thursday morning, but had stopped by lunch time, and so we were able to travel by lorry to Gudvangen in the afternoon. After spending the night in the Youth Hostel there, we boarded M.V. "Sogne Fjord" at 8 o'clock on Friday morning. The magnificent scenery which surrounded us as we sailed down Norway's longest Fjord created a lasting impression on our minds. Accompanying us on this trip was a party of American girl students from a Californian University who were touring Europe.

We arrived in Bergen as night was falling and were taken to a Scout Hostel on the outskirts of the city. Although Bergen was founded many centuries ago, we found it to be remarkably modern and up-to-date in both its organisation and architecture, and we spent the next three days in sight-seeing and souvenir hunting in this ancient seat of Norwegian civilisation. Among the many places of interest we visited were the first rate museum and University, the hair-raising funicular railway, and colourful fish market where the customer sees his breakfast swimming in large tanks before his eyes. On Sunday afternoon we were taken by motor boat on a tour of the bomb-damaged harbour and

docks. A commentary of the tour was given by a patriotic old Norwegian who spoke fluent English with a strong American accent.

All good things come to an end, and on Tuesday we reluctantly trudged to the quay, and once again boarded S.S. "Leda". As we slid out of Norwegian waters we took a last wistful glance at the distant blue mountains which had so recently dominated our camp at Voss.



Nærøy Fjord, near Gudvangen

However, no sooner had we breasted the first of the North Sea swell than our still vivid memories were temporarily expelled by the violent pitching of the ship. Fortunately the ship was equipped with stabilisers and fewer passengers were affected than might otherwise have been the case.

After docking at Newcastle early on Wednesday morning, and having passed swiftly through the Customs, we boarded a bus for Edinburgh, where we dispersed to our various homes, having made new friendships both Scottish and Norwegian.

D.W.N.F. and D.A.L.

A Christmas Party

Father Christmas down the chimney
Came to give the children presents,
Came to give them fun and laughter
In the room with blazing pine-logs,
In the room with cheerful brightness
— Happy singing, joyful brilliance,
With the candles on the pine tree,
With the pine-logs in the fireplace.
To the little laughing children
Came he there to make them happy.

Round the Christmas tree they gathered,
Round the jovial Father Christmas,
Round the bulging sack of presents,
Waiting for the lovely engines,
Gollics, teddy bears and trumpets.
All were handed out so fairly
By the smiling Father Christmas
To the gay and merry children
Pointing at the decorations
On the pine tree sparkling brightly.

When at last the fun was over
Sleepy children went to Dreamland,
Thinking of the joyful party,
Dreaming of the wondrous morrow
— All the joys of Christmas morning
— Ringing bells and singing carols,
Frosty weather, snow and sledging
— Day of fun, and all so happy
On the joyous Christmas morning.

J.M.T. (aged 11, 1A).

A Canadian Tour

AFTER four days of final preparation at R.A.F. Uxbridge, the thirty-five of us left for London airport, where, having successfully passed through the Customs, we boarded an aircraft for Iceland. The flight lasted six hours, and the impressions we received of Iceland were varied. What we saw was flat and very bleak, but of course we were never near Reykjavik, or any of the other populated areas.

We stayed only for a meal, while the aircraft was being refuelled, and then set off for Goose Bay, Labrador. There again the halt was no longer, but the few glimpses we had were of a flat and densely forested countryside.

The last hop, taking four hours, took us south-westward to Montreal, over the St. Lawrence, and over more beautiful forested country, making our first impressions of Canada decidedly favourable. It was a clear day, and we saw long straight dual-carriageway roads stretching away into the distance, with great forests and fields on either side. Extensive farms took the place of our odd crofts and cottages, making the whole country much neater in appearance.

We landed at Montreal, and, after an official reception, were transported to R.C.A.F. Lachine, where we were given the details of our tour by a member of the Royal Canadian Air Cadet League (which corresponds to our C.C.F. and A.T.C.).

Throughout the next three weeks, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and forgot completely about such a thing as time.

On the first day we flew to Toronto, and after a quick glance at that vast city continued by bus to St. Catherine's, where we spent the following two nights with Canadian families, who live generally in a similar manner to the British. On the second day there we visited the Niagara Falls—a sight I shall never forget—and early the next morning continued on our way to Sarmia, via London, Ontario.

At Sarmia, situated at the south west tip of Lake Huron, we spent two memorable days, again living with Canadian families. While there we took part in a dance, and also spent a night camping on the shores of Lake Huron. At this point in the tour we touched on the U.S.A., because prior to sailing down the St. Claire river towards Detroit, we put in for a few minutes at an American port.

We left Sarmia by bus for London Airport, Ontario, from where we flew to Muskoka, an emergency aerodrome in the Alouquin Park. This park covers an area of approximately 20,000 square miles, and embraces forests, mountains and lakes, and is the home of many semi-wild animals. We camped by the side of a lake called the Lake of Two Rivers, and besides learning the art of canoeing, swam and held midnight sing-songs around the camp fires. It was a wonderful spot, and I think we all agreed that it was one of the finest places we visited. We spent three days there before leaving for the capital, Ottawa.

Unfortunately we could only spend an hour or two there, so we had a snack tea, costing thirty-five cents, before flying back to Montreal.

We were kept moving, for within twenty-four hours we were on our way to the Laurentians, to stay with the Canadian originator of these reciprocal visits. He owned a large house beside a lake, and as soon as we arrived in the afternoon, we started bathing and water-skiing with two motorboats. We met there cadets from Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Holland. One

of the Swedes succeeded in getting the knack of water-skiing at the first attempt.

The next day some of us tried skeet shooting, in which one aims (with a twelve bore) at a small circular disk fired alternately from two towers of different height. That night there was another dance, and the next morning we returned to Montreal.

This time we had a day to ourselves, and besides buying souvenirs, visited Montreal's Broadcasting House and the C.P.R. junction. The prices are generally high, as also is the standard of living: a hair-cut costs 75 cents (about 6/2).

