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H. GALT (Captain of Nicol)

### Vice-Captain of the School

B. A. WINGATE (Captain of Ruthven)

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Appointed May 1961: R. E. Allcock (R)      I. S. Gray (N)  
P. G. Lawson (S)      A. M. Pate (R)  
R. S. Peters (R)      R. F. Ridland (S)

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Rugby ..... H. Galt  
Cricket ..... T. R. Taylor  
Athletics ..... I. C. Borland

Boxing ..... B. A. Wingate	Hockey ..... M. W. Shaw
Cross Country ... E. A. Lawson	Sailing ..... R. S. Peters
Fencing ..... R. J. Rankin	Shooting ..... E. A. Lawson
Fives ..... H. Galt	Swimming .... J. G. M. McKinlay
Tennis ..... M. W. Shaw	

### Editors of "The Strathallian"

E. A. Lawson and D. G. Linton

## Editorial

THE Editorial is notoriously the most difficult part of the School Magazine to write. It must serve to some extent as an obituary notice on the year under review, and to some extent as a notice of the year ahead. It should reflect the outstanding events of school life, but must keep them in perspective, reviewing them only against the more important, more permanent rhythm and routine of school life. In our interest for what is exceptional, we must not forget our dependence upon what is regular, and in our pleasure and pride at the School's greatest achievements we must not become conceited or complacent.

This has been a most successful year on the games field, and we believe that the achievements of our ablest cricketers, rugger players, hockey enthusiasts, athletes and swimmers, demonstrated in impressive victories against other schools, or in the breaking of records on the track or in the pool, reflect the high standards in games throughout the school. It is less easy to assess achievements in the classroom, and some consternation was felt at our transfer to the Oxford and Cambridge School's Examination Board, but fortunately our results fully justified this policy. The past year has seen a further proliferation of school societies, and certainly no boy can have any excuse for being bored!

Many of our seniors are returning for the School year 1961-2, and we can reasonably hope that the coming year, our Golden Jubilee year, which will see the opening of our new Chapel, will prove even more successful than its predecessor in academic and athletic fields. We shall soon be able to think more of consolidation, and less of establishing our position, and this is perhaps the time, on the threshold of our half-century, to pause and to take stock of our position.

The public schools have long been criticized by the political left-wing for producing a privileged caste, and certainly there could be little moral justification for a system in which, in return for the payment of expensive fees, public schools guaranteed to parents that their sons would be given training which merely ensured that they would quickly obtain commanding and well-paid positions in life. The community life we experience in a boarding school is a preparation for the responsibilities and obligations of life in the outside world, not for the enjoyment of privileges. But the moral lessons of honesty, responsibility, religious observance and charity towards others will only dominate our later lives if we associate with pleasant things the circumstances in which we learned them: the boy, small, timid, not good at games, who comes to hate his school, will not be likely to adhere to the moral principles he was taught in what for him was a place of torment. Strathallan is, we believe, a happy

school — certainly masters with experience of other public schools have found it so — but there is probably still room for improvement. Juniors do not necessarily feel less respect for the senior who speaks to them courteously, rather than gruffly, and the petty tyrannies occasionally practised by a few juniors upon each other should be eradicated. In a world threatened by the hydrogen bomb, we cannot begin too early to learn to acquire the virtues of toleration and sympathy for our neighbours.

## Staff Notes

AT the end of the year the School lost two masters — Mr. R. G. Hall and Dr. D. L. Farmer. We shall miss Mr. Hall's all-round versatility; he has taken an active interest in archaeology and in all things musical. He has always given useful help on the rugby and cricket fields. We wish him every success at Monmouth.

Dr. Farmer leaves us to go to Stowe. He has lived up to his name and has successfully cultivated the intellectual soil of the School. He is a man of many talents and besides being interested in all things academic he has been in charge of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, has ably edited the School magazine and has taken a great interest in the Debating Society, as well as in climbing and ski-ing expeditions. He will be greatly missed by those involved in all these activities and also for his teaching, particularly of Sixth Form History. We wish Dr. Farmer also every happiness and success at Stowe.

During the year we have welcomed to the Staff five new masters. Mr. P. E. Grigsby has come to take charge of the Biology Department. Mr. K. C. Jackson teaches Physics and Mathematics and helps with the Choir. Mr. D. S. Rymer, who teaches Geography, has also taken charge of the School's dramatic productions. Mr. R. C. Studholme has joined the Department of Modern Languages and Mr. N. D. Thomson, Mathematics Scholar from Christ's College, Cambridge, has come to teach Mathematics. We are also very pleased to have the services of Mr. J. Mouland Begbie as our violin teacher.

