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Editorial

PAST editorials have been almost exclusively devoted either to extolling the beauties of Nature or to commenting on some particular aspect of life at Strathallan; now perhaps the time has come when the past few years may be profitably reviewed, and the progress which has been made considered in relation to the whole school.

Expansion is the keyword for any such consideration, for material improvements abound. In the past five years the Study Block, improvements to the Swimming Pool and the Servery, the introduction of space-saving bunks, new laboratories, a new Corps Hut, and now extensions to the Study Block and the Stripping Rooms — all these innovations have been effected in what is, let us admit, an astonishingly short period of time.

Nor has this expansion been confined to actual buildings; new societies have been founded, the latest of which is a thriving Young Farmer's Club, and others have gained new life and a corresponding increase in membership. What were formerly very minor sports have increased greatly in importance over the past few years; shooting, tennis, hockey, cross-country running and golf; all these are attracting far more interest, and are contested far more keenly.

And if it be feared from this brief résumé that work is being neglected, the results of past G.C.E. examinations refute any such charge.

Finally, we look forward to having a new Chapel and Assembly Hall once the final plans have been approved.

School Notes and Notices

WE congratulate Mr. Young on his marriage. We welcome Nurse Brownlie and Miss Carson, and we wish Miss Hobkirk, who left last term, every success in her new job.

A few rabbits have appeared once more in the Scout Wood, in defiance of myxomatosis and the growing number of masters who possess firearms.

As the bridge is still unsafe a path and bridge through the valley has been constructed by various boys, under the direction of Milne and S. R. Roselle.

The tree which fell beside the Main Drive, between the Green Lady's Well and the Bridge, was successfully blown up on the day of the Annual General Inspection and scattered bits of wood over a dangerously wide area.

Week-end tuition in golf has started for a keen if small group of learners.

The "long week-end" has now become a permanent fixture for the Winter and Spring terms.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE STRATHALLIAN

Sir,—How many of us really read "The Strathallian"? If we answer the question honestly, very few. And if we ask ourselves why, we come to the rather shattering conclusion that it is because the magazine is simply not readable. Oh admittedly, there are fine glossy pages covered with handsome black print, and a large number of different articles, but is the matter interesting, and are the articles really articles? The answer, I am afraid, must be no.

The sad fact is that the "Strathallian" is little more than a volume of "official history", with the "articles" forming the paragraphs within it. Indeed it is less than a history, for there are no connecting threads between the paragraphs; the major part of it might just as well be set out in tabulated form, a device, incidentally, which would considerably reduce the cost of printing. It is true that on occasion one does find genuine articles or odd splashes of poetry between its covers, but these are infrequent, and becoming more so. For the most part it is a cold, impersonal, even opinionless history, completely lacking in vitality.

Yet it would take little effort for every boy in the school who has any writing ability — and most of us have some if we take the trouble to use it — to write an article or poem, however short, whatever its subject, (and by an article I mean a real article, not just a little club history), and submit it for publication.

With this mass of material instead of the usual two or three articles and odd poem, the editors would be able to make

this magazine a true mirror of school activities and opinion, and thus fulfil its function as the magazine of Strathallan.

I am, Yours faithfully, Strategicus II.

The primary function of any School Magazine is that it should be an official history and now that the range of school activities has become so much wider it is inevitable that more space should be taken up with activities. These too are generally of more interest to the reader and to the parent for that matter than literary effusions unless they are of first class quality.

Editor.

DEBATING AND DRAMATICS

Sir. — I wonder how many boys have been struck by the fact that in the past five years they have not seen a single straight play performed at Strathallan. I wonder too, how many boys appreciate that in the past two years the Debating Society has become virtually extinct, and that there are few people below the level of the Vth form who even know what a debate looks like.

Certainly the majority of the boys do not seem to have thought these facts at all disconcerting, and one is tempted to suggest that they have not thought at all. But over many a breakfast table eyebrows have been raised at the invitation to yet another of the school's musical activities, and dare I suggest that a rather pained voice has said enquiringly, "I wonder if they will ever do a play?" The eyebrows may well have been raised, for it is strange indeed that such a state of affairs as those mentioned above should exist in a school the size of Strathallan, and even stranger that they should be allowed to continue.

It would be wrong to say that nothing is being done to alter this rather appalling situation. As far as debating goes all efforts have proved abortive. Various attempts were made last year to find speakers on any subject which they fancied, but at no time could four speakers be mustered. The result was that this year no one could be found to attempt to find speakers.

Dramatics have met with a little more success, although "dramatic" is perhaps too noble a word for the rather light hearted way in which those concerned approached their productions.

It was decided last year that the VIth form should do a play on their own after the Advanced Level exams were over, and they did manage to amuse themselves and the school with a rather make-shift production of "Androcles and the Lion." On the success of this venture it was decided to continue it in future years.

This was definitely a step in the right direction, but it is not enough. It means that boys will have only one chance in their school career to appear on the stage; consequently the standard of productions must be low through lack of experience, and the choice of plays, since there is only a small group of boys from which to pick a cast, very limited. Thus as a scheme for occupying the VIth form after exams, the plan is admirable, but it is too limited.

Seeing this to be so, a small group consisting mainly of VIth formers performed two one act plays last term, and met with limited success. They did prove, however, that they could stage a production more or less on their own, using their own free time, and more important, they gave themselves experience in both acting, and the running of a show, which they hope will raise the standard of VIth form plays of the future.

A few people still remain at school who know what it is to speak in public, and they are making an effort to overcome this apathy of the school towards this most important part of their "wider" education. Most of them will leave at the end of this year, and those who remain will have an overwhelming task. Let us hope, very sincerely, that they will continue the struggle, for should they fail to do so, a vital part of school life and training will disappear from Strathallan.

I am,

Yours faithfully,
"Viking"

With reference to the comments made in the above letter concerning "straight" plays, it must be pointed out that the function of a school in this field is to employ as many people as possible, and during the last eight years we have performed *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *The Mikado*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Trial by Jury* and also a French play. We have this tradition of doing a Gilbert and Sullivan every two years and it is thus only possible to perform a straight play once in two years, this being a difficult undertaking because of the pressure of exams and the fact that a play employs a few people to a great extent — it is interesting to note that the total cast for the two plays performed last term was only nine.

As for the debating Society, it is indeed desirable that this should be started once more, but where, oh where, are the members to come from?

Lastly, we wish to express our thanks to the writers of these letters; anyone else who may think of some interesting point concerning the magazine or the school, do please write to the Editors.

Speech Day 1958

AFTER reviewing the past year the Headmaster said:

"Last year, if you remember, I told you that it was the intention of the Governors to raise the numbers by this coming September to 260 in the Senior School and 55 in the Junior School. The numbers are now over 300 and by September the extra accommodation will be ready and we can fit in our full quota. This number of 315 is the maximum we wish to attain. During the past seven years there has been a good deal of improvisation and change with their attendant discomforts and I must thank not only you parents for your patience, but also my staff and prefects who have borne the brunt of adapting themselves quickly to every new situation. In order to have the school running smoothly in future and to ensure that we can carry out the stated programme unhampered by constant change, a tremendous building programme has been carried through this year.

With the generous help of the Industrial Fund we have completed our new Laboratories which have been in full use since January. They are on display this afternoon and I hope you will visit them. The Biology Laboratory although in working order will not be fully completed until next September.

The changing rooms are being enlarged and the space and comfort of these new quarters when they are finished will really entitle visiting old boys to tell us how soft the modern generation is and how much tougher they were in their day.

Up to now our Houses of 60 have had studies for about 20 senior boys and a junior Common room or Prep room. Now an additional Middle School Common room is being added to each House as well as a new study and each House will have a separate entrance. This will not only save congestion in the main entrance to this building, but will make a much more reasonable place to live in for those middle aged gentlemen who have not yet reached the dignity of a study but are really too senior for the junior common room. Although it will be possible for you to see much of this programme this afternoon it will not be completed until September.

The expenditure on these items, as you can imagine, has been very heavy, but the Governors have felt that it was most important to put the living conditions and accommodation of the boys in good order so that the school can function in a healthy way. Unfortunately in the course of these changes we have had to sacrifice our old Chapel which has become far too small for our needs and will now be used as a Music room. It is my very earnest desire that we should build a Chapel to replace it and a Chapel worthy of our School.

Clearly our duty here is to turn out a well balanced product and develop every potential a boy may have whether it be scholastic, artistic or physical. In the eagerness, however, to give every activity full play, sight must not be lost of the need for spiritual development. We have our Services now as a school in the Gymnasium and by Houses in the Common rooms and although they do not lack in dignity it is essential to have in the midst of the hurly burly of School life a Chapel at its centre — a sanctuary for worship and meditation and a place of quiet and serenity.

Since I spoke to you about this last year a good deal of spade work has been done. The actual appeal is in print and should be out any day now and in it you will be given some idea, but not necessarily the final plan of the Chapel and additional buildings.

It would be very pleasant to feel that a Chapel, so essential a part of the daily life in the School, could be built by a joint effort and nothing could enhance the love of a Chapel more than if it were built by the contributions of parents, boys and old boys."

The Chairman of the Governors then introduced Mr. D. Crichton-Miller, headmaster of Fettes College, Edinburgh, who, when he had presented the prizes, gave some advice to both parents and senior pupils.

Parents, he said, sent their children to a public school because they felt that they would derive more benefit from being under supervision for sixteen hours a day than for six hours a day, as was the case at a day school; they thought that if boys were to be kept together then there must be a higher standard of discipline.

Many parents sent their children to a public school worrying whether the other boys would be a good influence on "their Johnny". But what they should consider was whether or not "their Johnny" would be a good influence on the other children. Boys entering a school such as Strathallan had to have the manners and morals of Christian gentlemen.

It was essential that boys learned from each other; thus it was vitally important that children should come from a home with the right background.

For the senior pupils Mr. Crichton-Miller had this advice. During this period of expansion at Strathallan, the headmaster was going to depend very largely on the leaders of the school, for their behaviour and the standards they set were going to mould public opinion within the school. "Senior boys," he concluded, "carry immense influence in any public school. Small boys are forced to obey them, and voluntarily copy them."



New VI form Chemistry Laboratories

School Prize Winners, 1958

The Smith Cup for the Captain of the School.....W. P. Kilpatrick

The Houston Prize for General MeritR. J. Kinvig and A. B. Pirrie

English	M. S. Jamieson and N. W. H. Macleod
Latin	M. B. Shiels
French	N. W. H. Macleod and K. Wingate
History	M. B. Shiels
Geography	Not awarded
Mathematics	I. C. Hutton and J. R. Peters
Physics	R. I. M. Kerr
Chemistry	J. R. Peters
Biology	J. N. Fleming
Music	J. M. Tennant
Art	J. I. McMillan and F. W. M. Priest

Chapel Notes

THE following preached at Sunday Services during the Winter Term.

