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Editorial

DURING the past four years much has been written on the front page of this magazine about the expansion and progress of the School. The development of the past few years is now almost complete, and although it would be entirely wrong for us to rest on our laurels, it is perhaps time for us to look upon the mode of life that has developed here.

The four separate Houses have each evolved their own characteristics and a healthy rivalry exists between them, which can be integrated to give the whole School a firm foundation for external activities. There is now a greater keenness shown in School games and the Cadet Corps than ever before, and at the same time the academic sphere has not been neglected. There does however seem to be a certain lack in the School of any direct mental effort outside the classroom, and although it is perhaps not evident on the surface, it becomes increasingly obvious, as one listens to the arguments that rage in common room and study, that few topics are tackled with the zeal that they merit. A glance at the notice board shows that there are far too few voluntary societies functioning in the School that cannot be classed as a hobby or recreation. How has this state of affairs come to pass? One reason is the shortage of boys old enough to maintain societies of this nature, and another is that in the past few years the emphasis has been laid upon the more important activities of the School, which has resulted in the lack of time for others. Indeed, we hope that if this is the case it is only a temporary state of affairs which will correct itself in time. For if our School is to continue to build for itself a tradition worthy of the School motto, we must lead a corporate life in which every aspect of the School's activities is fully served.

School Notes and Notices

WE take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. A. D. D. McCallum on his appointment as headmaster of Christ College, Brecon, and wish him and his family every success.

We also congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Birks on the birth of their daughter.

Mrs. Pinkney left towards the end of the Easter term after several years of faithful service, and it is sufficient proof of the esteem in which she was held that the pipe band sacrificed their breakfast on the morning of her departure to pipe her away.

Another member of the staff leaving this term is Captain King, the bursar, who is retiring. Probably few people realise how much he has helped in the recent development of the School. To him also we extend our best wishes.

During the past few years the need for new hard tennis courts has become steadily more apparent, and it is with great pleasure that we announce that three of the old and almost derelict courts have been resurfaced.

The old biology lab. has been converted into a "science lecture room". Old boys may remember it better as the "wee back lab.", but the new seating arrangements have resulted in its being called "The Chapel". Another improvement in the scientific facilities is the addition of a larger fume cupboard in the chemistry laboratory. Furthermore, the lighting in all the classrooms has been altered. In general more lights have been installed, giving better illumination all round.

The Beacon Dance this year was held at Strathallan and as usual provided an entertaining evening for those who attended.

In a previous issue we noticed the outbreak of myxomatosis at Strathallan. We can now state that rabbits have returned and can be seen in small numbers around the East Drive. To the best of our knowledge the first one to be shot here, after the epidemic, was killed on the last day of the Winter term.

Several Strathallians entered for the Scottish Schoolboys' Golf Championships at North Berwick on April 2nd, but none of them met with any great success.

The editors make an earnest appeal to anybody who has any complaints, suggestions or comments of any sort, which he would like to make, to put pen to paper. We cannot, for various reasons, guarantee to print every letter we receive, but any correspondence of a constructive nature will certainly receive careful attention.

Speech Day

STRONG gusts and an overcast sky provided the background for this year's Speech Day, which was held on Saturday, 2nd June. The guest speaker was Sir Alexander Gray, who had retired

the previous day from the Chair of Political Economy and Mercantile Law at Edinburgh University.

In his annual report, after welcoming his guests, the headmaster explained the necessity for raising the fees in order to meet rising costs, in spite of "generous donations from people who wish to remain anonymous". He then recalled the achievements of the previous year — the excellent record of last year's cricket XI and of this year's team up to now, the very creditable performance of last season's rugby XV, and several other minor achievements. A major factor in any success that we may have had, the headmaster affirmed, was the fact that parents had co-operated with him in keeping their boys at school for "the extra vital year". He continued: "As you know, I deplore the habit of taking a boy away at seventeen to put him to a university. Normally he is too immature at that age to profit fully from it". The headmaster went on to mention the successes of the less well-known activities of the School and also welcomed new members of the staff. So far most of the speech had been on a reasonably cheerful note, but it was with great regret that the headmaster reminded us of the departure of Mr. McCallum, who leaves at the end of the term to take up his post as headmaster of Christ College, Brecon. The headmaster must have spoken for everybody when he said: "No-one deserves this responsibility more than he, but Brecon's gain will be our loss. . . . A splendid teacher and excellent disciplinarian, he has never spared himself in the classroom or in coaching at rugby, cricket and boxing". The headmaster also informed us that Captain King, the bursar, is retiring at the end of the term, and his loss will also be greatly felt.

Sir Alexander Gray then presented the prizes and delivered his address. We had been told of Sir Alexander's outstanding wit, and we were not disappointed. With sparkling humour he regretted the lack of practical knowledge in the schools of his generation and expressed pleasure at discovering the existence of so many flourishing practical clubs and societies at Strathallan. For, he said, "to be happy the human beast must use his hands". He encouraged boys to derive as much pleasure as possible from their lives and exploded the popular theory that school days are the happiest days of your life. He expressed his opinion that a school which produced men capable of carrying out everyday tasks to the best of their ability was of more value than one which produced the occasional Prime Minister or Lord Chancellor.

During the afternoon, in addition to the usual exhibitions of the various societies, members of the naval section of the C.C.F. danced a hornpipe, an army drill squad performed with great precision to the beat of a drum, and there was an agility display

by certain of the more junior boys. Tea was served in the House common rooms, and it was generally agreed that in the rather windy conditions it was better to be a trifle crowded than to chase hats from one end of the lawn to the other.

Principal prize-winners were:

Smith Cup for the Captain of the School—J. G. Clark.

Houston Medal for General Merit—M. D. Rossie and R. J. M. Philip.

English Prize—R. Hellon.

History Prize—W. T. McPherson.

French Prize—R. Hellon.

Chemistry Prize—K. R. Hunter.

Physics Prize—K. R. Hunter.

Mathematics Prize—I. Eastwood.

Latin Prize—R. Hellon.

Geography Prize—W. T. McPherson.

Biology Prize—H. Willcox.

Chapel Notes

THE following preached at the Sunday services during the Winter and Spring terms:

2nd Oct., Rev. Dr. T. B. Stewart Thomson; 9th Oct., Vice-Admiral Sir James A. G. Troup; 16th Oct., Rev. Dr. J. F. Marshall; 23rd Oct., the Headmaster; 30th Oct., Rev. A. Cameron; 6th Nov., Rev. L. Derrick-Ladge; 20th Nov., Rev. D. Porter; 27th Nov., School visited Forgandenny Church; 4th Dec., the Headmaster; 11th Dec., Mr. A. D. D. McCallum.

22nd Jan., Mr. A. D. D. McCallum; 29th Jan., Mr. D. Silver; 5th Feb., the Headmaster; 12th Feb., Rev. J. Purves; 19th Feb., Rev. A. Cameron; 26th Feb., Mr. P. R. Spurgin; 4th March, School visited Forgandenny Church; 11th March, Mr. C. P. Hewson; 18th March, Mr. A. M. Appleby; 25th March, the Headmaster.

Anthems sung by the choir have been:

“Thou, Lord, our Refuge” (Mendelssohn); “Rejoice in the Lord” (Purcell); “The Three Kings” (Cornelius); “Laudate Nomen Pueri” (Tye); “Declare His Honour” (Purcell); “Let the Bright Seraphim” (Handel); “O Lord my God” (Arcadelt); “Prepare ye the Way” (Wise); “Sing we Merrily” (Batten).

The Christmas Carol Service was held on the last night of term instead of on the last Sunday. This seemed a very fitting

way of ending the term and it is likely to become the custom in future years.

Music Notes

It has been the custom in past years at the end of the Easter term either to hold a choral concert or to stage an opera. This was the year for a concert. The main work chosen was "King Arthur" by Purcell, and this formed the first part of the concert. The second part was lighter in character and consisted of a piece for orchestra, madrigals sung by a small group, sea shanties sung by the choir and accompanied by the orchestra, and some instrumental solos. The vocal solos in "King Arthur" were taken by members of the staff and by boys, and though nearly all had "lost their voices" through bad colds a day or two before the performance, they all found them again just in time and sang very creditably.

At the time of writing, the madrigal group is rehearsing some more madrigals and some part-songs for the Speech Day concert, and the orchestra is rehearsing pieces by Bach, Handel and Schubert.

Two singers have visited the School to give recitals which have been much enjoyed and appreciated—Roy Hickman (baritone) in the Christmas term and Laura Reece-Jones (contralto) in the Easter term. In common with our own soloists in "King Arthur", these singers had colds and "lost their voices" a day or two before or immediately after their recitals. However their singing seemed unaffected and no-one suspected their difficulties.

Boys have attended concerts by the Perth Symphony Orchestra, an orchestra whose standard of playing continues to improve. The madrigal group went to see the Perth Operatic Society's production of "The Gondoliers". Though the performance on the whole was enjoyable, there was much that was disappointing about the production.

The following boys are to be congratulated on passing Associated Board examinations:

Grade 3—Anderson, G. I. J.; Davidson, E. A.; Kerr, R. I. M.; Kinvig, R. J.; Macdougall, J. C.; Pirrie, A. B. (clarinets); Dyet, J., Tennent, J. M. (trumpets); Hutton, I. C. (flute).

Grade 2—Dickie, A. S. (credit); Gray, J. B. (violins).

Grade 1—McMurray, B. A. (piano).

G.W.