Our last trip was to Quebec, where we were the guests of the Kiwanis' Chief, at the famous Chateau Frontenac. We had a superb meal there, and after looking quickly round Quebec City, which is 99% French and entirely different from Toronto, flew back to Montreal.

On our journey to the airport the following morning we took our last look at Canada from the ground, and after final speeches, boarded the aircraft and returned to Goose Bay. From there, however, we flew straight to Shannon Airport, Ireland, and then on to London. The whole trip lasted three weeks and was an experience I shall never forget.

D.H.S.

Cricket, 1953

THERE has been a distinct improvement in the 1st XI since last season, and the cricket in the school generally seems to be on the up grade. On the other hand there is no room for complacency, and much has still to be done.

Batting is still the weakest branch in the School at the moment, but at last the fruits of much coaching are beginning to be reaped, and boys are realising that patient net practice and orthodox play bring higher scores. This season six players made scores over 20 on at least one occasion, and five batsmen finished the season with averages higher than last year's best. I. M. Guthrie and M. D. Dawson were the most successful batsmen, and each played several good innings.

Last season, if the side suffered an early reverse it usually meant a complete collapse. Evidence of an improvement here this year can be seen from the score cards of the games against Morrison's Academy, Glasgow Academy and Crieff C.C. In matches which were lost, the 1st XI was dismissed for a score below 100 on only one occasion. This suggests a greater determination to make runs, but still too many wickets were thrown away.

The rate of scoring is much too slow, and shows up the side's lack of experience, and partly accounts for the number of drawn

games. Nerves also played their part. This was particularly so in the match against Fettes, when, having dismissed their opponents for 124, the School made 113 for 5, only to be all out for 122. The fielding also let the School down on this occasion, for, had all the catches been taken, Fettes would have been all out for well under 100.

The standard of fielding was good in some matches, but on other occasions was rather erratic. The main weaknesses were in catching, especially in the slips, not backing up, and fieldsmen in front of the wicket failing to move in as the bowler runs up to bowl.

Any well balanced team should be able to produce a varied attack, and in this the School was reasonably fortunate. J. M. Paterson, the captain, was more successful in the early part of the season when the wickets would take spin. His chief failing, as last season, was in not pitching the ball far enough up to the batsmen.

J. F. Padkin improved considerably during the season when he learned that length and direction were more important than pace. The Old Boys will long remember his devastating opening spell when he took two wickets with his first two balls of their innings, and it was largely due to his bowling that the School triumphed.

R. S. Eason proved a very useful stock bowler, and his good length and accuracy were often dangerous. His best performance was against Glasgow Academy when he took 8 wickets for 26 runs.

The least successful team was the 2nd XI. There were, however, some useful players in both the Colts and Junior XIs, and the future should see a further improvement in the School cricket.

Full Colours were awarded to:

*J. M. Paterson, I. M. Guthrie, M. D. Dawson, R. S. Eason and J. F. Padkin.

Half Colours were awarded to:

M. D. Rossie and L. D. Marshall.

* Re-date.

Summary of Results

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st XI	14	5	3	6
2nd XI	5	1	4	0
Colts XI	5	3	0	2
Junior XI	11	8	3	0
Junior 2nd XI	1	1	0	0

House Matches

1st, Ruthven, 15 pts.; 2nd, Simpson, 10 pts.; 3rd, Freeland, 5 pts.

FIRST XI, 1953



D. C. Yellowley, M. D. Rossie, J. G. Clark, I. M. Lochtie, W. R. Brown, W. T. D. Prophet.
R. S. Eason, I. M. Guthrie, J. M. Paterson (Capt.), M. D. Dawson, J. F. Padkin.

6.5.53.

THE SCHOOL versus THE STAFF at Forgandenny.

Staff		School	
E. A. Potts, c Guthrie, b Paterson	1	D. H. Scott, lbw, b Maxwell	3
P. Spurgin, b Paterson	0	J. G. Clark, b Hoare	5
W. N. S. Hoare, b Padkin	32	I. M. Guthrie, b Hoare	21
M. S. Maxwell, lbw, b Paterson	3	M. D. Dawson, lbw, b Cutforth	56
D. E. Young, b Padkin	0	J. F. Padkin, run out	47
D. E. Cutforth, c Clark, b Barbour	2	I. M. Lochtie, b Silver	50
D. Silver, b Barbour	0	R. M. Barbour, b Hoare	0
R. A. L. Burnet, b Paterson	11	J. M. Paterson, b Hoare	4
A. J. S. Greig, c Clark, b Rossie	4	R. C. H. MacKay, c Walker, b Silver	16
M. Haines, not out	0	J. D. Thomas, not out	0
R. G. F. Walker, b Paterson	0	M. D. Rossie, not out	14
Extras	6	Extras	8
Total		Total for 9 wickets	
J. M. Paterson 5 for 27.		224	
		W. N. S. Hoare 4 for 45.	

9.5.53.

THE SCHOOL versus MORRISON'S ACADEMY at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Morrison's	
D. H. Scott, b Wanless	1	McNab, b Padkin	4
J. G. Clark, b Somerville	0	Main, c Guthrie, b Padkin	19
I. M. Guthrie, run out	44	Wanless, c Scott, b Padkin	22
M. D. Dawson, lbw, b Bruce	5	Moses, b Padkin	4
J. F. Padkin, b Wanless	20	Watson, c Barbour, b Dawson	7
R. S. Eason, lbw, b Wanless	6	Bruce, st Guthrie, b Paterson	3
I. M. Lochtie, b Wanless	7	Yeaman, not out	19
J. M. Paterson, not out	10	Jamieson, not out	13
R. C. H. MacKay, not out	0	Thomson, Small and Somerville did not bat.	
R. M. Barbour and M. D. Rossie did not bat.		Extras	3
Extras	17	Total for 6 wickets	
Total for 7 wickets dec.		93	
110		J. F. Padkin 4 for 42.	
Wanless 4 for 12.			

11.5.53.

THE SCHOOL versus KIRKCALDY C.C. at Forgandenny.

