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Editorial

Our main object in this issue has been to include as many original contributions as possible without lowering the literary standard of the magazine. Lovers of good, solid prose may deplore the increase in the number of poems published, but they were generally of a higher standard than the prosework submitted.

As we write, the routine of the school flows smoothly on. Its even tenor was scarcely interrupted by the flood conditions which have prevailed in surrounding Perthshire. Indeed, we were delighted to hear a reference to Mount Ararat in the chapel reading at a time when the Earn had reached its highest level for many years, and Riley House boys required to be counted on their return from the Mudflats to ensure that they had not been swept away!

Let us hasten to add that before the rains came we enjoyed an almost unbroken spell of good weather for more than a month, and that this allowed us the maximum of time for outdoor activities. Possibly the benefit deriving from this is best revealed in the steady progress made by the First Fifteen. The draw with Panmure gave particular satisfaction to players and spectators alike. We need scarcely add that W. A. McMillan's leadership has been splendid both as Captain of Rugby and as Captain of the School.

But we have detained the reader long enough. Of one fault we are guiltless: this work does not smell of the lamp!

School Notes and Notices

This term we welcome three new masters. As Second Master and Head of the Classics Department, Mr. A. D. D. McCallum, B.A. (late Sizar, St. John's College, Cambridge), comes to us from Fettes College where he was a Housemaster for some years and coached many successful 1st XVs. His wide experience will prove invaluable both on the rugger field and in the school generally.

Mr. R. A. L. Burnet, M.A. (Edinburgh), has taken over the English Department. He is a Rugger Blue and his assistance with rugger will be much appreciated.

Mr. J. McKerrow, B.Sc. (Glasgow), has joined the staff as Mathematics and Science Master.

Last June we were happy to welcome Mr. A. J. Thomas, M.A., Queen's College, Cambridge, as Mathematics and Physics Master. He has already shown a keen interest in the workshop and tennis.

At the end of this term, on the evening of the 15th December, the Operatic and Dramatic Society will present for the benefit of parents and friends the Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore".

In July, Strathallan was successful in winning the under seventeen relay race at the Scottish Schools Sports held at Goldenacre, Edinburgh. The school's team consisted of J. A. Chalmers, M. J. B. Duncan, J. Todd and I. F. B. Stewart.

Towards the middle of July, the Perth Theatre Company, as part of the Festival of Britain, appeared in William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night". A special performance was given for the benefit of schools, and an invitation was sent to Strathallan. As a result, two-thirds of the school spent a very enjoyable afternoon seeing one of Shakespeare's best comedies.

High winds and heavy rain prevented the annual firework display from being held on the traditional date of November the fifth, but a compromise was made by celebrating two nights later in the activities period. Under the enthusiastic direction of Mr. Silver and Mr. Young, the evening can be said to have gone with a bang!

On Thursday, November 8th, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, the Right Reverend Dr. W. White Anderson, M.C., D.D., honoured the school with a visit. Arriving at 2.30 p.m. he was with us until 5 p.m. and, during his brief stay, inspected the greater part of the school and watched the activities, including a rehearsal of "H.M.S. Pinafore". He concluded by addressing the whole school, and told of his experiences in Australia earlier in the year.

This year an Old Strathallian, Dr. W. O. G. Taylor, is again offering a prize for an essay. The subject is an historical one: "James IV who perished on Flodden Field".

We returned this term to find that the rugby pitches had been increased in number by two, making a total of eight in all. This, together with a revised time-table, has meant that much more rugger has been played this term than in previous years.

There have been changes in the Prefectorial system. Sub-Prefects no longer exist and instead there are only School

and House Prefects. Each house has an approximately equal number of Prefects; there being a House Prefect's room for each of the four senior houses. These four rooms have been built out of the old rooms and music "boxes" at the far end of the Middle School Commonroom. In the case of Nicol, and especially Simpson, whole walls had to be erected. The four remaining music practice "boxes" are now Prefect's studies.

Owing to the installation of new showers in the old laundry building, the baths are now a Prefect's privilege. As a result every boy in the school can have three hot showers a week instead of one bath, as until last term.

Towards the end of October many rumours were flying around the school as to the nature of a peculiar structure that was then in the process of erection in the cloakroom. Many people were seriously considering it to be a supplement to the Tuckshop in the form of a help-yourself cafeteria, but all such hopes were crushed when it became known that it was to be a new noticeboard. This, standing as it does outside the Tuckshop, is a vast improvement on its predecessor.

With the increased numbers of this term — nearly sixty "Freshmen" — there was some difficulty in squeezing them all in. The senior houses have not been very greatly affected, but Riley House has increased enormously. Consequently, the old Riley House Commonroom and Library have been combined into one, and moved into a new position — that of old bedroom eleven off the Saloon. This has provided more bedroom space, even if the usual "tranquillity" of the Saloon has been somewhat disturbed.

Owing to the generosity of an unknown benefactor, the Library has been able to purchase £50 worth of new books, which has greatly stimulated reading throughout the school.

A.C.M.

Sports and Speech Days

This year was something in the nature of a departure from the conventional, in that the senior school sports were held on Friday, 1st June, and Speech Day was celebrated on the Saturday. It was not expected that there would be a large attendance for the sports, but considering that they were held on a weekday, quite a number of parents were able to come. Maybe it was the fine weather that attracted the visitors, for both days were blessed with cloudless skies and hot sunshine. Commencing at 2.30 p.m., the jumps and flat races took up the better part of the afternoon, and at six o'clock those boys whose parents had come availed themselves of the opportunity to have dinner in Perth.

Speech Day events started at 11.30 a.m. with speeches and presentation of prizes by Sir James Learmonth, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., F.R.C.S. Throughout the day there were other attractions for the many visitors; the school First Eleven played their annual game with the Crustacean XI; the Photographic Society exhibition was held in the saloon; and all parts of the building were thrown open for inspection by parents and friends. At 4.30 p.m. Lady Learmonth presented the sports prizes, and after an excellent tea had been served in the marquee — pitched for the occasion on the headmaster's lawn — there was a display of country dancing on the terrace by the advanced dancing class, enthusiastically coached by Mr. Gibbs.

A.C.M.

Founder's Day

FOUNDER'S DAY was held on Saturday, 6th October, and followed the usual course of events. The service, conducted by the Reverend Allan Cameron of Forgandenny, was held in the school chapel. All members of the senior forms and Old Boys attended. Following this, the procession, consisting of the Headmaster, the President of the Strathallan Club, and certain other Old Boys, together with a representative of each form in the school, made its way to the graveside of the Founder where a short ceremony was held.

The rugby match against the Old Boys started at 3.30 p.m. and, in the first half, R. S. Little on the wing scored for the school. This was not avenged until after half-time, the match ending in a draw, 3-3.

A.C.M.

Old Boys' Day

SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd — a day of perfect summer weather — was the date of the annual Old Boys' Day. As has been the case for a regrettably large number of years, the F.P.s again won the cup. This they did by winning the cricket, tennis and swimming relay; the other three events, fives, relay race, and water polo, were won by the school. Although the result was not all that was hoped for, one happy note was struck, in that the school won the relay race for the first time in many years. This was in no small measure due to M. J. B. Duncan, who ran against D. M. McIlveen in the final leg.

A.C.M.

Examinations

The following successes are recorded:

Bursary to Glasgow University.

The James A. Paterson Bursary: Brown, D. S. C.

Scottish Leaving Certificate.

Brackenridge, J. G.
Fitzpatrick, H. I. B.
Maguire, J. M.
McKee, J.
McLay, F. C. T.
Milne, N. M.
Russell, I. J. S.

University of Cambridge General Certificate of Education.

The following obtained Certificates in four or more subjects :

Dillon, R. H. M.
McCombs, W. G.
Murison, R. M.
Stevenson, W. R.
Stewart, I. F. B.
Tulloch, W. A.
Yates, M.

Lectures and Entertainments

THE school would like to thank the three lecturers who have visited us this term.

Miss J. M. Young came to us through the courtesy of the International Wool Secretariat, and her lecture, which was accompanied by film-strip pictures, dealt with sheep breeding, varieties and grades of wool, and the principal stages of clothing manufacture.

Mr. Gibson Martin has had considerable practical experience of the iron and steel industry and gave us an informed account of the processes involved in the production of high grade steels.

"Rembrandt: Man and Artist" was the subject chosen by Mr. Eli Prins. Our lecturer showed many lantern slides and certainly helped his audience towards an awareness of the deep insight and humanity which was Rembrandt's.

It is not pretended that Mr. Prins' lecture appealed to us all, but at its conclusion a fair-sized throng of interested boys remained to ask questions. Incidentally, we are encouraged to believe that the time may be ripe for a resumption of Art Society activities.

A.J.S.G.



COUNTRY CHURCH

Photographic Society

LAST term we had another of our exhibitions. Although the entries were not as plentiful as desired, it turned out to be a very successful show. Mrs. Hoare kindly consented to judge the exhibits, and we must thank her for her interest in the Society.