Queen's View, Loch Tummel

Angling Club

THE main item of news from this club concerns the School pond, which has recently been stocked with one hundred two-year-old trout from the Howieton Fishery, near Stirling. A further fifty fish caught fairly in various sections of the May have also been added to strengthen the stock, and we hope to add another fifty before the end of term to make the total two hundred, which is a suitable number for a pond of this acreage. There was some speculation as to whether the water was suitable for trout culture, but a test has revealed that it is alkali and therefore favourable. In addition some basic slag has been put in to promote plant growth under water. The chief problem is whether the minute burn that feeds the pond will be sufficient to provide spawning facilities for the fish, and efforts are being made to clear it and board up the banks to prevent them from collapsing.

We are fortunate to have about four miles of fishing on the May and the Earn, thanks to the kindness of various landowners. The former is a most attractive stream, where the scenery compensates for the smallness of the trout, which, though numerous, run about five to the pound. The latter seems to have been in

its usual dour state, and apart from a two-pound sea trout has not yielded very much. Several members of the staff have had successes on Loch Leven, but the only day on which boys went was fated to be hopeless, as it rained and "squalled" the whole time. It is hoped to take one or two more boys from time to time, when the standard of casting has improved.

The club held its annual exhibition of flies, home-made rods and other items on Speech Day.

J.A.B.

Dancing—Highland and Country

SCOTTISH country dancing has continued under House arrangements. Next year there will be a prescribed list of dances which can be mastered by boys in their first year at the School, with a view to providing the ground work for an advanced group.

Highland dancing has reached the stage at which professional guidance is necessary. This has been arranged, and an entry will be made in the dancing competition — foursome and fling — at the band competition in July. The team should do very well. On Speech Day they danced a foursome reel and also the sword dance, the music being provided by members of the band.

M.H.

Riley House

SINCE the last issue of "The Strathallian" we have welcomed, in the Easter term, Ian Cree and Kenneth Ross from Perth and John Donnan from Edinburgh; and this term James Bruce, Edinburgh; Ian Martin, Berwick; Douglas McCreath, Troon; Bill Roy, India; and Brian Stuart of Paisley, eighth of his "clan" at School and the fifth of them to enter Riley House.

Mr. Spurgin's departure has brought Mr. Gray to join us, and Miss Mackenzie, whose brother was one of the founder's pupils in the earlier days at Bridge of Allan, has taken over as Matron.

Drumfinn has distinguished itself by winning the Headmaster's Cup two terms running; Glencoe has at last begun to improve its lowly position; on Hamilton House has fallen Islay's mantle of neatness and tidiness; while several individuals in Big Dorm have made great efforts to improve their personal standards.

At the time of writing preparations are going forward for Speech Day, and much thought and time are being given to ways of presenting our spare-time activities, without interfering too much with the more mundane duties of the classroom, the

results of which appear in the Form Orders. One very notable feature of the term so far has been the growing keenness in cricket and swimming with a view not merely to self-entertainment, but to greater all-round proficiency.

D.S.

Lectures and Entertainments

THE School has been fortunate in obtaining the use of the village hall since the beginning of the Spring term. This has been used for film shows, and it seems to be generally agreed that its accoustics are a substantial improvement on those of the gymnasium. The main disadvantage of using it is that space is somewhat limited when the whole School is present. Nevertheless it is felt that it is better than the gym. Three films were shown during the Spring term: "The Glen Miller Story", "The Battle of Powder River" and "Abbott and Costello go to Mars".

There have been three lectures during the winter season. In November Ross Salmon came to talk on his ranching experiences in South America. This was first class and most entertaining. The highlight was perhaps a demonstration of whipping and lassoing at the end, when a group of Riley boys were ensnared with a rope and drawn across the gymnasium. The second lecture by Brian Fawcett was a little disappointing. The audience was expecting a more adventurous account from the title "Operation Fawcett", and this was lacking; instead much of the lecture was devoted to anthropological matter and contained little concerning his father's expeditions or the attempts to find him. The last lecture by John Paxton was entitled "Schoolboy Exploring" and concerned schools expeditions that John Paxton and his wife have taken to the Antarctic and Sahara. The lecture, being voluntary, was regrettably only attended by half the School. Those who were there had an enormously amusing hour at a lecture that was undoubtedly a great success.

Mr. Gray will be taking over the organisation of films and lectures from next term.

J.A.B.

The Photographic Society

THE society had the pleasure of a visit from Dr. W. H. Findlay of the Perth Photographic Club during the Spring term. His talk was most instructive and his coloured 35 mm. slides were a revelation and a delight. He also brought with him some exhibition prints which were greatly admired, not least for their soft tones and wonderful cloud effects. It was evident to all of us

how much we have to learn, and we are grateful to Dr. Findlay for his help and the challenge which his pictures put before us.

The standard of the members' own work for the competition, and for the Speech Day exhibition, showed an improvement on anything done previously, and those who worked for this are to be congratulated on a good show, the more so since almost half the members failed to contribute to it.

We are very much indebted to Dr. Findlay for so kindly coming out to judge the competition and for his helpful and encouraging comments.

In order to maintain and improve standards it is important that junior members of the society should make full use of the excellent equipment provided, because they will be its future leaders.

C.P.H.

Ski-ing and Mountaineering

A GOOD party went to Lillehammer in January and there spent nine days ski-ing. Conditions were generally good, though not perhaps as good as they were in 1955 at Norefjell. The ski-lift was "difficult" — there was an unfortunate tendency for one to lose contact with it about half way up, and on the last day but two it went out of action altogether. However by dint of coaxing and persuasion the whole party did get to the top several times and from there carried out several ski-tours. The climax to all these runs was a long run down fast running roads whose corners were turned more by experience (of the corners) than by skill. Only one occasion is on record of meeting anyone on the way up this run, but they were experienced themselves and stood well back to let enthusiastic learners hurtle by to eventual catastrophe in the fields below.

Some good progress was made during the stay. A form of Christiana was developed by some while others — how few they were! — merely improved their style, which was already far above the average of the party. Herr Prebensen once again was our patient instructor, and may be with us next year at Norefjell. The hostel accommodation was adequate but unfortunately unused to providing boy-sized meals. However Lillehammer itself made up for this and demonstrated the advantages and disadvantages of staying near a town of any description. Probably the disadvantages — financial — outweigh the benefits in the form of additional food.

In the Easter term local meets on Hamilton's farm (no lift) were held whenever conditions or timetable permitted. These were generally successful and spectacular.

M.H.



The Chapel

The Burns Night Supper, 1956

ON January 25th we held our annual Burns Night Supper. That night, as we all walked into the dining room for tea, we were all amazed to see a clan of warriors marching down the corridor from the dormitories. These clansmen were wearing white jerseys and the kilt. Freeland had topped the bill this time. They had planned within themselves to wear the kilt in the true Scottish tradition.

Silence was complete after grace as all strained their ears; and then came the skirl of the pipes from the outside corridor, becoming louder and louder until at last the three pipers — Willcox, Stuart and MacCallum — entered the dining room, closely followed by the cook, who was bearing the haggis for the masters' table.

J. G. Clark then addressed the haggis in the time-honoured lines of Burns, which he pronounced notably well for an Aberdonian:

"Fair fa' your honest, sonsie face,
Great chieftain o' the puddin' race!"

Then he cut the haggis, and it was not long before everybody was tucking in and soon there was very little left. It is interesting to note that the person who ate most was not a Scotsman but a Welshman.

I.Q.J., IIIA.

Pipes and Drums

PIPE MAJOR this year is H. Willcox, while Pipe Corporals G. C. Stuart and D. S. MacCallum, with Drum Corporals R. W. W. Paterson and M. Morgenthaler, are the other band N.C.O.s.

Twelve pipers and seven drummers now make an impressive showing every Friday afternoon. The use of chanter as near standard with each other as possible — mostly Hardie's — has improved the tone of the music very considerably, while the precision of the general drill is, on most occasions, outstandingly good.

The competition this year will be held at Glenalmond on 5th or 6th July, and, with a standard of playing higher than the best of last session, the band can feel confident of making a good showing. The Glasgow Schools Competition fell on the 8th of June, immediately after the Annual Inspection; the School band came second.

Looking ahead, one can forecast that next year, though the band may be slightly smaller than it is now, the difference will be only a matter of one or two pipers, for there are good pipers coming up from the younger cadets.

M.H.

Careers Lectures

IN the Spring term we were fortunate to have three speakers from Perth to talk to the senior boys about their occupations, with a view to giving them guidance as to the possibilities that exist in various types of vocations. We are grateful to them all for the trouble that they took to come out here and for the well balanced view that they presented. It is intended to continue this series next winter. If any parent or old boy is prepared to talk about his occupation to a group of boys, either small or large, I should be glad if he would contact the Careers Master.

Speakers, Spring term, 1956: A. J. Walt, Esq., "Retail Distribution"; G. D. Tennant, Esq., "Banking"; W. A. Gallie, Esq., "Insurance".

J.A.B.

Combined Cadet Force

SINCE last term there has been a spate of examinations, each of which has produced its surprises. As a result of the Naval examinations there is now an instructor cadet, J. C. Pattullo, and a petty officer, R. B. Clark. R.A.F. Proficiency results were extremely good and brought praise from H.Q. 66 Group R.A.F. It is to be hoped that this standard of performance will become habitual in years to come. The results of Certificate A Part I were exceptionally good, with only five failures in upwards of sixty-five candidates, but this success was offset by a poor showing in the Part 2 examination later on. This failure has set back the Army Section as a whole in its plans for more varied and advanced training.