Kirkcaldy		Strathallan	
M. W. Innes, b Paterson	4	D. H. Scott, run out	1
T. N. Mitchell, b Padkin	0	R. S. Eason, c Mitchell, b Saunders	0
J. R. D. Murray, b Barbour	23	I. M. Guthrie, c Robertson, b Halley	24
J. Greig, c Paterson	15	M. D. Dawson, lbw, b Halstead	17
G. D. Halley, not out	50	J. F. Padkin, b Halstead	8
D. R. Bisset, c Rossie, b Paterson	6	J. G. Clark, b Halley	0
J. H. Allen, c Dawson, b Paterson	0	J. M. Paterson, not out	3
D. Deuchars, b Rossie	4	I. M. Lochtie, b Murray	15
E. D. Saunders, b MacKay	0	R. M. Barbour, b Murray	0
A. D. Robertson, not out	22	R. C. H. MacKay, not out	0
L. Halstead, c Eason, b Rossie	0	M. D. Rossie did not bat.	
Extras	7	Extras	0
Total		Total for 8 wickets	
131		68	
J. M. Paterson 4 for 36.			

13.5.53.

THE SCHOOL versus R. P. THOMAS' XI at Forgandenny.

R. P. Thomas' XI		Strathallan	
T. Watson, run out	60	D. H. Scott, b Pearce	0
T. Smith, st Guthrie, b MacKay	49	R. S. Eason, b Shanks	17
J. Macaree, run out	9	I. M. Guthrie, not out	42
R. P. Thomas, run out	24	M. D. Dawson, b Shanks	4
J. Shanks, c Lochtie, b MacKay	18	J. F. Padkin, not out	8
J. T. Kidd, not out	2	J. M. Paterson, J. G. Clark, I. M.	
T. Marshall, H. McLure, R.		Lochtie, R. C. H. MacKay,	
Pearce, R. P. S. Harris and		M. D. Rossie and R. M.	
D. O. Hinshaw did not bat.		Barbour did not bat.	
Extras	6	Extras	15
Total for 5 wickets dec.	168	Total for 3 wickets	86

16.5.53.

THE SCHOOL versus GLASGOW HIGH SCHOOL at Old Anniesland.

Glasgow High School		Strathallan	
J. Patience, c Eason, b Rossie	22	R. S. Eason, lbw, b Forbes	16
A. Forbes, lbw, b Paterson	1	J. M. Paterson, not out	31
D. A. Pirrie, c MacKay, b		I. M. Guthrie, b Forbes	0
Paterson	5	M. D. Dawson, lbw, b Finlay	3
W. H. Finlay, lbw, b Eason	1	J. F. Padkin, c Patience, b Finlay	24
R. Andrews, run out	12	J. G. Clark, not out	10
N. D. McCandlish, c Guthrie,		D. H. Scott, I. M. Lochtie, M. D.	
b Paterson	9	Rossie, R. C. H. MacKay	
J. G. Deane, run out	3	and R. M. Barbour did not	
J. S. Ferguson, b Padkin	14	bat.	
J. Howie, not out	11	Extras	9
W. Marshall, c Padkin, b		Total for 4 wickets	93
MacKay	4		
D. Tough, lbw, b Eason	0		
Extras	7		
Total	89		
J. M. Paterson 3 for 27.			

20.5.53

THE SCHOOL versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Glasgow Academy	
R. S. Eason, b Stewart	14	C. Mitchell, b Eason	12
J. M. Paterson, b Belch	1	Colquhoun, c MacKay, b Eason	1
I. M. Guthrie, b Belch	6	Sloan, b Eason	12
M. D. Dawson, c K. Mitchell,		Belch, b Eason	2
b Colquhoun	9	Richards, b Eason	0
J. F. Padkin, c and b Stewart	22	Ritchie, run out	16
J. G. Clark, b Richards	29	Kerr, b Eason	2
D. H. Scott, st McAllister, b		Stewart, c Padkin, b Eason	9
Richards	3	K. Mitchell, not out	10
I. M. Lochtie, c C. Mitchell, b		McAllister, c MacKay, b Eason	1
Richards	1	Cannon, b Paterson	0
M. D. Rossie, c Colquhoun, b		Extras	1
Belch	1	Total	66
R. C. H. MacKay, b Belch	4	R. S. Eason 8 for 26.	
R. M. Barbour, not out	0		
Extras	9		
Total	99		
J. S. M. Belch 4 for 29.			

28.5.53.

THE SCHOOL versus FETTES XI at Fettes.

Fettes

D. M. A. Steele, c Eason, b Paterson	37
D. W. Horne, c Guthrie, b Paterson	11
J. C. Garner, lbw, b Rossie	25
G. H. Waddell, c Eason, b Rossie	20
P. A. L. Williamson, c Paterson, b Padkin	1
G. M. Hodson, c Scott, b MacKay	1
C. Ferguson, b Padkin	1
D. R. Millar, c Scott, b Eason	3
R. D. Liddel, c Paterson, b Eason	15
A. W. Bain, not out	3
R. MacBean, lbw, b Eason	0
Extras	7

Total 124

R. S. Eason 3 for 33.

6.6.53.

THE SCHOOL versus DANIEL STEWART'S at Inverleith.

Daniel Stewart's

A. R. Clark, c and b Eason	1
J. P. Lawson, c Scott, b Eason	3
D. Reid, c Clark, b Eason	0
G. Sharp, b Padkin	34
A. J. Willis, c Paterson, b MacKay	17
A. W. Mowat, c Dawson, b Paterson	52
K. C. Scobie, st Guthrie, b Eason	20
S. R. Sinclair, c Dawson, b Paterson	2
I. A. Stephen, not out	14
N. A. D. Sinclair, not out	4
N. J. Carrie did not bat.	
Extras	8

Total for 8 wickets dec. 155

R. S. Eason 4 for 37.

10.6.53.

THE SCHOOL versus PERTH ACADEMY at Viewlands, Perth.