This term the Society is in full swing under the Honorary Presidency of Mr. Maxwell. Our enlarger has been repaired, and has been giving satisfactory results. A heater has been installed in the darkroom for heating the room and the water.

We hope to arrange some lectures on composition for the benefit of our more advanced members. We also hope to teach our more junior members the use of the different apparatus in the darkroom.

The darkroom has been in constant use since the beginning of the term, which shows the enthusiasm of our members. The large influx of both Seniors and Juniors into the Society has been very gratifying.

I.F.B.S. and I.G.M.



GLEN CLOVA SCENE

Aero Modelling

THE aero-modelling club continues to make marked advances in all respects, despite the fact that the majority of the senior members have not found time to do much actual modelling this term owing to the pending examinations. Their absence, however, has been more than offset by a substantial rise in members, chiefly in the junior sections, many of whom are just completing their first models.

Continuing under the honorary presidency of Mr. Gibbs, the club has, however, a new president of great experience — E. J. E. Smith — while the rest of the committee is composed of D. M. A. Dillon, as treasurer; I. W. G. Taylor, as secretary; and A. Butler as committee member.

This term the accent is very definitely on scale Jetex models, of which there are examples ranging from American jet fighters to Russian Mig. 15's. There is an excellent scale model of a Meteor, powered by twin Jetexes, built by the president.

There has, however, been very little actual flying of models this year, but we are confident that by next summer, the enthusiasm which was so obvious last term will have returned to the club.

I.W.G.T. (Sec.)

Music Notes

DURING the summer term a party of about fifty boys went to a concert given by The Scottish National Orchestra in Perth. The conductor was Walter Susskind, and Pouishnoff the soloist in Rachmaninoff's Second Piano Concerto. The supply of programmes had unfortunately run out when we arrived. But the difficulty of not fully knowing what was being played was more than compensated by our being able to sit so close to the orchestra and watch intently everything that was going on.

In October we had a piano recital by Mr. Reginald Paul. Everything well-done gives the impression of being ridiculously easy, and Reginald Paul took us through a programme of extreme technical difficulty as though it came to him as easily as eating or sleeping (as, indeed, it probably did). But for all the fireworks of Ravel's "Ondine" or Schumann's "Smyphonic Studies", how much more satisfying was his beautiful playing of "Sheep may safely graze". In Bach's music is a faith and a tranquillity which is found in the music of few composers since his time. If a gentle breeze of criticism may be allowed slightly to ruffle the smooth surface of his playing, it may be said that much of Mr. Paul's introductory remarks were "above the heads" of most of us. He would have been better advised to have restricted these to a few carefully chosen comments. However the playing itself was always a delight not only to the ear, but to the eye also. D.E.C.

Scripture Union

In the year 1879, some young men, on the outskirts of London, formed a bible class for boys. Wishing to help them to read their bibles regularly, even if it were but a small portion each day, they selected all the most important and interesting biblical passages and so arranged them that for each day of the year there was assigned a small portion to read.

From this humble beginning there grew what is now a world-wide Union of Bible-readers with over one million members, each of whom reads a portion of the bible each day. This Union receives the firm support of the Protestant Churches.

In the school there are now three large sections in the Scripture Union Branch. The junior section consists of members from Riley House; the intermediate section consists of those in the third and fourth years; whilst the senior section are all senior members of the school. These sections meet regularly each week to discuss and find out more about the Christian life and to study their Bibles. J.A.G.

Chapel Notes

It is heartening that our chapel is, as has been previously reported, taking a more central part in the life of the school. The choir has played a considerable part in adding to the pleasure of worship; and our thanks are due to them for many hours of patient practice. We are very grateful also for the gift of the new lectern, serving table and pulpit, which lend much greater dignity to the appearance of the chapel. Finally, we extend our very cordial thanks to those who have come to preach, and assure them that their visits are greatly appreciated.

J.A.G.

Strathallan Radio Club

THE club came into being last January under the auspices of Mr. Forsyth, who had been a radio engineer during the war. It was therefore a sad blow when he left the school in May. However, the club has continued to flourish — perhaps with more enthusiasm than knowledge and skill — and at the moment there are over twenty members. There are two sections now: the preliminary section, consisting of fourth form members who have just joined and who are building simple one valve battery receivers; and the senior section of fifth and sixth formers who are building more advanced types of sets. No boy may join before he reaches the fourth form.

The club functions according to a written constitution drawn up and agreed to by its members, and matters of detail are settled by an elected committee. A workroom fitted up with benches and a fairly adequate number of tools is now available for the sole use of the club, but there is a great need for radio equipment and parts — mainly those suitable for use in battery sets. Almost any spare part can be utilised and contributions would be gratefully accepted.

J.A.G.

The Stamp Club

THE club now has a membership of about twenty, and is run by a committee of three consisting of H. A. McMillan, E. Inglis and D. Thain. During October, Mr. Henderson of Perth came up and gave us an interesting lecture with an epidiасcope, which was enjoyed by all. On 13th November J. M. Gray gave an enlightening talk on the stamps of China which was also accompanied by epidiасcope slides. Now that winter is here again, philately is once more popular, and so we can expect to have a very busy term.

D.E.Y.

Scout Notes

"The old order changeth, yielding place to new"

"CHANGES are lightsome", they say, but some surely bring us loss. This term we were sorry to lose our Skipper, Mr. F. S. Langstaff, and our Troop Leader, N. Milne. To both we wish "Good Scouting"! Milne's success in his examinations we hope made up for his not being able to take his place in the Jamboree contingent.

The Troop as usual is suffering from indigestion — more boys are eager to join than we can cope with or the old hut easily accommodate. Then too the other calls, of House rugger and Dramatic rehearsals, make consistent meeting something of a problem. Still, there's always the 8th Law to fall back upon.

We hope to install a new lighting system in the hut this winter: our treasurer will have a headache over this one, unless some ex-73rd members read this and come to the rescue. We feel that the result will be worth the effort and the cost; therefore we think we ought to go on with it.

This year the P.L.s are R. Shaw (Swifts); C. Haddow (Beavers); N. Forgan (Bulldogs); D. MacCallum (Curlews); D. Laird (Eagles); H. Hay (Lions); E. Inglis (Seagulls); all keen and all with eyes firmly fixed on the target of the Hunter Prize for efficiency.

A word to them, and to all the Troop: Remember that anyone can tie knots and chop wood and go camping, but it is the way that you do them and the spirit in which they are done that is scouting.

L.G.

Workshop

OWING to the considerable increase in the number of boys who enrolled at the beginning of this term, the workshop has been used to full capacity. Most of the work has been of an individual nature, usually the construction of a Christmas present for a member of the family, and the standard of workmanship has improved.

There are still too many younger boys who do not realise that patience and care are essential to good craftsmanship. Unfortunately, there has been some delay in the delivery of the wood turning lathe which we have been expecting for some time, but it should be installed by next term, and will provide an additional craft for those who are more ambitious.

Again, we have to thank Messrs. Bain and Boag for their advice and assistance, and a word of praise should be given to E. Ross, who has worked most conscientiously to improve and maintain the equipment of the workshop.

A.J.T.

The Literary and Debating Society

THE Society has flourished this term under the chairmanship of Mr. R. A. L. Burnet.

On 17th October the first debate of the term was held in the main Commonroom, the motion being that "Glasgow is a better place to live in than Edinburgh". D. Cullen and I. M. Lochtie spoke for Glasgow, and R. S. Little and J. Beveridge for Edinburgh. After an exciting hour's speaking the motion was carried by the small but vociferous majority of forty-five to forty.

The second debate of the term was held on Guy Fawkes' night, and the motion "This house has confidence in the late government's foreign policy in the Middle East since the end of the war" was supported by A. D. Pottie and R. B. Leishman, and opposed by J. M. Gray and C. F. T. McLay. The motion was defeated by sixty-three votes to nine. J.M.G.

Combined Cadet Force Notes

ARMY SECTION

GLANDULAR fever was responsible this year for the cancellation of annual camp, which should have taken place at Gareloch-head. This was rather unlucky, especially in view of the fact that the Certificate "A" examinations are to be held this month. The result is that forty candidates—an unusually high number for Part 1—have had no camp experience. However, there is no reason why they should not be as successful as their predecessors.

Last term all the senior N.C.O.s left the Army section, so that the onus of parade duties falls upon cadets who have only recently been promoted. In this connection K. A. Baird, R. M. D. Grant, D. M. Morrison and I. F. B. Stewart are to be congratulated on their promotion to the rank of corporal. The general shortage of N.C.O.s is in one way a good thing as it means that responsibility has to be given to more boys and there is keen competition for the key places. It is hoped to promote a number of cadets when the Certificate "A" examination results are known.

Pipe Major Sinclair continues to give weekly instruction to the pipers. This term a beginners' class has been started, and there are several promising members. The more advanced class has now reached the stage of learning one or two tunes, and so it is hoped that the formation of a band will not be very long delayed. The drummers, who have a somewhat easier task, are more advanced. Already they know enough tunes to be able to lead a company parade.