The new parade times have proved quite satisfactory, and, by using activities on Tuesday night, we have gained about twenty minutes' training time each week. C/Sgt. Price has left the contingent for his native Wales, and in his place as S.S.I. we have Sgt. Keveran of the Welch Regiment, fresh from the army and with Korean war service.

The strength of the contingent is now just under two hundred cadets.

Army and Basic Sections

The training of each intake by selected N.C.O.s right up to Part I level has so far proved satisfactory. Advanced training of gunners and signallers has been limited by the Part 2 failures in March, but with any luck this should be rectified by September. There is after all a 25 pounder field gun which we can now call our own, while there is a chance that better wireless sets may be obtainable from Ordnance. All future plans however do depend on the first-time passing of Part 2 by the majority of the candidates, for without this those who do pass are unfairly burdened with training responsibilities.

Annual inspection this year will be by Brigadier Bernard Fergusson—The Black Watch and the Chindits—on 8th June.

Annual camp will be at Cultybraggan, near Comrie, and will be as active as it can possibly be made with the resources at the disposal of the contingent. About one hundred cadets will attend so far as can be judged at present.

M.H.

R.A.F. Section

The Part I Proficiency examination was held on 23rd March and the results, received at the beginning of this term, were very good. Nine candidates out of ten passed, gaining an average mark of 75%, which earned them a congratulatory letter from

the higher authorities. J. G. Clark and W. T. Macpherson obtained Distinguished Passes; R. D. Houston, J. M. Low, J. M. MacGregor, N. H. Morrison and M. D. Rossie gained Passes with Credit; and D. A. Baird and G. R. Johnston were awarded Passes. Training is now being directed towards the Advanced examination which will be taken later this term.

Somewhat miraculously, a reconditioned Hillman ten horsepower engine has been obtained from the R.A.F. for the purpose of training and pulling apart. Its assembly is under the care of Cpl. Anderson and Cds. Houston, Johnston and Morrison, and they are devoting much time to its servicing.

As always, the highlight of the year's training for the section was the annual camp, held this year at Hawarden, near Chester.

Arriving under their own steam on Wednesday, 18th April, the cadets, numbering nineteen in all, soon found themselves thrown into a life full of activity. Every morning, reveille at seven o'clock was followed by a rushed breakfast, inspection and a period of drill on the square, after which came teaching periods and lectures. After lunch the afternoons, lasting from two to four o'clock, included a visit to the nearby De Havilland's aircraft factory on the Thursday, and after shooting on the ranges a talk about the care and management of police dogs on the Saturday — all extremely interesting.

Friday was devoted entirely to flying, everyone going up on several specially arranged cross-country flights lasting roughly an hour each. It may be said with an element of pride that nobody was ill, or even felt so. After Church Parade on Sunday morning, the entire day was free. Before we knew it, Monday the 23rd had arrived and we were on our way back to School.

It goes without saying that all enjoyed the five days, and, taking everything into consideration, nothing was really missed by being away from home during the last week of the holidays. After all, the billets were comfortable, the camp kind to us and there was an abundance of free time; even the food was reasonable.

W.T.M.

R.N. Section

The section is now divided into four divisions, each under a leading seaman. For instructional purposes the cadets attend classes taken by the petty officer and leading seamen.

Nine recruits joined the section at the beginning of term, and there are now fourteen cadets who have passed for leading seamen.

Two cadets attended a Physical Training course at H.M.S. Drake, Devonport, during the Easter holidays, and another four

spent a week cruising on the River Clyde with Lt. Shuttleworth. Several more intend to go to Gunnery courses in the summer. Annual camp this year will be held at the end of the summer holidays on an M.F.V. on the River Clyde.

The section has been practising during the term for a display on Speech Day, and in the afternoon of that day the sailors' hornpipe was danced. In the evening the "sunset" ceremony was performed in conjunction with the band and the R.A.F. Section.

A ten ton gaff cutter, the "Lady Anne", has been obtained, and it is hoped to share this vessel with the School Sailing Club.

Promotions: P.O. J. C. Pattullo to instructor cadet; L.S. R. B. Clark to petty officer; A.B.s K. R. Hunter, D. S. MacCallum and J. C. McDougal to leading seamen.

K.R.H.

Science, have at you now!

ANY magazine is merely the mouthpiece of a minority forcing their opinions on the multitude. Consequently the views expressed in this article are those of the few, who believe that a major disaster is about to befall Strathallan, a disaster which we hasten to foretell and to suggest a method of correcting or even averting.

In this automatic age, great achievements have thrust the scientist more and more into the limelight, with the result that as more is achieved even more is expected. It is becoming increasingly obvious that science as a career is well worth a second glance. Fantastic salaries are offered in industry for those who have reached the required standard in mathematics, physics and chemistry. Engineers, chemists, physicists, chartered accountants, scientific teachers, the country is crying out for them all. With such a shortage of men, the rewards offered are amazingly attractive, and even in this remote backwater we are feeling the pull. Year by year, more people forsake the arts for the sciences, forsake culture for money. Mathematics has long ceased to be a subject and has become a religion demanding as ardent a following as the Great God Cricket. Chemistry and physics also demand their fair share of toil and sweat.

What can we at Strathallan do about this? At first glance the answer is nothing. However, powerless as we may be to stop the increase in the quantity, we can surely improve the quality. At the moment, a niggardly one period a week is allotted to the VI form scientists for the study of English literature. Good books are cast at their feet like pearls before swine.

while sublimely unconscious of their loss our scientists continue their maths. prep. In this connection we notice with appreciation that facilities are being provided for the study of Greek and German, and that four periods a week are to be allotted to scientists and mathematicians in the VI form.

It is easy to find fault with our school system, but considerably more difficult to suggest a practical remedy. Teaching people who have no desire to learn is a heart-breaking job. It is also to a large extent an unrewarding one. But somewhere among the unwilling "boffins" there are people who know something of what they are missing, and wish to repair the loss. Surely, if the examination results show that a sufficiently high academic standard has been reached, some more periods could be devoted to the study of something other than science, and there are those who study the arts who would welcome the opportunity of being guided through the mysteries of science and mathematics.

R.H.

Shoes

NOBODY could ever state with certainty just what prompted our dim and distant ancestors, who ran about the back-woods with their tummies painted blue, to construct a cumbersome pair of objects with which to protect their feet. It may have been an instinct for self-preservation, or just an idea to get one up on the neighbours who had produced a bearskin with buttons the previous day. Nevertheless, whatever the reason, shoes came, and came with a vengeance. Whether the designers of the original lamb's-wool slippers ever conjectured anything like the weird and wonderful female footwear of the present day is doubtful, and one is inclined to wonder if they would consider their life's work worth anything were they able to see their ancient craft so abused.

There is no doubt however that they originated an easy way of making money for many men. The many and varied jobs of the industry provide a pretty solid nook for many, since the demand for shoes has never ceased and probably never will. Certainly to us nowadays shoes would appear a very necessary commodity, but it is possible if not likely that the human race has invented a supposed help which has been one of the greatest sources of discomfort ever experienced by men. As in everything else, man cannot compete with nature in making any form of protection for himself, and failure to allow for the natural actions and expansion of the feet has caused untold annoyance to many millions of otherwise hale and hearty people.

This leads one to think how pleasant it would be if we did not need shoes. In fact, I suggest that we never did, but by

wearing them have forced ourselves to wear them for the rest of our days. Poorer children, who run around barefoot, have shown this to be true, since the soles of their feet become hard and horny, and do not, like the leather substitute, wear out. Thus the solution would seem to be to grit our teeth and take off our shoes until our feet become sufficiently immune to the everyday wear and tear which our shoes suffer.

Unfortunately, again, there is a snag. We have accustomed ourselves to such things as shoes and to appear without them—well, it is simply not feasible. The idea of going to the theatre in evening dress but barefoot is now as abhorrent to our nature as wearing coloured clothes for cricket. Shoes are thus an integral part of our dress and as such have crept into all fields of human activity. The industry is in a very healthy state and British shoes are world-famous as being of the best and most expensive quality. Our shoes indeed are on a par with our cattle, as they should be, since they are simply processed cow by another name.

Shoes to a lady, however, seem to serve no useful purpose except to set off her ankles, as the women about town are frequently to be seen parading the fashion-conscious main street of our principal city with no toes to their shoes and with the pavements covered in puddles.

Here is the shoe which I consider is without purpose and which is the one to be neglected of all shoes, and yet somehow I would not know why it receives most attention. Really, those women!

Bull Fight

It was late on Sunday afternoon when, after spending an agonising hour bouncing along the dusty unmetalled Spanish roads, we reached Gerona. We followed the line of large American cars, feeling rather insignificant amidst this show of foreign wealth. It was the day of the annual bull fight, and consequently a public holiday. Everybody was making his way past the ice cream and toffee apple vendors to the "Plaza de Toros". The Plaza reminded me of a small Roman amphitheatre. It was round, with stone terracing, which, with the addition of cushions, served as our seats.

Behind us a brass band was playing martial airs, and across the arena the Spanish country folk were sucking toffee apples and cracking ribald jokes.

Suddenly there was a fanfare of trumpets and assorted brass, and the president of the ring entered accompanied by two rather

fat members of the Civil Guard. He bowed to acknowledge the jeers of the apathetic townsmen, and with a wave of a none-too-clean handkerchief he opened the fight.

First to enter was a resplendent figure in a long black cloak riding a charger. He was followed by the two matadors and their cuadrillas, young men who had not yet reached the high standard required of a matador. Behind them came two picadores riding their matted horses and pulling a sledge which was to be used in removing the slaughtered bulls.