Perth Academy

C. MacPherson, run out	33
J. Lewis, b Padkin	3
P. S. Gardiner, b Padkin	0
R. M. Alexander, b Eason	1
G. S. Birrel, c Lilley, b Paterson	24
R. H. Adam, c and b Eason	14
I. D. Keay, c Guthrie, b Paterson	0
I. Nicol, b Padkin	4
A. Georgeson, b Padkin	0
W. F. A. Harris, not out	4
P. McLaren, b Padkin	0
Extras	12

Total 95

J. F. Padkin 5 for 13.

Strathallan

R. S. Eason, b Millar	10
J. M. Paterson, b Millar	18
I. M. Guthrie, lbw, b Waddell	29
M. D. Dawson, lbw, b Waddell	48
J. F. Padkin, b Waddell	1
J. G. Clark, not out	12
I. M. Lochtie, run out	0
D. H. Scott, b Waddell	0
M. D. Rossie, b Waddell	0
R. C. H. MacKay, b Bain	0
R. M. Barbour, b Bain	0
Extras	4

Total 122

G. H. Waddell 5 for 6.

Strathallan

R. S. Eason, c Clark, b Willis	8
J. M. Paterson, lbw, b Willis	19
I. M. Guthrie, b Lawson	3
M. D. Dawson, c and b Willis	42
J. F. Padkin, lbw, b Lawson	6
J. G. Clark, b Lawson	0
F. J. Lilley, c Clark, b Willis	0
I. M. Lochtie, c Stephen, b Willis	1
M. D. Rossie, c Sharp, b Lawson	13
D. H. Scott, not out	2
R. C. H. MacKay, not out	0
Extras	6

Total for 9 wickets 100

A. J. Willis 5 for 13;

J. P. Lawson 4 for 24.

Strathallan

R. S. Eason, not out	19
J. M. Paterson, c Nicol, b Harris	3
I. M. Guthrie, b Harris	11
J. F. Padkin, c McLaren, b Birrel	2
M. D. Dawson, lbw, b Harris	2
J. G. Clark, c MacPherson, b Birrel	1
F. J. C. Lilley, c Nicol, b Adam	1
I. M. Lochtie, b Keay	2
M. D. Rossie, b Keay	3
D. H. Scott, not out	0
R. C. H. MacKay did not bat.	
Extras	5

Total for 8 wickets 49

W. F. A. Harris 3 for 10.

13.6.53.

THE SCHOOL versus CRIEFF C.C. at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Crieff C.C.	
R. S. Eason, b Blyth	17	W. L. Alston, not out	57
J. M. Paterson, lbw, b Cramb ...	0	J. Milton, c Eason, b Paterson	43
I. M. Guthrie, b Blyth	3	G. Ewing, lbw, b Paterson	0
M. D. Dawson, b Blyth	34	J. Cramb, not out	7
J. F. Padkin, b Cramb	1	R. Hay, J. Sandilands, D. C.	
J. G. Clark, lbw, b McIntosh ...	14	Blyth, A. McLennan, D.	
M. D. Rossie, b Sandilands	15	Laing, A. Douglas and A.	
F. J. C. Lilley, c Alston, b		McIntosh did not bat.	
McIntosh	0	Extras	2
I. M. Lochtie, not out	15		
D. H. Scott, b Hay	0	Total for 2 wickets	109
R. C. H. MacKay, b Hay	0		
Extras	1		
Total	100		
D. C. Blyth 3 for 25.			

24.6.53.

THE SCHOOL versus CUPAR C.C. at Forgandenny.

Cupar C.C.		Strathallan	
W. W. Law, c Guthrie, b Padkin	0	R. S. Eason, b Houston	0
A. D. Livingstone, b Eason	9	J. M. Paterson, c Mitchell, b	
H. Mitchell, run out	19	Marshall	4
D. Bell, b Padkin	14	M. D. Dawson, b Houston	0
W. D. Harper, b Padkin	25	I. M. Guthrie, b Houston	6
R. Houston, c Eason, b Paterson	1	J. F. Padkin, b Marshall	0
W. Bell, lbw, b Paterson	10	M. D. Rossie, b Houston	1
E. Lawson, not out	22	I. M. Lochtie, b Marshall	5
W. Y. Robertson, c McIntosh,		J. G. Clark, not out	9
b Eason	8	R. MacKay, st Law, b Marshall	2
D. Marshall, b Eason	0	D. W. McIntosh, b Houston ...	4
G. Miller, c Lochtie, b Eason ...	2	L. D. Marshall, b Houston	0
Extras	2	Extras	12
Total	112	Total	43
R. S. Eason 4 for 43.		R. Houston 6 for 4; D. Marshall	
		4 for 27.	

27.6.53.

THE SCHOOL versus OLD STRATHALLIANS at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Old Strathallians	
R. S. Eason, b Pottie	1	R. A. Houston, b Padkin	0
J. M. Paterson, b Somerville ...	14	D. I. Muir, c Brown, b Eason ...	11
I. M. Guthrie, c Smith, b Pottie	23	R. P. Thomas, b Padkin	0
J. F. Padkin, lbw, b Somerville	13	A. D. Pottie, b Padkin	5
M. D. Dawson, b Somerville ...	9	D. M. McIlveen, b Padkin	0
J. G. Clark, lbw, b Thomas ...	0	J. H. Smith, not out	27
I. M. Lochtie, b Pottie	1	G. K. Rome, b Padkin	0
M. D. Rossie, b Pottie	7	E. A. Somerville, lbw, b Pater-	
R. C. H. MacKay, c and b Nicol	1	son	7
D. H. Scott, not out	0	T. M. Nicol, b Paterson	0
W. R. Brown, b Nicol	0	A. N. Nicol, run out	3
Extras	2	J. H. Allen, lbw, b Paterson ...	0
Total	71	Extras	8
A. D. Pottie 4 for 17.		Total	61
		J. F. Padkin 5 for 24.	

11.7.53.