Considerable keenness is being shown this term over the shooting on the miniature range. Numbers unfortunately have to be limited, but every member of the corps will at least complete the Empire Test. In this connection we are fortunate in having the services of a new P.S.I., R.S.M. Thomson, who has had very considerable army experience — latterly as an officer in the Indian army. We are very pleased to have him with us, in place of R.S.M. Clancy, and wish him every success in his new post.

Cpl. Morrison is now in charge of the No. 12 set. News of the inter-command net will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

E.A.P.

R.A.F. SECTION

OWING to an outbreak of glandular fever at the end of the summer term, the section was unfortunately unable to attend the summer camp at R.A.F. Hullavington in Wiltshire. Hullavington, with its many and varied types of aircraft, makes an ideal camp, and we eagerly look forward to a visit there in the summer of 1952.

Once again the examination results were most gratifying, and out of thirty-eight cadets put forward for the Part "B" examination, thirty-seven cadets passed, eleven with credits. We congratulate the following cadets on passing: F. M. Allardice, M. N. Bendell, J. A. Bruce, A. C. Duncan, A. M. Farquharson, H. I. B. Fitzpatrick, J. Hofstetter, L. D. Marshall, C. McCreadie, C. Raitt and F. M. Scott (all with credit), and:

R. M. Barbour, A. A. Barclay, D. G. Brown, A. Butler, D. Cullen, P. Davidson, M. Dillon, J. W. Durie, S. Gowans, J. M. Gray, S. M. Henderson, J. D. Hood, R. B. Leishman, R. S. Little, I. M. Lochtie, W. G. McCombs, C. F. T. McLay, W. A. McMillan, A. J. Paul, R. G. M. Philip, A. D. Pottie, P. I. Prophet, W. P. Roger, I. W. G. Taylor, C. Turnbull and N. V. Upsdale.

Air Commodore Wardle, A.O.C. 66 Group, sent a personal letter of congratulation to the unit on the fine achievement.

The scheme for the advanced training of the above cadets is now under way, and this term lectures are being held on Navigation and Jet Engines.

Home Command have stated that the existing lecture courses are to be superseded next year by out-of-door activities, such as leadership, etc. Although the Air Section is popular with the air minded boys, there are a number of possible recruits who fight shy of the section just because of the class work. The new scheme should therefore have a greater appeal to the majority of boys.

In flying, too, the programme has been improved. Instead of twelve cadets reporting to Scone and being flown in Tiger Moths, only four cadets report, and they are flown for two to three hours in Oxfords. This is the work of the Planning Flight of No. 66 Group, and it enables a cadet to act as a member of an aircraft's crew, and to be active during the flight. Strathallan has so far been unfortunate with its flying weather, and the bumpy conditions have resulted in a few cases of air sickness.

The sports programme, too, is coming along nicely, and a rugby trial is due to be played at Turnhouse on 24th November. Since fourteen members of the 1st XV are cadets in the R.A.F. section, we are fielding the school side at Turnhouse as a complete team. With W. A. McMillan, a blue of last year, together with C. F. T. McLay, I. M. Lochtie and W. A. Tulloch, who featured in last year's trials, Strathallan will probably be represented in the final Scottish team.

The "crew room" is now being used for the study of navigation and engines, and it is hoped to develop it further this term by installing individual transmitting and receiving equipment for the study of morse.

The following promotions have been announced: Cpl. W. A. McMillan to flight sergeant; Cdt. F. C. T. McLay to sergeant; Cdt. A. D. Pottie to sergeant; Cdt. L. D. Marshall to corporal; and Cdt. M. N. Bendell to corporal.

Flight Lieutenant W. S. Haldane and Plt. Off. J. A. Gibbs attended a week's course for officers at R.A.F. Halton in July, and the first named officer also attended a day training course at R.A.F. Detling (in Kent) in September.

The Unit said farewell to two good friends, in Wing Commander Bradshaw of 66 Group, who is now Station Commander at R.A.F. Driffield, Yorkshire, and Wing Commander H. M. Gass, Deputy Commander Dundee Wing, who is now Flying Instructor at R.A.F. Dalcross. We wish them all success and happiness in their new posts.

Flight Sergeant Brackenridge and Sergeant Russell, both of whom left last term, have now taken their "Flying Scholarships", and Stott has joined the Bristol Aeroplane Company.

W.S.H.

Scottish and Inter-Command C.C.F./A.C.F. Wireless Net

The sets can no longer be seen in the Physics Laboratory, as a signals office has been acquired. When the sets were first removed to the new signals office, two 36-ft. aerial masts were

erected in the quadrangle to support the aerial. This, however, was not very satisfactory, as the guy ropes were always breaking, although the aerial itself gave very good results.

On the first of October a new set was started — the inter-command net. Many Scottish and English public schools participate in this net and it allows "legal" communication with English schools. Among the English schools, regular contacts are: Uppingham, Marlborough, Leeds Grammar School and Warwick School. The Scottish net is still in operation although slightly changed.

D.M.M.

An Old House

WELL back in the darkest reaches of my mind I can remember — a house! It stood ponderously on the edge of a high cliff, dominating the view from my bedroom window, and, situated in that part of Northern Scotland, where most of the year the weather was dull and misty, it never presented a bright picture even on an occasional day of warm sunshine.

Nothing could change its appearance, even when it was silhouetted against a beautiful blood-red sunset, the sharp rays of the sinking sun piercing the cracked roof and gaping windows. Four grey walls reached upwards to a tall and steeply sloping roof, making the whole building top-heavy. The great jagged edges of broken chimneys, set in sharp relief against any sky, were hungry teeth awaiting an invader from the sea and making the sombre house awful and forbidding.

On frosty nights, before going to bed, I could hear the thundering Atlantic breakers pounding themselves to creamy foam at the foot of the cliff, and the shattering crash of the house's well-splintered doors gave an eerie break to the monotonous regularity of the sullen roar.

On such nights the wind-swept fragments of silver-edged clouds moved in stately flight from the pursuing moon, whose yellow light blackened the long mysterious shadows of the house. A copse of leafless trees threw their clutching, waving shadows on the walls, seeking to tear at it with creaking groans.

A high stone wall surrounded the edifice, making human entrance impossible. I never wish to go near the terrible place. The ground inside the crumbling pile was wild and uncultivated: massive tufts of long waving grass surrounding stark shrubs.

So much can I remember from when I was a young child: a dark, ghostly, sombre place, giving me nightmares, making my going to bed a fearful undertaking and always a shadow on my thoughts, till my family left that place many years ago.

F.M.S.

Mathematics

O messy mass of tangled signs,
Why must thou show thy wiggly lines?
Pythagoras and Archimede
Both liked the stuff and could succeed.
But why, oh Maths., why try on us
Your angles right and too obtuse?
Oh Algebra! (we mean no chaff)
Why force on us a straight line graph?
And master, too, why persevere,
When well it's known, we'll ne'er get near?
We try so hard and think so much
But cannot deal with logs. and such;
And seeing logs. are hard to learn,
Let's put them in the fire to burn!

C.D.S. (S III A).

Ferret Keeping

FERRET keeping is a very interesting sport. Apart from using ferrets to catch rabbits, they make clean and loving pets if handled properly and gently.

The hutch for the ferrets should be fairly large and have two compartments. One should be darkened for sleeping purposes, and the other should be both light and airy. In this big compartment there should be, if the ferrets are not to be used for rabbiting, a few branches fixed at an angle so that the animals can exercise by climbing on them. The hutch should be about three feet off the ground; if it is built too low the boards will soon rot and weaken. If the hutch has to be kept at ground level there should be a brick at each corner to prevent this rotting and also to keep out the damp, for a damp hutch is very unhealthy for ferrets.

The hutch should be cleaned every two or three days. The ferret always deposits in one certain corner, and the doors should be made so that any point of the interior can be easily reached. The door of the darkened part should be made nine parts of wood and one part of wire netting—the wire at the top of the door. The other door should be made completely of very closely-woven wire mesh.

Clean straw should be put in the hutch every four days, but if straw is unobtainable, oats chaff will be quite suitable. The food is perhaps the most difficult part of ferret keeping. The best food for a tame ferret is the following: bread dipped in a little milk in the morning; a small piece of meat, or part of a hen's or rabbit's intestines, at midday; and bread and milk again at night. The same diet will also do for a hunting ferret.

T.M.C. (J.2A)

The Ghurka

In the Himalayan foothills, where the Brahmaputra flows,
There lived a humble Jemadar, and, so the story goes,
He joined the Ghurka Rifles at the age of twenty-one,
And learnt to wield a bayonet, to drill, and fire a gun.
When war arrived his regiment was posted to the front,
And Rama Chuk to Burma went, the Japanese to hunt.
The Seventh Indian entrenched by surging Sittang's banks;
The men were tense, for on the morrow death would pierce
their ranks.