Hardly had this procession departed from the ring when there was another fanfare and the bull entered. He was smaller than I had expected, but he was extremely strong. He stopped in the middle of the ring and looked around for something on which to vent his fury. A cuadrilla stepped into the ring. The bull saw him and with a roar of anger charged the unfortunate man, who, waiting until it was right up to him, stepped behind a small wooden barrier. There was a thud as horn met wood. The bull recoiled and looked about with a bewildered expression on his face, wondering where his recent adversary had gone. Then in a flash it was racing across the arena to where someone else was waving his red and yellow cape. This time a large splinter of wood shot from the protection boarding. The matador himself took the cape and twisted the bull this way and that to find out how tightly it could turn. The bull pierced the cape with its horns and dragged it from the hand of the matador, who scurried to the side and vaulted over the barrier amidst the jeers of the onlookers. We sat back and relaxed. But not for long, for the next act was just beginning.

The picador had been led in on his matted and blindfolded horse. One of the cuadrillas distracted the bull's attention and manœuvred it nearer to the picador, all the time preventing it from seeing the horse. Then he removed the cape from in front of the bull, who, perceiving the horse for the first time, charged like an express train into its side. The horse reared, but the picador stuck his lance firmly in the neck of the bull, which, roaring in pain and anger, was caped away from the unfortunate horse.

After the bull had been pierced twice, it was considered that the muscles in its neck had been sufficiently weakened to eliminate any dangerous tossing and jerking of its head.

A hush descended as the matador was handed his banderillos. We had now come to what appears to be the most dangerous part of a bull fight. The matador stood in the middle of the arena, poised on the tips of his toes, with arms stretched above his head and a banderillo in each hand. He skipped lightly on

his feet and gave a sharp "Hola". The bull charged towards him with lowered head. The matador waited, silent and tense. Just as it seemed the horn would catch him, he swivelled round, planted two darts in the animal's neck and ran to the side. From the safety of the barrier the matador bowed to the cheering of his enthusiastic audience.

There was a pause while wine was drunk from the leather bottles which all the Spaniards carried with them. The matador needed a short rest before beginning the final act. Then, taking his small maroon "muleta" and his long, slender sword, curved to allow it to slip between the bones of the bull's neck, he swaggered arrogantly into the ring.

He played with the bull, trained to hate the maroon muleta. The applause thundered out as he executed a triple "veronica", weaving the bull in front and behind. But the bull was tiring rapidly as the matador gained complete mastery over it. Then at length the matador stood, his muleta behind his back, in front of the cowed and conquered bull. He looked towards the president's box, and at a signal from him he drew the sword, which had been concealed up to this time in the folds of his muleta. The bull charged for the last time and the sword sank to the hilt in its neck.

The natural revulsion I felt at seeing the blood gushing from the bull's mouth was slightly relieved by the sight of a large and overbearing American woman, who had obviously had enough of bull fighting, dragging a bewildered and very reluctant husband from the scene of the fight.

The second fight went without any incident worthy of mention, but we knew that something unusual was in store right from the beginning of the third fight. The bull was tough and very lively. The picador made a mess of his job and was booed out of the ring. The matador was on the defensive and did not look very happy. Suddenly there was a loud "Oh" and the bull ripped his breeches. However he managed to complete a veronica, although he was obviously in pain from his wound. Then he drew his sword and prepared for the kill. The bull jerked its head and tossed him into the air. Everyone was on his feet cheering the bull. The matador was "riding the horn" all round the ring. All the attendants were there trying to distract the bull's attention. One man was pulling its tail, while another, attempting to catch its horns, was thrown to the ground. Finally the bull was drawn away from the injured matador, who was carried to the infirmary on a stretcher. He passed below, his face grey and his eyes closed. There was a little blood about his mouth. The second matador, his face ashen, completed the kill.

The journey back to the hotel was completed in silence. Most of us were rather shaken by the sight of death.

A.B.C.

Factory Visits

THE whole of the Senior School spent Tuesday, March 13th, visiting various factories, mines and shipyards. These expeditions were designed to be both of general educational interest and to give guidance to those contemplating possible careers in industry. All reports indicate that the day was a most enjoyable and instructive one, and we are most grateful to all those who offered us hospitality on this occasion. It is intended to repeat this scheme next year. A list of the places and firms visited is given below, and one or two detailed reports of the expeditions.

National Coal Board, Comrie Colliery, near Kelty.

British Railways Locomotive Works, Glasgow.

John Brown & Co., Ltd., Clydebank.

Colvilles, Ltd., Motherwell.

William Younger & Co., Edinburgh.

Pillans & Wilson, Edinburgh.

Mitchells, Ltd., Glasgow.

Robertson, Urquhart & Lindsay Orchard, Dundee.

J. & P. Coats, Ltd., Glasgow.

Pillans & Wilson and William Younger & Co.

The building was part of an unimposing block in an insignificant street in an obscure part of Edinburgh. Indeed so much did it resemble, from the outside, a coroner's court that it was with reluctance that I surrendered the sunlight of the street for the dimness of the interior. Had I known what interest and pleasure awaited me, I would not have been so dispirited. To start with, a short summary of the uses, methods and difficulties of the printing business was given by Mr. Wilson, the managing director of Pillans & Wilson, Ltd., whose works we visited.

Two hundred years of high-quality printing have built up for this firm a reputation of which they may well be proud. Printing demanding a high degree of accuracy is their speciality, and how this accuracy is achieved we were to learn.

A great deal depends, we were told, on the setting up of the type, a process which used to be done by hand but which is now done mechanically and more quickly. The operating of the type-setting machine is reputed to be hazardous as a result of

the possibility of being splashed by molten type metal. Our next stop was at the paper store where a very large room is kept permanently filled with stocks, mainly of the type of paper on which this magazine is printed. From here we went to the machine room where there are five large presses and several smaller ones. This department was the highlight of the tour. With amazement we watched a sheet of paper being sucked from the top of a pile, whisked along a maze of belts, passed through two sets of rollers, dried by a fine powder, and finally being deposited on another pile at the opposite end of the huge machine, which, with a continuous but never overpowering clatter, was printing travel pamphlets in two colours, and in three languages, at the rate of fifteen hundred an hour. This is considered to be rapid production, and we were consequently astonished to see a smaller German machine producing sheets of seals for a leading biscuit firm at the rate of four thousand every hour.

Leaving the noise of the presses behind us, we entered the cutting and folding department, where the main attraction was a guillotine which sheared through a stack of paper twelve inches high with a cold, merciless precision which boded ill for a careless operator. Thus our tour ended, and after lunch in the works canteen and an hour in Edinburgh we passed on to the second half of our programme, a visit to William Younger & Co.

This brewery, founded over two hundred years ago, is partly housed in what may well be the original buildings, and it was through broad but low passages, in tall spacious rooms, and up and down steep narrow staircases, that we followed the production of "good wholesome beer".

We started with the barley from the farmer, which is roasted in ovens until the starch inside the husk is free, when it is ground up and soaked in water at 150° F. in large copper tanks which look rather like diving bells, from which the mixture is pumped into another set of tanks, where yeast is added. Here, the liquid is boiled for two hours, and it is only in the final twenty minutes of the boiling that the hops are put in. After this the liquid is cooled down to 58° F. and put into open tanks to ferment for forty-eight hours, at the end of which time it is again cooled down to prevent further fermentation. The liquid is now beer and is ready to be bottled.

Now it is the bottling more than any other process that must interest the casual observer. Empty bottles are washed, sterilised and tested for cleanliness before they are placed on a moving belt, and automatically filled, capped and labelled by separate machines. After this they are placed in crates, which are taken away at the rate of approximately three every minute.

In general the employees looked bored, and the striking feature was the apparent shortage of workers. Everywhere the inhuman, unfeeling, accurate and fast machine is replacing the human, not quite so accurate and not nearly so fast, employee. Perhaps one day even the executives will be replaced by computers, and much of the still strong pride in a worth-while job well done will be irrevocably lost.

R.H.

Stephen Mitchell & Son, Ltd.

This party was restricted to twenty, and as a result our transport was not a large modern bus similar to those that had taken the other parties away at nine o'clock, but it was a rather small utilitarian vehicle that drew up on Rothesay Pier at a quarter to eleven to carry us to Glasgow. The hardness of the seats, however, was soon forgotten as the passengers settled down to enjoy the run in the sun of a spring morning.

We arrived in Glasgow at about half past twelve, and after a hearty meal at a restaurant in the centre of the city we went on to the factory itself. We were met at the door and quickly conducted along a corridor to a small room where we were given an introductory talk of suitable brevity.

The first process that we saw was the preparation of dried tobacco leaves, which had been stored in large casks in the warehouse. The leaves were spread on a conveyor belt which led them through a rotating drum, in which the correct percentage of moisture was added. The leaves were then stripped by hand and spun as a rolled cord into reels. The spinning machines were manually operated, three operators being employed at each machine.

The rolls of tobacco so formed were either pressed in large hydraulic rams, in which they remained for about a fortnight in order to produce black tobacco, or fed into cutting machines to produce the fine milder forms of tobacco which were dried over gas burners.

During all these processes the moisture content of the tobacco was carefully checked; indeed stringent government regulations govern what additions may be made. Large fans blew atomised water into the rooms, maintaining the relative humidity at a somewhat unpleasantly high constant.

The product was then packed either in vacuum tins (which are checked over a mercury barometer) or in paper packets. The quantity of tobacco was weighed out by hand, but the wrapping was done largely by machines, and these were fascinating to watch. The packets were then placed in large cardboard boxes and dispatched to various customers.