22nd Sept., the Headmaster; 29th Sept., Rev. Derrick-Large; 13th Oct., Mr. Woodhead; 20th Oct., Rev. A. Cameron; 17th Nov., the Headmaster; 24th Nov., the School visited Forgan-denny Church; 8th Dec., Mr. Spurgin.

The following preached at Sunday Services during the Spring term.

19th Jan., Rev. A. Cameron; 26th Jan., Mr. D. Silver; 2nd Feb., Rev. Dr. Stewart Thomson; 9th Feb., Mr. K. V. Birks; 23rd Feb., School visited Forgandenny Church; 2nd Mar., Mr. Burnet; 9th Mar., Mr. Hewson; 16th Mar., the Headmaster; 23rd Mar., Rev. J. Mackie.

Anthems sung by the choir since the last issue have been:

"Nunc dimittis" (Stamford); Rejoice in the Lord (Purcell); Lead me Lord (Wesley); Laudate Nomen Domini (Tye); Jesu Lamb of God Redeemer (Mozart); Let the bright Seraphim (Handel); Let their Celestial Voices all unite (Handel); The Strife is o'er (Vulpus arr. Ley).

Among the carols which were sung at the Carol Service on Sunday 15th December were "Earth to-day rejoices"; "Ding, dong! Merrily on high"; "As Joseph was a-walking"; "A virgin most pure"; "O little one sweet" and "O little town of Bethlehem."

Music Notes

As the number of boys in the school increases so do the number of boys learning musical instruments; but out of the seventy-six boys learning instruments this term only ten are learning stringed instruments. The foundation of an orchestra is its strings and our orchestra, at present, has too few strings in comparison to its wind instruments. We would therefore like to see more boys starting to learn the violin and 'cello — especially junior boys — with a view to increasing the size of the string section of the orchestra.

The orchestra contributed largely to the informal concert held at the end of the Winter term by playing several pieces and by accompanying the Christmas Carols which were sung by the audience. It accompanied the choir in the performance of "Samson" given by the choir at the end of last term and has played at two Chapel Services in the Gymnasium, accompanying the hymns and the two anthems "Rejoice in the Lord" and "Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer." At the time of writing it is just getting ready for the Speech Day concert in the City Hall and it will probably accompany another Chapel Service before the end of term.

There have been two recitals at the school. The first, given by Roy Hickman (Baritone) suffered to a certain extent through having to be postponed, for Roy Hickman arrived half an hour after the time at which his recital was due to finish due to the disorganisation of British Railways by snow. Vera Henderson gave a piano recital in which she displayed a finger dexterity such as many boys had never before witnessed.

Visits to concerts have been fewer this season due to bad weather and epidemics. However, many boys heard an impressive concert given by the Scottish National Orchestra and an unrehearsed piano recital by the Japanese pianist, Yoko Komo, given to replace a Perth Symphony Orchestra Concert cancelled due to bad weather conditions. A party of boys saw a first-class performance of the "Marriage of Figaro" given by the Sadlers Wells Opera in Dundee this term.

House Music Competitions are being held for the first time this term and house choirs and orchestras have already sprung into existence and have been heard rehearsing.

The following boys have passed Associated Board Music Exams.

- I. C. Hutton; Flute (Grade V) with merit.
- A. B. Pirrie; Clarinet (Grade V).
- J. M. Tennant; Trumpet (Grade V).
- J. M. O. Lang; Oboe (Grade IV).
- J. A. Bremner; Clarinet (Grade III).

Dramatic and Operatic Society

Samson

THE Middle Church in Perth and the school gymnasium are very different both in atmosphere and acoustic properties. The two performances of Handel's oratorio "Samson" by the school choir, with soloists, some amateur and some professional, at the end of the Easter term reflected these differences. In the Church the voices were more mellow, but the final performance in the gymnasium, which was accompanied by an augmented school orchestra was a boisterous and more exuberant affair. The success of both performances was a fitting reward for the hard work which had been put in during the winter; at first many members of the choir found the practices somewhat heavy going but in the end they came to appreciate the work and enjoyed singing in it. Although all the soloists were much enjoyed it was a particular pleasure to hear a boy, N. L. Heron, sing the solo soprano part so confidently.

A.M.A.

A BLANK CARTRIDGE AND THE VALIANT.

Two one act plays were performed before the school at the end of the Easter Term by a group of boys under the direction of R. J. Kinvig. The producers were somewhat limited in their choice of both players and cast, but with much enthusiasm and hard work by all concerned an amusing evening's entertainment resulted. The technical side of the production deserves a special mention, particularly the scenery and lighting. It is hoped that in future there will be further opportunities of this kind, particularly for boys who are interested in dramatics but who have no musical talent.

Lectures and Entertainments

LAST November Mr. John Jackson came to talk about the successful British ascent of Kangchenjunga in 1955. His slides gave a good idea of the hardships to be endured on this sort of climb. That particular night was wild, but perhaps we should not have been surprised to learn that he was camping out.

Mr. Eric Shipton lectured in March on the exploration of the Karakoram range, a remote part of Kashmir. He showed slides of its flora the colours of which were quite magnificent. His most striking slide was taken looking upwards from the inside of a crevasse, showing the hole through which a member of the expedition had fallen. Later he met a group of boys in the library and discussed opportunities for travel and exploration today.

Two of the films shown in the Spring term, "The Student Prince" and "Genevieve", both of which must have been seen before by many of school, appear to have been enjoyed. The other film, "Love Me or Leave Me", seen only by the seniors on the last night of term, was of poorer quality.

M.G.

Highland and Country Dancing

OUR St. Andrew's Night celebrations, though a few days late, were as successful as usual; the main criticism of the dancing was the tendency of a few to employ rugby tactics where enthusiasm exceeded skill.

At the Perth Musical Festival in May one senior and one junior team were entered for country dancing events, and both showed themselves up to the standard of the competition, although most of the other teams just had the better of them. This is the first time we have entered for this competition, and our teams should profit by the experience gained this year.

The Highland Dancers are preparing for the display on Speech Day and the East of Scotland Schools Competition later this term. We did well in the latter last year, and as all but one of the teams are still with us, we hope to do better this year.

In conjunction with the pipe band, a tour has been arranged in Norway during two weeks of the summer holidays. During the ski-ing trip in January the Norwegians showed great interest in country dancing, and a most enjoyable experience all round is envisaged.

R.I.M.K.

Radio Club

THIS year the Radio Club has spent most of its time in search of suitable premises in which to found a complete and interesting study of Radio.

Although we have lost all the senior members of last year's Radio Club, we feel that we are not badly affected by their withdrawal, and that we have succeeded in establishing it for a few more years.

Some of the members are experimenting with Transistors which they employ in circuits of their own design. Although this practice is often costly it provides a spirit of invention, which soon overcomes the cost of new components.

There was a tendency for the junior members to treat the club as a meeting place, and not as an activities room. This however has been stamped out, and the future looks good for the Radio Club.

A.S.D.

School Library

SOME more books have been added to the School Library, a selection of which is given below:

William Shakespeare by John Masfield; Devils, Drugs and Doctors by H. W. Haggard; An Illustrated History of Science by F. Sherwood-Taylor; Athletics by Harold Abrahams and Jack Crump; The Complete Golfer by Herbert Warren Wind; The Bridge at Arnhem by James A. Michener; A Composers Eleven by Neville Cardus; Schweitzer — Hero of Africa by Robert Payne; The Life of Caesar by Guglielmo Ferrero; A History of Cricket by H. S. Altham and E. W. Swanton; The Stuarts by Sir Charles Petrie; Loch Trout by Colonel H. A. Oatts; Chemistry Magic by K. M. Swezey; The 51st Highland Division by J. B. Salmond.

Several books on travel were kindly presented by W. B. McKenna.

Aeromodellers' Club

THE Aeromodellers' Club has been fairly successful this year in the amount of flying hours covered. We were able to fly more than usual in the Easter term owing to more clear days than are normally experienced at that time of year.

We have had some very enthusiastic new members this term, and as well as aircraft, boats are becoming very popular. A radio-controlled boat and a rocket have been built, opening up a completely new field of controlled models in the club.

The club has thus had a highly successful year, and I hope that in the years to come the variety of models built and the skill in building them will improve still further. J.A.B.

Sailing Club

THE Sailing Club this term has taken on a new lease of life and many of the suggestions and ideas of the winter have been brought into operation.

We are very grateful to the school who stepped in and redecorated the old Applied Maths Lab. after some members had set about repairing the roof. This is now a well established clubroom where members can spend odd minutes brushing up racing tactics or leisurely reading yachting magazines. We would like to thank Messrs. Brown and Fergusson of Glasgow who sent up a very useful selection of sailing books, which have added appreciably to the size of the library.

Last term a great deal of work was done in preparing the boats for the coming season and members often spent their valuable Sunday afternoon up in the Scout Hut with sandpaper or a paint brush. This, although arduous at the time, has paid great dividends: there were four boats completely ready for the water at the beginning of term.

Although much investigating of possible sailing waters was carried out last term we have not managed to fix anything yet as the cost of buying a permanent base is too high. However the Perth Sailing Club have been extremely helpful in allowing the Club the use of their headquarters on the Tay. This has the advantage of being handy and boats are usually in the water by 2.30. All members are now sailing twice a week apart from the cricketers who sail on Sundays. This means a good three hours sailing each week for most people providing the tide is suitable. For all this we are indebted to Mr. McLellan, who gives up all his half days and Sunday afternoons to make this possible. The Club are also very grateful to masters who have made trips to the Clubhouse with their cars when the brake was not available.

Two new Cadets are at the moment being completed and if the sale of the firefly is executed successfully the club hope to buy two more. This will bring the fleet up to six or seven, which will mean even more sailing.

Should all go according to plan there will be inter-house sailing held later in the term, and possibly fixtures against some of our keen rugger and cricket rivals.

With the membership now increased to over 30 the club can look forward to a successful future and it is hoped that a high standard of sailing will be achieved. J.R.P.



The Main Drive

The Photographic Society

THE younger members are showing a keener interest in the Society than has been previously noticed and they are turning out a fairly high standard of work.