And Rama Chuk swore that before the tyrant's heel had trod
Those far-off hills, his humble soul would lie beneath the sod.
For liberty was then at stake, and India's sacred name,
And 'twas for India he fought, her glory and her fame;
But when at dawn the bugle called, the order came "Retreat",
And but for men like Rama Chuk, that could have meant
defeat.

They tramped that day the backward path — the road to
Mandalay,

And on that march the Ghurkas fought the rearguard all the
way.

At length the little Nepalese stopped in their homeward flight,
And whilst the rest marched to Imphal, they turned at bay
to fight.

By Ava Bridge there stands a hill, amongst the paddy fields,
And there the onward rushing hordes met gleaming Indian
steel.

And all day long young Chuk's platoon stood firm before the
hail

Of mortar bombs and field gun shells; and in that pleasant
vale,

The din of war disturbed the night, and when arrived dawn's
break,

It showed the havoc it had caused for fell aggression's sake;
But on the top of yonder hill a faithful soul held out,
And tho' the foe had done his best, he still survived the bout;
And on that hill tho' shrapnel torn there hung a tattered flag,
It flew defiant o'er the strife, a faded little rag.

With howls of rage, the yellow men surged onward to the hill;
A horde of mad assassins all a-thirsting for the kill:

But still the dusky warrior with life's last fleeting breath
Stood waiting calmly for the charge — the charge that meant
his death.

But though the foe tore down the flag and showed the corpse
no love

They could not kill his gallant soul — it rose to realms above.

As time wore on, in Assam's hills was stemmed the rushing wave,
And in New Delhi's city fair, the bells toll'd for the brave;
And he that fought and gave his life to save the Indian nation
Was given for his sacrifice a painted decoration.
And soon the world for which he died forgot his deed sublime,
The memory of his bravery was lost in mists of time;
But in the hills by Katmandu, a mother's tears are shed,
For him that was her very all, but now, alas, is dead.

J.M.G.

A Visit to the Niagara Falls

THE hours I passed at the Niagara Falls must rank as some of the happiest I have ever spent. I, like many others, was immediately captivated by the untamed majesty of the two huge falls, and I shall forever remember the plunging cascades and foaming cauldrons of the mighty Niagara.

Rich in history and beauty, and steeped in tradition, the Falls draw thousands of honeymooners, holidaymakers, and sightseers to the picturesque little town nearby, with its tree-lined avenues and flowery embankments.

Thirty thousand years ago the Niagara River flowed down a bank at Swiston, Ontario, seven miles from the present Falls, but since then it has worn a path through the solid rock to reach its present course; truly an indication of the power of that magnificent cascade.

Many years ago the Seneca Indians annually sacrificed their fairest maiden to "Manitou", the spirit of the Falls, by sending her over in a white flower bedecked canoe. The mist-filled "Maid of the Mist" pool is so named after a chieftain who jumped into the pool in a brave but fruitless attempt to save his beautiful daughter from a watery grave. Two little steamers, both called the "Maid of the Mist" — one American, one Canadian — go right to the foot of the Falls several times a day, presenting an awe-inspiring view. I would gladly have sailed on one, but unfortunately, I did not have time.

In 1679 La Salle built Fort Niagara which remains to-day as a monument to the terrible war between the French and the English which raged from 1756-1763. The Fort is one of the oldest buildings still standing in Canada, and the oldest west of the River Hudson.

Only a mile from the Falls there is a cave called the Devil's Hole where a platoon of Englishmen were cruelly massacred by a band of bloodthirsty Indians in 1763.

On the Canadian side there is a monument to General Boock, who died at Queenstown Heights in 1812, and there is also a luxurious hotel named after him. In one of the lounges

there is a visitors book which our present King and Queen signed during their tour of Canada in 1939.

Many men have gone over the Fall in flimsy barrels, for bets or publicity, but few have emerged alive. The greatest feat performed there, however, was when the famous tightrope artiste, Blondin, risked his life in crossing the Falls on a rope. One slip meant certain death to him, but he earned eternal fame by cooking a meal halfway across, while the foaming waters surged beneath.

Nearby there is a famous Indian village called Chippawa. When I visited it I was rather disappointed to find that instead of there being hundreds of gaily painted Indians, I could only see some dirty half-breeds in ill-fitting sports jackets and soiled dungarees. However, although the village did disappoint me rather, I shall never in all my life forget the day I saw the most beautiful falls in the world. J.H.S.

Alpine Scene

ZERMATT is just one of many Alpine villages, a cluster of perhaps two hundred chalets, a centre to which people converge from all over the world: there to climb, to ski, to walk, or merely to relax from their normal toils, basking in the warmth of the sun, and glorying in the vividness of the colouring and the vastness of the snow-capped peaks. There is no road to Zermatt, only a mountain railway which winds up the valley; in and out of tunnels it wanders, playing coquettishly with the nearby stream which cascades downhill, sometimes on one side of the track, sometimes on the other. This absence of a road gives to the village a remoteness which is one of its chief delights.

I suppose that the view of the Matterhorn from Zermatt is one of the finest anywhere in the world. As one peers out early in the morning to sense what the weather has in store for the coming day, the Matterhorn seems to draw the eye inevitably in that direction; it completely dominates the valley below. Its massive shape kindles the imagination. One recalls that this was the last Alpine peak to be climbed. One remembers the many fruitless attempts to reach the top, and one thinks in particular of Whymper's first ascent in 1865, a race against a rival party of Italians on the south side, and of the tragic accident which occurred a bare hour after leaving the summit; an accident in which four of the party of seven lost their lives, falling more than four thousand feet on to the Matterhorn Glacier below. One thinks too of one's friends, guides one has seen the day before chatting in groups in the village street, up there now, cutting steps in the ice, searching for handholds, giving unending words of patient encouragement to their less experienced companions. As one gazes

upwards from the cosy corner of a chalet balcony, one's whole soul is uplifted and a peaceful glow of intense satisfaction crowds in upon one.

D.E.C.



THE MATTERHORN (14,740 ft.) FROM ZERMATT



THE MATTERHORN FROM STELLISEE

Covett's Ride

The stage coach sways from side to side,
The foaming horses forward glide :
The coachman sits with death's still stare ;
The horses rear in wild despair.
Ahead, the cliff shows through the gloom,
As on they gallop to their doom.
The horses leap between the traces
With fear reflected in their faces.
In frantic haste is plied the whip,
As Covett makes his final trip ;
Not knowing that his life would pay
For all its sins that fatal day.
A furtive glance he backward flings,
As to the tossing reins he clings.
The wagon plunges o'er the edge,
And crashes down from ledge to ledge.
The dingo howls on Gumba Hill,
And once again the night is still.

And now in Coonabaradien,
When reign the elements supreme,
Upon the middle of the night ;
They say that Covett sweats in flight,
Doomed to live in Purgatory ;
Doomed to ride eternally.

C.M.T. and J.H.H.

Lochranza

THE sun, shining in a practically cloudless sky, reveals the true blue of the sea ; the peninsula of Kintyre, patched by yellow and green harvest fields, dotted with the whitewashed farmhouses, stands out between sea and sky ; the landscape and seascape combining to form a perfectly harmonious back cloth for the foreground panorama of cultivated land, green vegetation, purple heather, and the beautifully situated Arran village of Lochranza.

To the left of the vantage point of the Torr, a dash of white against the heather and bracken covered hills indicates the glen of Easan Biorach — a mountain burn whose source is far up in the picturesque, grey peaks of Arran, and whose mouth is below us amongst the patchwork fields and green trees of lovely Lochranza. The winding course of the burn can be easily distinguished by the greenery of bushes and trees bordering its banks throughout its visible length.

Immediately below the Torr, the farm of Balarie and the road from Brodick over the Boguille, overlooks the Balarie Burn, a swift-flowing stream rising amongst the heather and rocks of the Arran Hills. The ribbon of road, after passing Balarie, descends to the level of Easan Biorach, crosses the bridge and continues straight on for about a quarter of a mile. On one side is the golf-course, beautifully situated on the level floor of the valley forming Lochranza, traversed by the meandering course of the tree-bound burn, the lighter green circles of the greens easily visible.

On the other side of the white road, groups of whitewashed and sandstone houses lie sheltering beneath the wooded slopes of Meall Mor, surrounded by the everlasting green fields and trees. On the slopes of the hill to the right, patches of trees and yellow harvest fields surround the few houses situated below the bridle path over the hill to the famed Cock of Arran.

The winding course of the burn finally terminates at the encroaching edge of the sea, its surrounds now grass-covered beaches, and seaweed-strewn shores. Beside the mouth of the burn the road passes the hostel, once the large Lochranza Hotel, behind which the red rectangle of the tennis courts is just visible. On the other side of the bay, the scenery is more open: houses are situated along the shore, and a few whitewashed farmhouses stand beside the hill road over to Fairy Dell, but the outlook is that of never ending yellow harvest fields and heather covered slopes.