We were then given tea in the staff canteen, and any questions we wanted to ask about the process were willingly answered by our guides. After this we left the factory, and during the run back to School the snores coming from the back of the bus were a good indication that the trip had been brisk and exhausting!

It must be stated that all thoroughly enjoyed the visit, and we are most grateful to the staff of the firm who arranged the instructive, interesting and enjoyable afternoon.

K.R.H.

Rugby Retrospect, 1955-56

THE note of cautious optimism upon which the last retrospect ended appears to have been reasonably justified on surveying generally the season's football.

The usual climatic hazards of a winter season were surmounted, and we were more fortunate in this respect than was the case last year and the fixtures were not largely affected.

The 1st XV, captained by M. D. Rossie, after a disappointing start, settled down to show themselves capable of playing some improved football. The main difficulty with which the side had to contend was the lack of an experienced full-back, and when it was necessary for Rossie to take over the half-back problem was acute.

However, the team settled, and after the first win the forwards showed themselves to be as sound a pack as any they faced, playing collectively with vigour and determination. The three-quarters, encouraged by this and assisted by the quickness of Pirrie at scrum-half to seize an opportunity, showed themselves capable of scoring tries. By no means mercurial, their defence improved, and there were signs of harder running than of yore.

The 2nd XV fixture list was extended this season, and although three games were cancelled they won four of the six matches played, defeating Glasgow Academy, Watson's, Morrison's and Allan Glen's.

The 3rd XV, having their first official season, were undefeated, their best performance probably being their victory over a combined Gordonstoun and Altyre 2nd XV. Few of the team are leaving School and their experience will be of value to the senior XVs next term.

The Under 15½ side defeated Glasgow Academy, Morrison's Academy and Aberdeen Grammar School, and although losing



Back Row: D. C. Yellowley, J. C. Pattullo, R. J. Chalmers, I. Eastwood, W. R. Galbraith, J. G. Clark, A. G. McMurray, H. R. Brown. *Middle Row (seated):* D. S. MacCallum, D. M. Anderson, M. D. Rossie (Captain), D. G. Ross, D. R. Binnie. *Front Row:* J. Raymond, W. R. Kilpatrick. The whole team were awarded full colours.

to Fettes, Loretto and Merchiston they finished their season with as many games won as lost.

The Under 14½ XV were an evenly balanced side and finished the season with 74 points to 30 in their favour, defeating en route Dollar, Morrison's, Glenalmond and Aberdeen Grammar School and drawing with both Fettes and Loretto.

The Junior XV (under 13½) finished their season with 99 points in their favour to 87 against and will field a largely unchanged side next year since ten of the team will still be under the age limit. They improved as the season wore on.

Mention must also be made of the 2nd Under 13½ side, who won both their matches in good style.

The Senior House matches were keenly fought. Ruthven beat Freeland by 3 points to nil and went on to be worthy winners. In the Junior league the Simpson XV showed themselves to be the best side, but throughout both Senior and Junior matches, with the exception of Nicol who were having a lean year, the scores were close and reflected the improved standard of football.

Generally, then, the season produced some satisfactory results, but as always much can still be done to ensure that School Rugby next season continues on the up-grade. The responsibility lies with the younger players, whose duty it is to see the game stripped of everything but its fundamentals, to practice its basic skills of proper passing, tight binding, hard tackling, strong running, and to realise that the poor standard of senior Rugby is largely due to the adaptations which necessarily creep in when these skills are neglected or forgotten.

Finally, thanks are due to the coaching members of the staff for their continued efforts and interest.

R.H.

Strathallan v. Glasgow Academy

Played at Old Anniesland on 5th October. Result: Lost 0-6.

Preparations for this first school match were necessarily shortened owing to the unfortunate postponement of the start of the winter term. Nevertheless the School, with the assistance of the wind, confined the early play to the Academy half, and groping for some measure of cohesion, kept the defence well on their toes. However, after a penalty had been missed, the Academy fought back and by half-time had taken the lead with a penalty goal.

During the first half the School had shown a marked disinclination to use the wind, and it was left to the Academy, when ends changed, to exploit the opportunities it afforded. After spirited play in the closing minutes the Academy scored an unconverted try at the corner.

Strathallan v. Edinburgh Academy

Played on Little Acre on 15th October. Result: Lost 0—13.

The Academy forwards gradually gained the upper hand and the XV were very much on the defensive from the start. Well on in the first half, after several attacks had been frustrated by sound tackling, the Academy broke through to score their first try, which was converted. The second half brought little change, and the Academy, getting much of the ball both in the tight and line-out, broke away to score two more tries, one of which was converted.

Strathallan v. Dollar Academy

Played on Little Acre on 26th October. Result: Lost 0—12

The School forwards in this game showed some of the improved form which was to characterize much of the XV's rugby later in the season. They gained a good share of the ball, and Pirrie got it away well, but the three-quarters made little use of it, and it was disappointing to see the breakdown of several promising movements. Poor tacking, bad positioning, and slow covering led to several breakaways from the Dollar twenty-five yard line, and the one try scored before half-time was the forerunner of three more, none being converted.

Strathallan v. Morrison's Academy

Played on Little Acre on 29th October. Result: Won 6—0.

The School took some time to settle down and a ragged beginning offered several chances to the Academy. After some minutes, however, the forwards, with Anderson and MacCallum tackling well, began to gain the ascendancy, and from a quick heel Pirrie broke away on the blind side to score in the corner. The School, heartened by this, went on to attack strongly, but the score was not increased until well on in the second half when Clark kicked a good penalty goal.

Strathallan v. Panmure

Played on Little Acre on 2nd November. Result: Lost 8—34.

The School started quite well and the first score came when Clark kicked an early penalty goal. The heavier Club forwards were well contained in the early stages and much of the play was in the visitors' half. The Panmure stand-off broke away to score twice, but just before half-time Chalmers scored after a good run and Clark converted. After the interval, however, the superior strength and weight of the Club three-quarters told and score followed score.

Strathallan v. George Watson's College

Played at Myreside on 8th November. Result: Drew 6—6.

The School scored first when midway through the first half Clark converted a penalty. Both packs played hard and were evenly matched, while the three-quarters both tackled well, and in marking-up left little to chance. Three points down, Watson's fought back strongly to equalise with a try. The kick was unsuccessful and the score stayed at 3—3 until well after half-time when Watson's scored a penalty goal. The School, playing their best rugby to date, strove to break through, but the defence, realising the value of three points at this stage, held firm. It was left to Sloan, moved in to stand-off, to kick a very good dropped goal in the closing minutes

Strathallan v. Allan Glen's

Played at Bishopriggs on 19th November. Result: Lost 0—6.

There were more penalties awarded against the XV in this game than in the previous four matches together, and it turned out to be the most disappointing game of the term. The side never really settled down until very late in the game. The forwards allowed themselves to be rushed off their game and showed little of their usual fire. The backs had little of the ball, but never ran convincingly when in possession. For all this, there were few signs of danger until Allan Glen's scored a neat dropped goal in the late stages of the first half. In a game of many missed penalties, the home side finally converted one to complete the scoring.

Strathallan v. Glasgow University "Wednesday Club"

Played on Little Acre on 25th November. Result Won 16—3.

The forwards, starting, well, gained early possession, and Brown opened the scoring when he rounded his man and cut inside the full back to touch down near the posts; Clark converted. After this rather racy beginning play settled down, and although the School looked the more dangerous, there was no other score until after half-time when Yellowley took the ball at his feet from the half-way line and scored at the corner. Shortly afterwards a quick heel set the three-quarters in motion, and a good movement ended in a try by Chalmers, which was converted by Clark, who, a minute later kicked a penalty goal to complete the School's scoring. In the closing minutes the University kicked a penalty goal.

Strathallan v. Gordonstoun.

Played at Altyre on 26th November. Result: Won 13—9.

The School were slow to shake off the lethargy which must have been largely due to the long journey, and Gordonstoun immediately took the offensive, pinning the School in their own half for the first ten minutes with some keen play that showed signs of speed and determination. This pressure resulted in a penalty goal, and Gordonstoun took the lead. Shortly afterwards, on the Gordonstoun twenty-five yards line, the forwards heeled crisply and Pirrie slipped through to score a try, which Clark converted. Play however was spirited and Gordonstoun replied with a dropped goal to take the lead at half-time with six points to five.

The School now began to play with more fire and the pack began to earn an increasing share of the ball both in the tight scrums and in the line-out. Clark kicked a penalty goal and Anderson broke away from a loose scrumage to score a good try, which Clark converted to complete the scoring.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar School

Played on Little Acre on 3rd December. Result: Won 11—3.

The first score of the game was a penalty goal by Clark, and shortly afterwards Aberdeen equalised as a result of a similar infringement. The forwards were playing well together, although fortunes were even until half-time. Nevertheless, the pack steadily gained the ascendancy, giving the backs an increasing supply of the ball when they were in an attacking position, but effectively taking it themselves when pressed. Kilpatrick finished off a sound movement with a good try which Clark converted; and the same player, in the dying minutes of the game, cut through the centre to score a try which was unconverted and which brought to an end this good match.

Strathallan v. Daniel Stewart's

Played on 28th January, 1956. Result: Won 13—3.

The game was played on a surface lightly covered by snow. The early attempts by the heavy Stewart's pack looked like controlling the game but the School pack began to get more of the ball, mainly by virtue of better binding in the lines-out and loose scrums. We were nevertheless a little fortunate to change ends with the score still 0—0.