For the past year the Society has been meeting regularly every Tuesday for talks and demonstrations on the various branches of the art, such as developing, contact printing, enlarging, portraits and tinting; we should like to thank Mr. Hewson and other members for their interesting talks, from which much experience has been gained.

Until Speech Day everybody had been very busy preparing for the Annual Competition and Speech Day Exhibition, both of which proved very successful. As in the previous year, all exhibits were mounted, and this gave them a very much more professional appearance.

The Society will welcome new members and is interested in any photographs suitable for the School Magazine or for the Christmas Card. The summer provides an excellent opportunity for taking good pictures.

J.M.A.

Fly-Tying and Angling

AN excellent start has been made to this season's fishing, for the pond is providing excellent sport, with fish of from twelve to fifteen ounces on the average; the heaviest catch to date has been one pound, five ounces. The Headmaster's boat has been used so far this term as the Club's boat is being repaired.

The weeds which proved so troublesome last summer have not caused any difficulty up to now, but by the end of term it may be a different story. Last term considerable interest was taken by the Club in the Biology department's attempt to hatch 1500 trout fry. After an initially large death-rate, due to a piece of copper tube being fixed into the water supply, the trout progressed well, and at the end of last term were approximately an inch long. Unfortunately, owing to the water supply being cut off during the holidays very few survived to the beginning of this term. It was, however an interesting demonstration of fish breeding, and microscopes enabled us to follow the blood corpuscles along the veins and arteries and to see minute parasites.

N.F.M.

Ski-ing Trip to Norway

ON the 31st of December Mr. Haines with a party of 19 boys left Newcastle for Oslo aboard M.S. Blenheim.

Although we knew there was no snow around Oslo we were hoping that there would be some at our destination, Königsberg.

Having disembarked in Oslo just before 7 a.m. on Thursday, 2nd January, we reached Königsberg by train about noon without having seen any sign of snow. The Hostel at which we were to stay for the next twelve days turned out to be new and very pleasant. Although ski-ing was impossible because of lack of snow, skating conditions were ideal up the six mile stretch of river if one was prepared for the 25° of frost.

Because of the lack of snow, various trips were arranged which included visits to the silver mine museum and a beautiful old church built almost entirely of wood.

Much to everyone's relief it started snowing on Sunday and by Monday morning there was a good three foot covering. The warden of the hostel undertook the agonizing job of instructing those who had no experience in this difficult art. The fundamentals of ski-ing were learnt the hard way, but bruises were forgotten in the evenings when we enjoyed the hospitality of the locals.

Most of the party set out on a twelve mile trek on the last day. After three hours, having climbed some 2000 feet, the party stopped at a mountain chalet for a welcome rest and meal.

On the return journey two members managed to get lost and arrived back very worn out some three hours behind the rest.

Although ski-ing conditions were not very good as the snow was fresh and not yet packed everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and were very loth to leave.

A.L. & J.G.

Young Farmers' Club

THE Club, which was started towards the end of last term, is now on a sound footing. Although no outings could be arranged last term, much of the necessary groundwork was covered.

The applicants for membership of the club were many and the committee regret that only some could be admitted.

This term there is a full and varied programme centred around a visit to the Royal Highland Show on 19th June. The Club meets every Monday evening and on the second Monday of term Mr. Coustan, an authority on bees from the Department of Agriculture, gave a very interesting demonstration of how to deal with a hive.

It is also proposed to have lectures on stock judging of various kinds of stock and to visit several farms in the neighbourhood.

The possibility of obtaining films on Agriculture is also being gone into as the school offers very good facilities for their showing.

Many thanks are due to the Young Farmers Organisation without whose co-operation the club could not have been founded.

A.L.

The Modern Music Society

THE Modern Music Society was formed for the purpose of creating its own popular music, thus furnishing a form of relief from classical music for some of the more musically minded members of the school.

Last term a "Skiffle Group" was formed consisting of three guitars (one of which was electronic), a banjo and a washboard. Having had no previous experience of these instruments we began by setting several folk songs, which were found in various books, to modern tunes, which were conscientiously rehearsed by all concerned. Later a single-string "tea-chest" bass was added to the group, and this provided the solid foundation that had been lacking before. It was proposed that a traditional jazz band should also be started, but unfortunately this type of music requires highly-skilled artists, and, rather than give a

false representation of such a skilled art, we decided to abandon that project for the present. We do not claim to have reached a high standard, but the society is very young and there is hope for the future.

J.M.T.

Shooting

ALTHOUGH the three School Teams won no trophies in their different divisions of the Perthshire League, the standard of shooting continued to improve as is shown by the average scores obtained on the Olympic targets:

N. W. H. Macleod	96.5	W. Chapel	93.2
J. M. Boxwell	95.6	H. F. Wilson	93
A. D. K. Campbell	95.6	J. B. Massam	92.8
H. R. Brown	95.6	F. W. M. Priest	92.7
J. N. Fleming	95	J. Gibb	92.5
A. Logan	94.9	M. S. Jamieson	92.4
T. P. S. Robertson	94.5	A. B. Pirrie	92.3
N. F. Clark	93.2	R. I. M. Kerr	90.2

Last year the R.A.F. Section Team were placed second in the Second Division of the R.A.F. Winter League. This year the following shot for the R.A.F. Section in the First Division:—
R. I. M. Kerr, A. D. K. Campbell, M. S. Jamieson, N. F. Clark, J. Gibb, W. Chapel.

Although they obtained a higher aggregate than any other team they were runners up to Fettes who lost none of their matches, except against Strathallan.

N. W. H. Macleod is to be congratulated on qualifying for the final stage of the Individual Schoolboys Competition by scoring 99 in the Staniforth Cup. In the final he again scored 99, thus coming equal sixth in a field of more than 900.

A. D. K. Campbell obtained the excellent score of 298 out of 300 in the Scottish Junior Short Range Championship, which put him into third place. In the final stage he was placed fifth.

In the Junior Spring Competition, which is restricted to those under 18, we were placed 16th out of eighty-four. The individual scores are shown below:—

J. N. Fleming	100	97	197
A. D. K. Campbell	99	98	197
J. M. Boxwell	98	97	195
A. Logan	97	94	191

780

This year all sections of the C.C.F. are competing in the Imperial Challenge Shields Competition. So far only the R.A.F. Section have completed their shoot. Their average is over 94, an improvement on their score of two years ago when they won the Ffannell Shield and were placed 18th in the Empire out of more than 1400 units competing.

P.R.S.

Pipes and Drums

I. J. WILLCOX was appointed Pipe Major in the Christmas term, and N. F. Clark is Leading Drummer. To make any forecast has proved to be dangerous and this year it must be sufficient to say that the pipers are experienced and the drummers exceedingly well drilled while all are as enthusiastic as they have been in previous years.

The East of Scotland's Schools Competition is on the 23rd June, at Morrison's.

The Hunter Cup (Senior) and Sinclair Cup (Junior) have been won by P/M I. J. Willcox and Piper J. R. A. Scott, respectively.

At the time of writing confirmation has been received from Norway that the tour of the Band and Highland Dancers has been arranged in detail over there. Most of the time will be spent in private homes and it should be a most enjoyable experience. It might even be a tremendous success. M.H.

Combined Cadet Force

Now that our forces have withdrawn from Argyll, and Tangmere no longer double guards its jets there is little to report here for accounts of their varied activities will be found elsewhere. The problems of the present are to be found in the impending inspection by Air Vice Marshall P. D. Cracroft, on 13th June, and in the contents of the new training syllabus, which affects all sections. The former problem is one which can be taken as it comes, with little preparation and less fuss. The latter is less simple for it presents a first rate opportunity for a closer integration of the service sections—and it should be remembered that there are three of these. It has been the aim these past three years to broaden the area of training ground common to all Cadets in the Army Section; now this "broadening" can be extended to the other two.

As some of us learned while at Camp, some Contingents treat their service sections merely as stages in one general training plan, drafting cadets into one for a year only, before re-drafting them into another. Here the opposite has been the case, perhaps excessively so, for the danger lies in treating a Service section as an end in itself, or as having an end in view different to that of the C.C.F. as a whole. The aim must be a mean between these two extremes. By increasing the knowledge common to all cadets in their last two years, by deliberate sharing out of contingent responsibility amongst seniors regardless of temporary service attachments — and by the experience of further combined camps it is possible to make the contingent a really effective force.

Annual Camp 1958 at Kames—21st-28th April

It can be generally agreed that this camp, although it did not appear so at the time, was enjoyed by everyone, despite poor weather conditions. Major Haines organised all the schemes very efficiently and was helped by Capt. Williams and C.S.M. Keveren both on the administration side and on the physical side of the training.

The total contingent numbered about 68 cadets at the beginning of camp. The Schemes were limited slightly because of numbers, and the services of another dozen cadets, especially two R.A. N.C.O.'s, would have been very useful. About 20 cadets who were members of the Section were stationed at Caladh Castle about three miles North of Kames under supervision of Staff Sgt. Cairns, R.D. and Cpl. Cox, R.E. One of their activities was the setting off of charges which were heard as far up as Strachur, a mere ten miles away. The most enterprising exploit of Camp was a vain raid at 1 a.m. by the Royal Naval Section on the Engineers' Stores. Nine Naval Cadets were captured and a signed chit admitting defeat was handed over by W. R. Linn.

The remaining 35 Cadets at Kames were split up into Signal Section, consisting of eight Cadets, and five sections of about six cadets apiece. Each day, one section was transported by M.F.V. to a remote part of Argyll and from there it had to cross a specified road patrolled by the other sections and hence escape down to a camp about ten miles South. During the escape, each section had to sign in at a check-point which could have been a hotel or a Signals base. The most frequented checkpoint was the Glendaruel Hotel, sited as it was at a vital strategic point commanding four main roads. An approximate distance of one hundred and fifty miles was travelled by each section although about 50% of this distance was covered by hitch-hiking on lorries, post vans, or taxis.

A great deal was learnt by everyone, and for those coming back next year it is hoped that their experience will help to make next year's camp even better.

J.I.M.

R.N. Section

THE A.B. and L.S. exam results for the last term and a half have by no means shown a lack of enthusiasm in the section. In fact, at present, although a very young section, we have no Ordinary Seaman at all, owing to successful efforts in the necessary exams. Furthermore there appears to be no sign of another "new intake" for at least eighteen months, because of a new syllabus being introduced for the entire C.C.F.