The most important feature of the landscape, however, is the picturesque thirteenth century castle standing on the promontory dividing the bay into two at low tide. The castle itself was used by Robert The Bruce on his travels, and as a hunting seat by the Lord of Arran. It seems a stroke of fate that this marvellous castle, which was last rebuilt in the seventeenth century, has, with the bombardment of the elements throughout the ages, become a roofless, moss-covered, boulder-strewn ruin, none the less picturesque however, and a splendid reminder of the chivalrous days of the Middle Ages.

In front of this lovely old ruin, in its reflection on the glassy water, little boats bob at anchor: at the extreme end of the bay, the skeleton-like structure of the pier can be seen, acting as a mild breakwater to the rougher seas of the Kilbrannan Sound. On the hill behind, standing back from the road, many large houses, in the customary red stone, add to the atmosphere of the seaside resort, contrasting with the greenery of the hillsides.

The quiescence of the scene is impressive; the beauty of the landscape breathtaking, and the salt breeze rises from the sea to complete the atmosphere. Behind us, the granite

slopes of the Arran mountains and the mountain greenness of the glens constitutes a breathtaking attraction. With a last look behind us, we take with us to our several ways the memory of that hour.

"Nor wilt thou forget,
That after many wanderings, many years
Of absence, these steep woods and lofty cliffs
And this green pastoral landscape, were to me
More dear, both for themselves and for thy sake."

J.D.H.



LOCHRANZA

The Beggar Boy's Paradise

Lo there he sits, or squats, and dreams
Of wondrous things that ne'er can be,
Of palaces and wealth of kings,
That he may never hope to see.

But here 'midst life's tumultuous seas,
Our fragile ship is sorely pressed.
Yet ever in the midst of woe,
There still remains a haven's rest.

It is the famous realm of gold,
Of fantasy and vivid thought.
Imagination is the king,
Nor can his subjects e'er be bought.

It is a land of mists and shades,
Of shadows; shadows vague and faint.
And as he wanders in the glades,
Fancy her wondrous colours paints.

Oh happy land, of trouble free,
To poor and rich a priceless realm.
A place of calms amidst life's sea;
The imp of humour at the helm.

But then he sees a flickering light,
A dirty, gutted, dingy quay.
Full many a dull and austere sight
And old familiarity.

He labours up the cobbled street
With heavy steps and slow,
His tattered clothes and blistered feet
Fell signs of hardship show.

His spark of intellect is smothered
To ignorance he's led,
Nor can his knowledge now be furthered
Lest in his own fair head.

But still he has his own dear land,
Of fantasy and story,
To turn to 'midst life's treacherous sands,
A star of brightest glory.

A coin, a grimy hand, a smile,
Another book he's bought,
He'll treasure all its words and guile,
He's found that which he sought.

And thus his humble library grows,
Unknown to all save him,
His happiness to it he owes,
His fancy's cup abrim.

The one thing which they cannot take,
It always shall remain,
His fairy land of fancies make,
'Midst his sad life of pain.

L.D.M.

The Green Lady

At the stroke of twelve, on a summer's night,
A ghostly figure, inspiring fright,
Glides along in the pale moonlight;
Beware! all those whom she may sight!

The apparition glides along,
Chanting the while a mournful song;
All through the house, she makes her way,
With death to all who hear her lay.

In all the bedrooms, clothed in green,
She leaves no trace where she has been.
Through the library, down the stair;
Try to stop her — who would dare?

Across the lawn and past the trees,
Ne'er a rustle amongst the leaves:
Until she finds a resting-place,
She's doomed to roam with Death's pale face.

S.I.G.

An Alarming Cruise

I WAS staying for the week-end at Roseneath, living on my grandfather's new motor yacht "Jacquemarie", when I experienced the most terrifying minutes of my life.

We were returning from a short cruise round the Kyles of Bute; the sun was shining brightly, and the soft breeze was lulling us into a gentle sleep. My father was at the wheel, having just relieved our hand of his long vigil. We had noticed quite a few yachts zig-zagging upstream, but there was only one other motor yacht in sight, and that at least half a mile astern. Everything seemed calm and serene until we were aroused by a sharpening of the wind. I looked up, and to my amazement, black clouds were flitting across what had been a sunlit sky.

John, the cook, hurried up on deck. "'Scuse me, sir, but the barometer's falling fast".

"What!" said my grandfather, "There's nothing for it but to get below and increase speed before the squall hits us".

Unfortunately, we were too late. The wind was really howling now, and the seas were growing bigger every minute. I could see worried looks appearing on people's faces, but I was not much troubled, fearless in my ignorance of the sea.

The petrol was getting rather low as we had not bargained for any trouble, and visibility was steadily reduced by the blackening skies. We could not see more than ten yards ahead, but we all knew that we were approaching the most dangerous part of the Gareloch — the Rhu Narrows. With the violent motion things were thrown about below. I went down to recover the cutlery which I had just heard crash to the deck, at the same time hearing my father call out "We're almost at the Narrows now". Suddenly, inexplicably, the throbbing of the engines ceased. My heart gave a leap; here we were, caught in half a gale, engines cut, and seemingly no help nearby. We were slowly being driven towards the rocks, and the best we could hope for was to be grounded.

I hurried up on deck as quickly as possible, to help Dad as best I could. He was making ready the launch, prepared to leave the yacht to its fate. Pale-faced, my grandfather watched the proceedings. He had taken great pride in designing the boat, and it would be hard luck if he lost her now. The voice of our cook reached us, giving us fresh hope: "There's a motor yacht just fifty yards to starboard, sir; she's seen us and is closing in". The excitement of the moment had kept my eyes from the shore. Now I could see the dreaded rocks twenty yards to port. It would be touch and go.

A line was flung from the other ship, but fell many yards too short. More seconds passed; this time the line was closer. Now it fell on our rail, and Dad made no mistake. Swiftly he made it fast to the bitts on the starboard bow. We were saved, ten yards from disaster! The line grew taut, and we were hauled off the treacherous rocks. Slowly, very slowly, we crawled through the Narrows, and after half an hour's sailing, we were again securely anchored off Silver's yard at Roseneath.

It was difficult to express our thanks when we went on board our saviour's yacht to thank the owner for such a courageous and prompt action. It turned out that this boat was the one I had seen half a mile behind, just before the storm arose. The people were very kind and considerate, and took no credit for their actions. We departed — firm friends.

Afterwards we discovered that one of the fuel tanks had been pierced by a screw from the engines, loosened by the heaving of the vessel in the storm, and this had caused the stoppage.

Thus was concluded a weekend of excitement, and a reminder that even at the best of times one cannot be too careful.

A.C.I.D.

We Remember

No doubt you remember,
 The fifth of November
 (When we set off the fireworks, you know.)
 When we put a few rockets
 In our house-tutor's pockets
 And Catherine wheels pinned to his toes;
 Then the touch-papers fizzed,
 And the poor master whizzed,
 With many a swoop and a roll;
 And we cheered (at least, then!)
 Crying "Do it again",
 "But the next time affixed to a pole!"

We distinctly remember the fifth of November,
 As we stood padded up in the queue;
 Let your mind be at rest,
 We got six of the best;
 We remember. I think you would too.

R.A.G.

Cricket, 1951

WE began the season with four of last year's colours: J. A. Chalmers, D. S. C. Brown, W. A. McMillan and J. A. Bruce. Our prospects were by no means rosy. The batting was very weak but by the end of the season there was a marked improvement. An encouraging feature was the enthusiasm displayed by the junior eleven.

It must be admitted that the results hardly seem to justify the above remarks, but it is felt that the fruits of much patient coaching will be gathered in future years.

In conclusion, no discussion of Strathallan cricket would be complete without a reference to the annual visit from H. B. Rowan's Empire Eleven, which this year included Alan Rae, the West Indies Test cricketer. After scoring a faultless 56, he was dismissed by K. A. Baird. His exhibition of good batting was an education to all who were fortunate enough to watch.

THE SCHOOL versus MORRISON'S ACADEMY.