The second half began with steady pressure and play was kept near the Stewart's line. Rossie followed up his own kick ahead and Pirrie scored two good tries following breaks from the base of the scrum. Clark converted both to give the School a lead of 13 points which was only diminished near the end when Stewart's converted a penalty goal.

Strathallan v. Glenalmond College

Played on 15th February. Result: Drew 6—6.

Owing to the frost it was necessary to play the match at home — and on the Mudflats at that.

Glenalmond were first to score in the corner and the attempt at conversion failed. Shortly afterwards Clark kicked a penalty goal from well out. The School made stout efforts to take the lead but the next score came as the result of an offside infringement in front of the School posts, and Glenalmond took the half-time lead of six points to three.

Although the highlights of this game were few, the second half produced frequent narrow escapes and several good movements. It was not till late in this half that Pirrie broke away from a scrum on the five-yard line to score. The kick failed and the resulting draw was a fair reflection of the play.

Strathallan v. Old Boys

Played on 22nd March. Result: Won: 18—11.

The School took an early lead when Pirrie slipped through to score under the posts. Kilpatrick converted this try. The School attacked heartily and the pack were enjoying a spirited beginning when a quick heel sent Pirrie away and Brown, taking the pass, cut through strongly to score under the posts. Kilpatrick converted.

The 10 points lead and the holiday spirit were diminished when in quick succession the Old Boys broke away crisply to score twice, one of the tries being converted. The half-time score was 10—8.

The School pack were gradually asserting themselves and their efforts were rewarded when from a good heel Rossie was slipped through to score between the posts. The try was converted. Minutes later Galbraith broke away and scored in the corner. In the last minutes the School lead was reduced by an unconverted try.

Summary of Results

		Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
1st XV	-	13	6	5	2	97	112
2nd XV	-	6	4	2	0	61	55
3rd XV	-	4	4	0	0	31	14
15 $\frac{1}{2}$ XV	-	6	3	3	0	47	82
14 $\frac{1}{2}$ XV	-	7	4	1	2	74	30
13 $\frac{1}{2}$ XV	-	10	4	6	0	99	87

HOUSE COMPETITION**Senior League**

Ruthven beat Freeland 3-0
 Simpson drew with Nicol 3-3
 Freeland beat Nicol 11-0

Ruthven beat Simpson 17-5
 Freeland drew with Simpson 6-6
 Ruthven beat Nicol 41-0

Junior League

Freeland beat Simpson 6-3
 Ruthven beat Nicol 29-0
 Freeland beat Ruthven 3-0

Simpson beat Nicol 43-0
 Freeland beat Nicol 12-0
 Ruthven beat Simpson 8-3

Senior Cup: 1st, Ruthven; 2nd, Freeland; 3rd, Simpson.

Junior Cup: 1st, Freeland; 2nd, Ruthven; 3rd, Simpson.

Flag Points:

1st, Ruthven, 20 pts.; 2nd, Freeland, 18 pts.; 3rd Simpson, 8 pts.

Hockey

WITH the arrival of over fifty new sticks, we were able to start playing hockey throughout the School on 1st March, and although the season lasted less than four weeks, five first eleven matches and senior house matches were played.

On the whole the standard of play has improved considerably, but two basic faults remain: the forwards, when in the circle, are slow to shoot, while the backs fail to cover and tackle at the correct moments.

The Junior XI had two fixtures with prep. schools, and although they lost both of them, it was partly due to their lack of experience.

Results

Junior XI	v. Craigflower	...	Lost	1-2
	v. Lathallan	...	Lost	0-7
Under 15½ XI	v. Fettes	...	Lost	0-2
1st XI	v. Masters	...	Won	6-1
	v. Altyre	...	Lost	1-3
	v. Aberdeen Grammar	...	Drawn	2-2
	v. Morgan Academy	...	Won	5-1
	v. Fettes	...	Lost	2-4

R.W.W.P.

Strathallan v. Altyre (Gordonstoun), at Forres

Result: Strathallan 1; Altyre 3.

Strathallan won the toss and chose to play with the sun at their backs. Altyre started off at a tremendous pace, and it soon became noticeable that Strathallan were inclined to panic inside their own circle. It was during one of these early scrambles in front of our own goal, that Altyre opened the scoring, following a complete lapse in the Strathallan defensive covering. After this, however, Strathallan began to settle down. The defence seemed to get the measure of the Altyre attack, and Clark,

Paterson and Rossie all came near to equalising. Just before half-time, when Strathallan seemed to have the game well in hand, Altyre broke away down the left wing, a centre coming across the Strathallan goal was kicked in by a defender, and a goal was given.

Strathallan started the second half well on top, but they were two goals behind, and this half followed the pattern of the other, with Strathallan attacking an all-too-solid Altyre defence. When Altyre did attack, it was through their wings, who were used to much greater effect than were our own. But Strathallan still continued to press, and after a number of easy chances had been missed, Paterson, unmarked, rounded the Altyre goalkeeper and shot into an empty net to make the score 2—1. Strathallan now attacked in an all-out effort to equalise, and in doing so, threw defence to the winds, with the result that Altyre stole a third and final goal.

Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar School, at Rubislaw

Result: Strathallan 2; Aberdeen Grammar School 2.

Strathallan were again a little slow in settling down, but the defence handled early Grammar raids competently. Burns, who had replaced Galbraith, soon showed that he had earned his place with some clever moves down the left wing, and the rest of the forwards seemed to be playing well together. Clark came very near to scoring once or twice, and it was he who finally opened the scoring, just before half-time, from a cross by Pullar on the right wing.

Very early in the second half the Strathallan defence was caught out of position and Grammar equalised. Within minutes they were ahead when Strathallan were again covering too slowly. After a number of easy chances had been missed in front of the Aberdeen goal, Clark scored his second goal after a long run by Paterson. After this, both teams tried hard to score the winning goal, but had finishing spoilt some good mid-field play. Amongst the defence, all of whom played well, although covering was sometimes slow, J. Willcox was outstanding both in attack and defence. The forwards also played well together, but if chances had been taken in front of goal, the score might well have been different.

Strathallan v. Fettes 2nd XI, at Fettes

Result: Strathallan 2; Fettes 4.

This game was played in cold, foggy conditions, but despite the weather, Strathallan started off with great speed and skill, and the Fettes goal was soon in danger. A goal from Burns gave Strathallan an early lead, and a second from Paterson shortly afterwards put Strathallan two ahead. This first-half lead was well deserved, as the Fettes attacks were always broken up in mid-field, whereas the Strathallan forwards were more direct and thrustful.

After half-time, however, the Fettes team came into its own with three quick goals which seemed to take the punch out of the game. Strathallan tried hard to regain the lead, but the Fettes defence was by now well established, with the result that they added another goal just before the end to make the score 4—2.

The following played for the School: Paterson, R. W. W. (Capt.); Anderson, D. M.; Burns; Caldwell; Clark; Galbraith, W. R.; Hudson; MacPherson; Paton, J. G.; Pullar; Pirrie, A. B.; Willcox, H.; Willcox, J.; Yellowley; and Rossie.

Strathallan v. Masters, at Forgandenny

Result: Strathallan 6; Masters 1.

Due to an error in marking the Masters scored early in the first half, but just before half-time the boys equalised through a goal from Paterson. The second half began at a much faster pace and Clark scored within the first five minutes to make the score 2—1. From this point the ball rarely entered the boys' half and within ten minutes both Clark and Paterson scored again to make the score 4—1. A period of uninteresting play followed during which I. Willcox was a reliable defender, and two more goals from Paterson through centres by Galbraith brought the game to a close.

Strathallan A XI v. Morgan Academy A XI, at Dundee

Result: Strathallan 5; Morgan Academy 1.

After a slow start, the Strathallan forwards soon settled down to play attractive hockey. Morgan, however, opened the scoring after twenty minutes, and at half-time, the score was 1—1, following a goal by Hudson. The second half started briskly, with excellent moves by McPherson, Burns, Hudson and Gilmour on the forward line and with I. Willcox, H. Willcox and Caldwell solid in defence. After many panic moments in the Morgan circle Hudson, Burns and McPherson (2) finally made the score 5—1 in favour of Strathallan.

Fives

THIS year has been the most encouraging we have ever had. M. D. Rossie and J. G. Clark, who have been in the team for three years, have set a much higher standard than their predecessors, and, though our other pairs cannot yet approach them, they too are much better than previous second and third pairs.

Of our matches, we lost to Merchiston, although our first pair won their games; we defeated Glasgow University twice, and Fettes College once; we lost to a team representing Cambridge University and to another from St. John's, Cambridge. Clark, Rossie, D. M. Anderson, P. McLellan and A. B. Pirrie were awarded their fives colours.

During the Easter holidays, eight boys took part in outside events, the first four named above taking part in the British Public Schools Championships. Rossie and Clark reached the last eight, though obliged to knock out our other pair to get there. Four younger boys entered for the Scottish Championships at Edinburgh, where T. W. Higginson and C. P. Roselle also reached the last eight against adult opposition.

In general, the standard of fives and the enthusiasm shown have improved considerably this year. In previous post-war seasons our few matches have usually resulted in heavy defeats, but we have now reached the position where we can try to extend our fixture list in the expectation of giving any opponents a good match.

D.E.Y.