As last year, the bulk of our training was carried out on board an M.F.V. in the Clyde, but since we could only obtain a craft from Rosyth, we were forced to manoeuvre through the Forth and Clyde canal, a task by no means facilitated by our size. (The M.F.V. was the largest ship which could pass through the canal). To help in this task, we had two R.N. Officers, from whom much was learnt. The training itself was along the easy lines of merely "running a ship", and since the crew, with the exception of three N.C.O.'s, had no experience of this sort before, it was a very strenuous week. Our labours were not fruitless, for before leaving, the Captain commended the performance of all concerned. After the training the following promotions took place: P.O. Peters to I.C.; L/S Hallgren to P.O.; A.B. Dyet to L/S. The latter, although not actually on the M.F.V., performed very creditably on the Dundee course, where four other cadets completed their training.

The first Friday of this term the entire section took part in an inter-Divisional competition. It was ultimately decided that each division would construct an obstacle (for an assault course) and after completion each in turn would be timed over the course. This would test the strength of each obstacle and also the ingenuity. The design was also included in the final decision, and the competition was decisively won by MAINTOP Division, but all the performances were encouraging.

At present our time is entirely taken up in preparation for the Annual General Inspection which takes place on Friday, 13th June.

W.R.L.

Army Section

ANNUAL Camp was really most enjoyable, producing many vivid yet watery memories of a part of the country which we now know quite well. Some Cadets put up excellent individual performances, as the promotion roll records, while all showed a remarkably cheerful disposition. One more year in Argyll and what a Camp that will be!

Certificate "A" successes were about average in March while a Signals Classification Test will take place in June. There are also Drill contests and a Section Leading competition to come.

Promotions (since last issue):

To Sergeant: Cpl. Aitken; Cpl. McMillan. To Corporal: Ballantyne; Chapman; Goodall; Hannah; Hutcheson; Robertson, R. C.; Roselle C. P.; Thorburn and Wood. To Lance Corporal: Buchanan; Fleming; Galt; Jones; Lawson, E. A.; Lennox; Scott; Shaw; Smith, I. M.; Smith, P. J. G.; Wingate; Wyllie. To Warrant Officer: McLellan. To Colour Sergeant: Macleod.

M.H.



Four members of the R.A.F. section at Camp

R.A.F. Section

OUR numbers have not increased this term since recruits are being withheld by the basic section until the new training programme for C.C.F. Sections is operational.

Last term I. J. Willcox was promoted Cpl. and in May Sgt. R. I. M. Kerr was appointed Flt. Sgt.

For the 5th time in succession we were congratulated by Group Headquarters on our Proficiency and Advance Training examination results. Cdt. C. F. Baur; P. A. Eason; M. A. Findlay; I. D. Grant; R.B. Gray; J. C. S. Rankin; I. K. R. Smith; P. G. Wallace and I. R. White gained proficiency and Cdts. W. Chapel; A. S. Dickie; S. C. Griffith; J. C. Martin; P. A. Rhodes and D. M. Robertson passed the advanced exam. We now have more cadets with both exams (13) than with proficiency alone (10).

Our annual camp this year was held at R.A.F., Tangmere near Chichester in model south-coast summer weather. The accommodation and food at camp were first class, and we took

part in a large variety of activities during the week. A total of 7½ hours were flown by 15 cadets in dual-control Meteors and Chipmunks, and the remainder had flights in Ansons. On a visit to R.A.F., Newhaven we were taken out to sea at 42 m.p.h. in a high-powered air-sea rescue launch. Shooting on the .303 range produced nine marksmen: Sgt. R. I. M. Kerr; Cpls. A. D. K. Campbell and J. Gibb; and Cdts. C. F. Baur; W. Chapel; N. F. Clark; R. N. Gloag; S. C. Griffith and I. R. White. This compared very favourably with results in previous years, and also with the two other school sections which were at camp with us. During a visit to Brighton baths, R.A.F. swimming proficiency certificates were obtained by Cpl. M. S. Jamieson and Cdts. J. A. Bremner; W. Chapel; R. C. MacGregor; P. A. Rhodes; I. D. E. Sim and I. R. White. Visits were also arranged to Arundel Castle, the seat of the Duke of Norfolk, and H.M.S. Victory at Portsmouth, and during otherwise unoccupied moments in camp we were shown a number of films, including "The Dam Busters". In every way it was a most successful camp.

In the Lord Roberts Trophy competition for "general efficiency" we were classed 18th in the Empire, and best in Scotland. At present shooting is in progress for the Imperial Challenge Shields Competition, which is for the section with the highest average score, and results to date are quite satisfying.

Our activities for the first half of this term were confined mainly to preparing for the sunset parade on Speech Day, and the Annual Inspection a week later. The contingent will be inspected by Air Marshall Cracroft, who may be expected to pay particular attention to the R.A.F. section. Apart from these preparations the glider has been in use but is at the moment awaiting a new catapult, the old one having broken at maximum tension just before a release; a most unsettling occurrence for both the teams and the occupant (a master). A table-top model of an aerodrome is being built to illustrate the Airfield Control lectures, and it is hoped that this will be suitable for display on Speech Day.

R.I.M.K.

The Royal Engineers

RECENTLY the R.E. have been entering more into the field of practical work than in previous years. Since the bridge across to the classrooms was condemned, a path has been constructed through the valley for the use of masters and prefects; now the R.E. intend to go even further and are constructing a path which is to take the whole school.

During their last annual camp the R.E. had some difficulty with their one tonner truck. While out surveying, their truck became bogged down and eventually it was decided to go back to camp — five miles away — to collect the three tonner to pull it out. Whereas the whole troop had pushed and pulled at

the one tonner for almost two and a half hours without moving it, it took the three tonner only five minutes to pull it out.

However, even though they did have some difficulties, the R.E. thoroughly enjoyed themselves when it came to playing about with explosives. These explosives were meant to be used for practising "road denial", that is, making the roads unserviceable for vehicles, but in the words of one of the younger cadets, "No one will ever know."

A.W.B.

Royal Engineers Camp

ONCE again Annual Camp, which was held at Caladh Castle, proved to be a great success. This year we were in the care of a Staff Sergeant and Corporal who were both very cheerful and easy to get on with.

Although most of the promised equipment was not to be had until towards the end of camp because of a slip up at Headquarters, it was surprising what could be done with our very limited resources.

The programme included Demolitions with plastic and gun-cotton, Watermanship using folding boats and eight horse power outboard's, and a certain amount of Surveying for one of the Forestry Commission's new roads in the neighbourhood.

As last year, we did practically all our own cooking, which turned out to be quite reasonable on the whole, the only complaint being the difficulty, if not impossibility, of cleaning our mess kit as the cooks were always rather reluctant to supply water from the spring, which was four hundred yards away.

One night at about midnight the Naval Section attacked us from their M.F.V. The object was to make off with as many of our stores as possible but I am glad to report that the alarm was quickly raised and after a most enjoyable fight the invaders were completely routed.

When the weather broke the ground became very wet underfoot and we had to cancel several of our exercises, but towards the end of camp it cleared up and we were able to continue with the programme as planned.

A.L.

Royal Signals

NEVER before have the Royal Signals played such a vital and active role at Annual Camp as this year.

The only misfortune was when Scottish Command could not supply us with No. 18 wireless sets; as an alternative they sent No. 38 W.S. with faulty batteries.

There were three outposts — on hill tops at approximately 1500 ft. — and base camp, all of which were manned for twenty

four hours a day by a rota of five groups of two persons. All stations were equipped with Wireless Sets, Aldis Lamps and sufficient food for a week; any army section in the vicinity was meant to report its activities to the section.

These hill-tops were frequently visited, and at all times the occupants seemed to be in excellent spirits, in spite of sleeping frequently in water and occasionally being wakened during the night simply to be asked "How are you getting on?"

The Classification test has just been held, but we are still awaiting the results.

Sergeant Aitken is in charge of the section, assisted by Corporal Hannah. During the forthcoming holidays it is hoped that several cadets will attend the Catterick Royal School of Signals so that the section will have a higher standard of proficiency next year.

J.M.A.

Inter-Schools Wireless Network

LAST term we started transmitting after a lapse of four years and entered for an inter-schools competition lasting 10 weeks. This put considerable strain on the operators but we reaped the reward by being first in Scotland and fairly near the top of the English and Scottish Schools.

Owing to lack of electrical power this term we have been at a standstill, but we hope to be back to normal soon.

In the last four months we have contacted a large number of English Schools, among them Blundells, Marlborough, Rossal, Sedburgh, Stowe and Warwick.

J.M.A.

Ode to Strathallan

SOULS of schoolboys dead and gone,
What Elysium have ye known
Shady vale or city full
Fairer than Strathallan School?

Whether in her summer glory
Scarlet edged with setting sun
Or with winter's frost all hoary
She has beauty passed by none.

She has none of Fettes' towers
Nor Glenalmond's cloistered ways
All her walks are hid with bowers
Her blanket through the winter days .

In Summer she's beyond compare,
 Decked with rhododendron flowers;
 Here amidst those trees most fair
 Cricket passes lazy hours.

Beauty beckons as we work,
 Perhaps unnoticed while we're here;
 Yet later, tired of city's murk
 We'd love the view from Rothesay Pier!

Souls of schoolboys dead and gone,
 What Elysium have ye known
 Shady vale or city full
 Fairer than Strathallan School?

M.R.M.

Rugby Retrospect, 1957-58

THE School Rugby suffered little from the vagaries of the weather but the season began badly because of the flu epidemic which made it necessary to cease work for ten days and to cancel the first two matches, against Perthshire and Glasgow Academy. The First XV, which won six games, lost six and drew two, were disrupted by injuries so badly that only once did we field a full side. Early on we sadly missed a place kicker, for Thorburn did not emerge as such until after several games were lost or drawn. Kilpatrick's injury left the team for most of the season without its captain, and Pirrie was often left with the captaincy as well as the leading of the pack. Despite these difficulties this was the best season for some years.

The side, beginning to get together, were disrupted at Christmas with the departure of Hellon at fly-half, both the centres, Brown and Irvine, and Fergusson.

The 2nd and 3rd XVs were as a result more than ordinarily in a state of flux and it is commendable that their rugby was played with keenness and determination. Of the junior teams, the Under 14½ side had the most successful record, defeating Dollar, Loretto, Morrison's, Glenalmond and Aberdeen Grammar School in compiling their total of 113 points against 33.

Within the School, the further success of the Inter-House Rugby League, both senior and junior, was noticeable, and there is no doubt that in them is bred the keenness and determination essential to school rugby.

Finally it must be said that some of the purest rugby in the School was played in the minor leagues, which display each year the maximum effort of the smallest fry and the increasing interest of the remainder of the School.