Strathallan

I. M. Guthrie, caught Moses, bowled Parkhill	...	5
J. Todd, bowled Somerville	...	0
W. C. Wallace, bowled Somerville	...	0
J. Chalmers, bowled Parkhill	...	36
D. Muir, bowled Wankleis	...	3
D. C. Brown, l.b.w., bowled Moses	...	9

J. A. Bruce, l.b.w., bowled Parkhill	...	...	...	0
W. A. McMillan, l.b.w., bowled Moses	...	...	...	0
D. Murison, caught Parkhill, bowled Moses	2
C. McLay, not out	0
K. Baird, caught and bowled Parkhill	0
Extras	4

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Parkhill 4 for 48; Moses 3 for 12

Morrison's Academy

Cameron, l.b.w., bowled Chalmers	0
Bruce, run out	...	...	...	0
Wankleis, bowled Baird	...	...	...	0
Parkhill, not out	...	...	...	43
Harper, bowled Chalmers	...	...	...	7
Yeates, caught McMillan, bowled Chalmers	...	...	...	4
Moses, not out	...	...	...	15
Extras	...	...	...	0

For 5 wks. 69

Wilkie, Smail, Holms, Somerville, did not bat. Chalmers 3 for 24

THE SCHOOL versus FETTES COLLEGE at Fettes

Strathallan

I. M. Guthrie, caught Lowe, bowled Cumming	...	...	...	4
D. S. C. Brown, l.b.w., bowled Bawman	...	...	...	1
W. C. Wallace, bowled Cumming	...	...	...	2
J. A. Chalmers, caught and bowled Cumming	...	...	...	3
D. I. Muir, bowled Foster	...	...	...	4
J. A. Bruce, bowled Cumming	...	...	...	5
W. A. McMillan, bowled Cumming	...	...	...	0
J. Todd, not out	...	...	...	8
R. Murison, l.b.w., bowled Foster	4
F. C. T. McLay, bowled Foster	0
K. A. Baird, caught and bowled Foster	7
Extras	14

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Cumming 5 for 12; Foster 4 for 12

Fettes

Morrison, caught Wallace, bowled Chalmers	15
Lowe, not out	...	...	...	23
Davidson, caught McLay, bowled Baird	...	...	...	1
Young, run out	...	...	...	8
Cumming, bowled Murison	...	...	...	1
Bawman, not out	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	3

For 4 wks. 55

Young, Ross, Hamilton, Bryce, Foster, did not bat

THE SCHOOL versus GLASGOW ACADEMY at Forgandenny

Strathallan					
I. M. Guthrie, bowled Belch	...	...	...	...	1
D. S. C. Brown, run out	...	...	...	...	3
W. C. Wallace, bowled Belch	...	...	...	...	0
J. A. Chalmers, stumped, bowled Belch	...	...	...	...	1
J. A. Bruce, stumped, bowled Cannon	...	...	...	...	7
D. I. Muir, not out	...	...	...	...	14
J. Todd, l.b.w., bowled Innes	...	...	...	...	10
W. A. McMillan, l.b.w., bowled Cormack	...	...	...	...	1
D. Murison, l.b.w., bowled Cormack	0
K. A. Baird, l.b.w., bowled Belch	0
C. F. T. McLay, bowled Belch	0
Extras	7
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Glasgow Academy					
Innes, bowled Chalmers	14
Cormack, caught and bowled Chalmers	6
Mann, caught McLay, bowled Chalmers	3
McWhirter, not out	5
Prentice, not out	12
Extras	12
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Cannon, Ogilvie, Colquhoun, Belch, Crawford, Isaacs,
did not bat. J. A. Chalmers 3 for 26

THE SCHOOL versus BONTTHRONE'S XI at Forgandenny

Bonthrone's XI					
Peterkin, bowled Chalmers	...	...	...	...	48
McCreath, bowled Chalmers	...	...	...	...	0
Duncan, bowled Brown	2
Brown, caught Baird, bowled Murison	40
Livingstone, not out	17
Extras	2
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Thomson, W. D., Bonthrone, D. H., Wyllie, McFadzen,
Thomson, A. E., Bonthrone, A., did not bat

Strathallan					
D. S. C. Brown, caught Thomson, bowled Livingstone	...	...	...	...	1
D. Muir, bowled Livingstone	...	...	...	...	13
J. Todd, bowled Thomson	...	...	...	...	1
J. A. Chalmers, bowled Livingstone	...	...	...	...	0
A. D. Pottie, caught Wassal, bowled McFadzen	...	...	...	...	22
W. A. McMillan, not out	...	...	...	...	33
W. C. Wallace, caught Thomson, W., bowled Duncan	...	...	...	...	6
J. A. Bruce, l.b.w., bowled McGrath	...	...	...	...	1
D. Murison, bowled Livingstone	...	...	...	...	18

K. A. Baird, l.b.w., bowled Bonthrone	2
C. McLay, not out	4
Extras	6

For 9 wks. 107

Livingstone 4 for 20

THE SCHOOL versus DANIEL STEWART'S at Inverleith

Daniel Stewart's

Mackay, caught McLay, bowled Chalmers	9
Mowatt, bowled Chalmers	10
Taylor, caught McLay, bowled Chalmers	7
White, caught Chalmers, bowled Baird	8
Anderson, not out	13
Will s, caught McLay, bowled Chalmers	1
Macdonald, bowled Chalmers	0
Beveridge, caught and bowled Brown	1
Ramsay, run out	0
Clark, stumped McLay, bowled Brown	2
Marshall, bowled Brown	0
Extras	5

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Brown 3 for 4; Chalmers 5 for 28

Strathallan

D. S. C. Brown, caught White, bowled Beveridge	4
D. Muir, not out	36
J. Todd, run out	4
J. A. Chalmers, not out	12
Extras	9

For 2 wks. 65

A. D. Pottie, W. C. Wallace, W. A. McMillan, J. A. Bruce,
D. Murison, K. A. Baird, C. F. T. McLay, did not bat

THE SCHOOL versus GLENALMOND at Glenalmond

Glenalmond

Cornwall-Jones, caught Todd, bowled Chalmers	39
Campbell, bowled Brown	16
Paton, caught Murison, bowled Chalmers	44
Scott, bowled Brown	2
Mathers, caught and bowled Murison	23
Mundell, bowled Murison	4
Valentine, caught Baird, bowled Murison	0
Turner, bowled Chalmers	3
Black, bowled Chalmers	0
Weir, not out	5
Storey, caught McMillan, bowled Chalmers	5
Extras	5

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J. A. Chalmers 5 for 39

Strathallan

D. S. C. Brown, caught Storey, bowled Mathers	...	2
D. Muir, bowled Paton	...	0
J. Todd, bowled Paton	...	17
A. D. Pottie, caught Cornwall-Jones, bowled Black	...	9
W. A. McMillan, caught Cornwall-Jones, bowled Black	...	3
J. A. Chalmers, caught Cornwall-Jones, bowled Mathers	...	19
W. C. Wallace, caught Cornwall-Jones, bowled Mathers	...	12
D. Murison, caught Mundell, bowled Paton	...	3
D. G. Brown, bowled Paton	...	1
C. F. T. McLay, not out	...	3
K. A. Baird, not out	...	5
Extras	...	5

For 9 wks. 84

Paton 4 for 18; Black 2 for 5

OTHER RESULTS**STRATHALLAN versus HILLHEAD HIGH SCHOOL**

Hillhead High School: 130. (D. S. Savage 44, A. B. Edgar 33.)

Strathallan School: 111 for 8 wks. (D. I. Muir 32, D. S. C. Brown 27. J. Grieve 4 for 14.)

STRATHALLAN versus CRUSTACEAN XI

Strathallan School: 84. (J. A. Chalmers 24, D. Muir 23. J. Hole 7 for 37.)

Crustacean XI: 46 for 3 wks. (J. A. S. Taylor 29.)

STRATHALLAN versus GEORGE HERIOT'S

George Heriot's: 151 for 5 wks. (D. S. Dakers 70, M. E. Kerr 32 not out.)

Strathallan School: 19. (J. Boyd 5 for 4, I. Sinclair 5 for 10.)

STRATHALLAN versus H. B. ROWAN'S XI

H. B. Rowan's XI: 170 for 6 wks. (A. Rae 56, A. Cohen 5 not out.)

Strathallan: 34. (W. Lewis 3 for 2, R. Parkin 2 for 4.)

STRATHALLAN versus OLD STRATHALLIANS

Strathallan: 52. (J. A. Chalmers 20. E. Somerville 7 for 11.)

Old Strathallians: 58 for no wks. (W. Law 31 not out, J. Smith 26 not out.)

STRATHALLAN versus R. P. THOMAS' XI

R. P. Thomas' XI: 87. (S. C. Benham 27. J. A. Chalmers 5 for 34.)

Strathallan: 83. (J. Todd 24. R. Pearce 4 for 16.)

STRATHALLAN versus THE STAFF

Strathallan: 118. (W. C. Wallace 29. W. N. S. Hoare 2 for 5, M. S. Maxwell 3 for 15.)

The Staff: 93 for 7 wks. (J. R. Burn 34. D. Murison 2 for 2.)

STRATHALLAN versus GROVE ACADEMY F.P.

Strathallan: 83. (D. Murison 22 not out, A. D. Pottie 31. W. S. Smith 5 for 24.)

Grove Academy F.P.: 85 for 3 wks. (J. R. McNab 33.)



BACK ROW: W. C. Wallace, A. D. Pottie, J. Todd, J. A. Bruce, C. F. T. McLay, R. M. D. Murison, K. A. Baird.
FRONT ROW: W. A. McMillan, D. S. C. Brown, J. A. Chalmers (Captain), D. I. Muir.

STRATHALLAN versus PERTSHIRE

Perthshire: 199 for 7 wkts. (P. S. Morris 64, Glen 44.)

Strathallan: 98 for 7 wkts. (Muir 13.)