The Water Jump

Boxing

LAST term there was a lack of enthusiasm in this field and accordingly a house competition was instituted instead of the proposed team to box other schools. The new scheme soon proved its worth when ninety-eight boys entered for the competition. The finals were held on Friday, 23rd March, and were watched by the whole school. Points were awarded to winners.

runners-up, semi-finalists and good losers, and an interesting situation ensued with Nicol and Simpson gaining the same number of points and consequently sharing the cup, although the result was in doubt right up to the last fight. The winner of each weight was presented with a medal, and most of the fights were very closely contested under the control of Mr. Mayne, who kindly came over from Ardvreck to referee the contests.

The results are given below :

Weight	Winner	Runner-up
Heavy Weight	R. C. Ross	D. S. MacCallum
Middle Weight	A. D. J. Budge	S. W. Grierson
Welter Weight	P. McLellan	N. F. Maguire
Light Weight	W. M. S. Buchanan	D. C. Duncan
Feather Weight	K. D. Ballantyne	D. J. MacKenzie
Fly Weight	M. R. McLellan	W. Chapel
Mosquito Weight	B. A. Wingate	J. D. McKinlay
Midge Weight	I. S. Gray	I. M. Miller
Gnat Weight	N. G. Sinclair	G. S. Munn

The fight between Ballantyne and MacKenzie was stopped in the third round. The rest were won on points.

P.McL.



The Main Drive

Swimming

THIS year Captain Williams has taken over swimming, and there are forty-two regular swimmers who attend in games periods.

The inter-house swimming this year will be organised into three age groups and, in addition, a "standard" will be awarded to every competitor who completes the distances within certain fixed times. The finals will be held on Tuesday, 3rd July.

Sixty-four entries have been received for the various life-saving examinations, and classes are being held during "activities" every week.

K.R.H.

Tuck Shop

PROFITS from sales in the Tuck Shop are transferred, after termly accounts have been checked and closed, to the AMENITIES FUND. This Fund, with its separate banking account, is operated by Mr. A. D. D. McCallum.

AMENITIES FUND — ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS

Receipts

March, 1953:

Balance transferred	£174	18	4
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From March, 1953, to December, 1955:

Gift — Strathallian Club	3	3	0
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From Tuck Shop Profits	765	0	0
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Total	£943	1	4
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Payments

From March, 1953, to December, 1955:

Payments to House Funds	£233	15	4
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Sundry Small Payments	4	12	0
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Pipe Band: Uniform	141	6	3
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Bag Pipes	20	0	0
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Games for Sanatorium	7	15	8
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Cricket (Paddock Nets)	121	12	0
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Fly Fishing Society	5	0	0
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"Atco" Lawn Mower (part cost)	29	10	7
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Cine Projector	45	0	0
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Record Player	15	15	0
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Photographic Society (Enlarger)	20	0	0
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Total	£644	6	10
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H. G. KING,
Bursar.

23rd January, 1956.

Strathallian Club

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(In each case the President, Vice-President and Hon. Secretary and Treasurer
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Editorial Board

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Sports

R. A. Paterson (c), A. A. Arneil.

Golf

I. Macewan (c)

Dinner

D. C. Fulton (c), A. B. Bryce, B. E. Marr.

Dance

L. A. Marshall (c), J. Hall, B. E. Marr, R. A. Paterson.

Our President for 1955-56

At the Annual General Meeting held at Perth on 26th November, 1955, the members of the Club again exhibited soundness of judgment in their choice of President. Douglas William Lewis, our new President ("Duggie" to his friends) is indeed a worthy successor to his illustrious predecessors.

Although in years he is our youngest President to date, Douglas is not a newcomer to the Club's affairs and his period of service on the Council was marked by a series of lunches, dinners and sporting functions, the unquestioned success of which was in no small measure due to his drive and energy and ability as an organiser. No doubt "Duggie" would be the last to admit it, for he fights shy of praise, but his record clearly shows that he is a firm believer in the maxim that no job is worth doing unless well done. Douglas is renowned for the firmness with which, if he thinks it right, he can take an independent line, but his natural charm of manner enables him to do so pleasantly and in consequence he has many friends.

At school from 1936/38 Douglas confesses to no outstanding academic successes. His record on the sporting side, however, was not entirely undistinguished. A member of Freeland House, he played for both the School 1st and 2nd XVs and ran for his house in the year when the School sports champion went on to gain Olympic honours. He was also an enthusiastic member of the scout troop, an interest which he brought with him to School, where he became a patrol leader.



[Portrait by Stephens Orr, F.R.P.S., Glasgow]

DOUGLAS W. LEWIS

On leaving School in 1938, Douglas joined the staff of a Glasgow stock exchange firm and found that he had plenty of time to indulge his out-of-door activities.

Early in the war he volunteered for the Army and after a period of service in the ranks of the Cameron Highlanders, followed by O.C.T.U. at Sandhurst, he was commissioned into the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and joined the 1st Battalion of that regiment. He went overseas in 1942 and saw action in Madagascar. From Madagascar he proceeded to Uganda, where he was seconded to the King's African Rifles, with whom he

served till 1946 in Tanganyika, Somaliland and Abyssinia, being promoted to Major at the age of 23. Full advantage was taken of his stay in East Africa to visit "unusual parts", and among his most pleasant memories Douglas recalls an expedition to the Mountains of the Moon and the Belgian Congo — the latter at a time when the British were regarded with the greatest suspicion.

On demobilisation in 1946, he returned to the Glasgow Stock Exchange and became a member in 1947 on being assumed a partner of A. C. Anderson & Co. For his relaxation he pursued a golf ball across Whitecraigs golf course and played hockey for the local team.

Now married, with two sons, Douglas's principal interests outside of his business, are centred on his family, his garden, golf and his car. He is a member of the Scottish Sporting Car Club and an occasional competitor in the Scottish rallies. He still finds time to take an active part in the affairs of the local Unionist Association — of which he was treasurer — and the Glasgow Dumfriesshire Society, of which he has been secretary for five years, president for two, and is now honorary vice-president.

He carries the good wishes of all members for a successful term of office.

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

THE Twenty-Second Annual General Meeting of the Club was held at the Station Hotel, Perth on 26th November, 1955, under the Chairmanship of the President, Tom Macfarlane. The meeting was well attended, noticeably by a number of members who had travelled from south of the border. The usual formal business was transacted. The President reported on the favourable result of his appeal for donations to the Club from Life Members who had joined at the Life Members subscription rate of £5. A motion to amend the Constitution of the Club by providing for the election to the Council each year of a member who had left school not less than fifteen years before the Annual General Meeting was carried by a large majority. The only other item of note was concerned with the possible formation of a Club Rugby XV. After discussion the Council was instructed to investigate the matter and report back to the next A.G.M.

At the Annual Dinner which followed the Meeting, the Guest of Honour was the Sheriff of Perth and Angus, Sir Randall Philip, O.B.E., Q.C. In proposing the toast of "The Club", he spoke of the great pioneer work done by the founder of the School, Mr. Riley, and urged that a written record should be made of it while it remained fresh in the memory of old boys. In an excellent speech he stated that while every school was bent

on education in the narrow sense there were other tangible qualities or overtones which he thought were much the most important products of any great school. In seeking to discover the qualities in a man which it should be the object of every school to produce, Sir Randall gave three: magnanimity of heart, moderation in judgment and a true appreciation of tradition. He illustrated his theme with numerous references to the pages of Scottish history and English literature.

In his reply the President thanked Sir Randall for his most interesting and inspiring remarks and went on to review the achievements and activities of the Club during his term of office. While the contents of his speech have been forgotten at the time of writing, the quiet and modest manner of its delivery and the sincerity of its tone remain crystal clear as one of the highlights of the function.

The toast of "The School" was proposed in expert fashion by Mr. James Headrick, B.L. From the standpoint of a lawyer and father of two Old Boys, he lacked nothing in subject matter, and with wit and sincerity made a most enjoyable speech. The Headmaster replied. The Club looks forward each year at this time to hearing of the progress of the School and on this occasion a most heartening account was given by Mr. Hoare. While maintaining his usual tone of caution, his review of the School's achievements and advancement showed that all was well.

Mr. Stuart Scott handled the toast of "The Guests", in the unfortunate absence of Mr. D. Morrison Paul, in characteristically humorous manner, while the reply from Mr. Richard Wanless, consisting chiefly of a large number of relevant and amusing stories, manifested his accomplishment as an after-dinner speaker.

The installation of the new President, Mr. Douglas Lewis, and the presentation of the Past President's badge to the retiring President, who had conducted the proceedings throughout in an admirable way, brought a memorable dinner to an end.

News from the Universities

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY

THERE are a number of members at the University at present in various stages of study. Of these we have to report that David Muir has been elected captain of the University Fives Club, Robin Patterson has been playing rugby regularly for West of Scotland, Donald Barclay is reading Veterinary Surgery and playing hockey for the University, while Harry Dinsmore, Hugh Stewart and F. C. T. McLay are studying Civil Engineering. Ivor Fitzpatrick passed his third year examinations. Kenneth Baird has now left the University and is doing National Service.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

THIS year will be remembered as one of the busiest ever. The outstanding event was the Rectorial. The ballot was held in the Martinmas term and the successful candidate, Lord Kilmuir, the Lord Chancellor, was installed this term. Lord Kilmuir was dragged in an open carriage through the town, where he received presentations from the various residences and the two Unions. The Lord Chancellor then crossed the Tay to pay his respect to the Dundee students, from whom he received similar treatment.

The next day the Rector was installed at the Younger Hall. The Right Hon. R. A. Butler, Lord Privy Seal, was among those who received honorary degrees. The Rectorial Ball, attended by some six hundred students and representatives from other Universities, was held in the evening. The Lord Kilmuir Reel, written in honour of the occasion, was danced by members of the Celtic Society during the Rector's appearance at the Ball.