THE SCHOOL versus GLENALMOND at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Glenalmond	
R. S. Eason, c Denholm, b Mather	9	R. D. D. Scott, lbw, b Padkin	5
J. M. Paterson, b Mather	14	G. L. Mundell, b Dawson	7
I. M. Guthrie, c Mather, b Henderson	40	J. O. Mather, c Padkin, b Paterson	44
M. D. Dawson, b Mather	1	V. J. D. Kirwan, c and b Eason	10
J. F. Padkin, lbw, b Mather	12	P. C. Jones, b Eason	17
J. G. Clark, c Henderson, b Kennedy	2	C. H. C. Kinnear, not out	11
M. D. Rossie, lbw, b Gemmil	8	D. E. Denholm, not out	8
I. M. Lochtie, b Mather	42	A. D. Kennedy, J. A. G. Murray, C. W. R. Gemmil and H. L. Henderson did not bat.	
D. C. Yellowley, c and b Gemmil	2	Extras	12
W. Prophet, not out	5		
W. R. Brown, b Mather	0		
Extras	7		
Total		Total for 5 wickets	
142		114	

J. O. Mather 6 for 56.

18.7.53.

THE SCHOOL versus FORGANDENNY C.C. at Forgandenny.

Strathallan		Forgandenny	
R. S. Eason, lbw, b Wheeler ...	5	T. Mackie, c Dawson, b Eason	3
J. M. Paterson, c Nicoll, b Mackie	17	A. Boag, b Padkin	0
I. M. Guthrie, lbw, b Mackie	30	A. Pete, b Padkin	0
M. D. Dawson, run out	14	J. Kettles, b Padkin	2
J. F. Padkin, b Boag	0	W. Mackie, b Padkin	0
J. G. Clark, b Boag	18	J. Wheeler, c Guthrie, b Padkin	5
M. D. Rossie, b Boag	0	J. Nicoll, b Padkin	9
I. M. Lochtie, lbw, b Boag	2	A. Bain, c Dawson, b Padkin ...	0
D. C. Yellowley, c Mackie, b Boag	1	W. Henderson, b Paterson	0
W. T. D. Prophet, not out	2	R. Barrie, c Eason, b Paterson ..	0
W. R. Brown, b Wheeler	1	J. Henderson, not out	1
Extras	3	Extras	0
Total		Total	
94		20	

A. Boag 5 for 37.

J. F. Padkin 7 for 6;
J. M. Paterson 2 for 2.**SECOND XI**

9.5.53—versus MORRISON'S ACADEMY at Crieff.

Strathallan 63 (Small 4 for 9).

Morrison's 64 for 7 (Parkhill 22, Marshall 4 for 29).

20.5.53—versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at New Anniesland.

Glasgow Academy 88 (I. B. Henderson 30, Crosby 4 for 30).

Strathallan 47 (Smith 7 for 27).

10.6.53—versus PERTH ACADEMY at Forgandenny.

Perth Academy 75 (G. Fraser 21, R. M. Barbour 4 for 12, L. D. Marshall 4 for 17).

Strathallan 57 (L. D. Marshall 22, McFarlane 4 for 21).

- 11.7.53—versus CRIEFF C.C. 2nd XI at Forgandenny.
Strathallan 108 (J. D. Thomas 48, R. M. Barbour 36, Murphy 4 for 17).
Crieff C.C. 77 (McKay 32, Marshall 7 for 22).
- 18.7.53—versus GLENALMOND at Glenalmond.
Glenalmond 140 (Harvey 34, Robertson 29, Macrae 29, Marshall 5 for 46).
Strathallan 60 (J. D. Thomas 32, Storey 4 for 16).

COLTS XI

- 9.5.53—versus MORRISON'S ACADEMY at Crieff.
Morrison's 114 for 8 dec. (Gibb 80, W. T. D. Prophet 5 for 28).
Strathallan 70 for 4 (McCallum 17, Steel 2 for 30).
- 20.5.53—versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at Forgandenny.
Strathallan 44 (Lilley 17, Eckersley 5 for 9).
Glasgow Academy 31 (W. R. Brown 4 for 8, W. Prophet 4 for 11).
- 6.6.53—versus ABERDEEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL at Forgandenny.
Strathallan 119 (R. Galbraith 28, Burr 4 for 18).
Aberdeen Grammar School 33 (W. Brown 5 for 5, W. Prophet 3 for 12).
- 20.6.53—versus DOLLAR ACADEMY at Dollar.
Dollar Academy 51 (Prophet 3 for 20).
Strathallan 53 for 8 (Yellowley 19).
- 11.7.53—versus GLENALMOND at Glenalmond.
Glenalmond 149 for 4 (Ostlere 63 not out, Galbraith 2 for 10).
Strathallan 88 for 9 (Baird 12 not out, Walker 13 not out, Tod 3 for 11).

JUNIOR XI

- 9.5.53—versus MORRISON'S ACADEMY at Forgandenny.
Morrison's 23 (Phillip 7 for 13).
Strathallan 58 (Beattie 14).
- 16.9.53—versus BELMONT HOUSE at Forgandenny.
Strathallan 53 (Wood 16 not out, Lloyd 4 for 25).
Belmont 75 for 6 (Lloyd 28, Phillip 3 for 11).
- 29.5.53—versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at Anniesland.
Strathallan 91 (Hellon 34).
Glasgow Academy 41 (Hellon 5 for 17).
- 6.6.53—versus ABERDEEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL at Forgandenny.
Strathallan 64 (Beattie 21, Hamilton 20 not out, Milne 6 for 16).
Aberdeen Grammar School 55 (Hellon 6 for 17).
- 13.6.53—versus BELMONT HOUSE at Belmont.
Belmont 84 (Crosby 41).
Strathallan 52 (Wood 36).

20.6.53—versus DOLLAR ACADEMY at Dollar.
Strathallan 36.
Dollar 10 (Helson 7 for 3).

24.6.53—versus LATHALLAN at Lathallan.
Strathallan 78 for 4 dec. (Beattie 37).
Lathallan 68 (Solley 5 for 12).

1.7.53—versus ARDVRECK at Forgandenny.
Strathallan 77 for 5 dec. (Dinsmore 27 not out).
Ardvreck 42 (Jamieson 5 for 11).