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Top score	Aggregate	Times not out	Average
D. I. Muir	15	36	185	2	14.23
A. D. Pottie	7	22	74	1	12.33
J. Chalmers	15	36	149	1	10.5

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
J. Chalmers	183.5	20	496	36	13.78
D. S. C. Brown	77.3	15	248	18	13.78

OTHER TEAMS

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
2nd XI	7	2	4	1
3rd XI	5	0	5	0
Junior XI	2	1	1	0

HOUSE MATCHES, 1951

SIMPSON beat Nicol, Ruthven and Freeland.

NICOL beat Ruthven and Freeland.

FREELAND beat Ruthven.

Result: 1st, Simpson; 2nd, Nicol; 3rd, Freeland.

Tennis

THE fortunes of the school tennis team varied somewhat last season. The team was soundly trounced by the Old Boys, who were by far the superior side, and who well deserved their win of six sets to nil. Some consolation may be gained, however, from the fact that the majority of the real school tennis team, being also members of the 1st XI, were playing an arduous game of cricket against the Old Boys. It is to be hoped that on future occasions the fixture may be played on a separate date, thus avoiding the clash between cricket and tennis.

School had a happier tale to tell when they defeated the masters as decisively as the Old Boys had defeated them. Unfortunately, however, the masters were also under a severe handicap, several of their players being unable to attend, and it must be said that they struggled manfully against it.

Now, we come to House Tennis, and in this sphere Nicol House reigned supreme, remaining undefeated in every set. Simpson came second and Ruthven third.

It now only remains to record the tennis champions for the year. The senior tennis champion was L. D. Marshall, the runner-up being D. S. C. Brown; and the junior championship was won by R. Dagg, the runner-up being R. Lawrie.

It is to be hoped that by next season the tennis courts will be improved, but as yet nothing definite has been done.

L.D.M.

Swimming

SWIMMING once again received its usual support from all sections of the school, especially when by the addition of a very simple device the heating of the school swimming bath was immeasurably improved. The early morning dip at 7 a.m. proved extremely popular.

J. McKee was elected Captain of Swimming, with F. M. Allardice as Vice-Captain.

The outbreak of glandular fever in July prevented the holding of the usual Inter-House Swimming Competition and the examination of the candidates for the Royal Life Saving Society Examinations. The latter event has now replaced the test for the school swimming badge, and those who were intending to take it had worked very hard throughout the summer term. However, those who returned in September were able to sit (or should it be swim?) the examination with complete success, as shown by the following results:

Name	Royal Life Saving Society Exam. Entered for		Result
Allardice, F. M.	Bronze Medal and Intermediate Certificate.		Passed
MacIntyre, I. G.	Passed
Upsdale, N.	Passed
Padkin, J. F.	Passed
Barclay, A. A.	Passed
Durie, J. W.	Passed
Little, R. S.	Passed
Philip, R. G.	Passed
Leishman, R. B.	Passed
MacMillan, H. A.	Passed
Taylor, I. W. G.	Passed

Royal Life Saving Society Exam.		
Name	Entered for	Result
Stuart, H. L.	Intermediate Certificate only.	Passed
Levick, H. R.	..	Passed
Arneil, A. A.	..	Passed
Ross, R. C.	..	Passed
Dinsmore, H.	..	Passed
MacFarlane, R. S.	..	Passed

Sports Results

SENIOR

- Mile: 1, J. A. Chalmers (N) ; 2, R. S. Chalmers (N) ; 3, N. V. Upsdale (F). 4 mins., 55.8 secs.
 880 yds.: 1, J. A. Chalmers (N) ; 2, N. V. Upsdale (F) ; 3, W. C. Wallace (N). 2 mins., 9.9 secs.
 440 yds.: 1, J. A. Chalmers (N) ; 2, J. McKee (N) ; 3, N. V. Upsdale (F). 55.6 secs.
 220 yds.: 1, J. A. Bruce (R) ; 2, I. F. B. Stewart (F) ; 3, J. Todd (S). 24.2 secs.
 100 yds.: 1, J. A. Bruce (R) ; 2, I. F. B. Stewart (F) ; 3, J. Todd (S). 11 secs.
 High Jump: 1, W. C. Wallace (N) ; 2, J. Todd (S) ; 3, J. McKee (N). 5 ft., 2½ ins.
 Long Jump: 1, W. C. Wallace (N) ; 2, W. A. McMillan (S) ; 3, J. A. Chalmers (N). 17 ft., 5 ins.

MIDDLE

- 880 yds.: 1, J. Beveridge (F) ; 2, J. A. D. McIntyre (S) ; 3, F. M. Allardice (F). 2 mins., 21.4 secs.
 440 yds.: 1, M. J. B. Duncan (R) ; 2, R. S. Little (N) ; 3, J. Beveridge (F). 1 minute.
 220 yds.: 1, M. J. B. Duncan (R) ; 2, D. Cullen (S) ; 3, D. G. Brown (S). 25.8 secs.
 100 yds.: 1, M. J. B. Duncan (R) ; 2, R. B. Leishman (F) ; 3, D. Cullen (S). 10.7 secs.
 High Jump: 1, D. S. C. Brown (S) ; 2, R. B. Leishman (F) ; 3, M. J. B. Duncan (R). 4 ft., 10½ ins.
 Long Jump: 1, A. M. Farquharson (F) ; 2, M. J. B. Duncan (R) ; 3, D. S. C. Brown (S). 17 ft., 2½ ins.

JUNIOR

- 440 yds.: 1, M. D. Dawson (F) ; 2, W. Brown (F) ; 3, H. L. Stuart (F). 1 min., 3.6 secs.
 220 yds.: 1, W. Brown (F) ; 2, H. L. Stuart (F) ; 3, M. D. Dawson (F). 26 secs.
 100 yds.: 1, W. Brown (F) ; 2, J. D. Hood (S) ; 3, M. D. Dawson (F). 11.4 secs.
 High Jump: 1, D. M. Stuart (F) ; 2, J. D. Hood (S) ; 3, R. T. Lawrie (S). 4 ft., 5 ins.
 Long Jump: 1, W. Brown (F) ; 2, M. D. Dawson (F) ; 3, J. D. Hood (S). 15ft., 10 ins.

House Relay Race: 1, Nicol; 2, Ruthven; 3, Simpson
 (220 yds., 2×100 yds., 440 yds.: 1 min., 47.4 secs.)

FLAG POINTS, 1950-51

	Freeland	Nicol	Ruthven	Simpson
Rugger	5	15	10	0
Cricket	5	10	0	15
Sports	10	15	0	5
Tennis	0	10	4	6
Fives	3	5	2	0
Cross-Country	2	5	0	3
Swimming	unawarded owing to pond being closed			
	25	60	16	20

1—NICOL; 2—SIMPSON; 3—FREELAND; 4—RUTHVEN.

President of the Strathallian Club 1950 - 51



Robert Dunlop Linton

LAST year's Vice-President, Mr. R. S. Johnston, was unfortunately not able to accept office as President of the Strathallian Club owing to ill health. Robert Dunlop Linton, therefore, became our President without having served his year as Vice-President, but this honour was fully deserved. At well nigh every function held by the Club since he left school in 1931 he has been present.

His interest in our work has been continuous, and as a Member of the Council, to which he was elected in 1936, and as a trustee of the Club's funds, he has always been intimately connected with the running of the Club. Mr. Linton is also a trustee of the Scholarship Fund, and was in fact the Chairman during the period when the ground work, which was necessary to make the Trust function, was at its most complicated stage.

As Prefect, member of First Fifteen, and Captain of the School Second Cricket Eleven, Mr. Linton's influence was

widely felt during his school life. Yet, for his contemporaries, it is probable that his prowess in the swimming pool will spring to mind at once when his athletic achievements are considered. For he was not only a member of the school swimming team, but he also became a leading figure in the Old Boys' water polo and swimming teams.

During the war his previous experience as a territorial stood him in good stead, and his rise from the rank of Captain to that of Lieut.-Colonel was no less than one would expect. Although length of service is primarily the grounds for the granting of the T.D., which he received, it was clearly merit and the appreciation of the brilliant work put in by him in the Army School of Aircraft Recognition which brought him the M.B.E.

Mr. Linton, married and with three children, has continuously shown, since the war, the same wide interest and power of organisation which we have all known he possessed. This is made clear by his appointment as Chairman of the Glasgow Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1951. We take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Linton on a very successful year of office, and we trust that his services will be available to the Club for many years to come.

Old Boys' Notes

As is too common, your Editorial Board are expected to be diviners of news. From all the Old Strathallians in this country only nine have forwarded information for this section of the magazine. Congratulations are due, on the other hand, to our correspondent at St. Andrew's University, who has faithfully contributed his article, which we hope will bring blushes to the faces of our other University scribes, whose efforts have not reached us when we "go to press".

The Club's winter activities are now in full swing; the service in memory of the late Mr. Riley, and the rugger match which followed, were well attended. The Annual General Meeting of the Club, and the dinner in Perth, are close upon us; arrangements for the dance, which will once again be held in Glasgow, are well in hand. The turnout when the dinner was last held in Perth was a record. We are hoping to see even larger numbers this time. As this will be the first Old Strathallian dinner attended by Mr. Hoare, and as the guest of honour will be Col. A. Gomme Duncan, M.C., the Member of Parliament for Perth, we have every reason to believe we will be well supported.