Kate Kennedy Day followed, and in the evening there was a torchlight procession to the West Sands and a huge bonfire round which students songs were sung far into the night.

UNITED COLLEGE, ST. ANDREWS

Ronald Philip is in third year Medicine. He travels over to Dundee every day from St. Andrews. In the winter months he turned out for the badminton 2nd VI.

R. G. F. Walker now completes his first year in the Arts Faculty. He also turned out for the badminton 2nd VI.

J. W. McInnes is in first year Science. John is also a keen member of the Air Squadron and goes flying every weekend he can spare.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, DUNDEE

G. S. Lowden has a lectureship with the University in Accountancy.

Douglas Boyd has final degree exams for Dentistry in June. He has been boxing for Scottish Universities but has given this up due to pressure of work.

Lawrence Barclay and Ian Aitkenhead have final M.B., Ch.B. degree exams in June.

Alistair Clayton has third M.B., Ch.B. degree exams in June. He is a member of the Union Committee.

Colin Raitt has fourth year C.A. exams in June and is also in second year Law.

Peter Simpson is in his second year at the Art College. Recently he won a prize for measured drawing.

THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF SCOTLAND

FOR the first time an account is given here of the activities of Club members in the above institute. It is hoped that other members who reside in or near Glasgow will communicate with Mr. A. A. Stuart, who has contributed this article, in order that a full account may be recorded in the next issue.

By the time this article is published the following will have sat the Second Division of the final examination and we hope to congratulate them on their success in the December issue: Kenneth Rome (1944-50), Ben Marr (1943-50) and Roy Nairn (1944-50).

We offer our heartiest congratulations to Mitchell Biggart and Eric Bannerman, both of whom passed the Second Division of the final examination held last December, and who are now in the R.A.F. Mitchell's brother David (1943-48) qualified in December, 1954, and is now a partner in Taylor & Ireland in Glasgow.

Norman Brown (1943-48), who also qualified in December, 1954, is now married, and has obtained a commission in the Royal Navy (Submarines) while on National Service. Incidentally, Norman was married on the 4th April — most appropriate for a C.A.!

Other Old Boys sitting in the May examinations are David Muir (1944-51) (First Division final), Alistair Campbell and Ian Paton (Second Division intermediate).

Robin Paterson, Scott MacGregor and Ian Stewart are at some stage between First Intermediate and Second Final — it is assumed that any reluctance on their part to disclose exactly where, is not due to lack of academic achievements.

Stanley Chalmers (1944-51) hopes to sit the Second Final in December, 1956, or May, 1957, and is with Mann, Judd, Gordon & Co. in Glasgow. He tells me that Willie Tulloch is leaving on the 18th May for Canada for a post with The National Bank of Canada. We wish him every success, and remind him that Donald Whammond is, or was, in Toronto.

It is understood that Stewart MacLennan completes his National Service shortly and hopes then to resume his studies.

Old Boys' News

THE Annual Dinner Dance took place at the Marlborough House, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 29th February, 1956. Members and their guests were received by the President, Mr. Douglas Lewis and Mrs. Lewis. The function was well attended, the numbers

present being above average, and the Dance Committee is to be congratulated on the excellence of the arrangements, which provided a very enjoyable evening.

The Spring Golf Meeting was held at Prestwick on 10th May, 1956. Only nine competitors took part, many well-known faces being missing. The outing took the form of a "bogey" competition, of which the winner was R. H. Patterson (one up). Ian Macewan was all square and J. Tindal two down. The standard of golf was considered by those present to be very good having regard to the strong wind, which blew all the time, and to the frequent showers. Since it is hoped in the not too distant future that the Club will be able to take part in the competition for the Halford Hewitt Trophy, as well as continuing to try to win the Queen Elizabeth Coronation Trophy, members are urged to support the golf outings, in order that the Golf Sub-Committee may be able to call upon the strongest team for these events.

We noted with pride that the recent announcement that Officer-Cadet John C. Shaw (1944-49) received the Sword of Merit as the top Cadet of his course at a passing-out parade at the R.A.F. Station, Jurby, Isle of Man. John is a chartered accountant and the son of former Assistant Headmaster A. John Shaw. We extend to him our heartiest congratulations.

To the "small handful of surgeons" with the degree of Master of Surgery (Ch.M.), there was added recently the name of Mr. L. Stuart Scott (1935-38). He graduated with commendation at Glasgow University in January, 1956. We offer him also our sincere congratulations.

Hardly a year passes without fresh distinction being accorded to Past President Mr. J. Alastair Montgomerie (1928-32). On this occasion we have pleasure in noticing his admission by H.M. the Queen as an Officer (Brother) in the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem and wish him all success in this sphere.

Congratulations are also extended to Mr. R. B. Blanche (1946-50) of Giffnock, who graduated B.Sc. (Economics) with Honours at London University. Like many others of his generation he is now serving two years National Service.

One who has now completed such service is Mr. Iain W. G. Taylor (1950-53) of Aberdeen, who tells us that he has resumed his study to become qualified in what he describes as "the unusual career of fire loss adjuster". His services might well have been useful at School last August!

From the theatre world we have news of Mr. Alastair Davidson (1939-44). Under the name of Alastair James he is stage manager for Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet and is almost always

on tour. He would be pleased to see any of his contemporaries in the towns in which the Company plays.

Robin Williamson, of Cults, Aberdeenshire, is serving an apprenticeship with De Havillands Aircraft Company at Hatfield.

Mr. Norman G. Brown (1943-49) is at present serving in H.M.S./M. *Aeneas* based at H.M.S. Gosport.

Mr. W. Murray Duncan (1940-47) has left this country to take up an engineering post with Henckel Du Buisson at their sugar factory in St. Kitts.

Finally we wish once more to ask for the co-operation of all Old Boys in the compilation of these items of interest.

BIRTHS

HALL—On 4th April, 1956, to Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, 9 Thorn Road, Bearsden, a son.

LINTON—On 22nd March, 1956, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Watson Linton, 29 Lomondside Avenue, Clarkston, a son.

NICOL—On 17th December, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. Alistair M. Nicol, 68 Kintore Road, Newlands, Glasgow, a son.

PATTERSON—On 11th March, 1956, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Patterson, "St. Johns", Bentinck Drive, Troon, a son.

WALLACE—On 27th December, 1955, to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wallace, Kincapple, Guardbridge, Fife, a son.

MARRIAGES

BARR-BARDGETT — On 24th March, 1956, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sheffield, Douglas Barr, "Clayfield", 27 Tiln Road, Retford, to Miss Margaret Elizabeth Bardgett, "Green Ridges", Rotherham.

BAXTER-MACDONALD — On 27th October, 1955, at St. Andrew's Church, Tain, T. A. Baxter, 32 Woodside Avenue, Kilmarnock, to Miss Rosemary Frances Macdonald.

BROWN-SHAND — On 4th April, 1956, at the Chapel of St. Andrew, Lee-on-Solent, Norman G. Brown, to Miss Sarah W. Shand.

DUNCAN-O'CONNOR — On 23rd March, 1956, at St. James Church, Preston, W. Murray Duncan to Miss I. C. O'Connor.

HEADRICK-PAINE — On 14th March, 1956, at St. Margaret's Church, Newlands, Glasgow, Iain Alexander Headrick, 8 Cavendish Drive, Newton Mearns, to Miss Doreen Isobel Paine of Giffnock.

MURRAY-McCRABB — On 23rd February, 1956, at Teorak Presbyterian Church, Victoria, George Sanderson Murray, of Bonnington Farm, Finley, New South Wales, to Miss Margaret Sinclair McCrabb, of Deniliquin, New South Wales.

ENGAGEMENT

STUART-SIMPSON — On 3rd March, 1956, Alfie Stuart to Doreen Kerr Simpson.

SALVETE

January, 1956: Cree, I. S.; Donnan, J. G. M.; Hayward, J. J. U.; MacIennan, G. G. H.; Reid, D. G.; Ridland, R. F.; Ross, K. I. R.; Scott, J. R. A.; White, M. B.; Wingate, B. A.

April, 1956: Baur, C. F.; Baxter, R. F.; Bruce, J. A.; Martin, J. B.; McCreath, D. J.; Ovens, T. I. R.; Roselle, S. R.; Roy, W. C.; Smith, A. W. D.; Smith, I. M.; Stuart, B. G.

VALETE

December, 1955: Booker-Milburn, H. I. C.; Clark, J. O.; Leishman, K. F. L., House Prefect, Hockey XI, Orchestra; MacLeod, N. P. S., Swimming Team; Sinclair, D. M., Orchestra, Sergeant (Army); Smith, D. H., Pipe Band; Ridley, J. K., Sergeant (Army).

March, 1956: Gillespie, I. A. W.; Pirrie, D. B., House Prefect, Rugby XV, Cricket XI, Athletics Team, Swimming Team, Fives Team; Ross, R. C., House Captain of Nicol, Rugby XV, Flight Sergeant R.A.F., Swimming Team; Steven, G. E. M., gained 2nd place to H.M.S. Conway.

OUR CONTEMPORARIES

We acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries, and apologise for any omissions:

The Aberdeen Grammar School Magazine, The Britannia Magazine, The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, The Fettesian, Glasgow High School Magazine, Glendalmond Chronicle, The Gordonian, The Herioter, Hillhead High School Magazine, The Leys Fortnightly, The Merchistonian, Schola Regia, The Thunderer, and The Watsonian.