8.7.53—versus CRAIGFLOWER at Forgandenny.
Strathallan 83 (McEachran 18).
Craigflower 28 (Jamieson 6 for 6).

15.7.53—versus ARDVRECK at Ardvreck.
Strathallan 71 (Beattie 33).
Ardvreck 71 (Sloan 14, Jamieson 4 for 15).

JUNIOR SECOND XI

11.7.53—versus CRAIGFLOWER at Craigflower.
Craigflower 17 (Robertson 4 for 6).
Strathallan 34 for 2 (Weeks 12 not out).

FIRST XI BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. F. Padkin	159.4	49	361	33	10.9
R. S. Eason	118	22	310	27	11.5
J. M. Paterson	111.3	27	340	29	11.7

FIRST XI BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Times Not Out	Aggregate	Highest in Innings	Average
I. M. Guthrie	14	1	282	44	21.7
M. D. Dawson	14	0	244	56	17.4
J. M. Paterson	13	3	138	31*	13.8
I. M. Lochtie	12	1	141	50	12.8
J. F. Padkin	14	1	164	47	12.6
J. G. Clark	13	3	100	29	10.0

* Not out.

Sailing

It had been hoped to arrange several days sailing on the Tay last term, but due to unforeseen circumstances it was found possible to go only once. Our thanks are given to the Perth Sailing Club for their help and encouragement. A match was, however, sailed against Glenalmond on Loch Freuchie. In a day of light to negligible wind we managed to win by 12 pts. to 5. Our efforts in the Gareloch were unfortunately not marked by any such success.

Swimming

BESIDES the usual House Competition which was won by Freeland, an Under 16 match was held with Morrison's Academy on 10th July. The match, swum at Strathallan, was won by 63 points to 57, and showed a distinct improvement on the previous year's form.

Below is given the names of those successful in the R.L.S.S. examinations held on 7th July:

Intermediate Certificate only: T. R. Gillies, D. M. Anderson.

Bronze Medallion and Intermediate Certificate: I. Eastwood, J. C. Kenneth, K. R. Hunter, D. S. MacCallum, D. B. Pirrie, J. C. Pattullo, D. M. Robertson, A. C. J. McLean, M. B. Shiels, R. J. Chalmers, A. B. B. Gilmour, N. S. Shaw, P. McLellan, A. S. Macdonald, M. D. Irons, T. C. Paterson, R. M. Weir, J. E. B. Taylor.

Bronze Medallion only: G. R. Johnston.

Bar to Bronze Medallion: R. S. Macfarlane, J. R. Johnson.

Bronze Cross: J. M. Swan, C. I. R. MacRae, J. C. Kenneth, J. R. Johnson, R. S. Macfarlane.

Award of Merit: J. M. Swan, C. I. R. MacRae, J. C. Kenneth, R. C. Ross.

Rugby Football, 1953

School v. Glasgow Academy

The School fifteen were defeated by 4 goals 3 tries to nil at Glasgow.

During the first half the School fought grimly to hold out what was clearly a larger and faster side. At half-time the score was 8—nil in favour of the Academy.

The School forwards continued to get a fair share of the ball and it was not until some fifteen minutes from the "no-side" whistle that the tackling became high and ineffective. This gave the Glasgow three-quarters the confidence which they had scarcely hitherto felt and they took full advantage to run riot at the School's cost. Sixteen of the points were scored in the last ten minutes' play.

Team: M. D. Rossie, A. J. Fitzpatrick, D. H. Scott, W. R. Brown, R. A. Paterson* (Capt.), D. M. Stuart, A. A. Arneil,* J. D. Thompson, D. M. A. Dillon, A. C. Millar, H. W. Dinsmore, I. Eastwood, D. M. Anderson, R. C. Ross, J. C. Kenneth.

* Cap.

School v. Edinburgh Academy

The match against Glasgow Academy, in which both forwards and three-quarters had played stoutly for two-thirds of the game, should have served to show what could be done while determination and sound tackling lasted.

This Edinburgh pack was at best a moderate one yet the School forwards never once took the initiative which their set work often indicated them capable of taking. However, the heart of the matter was the atrocious tackling of the three-quarters, particularly in mid-field.

The final score of 30 to nil was unfortunately no injustice to the School fifteen.

Team: M. D. Rossie, A. J. Fitzpatrick, D. H. Scott, R. A. Paterson* (Capt.), J. S. Paton, D. M. Stuart, A. A. Arneil,* D. M. A. Dillon, N. E. H. Crosby, A. C. Millar, H. W. Dinsmore, R. C. Ross, D. M. Anderson, J. D. Thompson, J. M. Swan.

* Cap.

School v George Watson's College

Played at Myreside, 10th November, 1953. George Watson's won by two goals, one penalty goal and four tries: 25 points to nil.

Considering the recent heavy rain the ground was surprisingly dry, but a strong wind was blowing from goal to goal. In spite of the large score against them, Strathallan took much credit from this game, in which the team gave probably its most satisfactory display of the season up to date. Although generally outweighed and outpaced everyone played with much greater determination and pluck than hitherto, and apart from one or two minor lapses, the tackling, falling and defensive covering were excellent, and considering that they were never given a real chance in attack, the three-quarters are to be congratulated on their showing — constant defensive tackling and covering soon becomes monotonous.

Although Strathallan played with the wind in the first half, it was obvious from the early play that they were going to see very little of the ball from the scrums, and Watson's were able to keep play well in the Strathallan half of the field. Our wing forwards were giving the Watson's scrum-half far too much scope and it was not long before he scored from one of his breaks. This try was converted. Watson's continued to press, but the defence — particularly round the scrum-half — became much tighter, and with the aid of several free kicks, taken by Rossie, Strathallan kept their line intact, and it was not until shortly before half-time that Watson's scored again: this time an unconverted try.

With the wind at their backs, it was only to be expected that Watson's would put on their pressure, and it was seldom that Strathallan took the play out of their own half. But the defence was still keen and although Watson's did score four more tries, of which the last was converted, it was never over-run, all the scores having to be fought for, and the majority coming from breaks by forwards or the scrum-half. It was mildly ironical that, having given away by far the greater number of free kicks, Watson's should kick a goal from one of the few awarded to them.