John Balfour writes from the Argentine to say that a new club has been formed for Argentine subjects who studied in

Great Britain, and that he is now a member. R. F. Botting is also a member and he presumes it to be the Old Strathallian who left school and went out to the Argentine some years ahead of him. Although not in direct touch, he hears news of Charles Lacey and the Dochertys.

Douglas Gardiner has recently been appointed works manager of Glenfield & Kennedy, Ltd., Kilmarnock; and Alex. Frazer of Kirkcaldy, who was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Fife in February, writes to say his brother, Harry, has just returned to Assam after six months' leave. Harry's new address is Sangusa, T. E. Gatoonga P.O., Assam.

Douglas M. Hastings of Ayr is now a Surgeon-Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R., and he tells us that Flying Officer J. C. Patterson of the R.A.F. Medical Branch is now married.

We offer congratulations to R. S. Johnston whose appointment as Extra Advocate-Depute at the Glasgow circuit has just been announced by the Lord Advocate.

BIRTHS

BALFOUR.—On 20th June, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. John Brown Balfour, of "El Reeverso", Bonifacio F.C.N.G.R. Prov. De Buenos Aires, a daughter.

GJERTISEN.—At Alexandria Maternity Home, Devonport, on 20th May, 1951, to Surgeon-Lieutenant-Commander (D) and Mrs. R. R. B. Gjertisen, a daughter.

MARTIN.—To Mr. and Mrs. David A. S. Martin, 142 Glasgow Road, Perth, on 7th March, 1951, a daughter.

SCOTT.—On 12th August, 1951, to Dr. and Mrs. L. Stuart Scott, of 166 Eastwoodmains Road, Clarkston, Glasgow, a daughter.

SMITH.—At Rowallan, Kilmacolin, on 17th September, 1951, to Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton Smith, a son.

MARRIAGE

MOLISON—STAPPARD. — At Wylam-on-Wye, Northumberland, on 16th July, 1951, J. D. Molison, 6 Roxburgh Terrace, Dundee, to Marguerite (Rita) Stappard.

DEATH

PARK.—James Lyster Park (1921-26), on 5th July, 1951, after a short illness.

ST. ANDREW'S UNIVERSITY

We have the pleasure of welcoming two "bejants" to our 'Varsity this session—David Nicoll and Ian J. S. Russell. The former recently graduated M.A. at Aberdeen, and is now studying law; he is therefore technically speaking not a "be-jant". (Our sincere apologies.) Ian Russell has just come up from school and is studying medicine. Both are in the Dundee College.

Strathallians are fairly well distributed throughout the Medical Faculty. Lawrence Barclay has passed successfully

into the second year; and Ian Aitkenhead (third year) participates in University swimming activities and is a member of the team. Also in third year, Norman Mitchell has this season been appointed captain of the highly successful United Colleges Rugger XV. Another "Old Salt" who finds his enthusiasm for chasing that oval ball undaunted is John Anderson, now in final year.

Gordon Lowden, despite commitments in a city office, is often seen about University College, Dundee, where he attends classes in connection with his law course. He finds time, we understand, not only to play in representative rugby, but also to be engaged — on both of which we offer our hearty congratulations.

Ian D. Stuart is another potential lawyer; currently he is "working with ferocity", as he intends completing his course in December. In the Science Faculty, Archie Wallace is doing well and now enters his final year. His charming wife and he enjoy life in the "Old Grey City" very much. Raymond Philip is a sort of half member of this faculty as he is following out a combined M.A., B.Sc. course. His superiority in the General Economics class was acknowledged last term when he was awarded the medal for the best student of the year.

A full-time member of the Arts Faculty is Ian Birss, who is a keen golfer, and if not to be found in his "bunk" is certain to be battling round the "Old" against that biting east wind.

Our only representative in the Dental School is Douglas Boyd, who is now in his third year.

We said "Vale" to David Scott Anderson last term, who capped a successful stay at St. Andrews by adding Honours in Psychology and Economics to his Master of Arts degree.

Nearby, at the Technical College in Dundee, are Harold Nicoll, studying Electrical Engineering, and "Chic" Allardyce, who recently commenced a course in pharmacy. We understand that his twin brother, John, is to be resident in London for a number of months on business.

The School of Economics and Commerce does not go unattended by Strathallians, for Bert Gibson was awarded his Diploma there last session, and is now absent on National Service.

The senior Strathallian at our University, Dr. J. M. Dunbar, a lecturer in the Bacteriology Department, had a signal honour conferred on him at the June graduation ceremony when he was capped M.D. and also awarded the Rutherford Gold Medal for his thesis.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY

Our representation in Edinburgh has not seen any increase in numbers this year, with the notable exception of Douglas Bell, who, after seven years' service in the Black Watch and Paratroopers in India and the Middle East, is now studying at the Agricultural College.

The Medical Faculty has two Old Strathallians, both in second year. Euan Spink is running a very fine motor bicycle, presumably on the proceeds of his pay and bounty as a member of the University Air Squadron. He can be seen performing at Turnhouse at the weekends. We are sorry to hear that his colleague, Alastair Wighton, is in hospital and we all hope that he will soon be out and about again.

Alan Baxter is studying Mechanical Engineering, second year, at Heriot-Watt College and playing in the 1st XV.

Neil Patterson is in final year B.Sc. Forestry. He is now once more allowed to attend the Old Strathallians' monthly lunches, his jacket having toned down with the passing of time.

David Shannon, third year Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, is still hoping to be joined by some aspiring vets. from Strath. Apparently Glasgow is the popular college for Strathallians. He thinks this is incomprehensible since the "Dick" beat Glasgow at rugger this term, even with Bobby Hill refereeing.

Ian Turnbull, second year B.Sc. Agriculture, and David Hunter, final year Law, are both residents in Cowan House and were active supporters of John Cameron, K.C., at the recent Rectorial Elections. David started the rugby season well this year but has been off the past few weeks due to cracked ribs. This injury is not, apparently, due to rugger, but is something to do with the stairs in the Union.

C.A. apprentices in Edinburgh taking classes at the University are, Stuart Wyllie, Mercantile Law; Jack Shaw, Scots Law; and Ian Crichton. "Crich." plays rugger for Kenmore, and has as clubmate "Zin" Whamond.

SALVETE

Adams, A. R. M.; Adams, C. D. A.; Adamson, D. R.; Anderson, G. J.; Bathgate, R. M.; Bayne, S. M.; Baxter, G. C.; Beattie, A. W.; Benz, G. M. C.; Brown, H. R.; Burns, G. A.; Cleland, A. E.; Clement, D. A.; Crosby, N. E. H.; Duncan, J. M.; Durie, A. J.; Fraser, S. A. M.; Gill, P. D.; Gillespie, I. A. W.; Houston, R. D.; Irons, M. D.; Jamieson, M. S.; Kenneth, J. C.; Kerr, R. I. McK.; Law, D. B.; Maguire, N. F.; Marnoch, I. A.; Marshall, J. B. M.; Miller, C. B.; Miller, H. G.; Mitchell, I. C.; Morgenthaler, M. J.; MacDougall, I. J.;

MacGregor, J. M. ; Mackenzie, I. B. ; Macleod, N. A. T. ; MacRae, C. I. R. ; MacRae, G. M. R. ; Northam, D. R. ; Paterson, R. W. W. ; Philip, R. J. M. ; Pottinger, W. S. T. ; Prophet, W. T. D. ; Ritchie, A. D. ; Robertson, A. I. ; Robertson, T. P. S. ; Sinclair, D. McG. ; Smith, D. H. ; Solley, S. H. ; Stroud, G. E. ; Swan, J. M. ; Taylor, J. ; Taylor, J. E. B. ; Turnbull, P. J. ; Walker, J. C. ; Walker, R. G. F. ; Wood, I. McA. ; Yule, C. B.

VALETE

Brown, D. S. C. ; Bruce, J. A. ; Brackenridge, J. G. ; Campbell, A. I. G. ; Cameron, E. ; Chalmers, J. A. ; Chalmers, R. S. ; Docherty, M. ; Duncan, M. J. B. ; Durie, A. C. ; Farquharson, A. M. ; Fitzpatrick, H. I. B. ; Henderson, J. M. ; Holden, G. R. ; Leishman, J. M. ; Maguire, J. M. ; McCombs, W. G. ; McKee, J. ; Milne, N. M. ; Morgenthaler, P. T. ; Muir, D. I. ; Murison, R. M. D. ; Paterson, J. W. ; Paul, A. J. M. ; Ross, R. F. ; Rossie, D. C. ; Russell, I. J. S. ; Spray, D. ; Stewart, H. T. ; Stott, J. G. ; Thomson, J. G. ; Todd, J. ; Wallace, W. C. ; Williams, K. B.