R.H.

House Senior Rugby League

1st, Ruthven; 2nd, Freeland; 3rd, Simpson; 4th, Nicol.

House Junior Rugby League

1st (equal), Ruthven and Freeland; 3rd, Nicol; 4th, Simpson.

House Minor Rugby League

1st, Freeland; 2nd, Ruthven; 3rd, Nicol; 4th, Simpson.

Strathallan v. Edinburgh Academy

19th October, 1957. Lost 15—6.

The School kicked off in perfect conditions with a slight breeze and the sun behind. Early exchanges were even and both sides were able to show their paces. In the line-outs Pirrie jumped well and the School gained possession more often than not.

After 15 minutes Burns opened up a movement which ended when Kilpatrick, running strongly, was tackled by the Academy's covering wing-forward. The pack, moving well and first across, heeled quickly and the ball moved to the opposite wing where Roselle was tackled in possession after a good run.

The School maintained the pressure and were at this stage looking the more promising side. The pack worked well and it was Duncan who broke away to put Kilpatrick over for a good try in the corner and open the scoring. The Academy, better together now, at once fought back and play centred on the School 25 yds. line after several good rushes. The School defence was tested several times and during this period the Academy clearly held the initiative. At last the score came when, after a scrum eight yards out under the posts the Academy pushed over, the scrum-half touching down. The kick at goal succeeded.

The School, now in arrears, fought back and once again took play up into the Academy half. Several moves, notably by Pirrie and Burns, were stopped by the Academy defence and Hellon, recognising the stalemate, dropped a neat goal.

The School's lead was short-lived and the Academy began to press again, taking play back to the School "25" where a loose ball, instead of being placed safely in touch, was opened out across the School line, was fumbled, and the Academy wing-forward was quick to gather and score under the post, conversion points being added. The Academy were, in the second half, gradually asserting themselves, and despite several good runs by Roselle the School were being held. After steady pressure Henderson, the Academy open side wing-forward, went over to score the final try, which was well converted.

Team: Roselle, Kilpatrick, Duncan, Irvine, Higginson, Hellon, Burns, Pirrie, Maguire, Fergusson, Allan, Budge, Ballantyne, Wingate, McMillan.

Strathallan v. Panmure

Home. 23rd October, 1957. Won 19—3.

The School XV soon got into their stride and the pack began, in the early minutes, to show their quickness in the loose and line-out. Indifferent handling spoiled several promising movements but as play settled down it was clear that the School were gaining the ascendancy. In the 10th minute Duncan, who was very quickly up on the Panmure stand-off, intercepted a pass, and ran strongly to score. The try was converted by Roselle. Panmure began to get to grips and their weight in the set-scrums earned

them more of the ball than in the earlier phase of the game. However, the School pack had a monopoly of the loose play and the defence, particularly in mid-field, was good. Towards the end of the first half a high kick ahead by Hellon was gathered by Irvine and passed out to Brown who rounded the full-back to score an unconverted try.

In the second half the School forwards were feeling the strain but continued to gain more than their share of the ball. Thorburn, at full-back, joined the three-quarters line in attack and the School looked still the more dangerous in attack. A clean heel set Burns away on the open side, Hellon carried on the movement, and Irvine—cutting inside his opposite number—swept past several defenders before stepping inside the full-back to score. The try was converted by Thorburn.

Ten minutes later a good movement to Kilpatrick's wing was completed with an inside pass to Hellon who went over near the corner. The School's fifth score resulted from a quick break near the line by Irvine, the kick at goal failing.

In the closing minutes Panmure heeled the ball cleanly from a set scrum on the halfway line and the School fifteen conceded a good try, making the score 19 points to 3.

Team: Thorburn, Kilpatrick, Brown, Irvine, Roselle, Hellon, Burns, Chapman, Maguire, Fergusson, Allan, Budge, Duncan, Hannah, McMillan.

Strathallan v. Dollar Academy

Home. 30th October, 1957. Won 8—0.

During rather a listless start the School nearly conceded a penalty goal for an offside infringement, but the kick at goal missed. After the Panmure game a fast open game was hoped for, and both sides were quick to seize any opportunity. The early part of the game was notable for several good movements by both the School and Dollar, and only good covering defences brought good runs by both wingers to a premature end. In the 15th minute the School failed to kick a penalty but shortly afterwards the pack, who had begun to gain a measure of control, and heeled several times against the loose head, served up the ball crisply to Burns who sent it away along the line. It came back in from Philip to Brown to Irvine, who cut through to score. The kick was converted by Roselle.

After the interval the School continued to hold the advantage, Pirrie jumping extremely well in the line-out and the pack controlling the game; play seldom strayed from the Dollar half. Again the School missed an easy penalty and when in the closing minutes of the game Philip, who had run well, was obstructed and awarded a penalty try the School suffered the same disappointment in the missing of an easy kick.

Team: Linn, Roselle, Brown, Irvine, Philip, Hellon, Burns, Pirrie, Maguire, Fergusson, Budge, Allan, McMillan, Hannah, Duncan.

Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy

Home. 9th November, 1957. Drew 0—0.

The School was without five of its regular players owing to injury. The game was by no means a dull one, and the lack of score was rather due to sound all-round defences by both sides than to a lack of penetrative power or to a lack of guile and strong running.

The memorable feature of the match was of quickly breaking wing-forwards who nipped the attacks in the bud and prevented the ball reaching the wings. Scores would have come had the half-back pairs exploited every tactical ruse, but here there was a disappointing lack of guile.

Both full backs defended well and several certain tries were prevented at the moment of taking by the excellent covering defence.

The School exerted more pressure than Morrison's but failed to take its chance when close to the end two penalties were missed directly under the posts.

Team: Higginson, Phillip, Irvine, Roselle, Thorburn, Hellon, Burns, Pirrie, Maguire, Fergusson, Budge, Allan, McMillan, Hannah, Duncan.

Strathallan v. George Watson's College

At Myreside. 12th November, 1957. Lost 0—3.

The School XV lost by a penalty goal to nil, and throughout the game both sides missed a number of golden opportunities to score. Territorially honours were even and in spite of encountering a heavier pack the School forwards were the more mobile. In the line-out too, we had the edge but with unwarranted optimism tended to attempt too many breakthroughs so that considerable energy was expended without any appropriate advance. On the other hand the three-quarters made little headway against a solid defence, and half-time came with the memory of few dangerous sorties by either side. What chances there had been were spoiled by, in one case, a bad bounce after a good dribble; in another, by a moment's hesitation; and in another, failure to back up closely enough. The second half was undistinguished except for a well taken penalty which earned Watson's their victory.

Team: Higginson, Phillip, Irvine, Roselle, Thorburn, Hellon, Burns, Pirrie, Fergusson, Maguire, Budge, Allan, Duncan, Hannah, McMillan.

Strathallan v. Alan Glen's School

Away. 23rd November, 1957. Won 16—6.

The School began well and narrowly missed a penalty awarded for offside. After three minutes of play Watts, at full-back, joined the scrum on the Alan Glen's 25 yard line, the ball came cleanly back, and Burns sent Hellon away, who passed to Irvine who was well tackled close to the line. Play moved rapidly to the School "25" after a fine clearance by the Alan Glen's full-back, and Alan Glen's missed a penalty kick awarded once more for an offside infringement, but almost at once took a three points lead when Roselle handled the ball on the ground.

The deficit was short-lived and Thorburn kicked a long penalty goal from far out. The School went into the offensive and several times good attacking moves were brought to an untimely end by sound tackling from the Alan Glen's backs. Just before half-time, however, Pirrie — jumping well in the line-out — took the ball on with Budge, and the subsequent heel began a good movement which ended with Roselle going over quite far out. Thorburn converted.

Alan Glen's fought back and several dangerous attacking kicks were well fielded and cleared by Watts.

The pack, playing very well in loose and line-out and gaining the ball in the set, were well together.

By dint of loose rushes to the Alan Glen's line, Strathallan pressed and a carefully controlled shove brought a score. Thorburn narrowly missed the long kick. The School clearly held the initiative now but play was by no means one-sided. Twice good rushes by the Alan Glen's forwards were halted by cover tackling by Burns and Budge, but the School were quickly on the attack again and crisp handling sent Roselle off to

score a good try close to the posts. Thorburn converted. Alan Glen's scored a penalty goal in the closing minutes.

Team: Watts, Thorburn, Irvine, Roselle, Phillip, Hellon, Burns, Fergusson, Maguire, Pirrie, Budge, Allan, Ballantyne, Hannah, McMillan.

Strathallan v. Gordonstoun

Away. 30th November, 1957. Drew 5—5.

Playing with the wind the School achieved a marked superiority in the first ten minutes and play was concentrated in the Gordonstoun half. In this early phase the School side was clearly quicker to settle and a steady service from the pack was put to good use by the half-backs, Irvine being sent away on a number of dangerous runs. The first score came after a number of forward rushes had been halted, and after the pack had successfully shoved their way towards the goal-line. Halted here, a quick heel and a break by Burns put Irvine away to score to the left of the post. Hellon converted. Gordonstoun fought back, playing better together now, and their defences ensured an intact line in spite of forceful breaks both from the line-outs and in the open.

The School continued to hold a territorial advantage but from a long line-out the Gordonstoun backs opened up a movement, well backed up by the forwards, which resulted in a good try which was well converted. An open and enjoyable second half resulted in no further score.

Team: Watts, Roselle, Irvine, Thorburn, Linn, Hellon, Burns, Fergusson, Willcox, Pirrie, Sinclair, Allan, Hannah, Budge, McMillan.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar School

Home. 7th December, 1957. Won 5—3.

In the early minutes the forwards swept up towards the opposing line and in fact contrived to shove over several times without satisfactory result. They did, however, establish an ascendancy in all phases with the exception of the line-out where Aberdeen jumped well. After 20 minutes Hellon, having failed to set the three-quarters away several times in the face of a sound defence, kicked diagonally. Roselle caught the ball to score swiftly close to the posts; Thorburn converted. After a short spell of sustained pressure the visitors scored. The school pressed hard again in the later stages and our forwards were quicker across, readier in backing up, and a better pack in the tight.

Team: Watts, Thorburn, Brown, Irvine, Roselle, Hellon, Burns, Fergusson, Hair, Pirrie, Budge, Allan, Buchanan, Smith, McMillan.

Strathallan v. Trinity College, Glenalmond

Home. 14th December, 1957. Lost 16—8.