Arneil stood out among the backs and did a great deal of covering and tackling, and Rossie was much more certain than usual. Of the forwards, all of whom kept going well. Millar gave a good lead, and one remembers some excellent tackling by Swan and good corner flagging by Ross. But oh! for some weight, height and real pace!

Team: M. D. Rossie, P. Davidson, D. H. Scott, A. J. Fitzpatrick, D. M. Stuart, A. A. Arneil, D. M. Anderson, D. M. A. Dillon, N. E. H. Crosby, A. C. Millar, H. W. Dinsmore, J. D. Thompson, J. M. Swan, R. C. Ross, R. A. Paterson (Capt.).

FLAG POINTS, 1952-53

	Freeland	Nicol	Ruthven	Simpson
Rugger ...	15	5	10	—
Cricket ...	5	—	15	10
Sports ...	15	10	5	—
Fives ...	—	5	8	3
Swimming ...	8	5	—	3
Tennis ...	5	8	3	—
Totals	48	33	41	16

President of the Strathallian Club, 1952-53



ROY B. REID

AT the Annual General Meeting of the Strathallian Club held in December 1952, Roy B. Reid was elected President. The choice is particularly appropriate, for he is one who has really believed in the usefulness and value of the Club. His loyal and unobtrusive enthusiasm, enthusiasm incidentally which has been maintained for well over twenty years, have fully deserved the applause which greeted his election.

At School from 1926 to 1931 he was an active participant in many pursuits, both social and athletic, and in this latter respect he held the School championship for swimming.

On leaving School he studied to become a Chartered Accountant, and having achieved this aim, entered his family business of A. F. Reid and Sons, Limited, Bakers and Caterers, in Glasgow. He is now joint managing director and has gained a further distinction in having been elected as a Fellow of the Hotel and Catering Institute.

He is chairman of the board of governors of a preparatory school, Dairsie House, in Glasgow, and a director of several companies.

Married, with a son and three daughters, his family responsibilities still enable him to appear regularly and with credit on the golf course.

We are indeed fortunate in our choice of President, and he carries with him our sincere good wishes for a successful term of office.

Old Boys' News

THIS section starts off with Ronnie Waldman's Puzzle Corner. The faithful viewer of the contemporary scene, J. B. Ross (1924-30), sends in a copy of the Scottish Rugby results from several papers, including the "Weekly Scotsman", with the comment "What, no Strathallan!" No doubt, dear viewer, this is a policy decision at high level which we can do nothing to alter but can always comment. Perhaps in view of the recent results it is a wise decision, but if we must read bad news let's have it, and then the good news, when it comes along, will seem doubly so by comparison. In the same vein is the changing face of the School Rugby Fixture List viewed with growing concern by the coffee room critics and armchair quarter-backs. No prize awarded for spotting this week's deliberate mistake.

We who write the news can do little without the help of those who make the news. Strathallians remain as ever, backward in sending in items of homely news which are of undoubted interest to their former school fellows in far flung outposts of the Empire. We can only emphasise that it is you they want to read about while smoking that bowl of tobacco still delightfully fresh after literally months in a Comet's mailbag. We at home, on the other hand, cannot hear enough of the activities of our school fellows abroad, and feel justified in making this further appeal for news.

The University correspondents, too, have an important part to play. If we are to increase the numbers of Strathallians going on to University it is well first to make them feel that those who have gone before have enjoyed themselves and that there is a welcome waiting for them. In this connection you will notice the enthusiasm of our St. Andrews correspondent, whose remarks are unsolicited and un-edited.

News has reached us of W. A. Hird (1920-25), who returned from South America in 1938 and has been employed since in Building and Civil Engineering Schemes in England and Wales. He was married in 1940 and now has two sons. Capt. T. J. Dodd of the U.S. Army has just returned from three years' service in Japan and is now stationed at Military Headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi. I. J. S. Hepburn (1946-51) has recently

received an appointment as a Motor Insurance Claims Adjustor in Kingston, Ontario, Canada, with the Inter-Provincial Insurance Claims Ltd. D. Lennox is a Chartered Accountant now with Messrs. Price, Waterhouse and Co., Vancouver, British Columbia. W. M. Macgregor (1940-46) has just returned from another trip round the world, during which he docked at Calcutta and took the opportunity of visiting his brother J.K., now a proud father. At present Mac is attending the Technical College, Dundee, where he is sitting for his Mate's Ticket, and finding time to turn out for Dundee High School F.C. along with another Strathallian, W. S. Dryden.

Coming nearer home, G. Campbell has been appointed Manager Optician of Lea Scott Ltd., Leeds. G. Paton has recently been transferred to Glasgow in connection with the selling side of his firm's business. While in Edinburgh he was playing Rugby for Kenmore R.F.C., as was J. Whamond. R. Ingram Brown is now Chairman of Brown, Son & Ferguson, the well known nautical publishers, in Glasgow.

R. S. Johnston has been appointed Advocate-Deputy on the West circuit and we tender our congratulations. J. R. Montgomerie (1928-32) must surely be the first Strathallian to be admitted a member of the Queen's Bodyguard in Scotland, the Royal Company of Archers, and we wish him well in the performance of this privileged and honourable duty. J. C. Dawson (1939-42) has been appointed Assistant Secretary to Ritchie's Paper Products Ltd., and it is unnecessary to draw attention to his distinguished Rugby career, and to wish him continued success in the current season. A. Dawson (1939-47) is now District Advisory Officer in the National Agricultural Advisory Service at Shepton Mallet, Somerset; his address is c/o Mrs. Gray, The Old Grammar School, and should any Strathallian be in that locality he will be delighted to hear from him. R. M. Boyd (1940-45) is Technical Assistant (Quality), Rolls Royce, Hillington, and D. M. Hastings (1943-45) is House Officer at Deaconess Hospital. E. C. F. Gilmour is in first year Electrical Engineering at Glasgow University and has joined Glasgow University Air Squadron. He reports A. C. I. Duncan, J. S. H. Hamilton, C. McCreadie, H. L. Stuart and L. D. Marshall came up to the University in October, 1953. J. F. Padkin is studying for a B.Com. degree at Manchester University, I. G. MacIntyre is at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, and W. G. Tait is studying Commercial Law at London University. News of G. S. Lowden appears both in the announcements and the St. Andrews University Section. It is felt that he warrants the further congratulations and good wishes of the club in that he not only graduated LL.B. at St. Andrews this year, but also passed the final of his Chartered Accountant's Examinations. He

writes that D. Whamond (1943-47) also passed his final C.A. Examination in May and is now working in a professional office in Toronto, Ontario.

It is hoped that by the time this magazine is published another annual meeting and dinner will have been held and many old friendships renewed with the vowed intention of keeping in touch, but more of this in the next edition.

Golf News

Bogie Trophy

There was a good turn out for the Bogie Trophy over Gleneagles and the competition was won by Dr. R. A. Houston (gross 75, net 70) with J. C. Dawson (gross 78, net 72) a good runner-up. The rest of the competitors voted it a most enjoyable day's sport.

Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Trophy

Last September the Royal Burgess Golfing Society inaugurated a competition open to the Golfing Sections of all former pupils clubs. The competition will be an annual one and takes the name of the very handsome silver cup to be awarded to the winners—"The Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Trophy".

Thirteen of the leading Scottish Schools including our own had their entries accepted by the committee. It was a foursome knock-out competition with three couples in each team. Play took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, 29th and 30th September, on the Barnton Course, and the winners for 1953 were George Watson's College. The Strathallian entry was knocked out in the first round by very formidable opposition from Loretto, who went on to be beaten in the final.

The competition was excellently organised and thoroughly enjoyed both by players and spectators. Its success is assured for future years and we are fortunate being in at the commencement as the entries will undoubtedly be much more numerous in the years to come.

The pairings and results of our entry are given below.

Strathallian

Lorettonian

R. Neill and I. McEwan lost to G. W. Mackie and I. Stewart (4 and 2).

I. Henderson and G. McNroy lost to

M. Dykes and G. McCulloch (3 and 2).

J. T. Johnston and R. A. Johnston lost to

R. Alexander and C. Carlow (5 and 4).

Strathallian Club

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY

Our correspondent writes that C. B. Guthrie is now in his last year and is continuing his studies of Chemical Engineering.

Freshmen this year are S. M. Henderson, who is reading Agriculture, and I. M. Guthrie, who is reading Mechanical Science.

None of these gentlemen are at all communicative about their activities and their numbers have certainly dwindled since the days immediately pre-war when a regular flow of Strathallians was going up to this University. This is undoubtedly a deplorable state of affairs which it is hoped will be rectified in the future.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Those few Strathallians at St. Andrews are very distressed at the smallness of our numbers here, as N. Mitchell has said before this. Our only new arrival this year is R. G. M. Philip, who is in 1st year Medicine, and there are no newcomers at Dundee.

Philip's brother, Raymond, has returned from Union College, U.S.A., after a very enjoyable stay, and is now to be seen in the Honours Physics Class together with I. R. Birss, who has retired from the Students' Representative Council, of which he was Secretary last year.

The only other Strathallian in St. Andrews is A. Clayton, now in 2nd year Medicine. St. Andrews offers excellent scope in Arts and Pure Science Faculties, while the Medical School in Dundee is a good one, and students can spend their pre-clinical training in St. Andrews. An excellent Law School is being developed in Dundee, and the first LL.B. graduates of this University had two Strathallians. G. S. Lowden and I. Stuart, in their numbers. Nicol is in his final year of Law studies.

We believe that D. Boyd (Dentistry) and L. Barclay (Medicine) are also to be found within the precincts of University College.

We trust, sir, that more Strathallians will think of St. Andrews when they aspire to higher learning, and can assure them of a very enjoyable stay.

The School is short of the following 1st XV and 1st XI group photographs:

1st XV: 1927/28, 1928/29, 1930/31, 1931/32, 1937/38, 1940/41, 1948/49.

1st XI: 1923, 1925, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1944.

If any Strathallians have copies which they are prepared to give to the School it would be much appreciated if they would get in touch with the Headmaster's Secretary.

ENGAGEMENTS.

PATON, W. G. (1943/47), to Barbara L. Scott, 28 Dudley Gardens, Edinburgh, 6.

MARRIAGES.

BOWIE, R. M. (1940/45), on 24th April, 1953, to Audrey Holme, 52 Fitzroy Drive, Leeds.

CAMPBELL, George D. W. (1934/38), on 4th August, 1951, at Hillhead and Belmont Parish Church, to Anne Deas Bowers, 16 Kersland Street, Glasgow, W.2.

LOWDEN, Gordon S. (1935/44), on 2nd September, 1953, in Dundee Parish Church (St. Mary's), to Kathleen J. D. Arnot.

NICOL, Alistair M. (1939/45), on 4th September, 1953, at Pollokshields West Church, to E. Doreen Young, Sherbrooke Avenue, Pollokshields, Glasgow.

BIRTHS

BARRETT (1940/44). At Hansgate General Hospital on 28th July, 1953, to Dr. and Mrs. L. M. Barrett, a daughter. (Alyson Margaret.)

COMMON (1939/42). On 11th April, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Common, 12 Berkeley Street, Stirling, a daughter.

FULTON (1935/39). At 9 Grosvenor Street, Edinburgh, on 16th November, 1953, to Kirsty (nee Orchard) and David C. Fulton, 30 Inverleith Place, a son.

GJERTSEN (1935/37). On 2nd July, 1953, to Lulu, wife of Surg. Lt.-Cmdr. (D) Gjertsen, Royal Navy, a daughter (Michele), sister to Francesca.

NICOL (1938/42). On 15th July, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom M. Nicol, 8 Islay Avenue, High Burnside, a son.

SMITH. On 1st October, 1953, to Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton Smith, a son.