In spite of considerable frost, Big Acre — though on the hard side — remained playable, and the School XV, after a good start, showed confidence and more cohesion than of late. After numerous open runs which removed the chill from players and spectators, play centred dangerously near the School goal-line. A long kick by the College earned considerable ground. The School throw-in — a long throw, but straight — was fumbled perilously near the line and the goal posts and the Glenalmond wing-forward dropped on to score a valuable try which was safely converted by Bryce. The School at once fought back and shortly afterwards a long stray pass by the College scrum-half was gathered by Hellon who scored



Standing (left to right): D. W. Hannah, R. Hellon, N. F. Maguire, A. D. J. Budge, C. P. Roselle, G. M. Fergusson, G. I. MacMillan. Sitting (left to right): G. A. Burns, A. B. Pirrie, W. P. Kilpatrick (Captain), J. M. Irvine, H. P. Brown. Squatting (left to right): G. R. I. Allan, I. Thorburn, R. D. C. Watts.

after a determined run. Thorburn converted. A penalty goal put the visitors once more into the lead but from a like infringement Thorburn secured a goal which left the score at eight points all at half-time.

The second half produced exciting exchanges, both sides marking closely and well yet making much of any fumble or mistake. For a period, with the College halves failing to connect as well as in the earlier phases, the School looked the more penetrative and Hellon set Brown and Irvine away on several tortuous runs, ended only by a good covering defence.

However, this temporary lack of cohesion in the visiting half-backs was not to last and five minutes from the end a very quick heel resulted in a quick delivery to the inside centre McMichael who, running strongly, broke through to score an excellent try between the posts. The conversion points were added. With the no-side whistle about to sound the College heeled in like manner and a flawless movement ended in the winger touching down in the corner.

An excellent game which would have done credit to two very much more experienced fifteens.

Team: Beattie, Thorburn, Brown, Irvine, Roselle, Hellon, Burns, Ferguson, Hair, Pirrie, Budge, Allan, Buchanan, Smith, McMillan.

Strathallan v. University College, St. Andrews

Home. 29th January, 1958. Lost 3—9.

St. Andrews quickly went into the attack and in particular their half-backs combined quickly and well. Clearances by first Thorburn and then Beattie averted early scores after the College had exploited the short kick ahead.

The game was open and much of the play entertaining. The College dribbled through from a line-out and the School full-back failed to gather cleanly and the first score came after some 12 minutes of play.

After half-time, from a quick break at the base of the scrum the opposing inside-centre cut through to score far out, the kick at goal failing.

Soon afterwards the School was awarded a penalty for an infringement in a loose scrum and Thorburn gained the points.

The forwards with Pirrie, Smith and Budge always on the ball, worked well but hopes that the College fitness would flag were unjustified. The principal feature of the game was the sound covering defence of the forwards in addition to Duncan, Roselle and Thorburn.

The University, fast and confident, scored in the closing minutes when the stand-off half cut through to round the defence and score in the corner.

Strathallan v. Old Strathallians

Home. Wednesday, 19th March, 1958. Won 8—3.

A very cold day with a gusty wind made conditions very difficult for the three-quarters in this game. The School obtained possession almost monotonously from practically all the loose and tight scrums, but Burns had rather an off day and was inclined to go too far and pass too late, some of his passes failing to connect. In contrast, the Strathallian half-backs played well. After five minutes a loosely taken drop-out went to Galbraith who ran over for an unconverted try in the corner. The School pressed almost continuously against a sound defence for the remainder of the half, but lack of cohesion and the difficult wind prevented any score.

In the second half the School were hardly ever out of the Old Boys' twenty-five, although individual dashes for the visitors by Macmillan, Rossie and Galbraith caused the School defence some anxious moments. About half-way through the second half we scored a shove over try and later a penalty, and the School ran out worthy victors over a Strathallian side which was particularly powerful behind the scrum, mainly because of superior fitness and cohesion amongst the forwards.

Summary of Results

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against
1st XV - -	14	6	2	6	109	94
2nd XV - -	7	2	2	3	23	43
3rd XV - -	4	3	0	1	44	11
Under 15½ XV -	4	2	0	2	26	35
Under 14½ XV -	7	5	1	1	115	32
Under 13½ XV -	8	4	1	3	95	67

Cross-Country

Strathallan v. Gordonstoun

This match was run on our own courses, on March 15th, each school having two teams consisting of four runners. The The Gordonstoun intermediate team was beaten into the last four places. They fared a little better in the senior race, but the strength of our intermediate team had given Strathallan a clear victory. Owing to good conditions, two new course records were set up, R. C. Dow and K. D. Ballantyne beating the previous best times for the intermediate and senior courses respectively. R. C. Dow showed great promise by winning the intermediate race in record time despite being technically only a junior. The match was most enjoyable.

RESULTS

Intermediate

1st, Dow* (S); 2nd, Miller (S); 3rd, Dyet (S); 4th, Bremner (S); 5th, Curphy (G); 6th, Wilkes (G); 7th, Clave (G); 8th, Morris (G).

* Time: 21 mins. 20 secs. (new course record).

Strathallan 10 points Gordonstoun 26 points.

Senior

1st, Ballantyne* (S); 2nd, Scott (G); 3rd, Craig (G); 4th, Thorburn (S); 5th, Lawson, E. A. (S); 6th, Shiels (S); 7th, Courtauld (G); 8th, Fairgrieve (G).

* Time: 24 mins. 27 secs. (new course record).

Strathallan 16 points Gordonstoun 20 points.

Result of Match

Strathallan won with 26 points against Gordonstoun's 46.

The School cross-country was, as usual, keenly fought, but eventually Ruthven became clear-cut winners.

Individual Results**Senior:** 1st, K. D. Ballantyne; 2nd, J. Thorburn.**Middle:** 1st, J. F. Dyet; 2nd, D. Reid.**Junior:** 1st, R. C. Dow*; 2nd, H. J. Davidson.

* R. C. Dow broke the Junior Course record.

In the House Competition

1st, Ruthven; 2nd, Nicol; 3rd, Simpson; 4th, Freeland.

We again sent an Under 16 team to run at Perth and retained the trophy we won last year. On the whole it has been a very successful season.

K.D.B.

Hockey

THIS season has been more successful in every way, since not only has the standard of play risen but the results have considerably improved. The only cancellation was the fixture with R. W. W. Paterson's XI.

The major fault which has formerly cost Strathallan dear — the inability to shoot quickly in our opponent's goal area — has now been rectified. M. S. Jamieson and G. A. Burns have much improved in this aspect and G. T. Hudson's positioning in the attack has proved invaluable to the team.

COLOURS, 1956-57: M. R. McLellan, G. A. Burns and A. B. Pirrie.

COLOURS, 1957-58: M. S. Jamieson and A. W. Beattie.

Strathallan XI v. Masters XI

Won 3—0.

Scorers: Jamieson, Hudson and Beattie.

This game was played in ideal weather conditions and on an excellent pitch. Strathallan were slow at the start, perhaps because it was the first match of the season; passing was insufficient, and the wings rarely received the ball during the first half.

In the second half the passing improved, and Jamieson soon scored the first goal, to be followed by Hudson and Beattie, thus bringing the score to 3—0 in Strathallan's favour.

Strathallan v. Gordonstoun (Altyre)

Won 4—2.

The ground was very hard and frosty, but Strathallan settled down very quickly, scoring two goals in the first half. Our wings were used at every opportunity, and some very spectacular movements resulted. During the second half Strathallan scored one more goal—in the first few minutes—and Gordonstoun retaliated with their first score. Another goal each completed the game. Scorers: Jamieson (2), Hudson and Watts.

Strathallan v. Fettes College 'A'

Won 3—1.

This game started off with speed and skill, and the first goal was scored in the first few minutes of play. Soon the game slowed down as the condition of the pitch deteriorated. Our full backs were very steady in defence and seldom allowed a ball through, and the halves played well in both attack and defence.

Strathallan, after pressing hard at Fettes' goalmouth for ten minutes, shot another goal, bringing the score to 2—0 in our favour.

Fettes scored quickly in the second half, but our play remained calm and thoughtful throughout the game, and we gained a sound victory. Scorers: Hudson, Kilpatrick and Shaw.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar School

Lost 1—4.

The conditions were very cold — not a day on which anyone would willingly play hockey. The pitch appeared to be much smaller than that at Strathallan, and as a result it took the whole of the first half for the team to really settle down. What made matters worse was that our regular centre-forward, G. A. Burns, was not available and this necessitated a rearrangement of the forward line. Shaw moved to centre-forward and Marsland to inside-right.

It was a disappointing game. Aberdeen played very well to gain four goals and Strathallan scored one goal off a corner. Scorer: Hudson.

Team: Hair; Pirrie,* Buchanan; Beattie,* McLellan* (Capt.), Watts; Jamieson,* Hudson, Burns* (Vice-Capt.), Shaw, Kilpatrick.

Strathallan 15½ v. Aberdeen Grammar 2nd XI

Lost 0—1.

During the first part of the game Strathallan failed to settle down, and we ended one goal down at half-time. In the second half, however, the long and hard-hitting of our halves and backs soon had the Aberdeen defence worried, although the lack of experience in the forward line resulted in many chances going wide. Towards the end of the game a fine run by Dyet nearly resulted in the equaliser, but his shot narrowly missed the goal.

Strathallan 15½ XI v. Fettes College 15½ XI

Drew 1—1.

It was a wet and windy day when Strathallan met Fettes on Big Acre. An early goal by Galt gave inspiration to the side, and the Strathallan backs and halves dominated the game until half-time. In the second half the pace slackened off, and Fettes too scored a goal. For the last ten minutes Strathallan was again on top, but despite a fine cross by Rankin which was cracked home by Dyet the result was a draw. Some fine work was put in by J. M. Robertson, Lang, Hunter and MacLennan, and the forwards were much improved on their previous performances.

M.R.McL.

Boxing

BOXING in the last two terms has been run mainly on a house basis, with each house coaching its own entries for the competition. The finals were held on the 13th March, and a most enjoyable evening's boxing ensued. All competitors showed a

great determination to win, and the standard of boxing rose with each successive round, until a climax was reached in the last two bouts, when D. Mackenzie gave the outstanding display of the evening.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

1. 7 st. 7 lbs. Red: J. G. P. Wiseman (N). Blue: C. A. Blackburn (S).
Blue won.
2. 7 st. Red: W. G. Primrose (N). Blue: J. L. W. Parker (R).
Blue won.
3. 6 st. 7 lbs. Red: R. S. Chalmers (N). Blue: J. C. Macleod (F).
Referee stopped the fight in the 2nd round after heavy
punching by Mcleod, who won.
4. 6 st. Red: N. D. M. Lindsay (Ri). W. S. Pate (Ri).
Blue won.
5. Light. Red: R. N. Harrison (N). Blue: A. M. Pate (R).
Blue won — referee stopped fight in first round.
6. Feather. Red: S. R. Hunter (F). Blue: B. A. Wingate (R).
Red won by a walk-over as Blue was sick at time.
7. Bantam. Red: B. A. McMurray (F). Blue: G. M. Watson (S).
Blue won.
8. Fly. Red: I. M. Miller (N). Blue: D. Mackenzie (R).
Blue won in an excellent fight.

There were 167 entries for the competition, which proved to be very keenly contested; finally Ruthven won, followed closely by Nicol. In Riley, Big Dorm. won, followed by Drumfin.

The points were as follows:

	F	N	R	S
Before competition:	12	13	12	8
Points won at finals:	16	20	22	12
Final Points:	28	33	34	20

N.F.M.

Athletic Course

WHEN the term ended, Ridland, Ballantyne and I boarded the Glasgow train on the first stage of our journey to Largs. When we arrived at our destination we found we were sharing a bedroom with two boys from Gordonstoun, who always seemed to look at the cheerful side of things.

The next morning we had our first training period which luckily lasted only about an hour. All the boys on the course were supposed to be fairly fit before they went. Most of us, however, found it hard going, and over lunch or high tea one could hear boys talking about their coaches and what they, the boys, had been made to do.

The daily routine was a lecture, after breakfast, on sprinting or some other branch of athletics, followed by a practical period with the coaches; after lunch we had a short rest, another lecture, and finally a practical period. After high tea we were shown films of the Olympic Games, the European Games, or loop films of well known athletes.

Although we were driven hard, we all admitted that the coaches did a very good job, which must have been difficult at times owing to the bad weather, and, on the whole, it was a most enjoyable course.

C.P.R.

VALETE

Winter Term 1958

Brown, H. R.	...	House Prefect. 1st XV Rugby. Athletics Team. Shooting Team (Capt.). Orchestra.
Drybrough, W. G.	...	Orchestra.
Fergusson, G. M.	...	House Prefect. 1st XV Rugby. Sergeant (Army).
Geddes, M. A.	...	
Hellon, R.	...	House Captain of Nicol. 1st XV Rugby. 1st XI Hockey. U.O. (Army). Editor of "The Strathallian".
Irvine, J. M.	...	House Prefect. 1st XV Rugby. Athletics Team.
Menzies, J. W.	...	
Miller, R. A. C.	...	
Phillip, R. J.	...	House Prefect. 2nd XV Rugby. 2nd XI Cricket.
Sinclair, G. W.	...	2nd XV Rugby.

Spring Term 1958

Kenneth, J. O., and Witsenburg, C. A.

We apologise for the following omissions:

July 1957

Crerar, A. B.	...	Orchestra.
McEachran, D.	...	3rd XV Rugby.
McInnes, J. M.	...	House Prefect. 2nd XV Rugby. 2nd XI Cricket.

SALVETE

Spring Term 1958

Agnew, D. W. E.; Armstrong, R. W.; Beattie, C. J.; Beattie, D.; Bosshardt, H. J.; Cousins, A. E. G.; Gibbons, C. D. C.; Gilmour, M. A.; Lyszkowski, R. M.; MacEwen, R. A.; Macfarlane, R. J.; Rowton, N. J. N.; Sinclair, D. B.; Vickery, P. R. G.

Summer Term 1958

Benson, C.; Clark, D.; Dunbar, C. C. K.; Duncan, W. R.; Fisher, P. M.; Gibson, T.; Gordon, D. A. R.; Hardy, M. H.; Henderson, R. M.; Hendrie, J. S.; Linton, M. J.; Macgregor, A. A.; MacGregor, J.; Manson, K. A. I.; Martyn, D. H.; Miller, M. M.; Montague, H. M.; Morrison, A. H.; Murray, D. A. K.; Nelson-Cole, A. A.; Nairn, A.; Phillips, D. J. I.; Sinclair, N. T.; Smith, D. M.; Tourlamain, G. O.; Wilson, K. R.; Young, J.



W. W. Watt

Strathallian Club

Our President

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club held on 7th December, 1957, Mr. W. W. Watt was unanimously elected as President of the Club for the ensuing year.

Our President — or as he is better known to his friends and contemporaries, "Willie" — was at Strathallan from 1929 to 1933 and was Vice-Captain of the School in 1932-33 and Captain of Nicol, the then winners of the Rugby, Cricket and Sports Cups. If he were remembered at School for nothing other than his prowess at cricket, that in itself would be no small achievement, but with his quiet air of authority and dependability, he left his mark in many walks of School life. On the cricket field he captained the 1st XI in 1933 and he holds the School record (as yet unbeaten so we believe) for the highest number of wickets taken in one season — sixty-six, at the very fine average of only 4.92 runs per wicket!

Incidentally, he also holds what we believe may be another record, although at least one of the present pupils has gone half way to equalling it, he has taken a hat trick for the School against the Old Boys and vice-versa. Cricket always has been Willie's favourite sport and surely it would be only fitting for such a distinguished cricketer to lead the Old Boys XI on to the field on the Founder's Day of his Presidential year.

On leaving School, Willie read law at St. John's College, Cambridge, and afterwards became an articled clerk in London with a view to following the profession there. After two years, however, he abandoned the law to return to Glasgow to become a partner in the family business of Ross & Liddell, property agents, and apart from the war years he has since pursued a life which, as he himself has put it, has been harassed by the ambiguities of the Rent Acts and other equally unintelligible legislation.

During the war he was commissioned in the H.L.I. and served with distinction in Malta, the Middle East and Italy.

He is married, with a family of three, and devotes his spare time (such as he has) to his family, his garden and silviculture.

With his charm of manner and his natural cheerfulness in all circumstances, we feel sure that just as he made his mark at School so he will do also as President of the Club. The members' choice was a sound one indeed, and we wish him well in his year of office.

Old Boys' News

It has not been unknown for the Editorial Board of years gone by to complain of the shortage of material submitted for the ruthless stroke of the blue pencil, and how pleased the then readers must have been when they realised how eagerly each snippet of information was awaited. How nice to think the Editorial Board was on the ball! But, alas, as issue succeeds issue, and as Editorial Board succeeds Editorial Board it becomes clearer that the

members are not in favour of a programme of full employment—as least so far as the Editorial Board is concerned. Admittedly, as the Club has grown the number of occasions for meeting one's friends and contemporaries has increased considerably, but your present Editorial Board is left with the opinion that the Old Boys' News section of the magazine could be used to better tune than it is at present. Surely not more than a very few members are of a shy and retiring nature, and like to hide their light under a bushel. And have they no friends to sing their praises?

Our thanks at this time are offered to Mr. D. S. Smith (1919-23) for the long and interesting letter which he wrote us when confined to bed with an attack of Asian 'flu in the earlier part of the year. We hope you are now fully recovered, Mr. Smith.

Despite what has been said above, space does not permit us to publish Mr. Smith's letter in full, but we should like to reassure him that his comments on the previous Annual Dinner at Perth are warmly shared. We wonder if the boys will share his views on "full employment" but we have no doubt that the Headmaster does, and whether or not the boys do, the policy appears to pay a dividend.

W. W. Waterston (1925-32) is at present Senior Lecturer in the Department of Operative Dental Surgery in the Edinburgh University School of Dentistry.

From D. George Balfour (1926-34) of Jedburgh we hear that his brother John, who is the leading light among the Old Boys in the Argentine, should be on holiday in the U.K. by the time this magazine goes to press. Perhaps they will come up to Founder's Day together. Dr. Balfour, by the way, still retains a very keen interest in sport. He is vice-president of the Jedburgh Cricket Club this year and last year held the same office in Jedforest Rugby Club.

Strathallians who golf in the West of Scotland are sure to have met Eben Dawson (1939-44) who has represented the Club in the team for the Queen Elizabeth Trophy and has developed into a very canny golfer. Eben joined the staff of Balfour, Beatty & Co. Ltd., of Edinburgh in the autumn of last year and has since become engaged to be married. On these two events we offer our congratulations.

G. D. Muir (1924-32), formerly the Deputy Chief Education Adviser to the Federation of Malaya, is now Director of Education for North Borneo, promotion which we have no doubt "Duggie" thoroughly deserves.

We offer our heartiest congratulations to R. W. W. Paterson (1951-56) on being awarded his full blue for hockey at Glasgow University. He is also assistant hon. secretary to the Glasgow University Athletic Club. The Clan Paterson appears to be doing

rather well in the athletic world at the present time and mention must be made of Robin A. Paterson of Beith (1948-55) whose name appears in the Press as a half-mile winner with unfailing regularity. We hope he will be able to turn out for the Old Boys on Founder's Day and help to show the School a clean pair of heels.

D. McIlveen (1945-50), as many Old Boys will know, has taken a regular commission in the Army. He has recently been promoted to Captain and is serving in Hong Kong.

Rugby-playing Old Boys in the West of Scotland will no doubt recall with relish, tussles against Wigtownshire in days gone by, and the excellent hospitality thereafter. Next season's captain of Wigtownshire is J. A. D. McIntyre, who will no doubt maintain the tradition which has been set. Good luck to Wigtownshire for the coming season!

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Dr. Ian W. Fingland (1941-45) on obtaining his Fellowship of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons in Glasgow.

T. Martin Templeton (1953-...) is presently completing an executive training course with the National Coal Board, Scottish Division. His marriage is mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

E. W. Bannerman (1945-50), having completed his National Service is presently in course of re-adjusting himself to the profession of Chartered Accountancy.

David S. Edgar (1950-54) is one of the few Strathallians actively interested in aviation. He is at present with the De Havilland Aircraft Co. Ltd., at Hatfield, and has recently become engaged.

Also actively interested in aviation, but from a slightly different angle are F. C. T. McLay (1947-51) and David Northam (1950-53) who have recently completed a parachuting course together in the Army and have been awarded their "wings".

R. B. Blanche (1946-50) has recently entered the Colonial Service and now holds an appointment in Tanganyika.

Dr. A. R. Pate (1939-47) has now been demobilised and is at present working in Stobhill Hospital, Glasgow.

W. Guild (1937-38) is now with G. & J. Weir Ltd., Cathcart, in the estimating department.

Ian W. Smith (1946-50) is completing the final year of his civil engineering training at Enfield Technical College. He is engaged and hopes to be married this summer.

James K. Dunlop (1936-40) writes from Enugu (Nigeria) where he has been Technical Sales Manager of the British & African Engineering Co. Ltd., since September, 1955.

K. A. C. Brown (1945-50) is now Medical Officer at R.A.F. Coningsby, Lincoln, having obtained his M.B., Ch.B., at Glasgow University. He sends us news of another Strathallian, I. D. R. Stevens (1946-50), who passed his B.Sc. with 1st Class Honours in 1954, and his Ph.D. in 1957, both at Glasgow University. He is now doing one year's research in Organic Chemistry at the University of California, Los Angeles.

H. I. B. Fitzpatrick graduated B.Sc. in Engineering at Glasgow University last March.

News from the Universities

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Unlike the other Scottish Universities, St. Andrews has not had a Rectorial this session; we have, however, had our annual Kate Kennedy procession and Charities Campaign and now that these are over, Degree Examinations loom ominously before us. For all that, St. Andrews is a not unpleasant place in which to spend the early months, so much so that some of us come back in September for a short spell before the session starts!

UNITED COLLEGE, ST. ANDREWS

In the final year of his Arts Course, there is R. G. F. Walker (1951/55). This summer he is taking a job in the Accounting Department of a firm in Winnipeg and he is keen to contact any Old Boys who are out there. In the Autumn he starts Chartered Accountancy in Dundee.

J. W. McInnes (1952/55) is in third year Science. He is secretary of the College Cricket Club.

Sometimes to be seen going from the Union to the Library is R. J. M. Philip (1951/56) who is in second year Science. In his all too few leisure hours he plays a little tennis.

E. A. Davidson (1950/56) is in the second year of his Arts Course and is a keen member of the Athletics Club.

Enjoying life and in first year Science are R. B. Clark (1952/57) and J. M. McInnes (1953/57), the latter playing cricket for the College.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, DUNDEE

THE fog which appeared to have settled permanently over the Tay has lifted to reveal that Dundee is smoke-bound.

However, we know that Alistair Clayton (1946/49) is in his final year of Medicine there and we wish him luck in his final M.B., Ch.B. Examinations. He shortly relinquishes the Vice-Presidency of the Dundee Students Union. We also congratulate C. J. C. Raitt on passing his C.A. finals in December. As far as we know he attends Law Classes at the University.

Golf Section Notes

THE Spring meeting was held at Glenbervie on 29th April, 1958. The number of members attending was rather disappointing and not up to the high standard set in the previous year. Those who did attend, however, had a most enjoyable day. The Captain's prize was won by I. MacEwen (net 76). B. L. Carlaw was runner up (net 77).

The Section will entertain the Golf Section of Edinburgh Academicals on 13th June at Old Troon, when it is hoped that this fixture will prove as enjoyable as the corresponding one last year at Luffness.

The Summer Meeting follows at Gleneagles on Sunday 22nd June when the annual competition for the Bogie Trophy will be played in the morning, followed by lunch in the Crown Hotel, Auchterarder and the Section's Annual Meeting. In the afternoon there will be a foursomes bogey competition over the Queen's Course.

In the Evening Times Foursomes Tournament which will be played at Prestwick St. Nicholas, commencing on 16th July the Section will be represented by R. H. Patterson and R. P. Thomas.

It is intended, as usual, to enter a team for the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools' Tournament which takes place this year at Barnton, Edinburgh from 27th to 29th September, but it is too early to forecast who will represent the Section.

Annual Dinner

THE Twenty-fourth Annual Dinner was held in the Station Hotel, Perth on Saturday 7th December, 1957 under the Chairmanship of the President, Mr. R. S. Johnston, Q.C., and, as appears to be the case with all the Perth dinners nowadays, it was afterwards voted an outstanding success. Certainly on mere numbers alone, the function was well up to average, but numbers alone do not make a successful function, and perhaps the key to success lies in the choice of the setting and the quiet but courteous efficiency of the Hotel staff.

For our principal guest we had Mr. J. O. M. Hunter, Q.C., who made a delightful speech which sparkled with wit and completely entertained the assembled company. As might be expected in the circumstances, there was a certain amount of diverting legal cross-talk between the principal guest and the President, who for once were on the same side of the table.

The toast of the School was proposed by Mr. Howard Johnson, the Managing Director of the Burntisland Shipbuilding Company. Too anyone who is not himself an Old Boy of the School, an invitation to propose a toast to the School at an Old Boys Dinner, must be regarded as a mixed blessing. No

one can doubt that Mr. Johnson had gone to considerable trouble to prepare his speech or that he made some very interesting and illuminating points but we feel that perhaps he spoke for rather too long. It is easy to criticise if one does not have to make the speech oneself, but lengthy speeches do tend to cut down the time after dinner which one might reasonably expect on such occasions to spend renewing old acquaintances, and it is perhaps a thought for the future that the principal speaker, whoever he may be, should be entrusted with the dual task of proposing the Club and the School.

The Headmaster, in reply, was his inimitable self, and although he has since threatened to find a substitute to make the reply in future years, it is to be hoped that the threat was merely made in jest, as his speech (or his "report" as he will call it) is by far the most popular item on the programme.

The closing toast, "Our Guests" was very ably proposed by Dr. A. C. MacEwen and replied to by Mr. T. K. Lockhart, J.P.

Before the new President was installed, Mr. G. C. Turner, who had retired from the office of Secretary at the Annual General Meeting, was presented with a landscape by George Houston, in recognition of his services to the Club during the preceding ten years. Mr. Turner's reply to the President's good wishes was made from an elevated stance on the table which was thereby suitably tested for the incoming President Mr. W. W. Watt, so soon to follow him.

No report on the Dinner would be complete without a vote of thanks to the Dinner Committee, and particularly its Convenor, Mr. A. B. Bryce, for the excellence of the arrangements, and to Mr. R. S. Johnston for presiding so ably.

Dance Report

THE Annual Dinner Dance was held this year in Marlborough House, Glasgow. The support given to this function was so enthusiastic that the Committee had difficulty in fitting the required tables into the Ballroom. Messrs. A. F. Reid and Sons are to be complimented on their assistance in running the Dance and on the excellence of the Dinner provided. Dancing continued till 1 a.m. and subsequent comments from Members indicated that this was one of the winter's most successful functions. The dance was attended by 190 people and the Council felt that any greater number would have caused discomfort and marred the enjoyment of those present. They have therefore decided that if the dance is to continue to take the form of a Dinner Dance which has been so successful in recent years, larger premises must be engaged and they have, therefore, booked the Central Hotel, Glasgow, for Thursday, 12th February, 1959.

London Branch Dinner

THE first dinner of the newly-formed London and South of England Branch was held on February, 28th in the House of Commons, with W. G. Leburn, M.P. in the Chair. In a stately room overlooking the Thames twenty members of the Branch sat down to an excellent meal. They were accompanied by four official guests — the President and Secretary of the Club, the Headmaster, and Dr. Wm. C. Smith, the Chairman of the Midlands and North of England Branch, which was due to hold its first dinner the following evening.

In a polished speech K. R. Hunter proposed "The Club". The response to this toast was given by the President, who remarked that this was the first occasion on which the Presidential Chain had been furth of Scotland (officially). He hoped that this would become an annual journey.

G. G. Baker, proposing "The School", told of some Old Boys' dinners held in London pre-war and went on to express the thanks of all Strathallians to Mr. Hoare for his inspiring leadership of the School. In replying the Headmaster gave an account of recent changes and sketched his plans for the future of the School.

Dr. Smith proposed "The New Branch" — the branch which has, with his Midlands and North of England Branch, partitioned England — and W. G. Leburn responded for the South.

After the official speeches J. C. Shaw voiced the thanks of all present for the tremendous amount which Gil Leburn had done to ensure the success of the Branch and its first dinner.

Being a Friday evening there was no one to shout "Who goes home.", and the attendants had difficulty in clearing us out. Many members were keen to chat with friends they had not seen for a number of years, and reminiscences continued long after we had left the Palace of Westminster.

At future annual dinners of our Branch we are sure to recall with pleasure this most enjoyable first dinner. One improvement in the future would be a larger attendance. As the 1959 dinner is likely to be held on the eve of the Calcutta Cup Match, the problem next year may be to find a room sufficiently large for the turn-out!

Midlands and North of England Branch Dinner

THE First Annual Dinner of the Branch was held on Saturday, 1st March, 1958, at the Kingsway Hotel, Levenshulme, Manchester, at which thirty members and guests were present.

We were particularly happy to welcome the Headmaster, and the President, Secretary and five members of our parent club who had travelled from Scotland especially to attend our first official function.

The toast of "The Branch" was proposed by our principal guest, Mr. E. E. Woodhouse, the Headmaster of a local preparatory school, who gave a lively and witty speech which was much appreciated, and to which our Chairman replied.

Toasts to "The Club", "The School" and "Our Guests" were proposed by Mr. H. J. Ames, Dr. H. MacCallum and Mr. G. S. A. Corbishley, and replies were made by the President, Mr. W. W. Watt, the Headmaster, Mr. W. N. S. Hoare, and Dr. I. McK. Binns, respectively.

We are very pleased to find the parents of past and present pupils taking an interest in our activities and the presence of two as speakers at our Dinner is worthy of note.

With the good food, good wine and excellent company which we enjoyed, the Dinner could not fail to be a success, and your reporter is informed that festivities continued into the small hours, though by that time he was fast asleep!

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The Second Annual Dinner of the Branch will be held on Saturday, 4th April, 1959, at the Kingsway Hotel.

ENGAGEMENTS

CLARK — Alistair William (1948-52) of Corra, Kirkgunzeon, by Dumfries, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Parker of Auchenhay, Twynholm, Castle Douglas.

MARRIAGES

TEMPLETON-PERRY — On 1st February, 1958, at Logie Kirk, Bridge of Allan, T. Martin Templeton to Miss Maureen Perry of Menstrie.

BROWN — On 6th August, 1957, K. A. C. Brown.

BIRTHS

DUNCAN (1940-47). At St. Kitts, B.W.I., on 8th December, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Murray Duncan, a son.

GLEN (1937-41). On 17th March, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas Glen, a son.

CESSFORD (1945-50). On 15th October, 1957, to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm F. Cessford, a daughter.

PATE (1939-45). On 28th April, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Pate, a son.

HINSHAW (1943-50). On 4th January, 1958, to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hinshaw, a son.

AULD (1931-36). On 15th April, 1958, to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Auld, a daughter.