## Mr. Dan Grant

WE were all very sorry to learn of the unexpected death of Dan Grant after so short an illness. He had been Groundsman at Strathallan for four years and the excellence of the wickets, the hockey grounds and rugby pitches bear testimony to his skill and care — the more so when we consider the constant use we make of them. He was cheerful, obliging and ready to help at all times. We shall miss his open-air countenance, twinkling eyes and pawky sense of humour, and we offer Mrs. Grant and her family our sincere sympathy in their loss.

He followed the fortunes of all the teams with interest and the successes of individuals with pleasure, and it seemed appropriate that, during the committal in the village churchyard, the sound of bat against ball could clearly be heard coming from the Paddock.

C.P.H.

## Speech Day

THE Annual Speech Day and Prize-giving was held this year in the Perth City Hall on June 3rd, and the School was honoured by the presence of Lord Strathclyde. After the Headmaster had reported on the School's progress during the year, and had deplored the reluctance of local Education Authorities to take advantage of the public school places repeatedly offered by the schools for pupils from state schools, the Chairman of the Governors, Mr. R. S. Johnston, Q.C., broke the unwelcome news that the rise in rates and masters' salaries would necessitate a substantial increase in fees if the school's standards were to be maintained.

Lord Strathclyde congratulated the prize winners, and also exhorted to perseverance those who had tried hard without managing to enter the list of prize winners. He told them of his family motto — "Ab Obice Suavior" — which he translated as



*Highland Dancing on the Lawn on Speech Day*

D.C.A.

“Things worked for taste sweeter”. Lord Strathclyde continued by reminding his audience of men like Sir Winston Churchill, who, though never distinguished at school, had achieved great success in later life.

Lord Strathclyde insisted that the development of character required effort, perseverance and courage, and said that the man of character was one who could be trusted, did not lie, was straightforward and clean in his talk and in his habits, and played the game by keeping his promises, not letting down his friends and not following a popular lead if he believed it to be wrong — in short, the kind of man one would like to have with one when one went tiger shooting in deep jungle! Our country was now impoverished by two world wars and shorn of her former Empire, but Lord Strathclyde believed that we could still give a moral lead to the rest of the world as long as we retained the qualities which had long been characteristic of our nation.

The Address was followed by a concert by the Choir and Orchestra, during which the violin playing of P. Pradipasen was especially commended. It is to be regretted, though, that some parents left the Hall before the conclusion of the concert.

On the afternoon of Speech Day, the programme followed the now-customary pattern, with performances by the Pipes and Drums and the Highland Dancers on the Lawn, exhibitions in the laboratories and workshops, demonstrations of sailing on the pond and tea in the House common-rooms. The Sunset Parade completed the day, during which we had welcomed to the School the great majority of the parents of current Strathallians.

## Speech Day Prize Winners, 1961

The Smith Cup for the Captain of the School ..... H. Galt

Prize for the best all round achievement  
in work in the School ..... P. G. Lawson

Houston Prizes for all-round merit:

H. Galt. E. A. Lawson. A. M. Pate. R. F. Ridland. T. R. Taylor. I. C. Borland. J. G. M. McKinlay. R. J. Rankin. M. S. Shaw. B. A. Wingate.

English ..... D. M. Lawson  
Classics ..... I. A. Gow  
French ..... I. S. Gray  
Mathematics Essay ..... I. H. W. Jones  
Biology ..... H. G. Morton  
Physics ..... R. H. Scott  
Chemistry ..... R. S. Peters  
German ..... D. M. Lawson  
Music ..... H. G. Morton  
Art ..... Alan G. Johnston (S) and D. W. E. Agnew

**Other Prizes, 1960-61**

Dux of School, 1960 .....	P. G. Lawson
Prize for best G.C.E. in IV A, 1960 .....	P. G. M. Reynolds
Prize for best G.C.E. in V A, 1960 .....	G. O. Tourlamin
Prize for best G.C.E. in V B, 1960 .....	D. A. K. Murray

**FORM PRIZES, 1960-61**

IV B—R. Wilkie; IV C—J. B. Martin; III A—N. F. MacMillan; III B—T. R. Fawcett; III C—T. G. Piper; II A—C. W. Caldwell and C. A. H. Greig; II B—A. J. Gask; I—A. R. Sharpe.

**CUPS, 1960-61**

Melville Cricket Cup .....	Simpson
Argentine Trophy for Junior Cricket .....	Simpson
Swimming Cup .....	Nicol
Tennis Cup .....	Ruthven
Sailing Cup .....	Nicol
Music Cup .....	Ruthven
Corps Efficiency Cup .....	Simpson
Tennis Singles Cup .....	P. Pradipasen
Senior Piping .....	P. M. Fisher
Junior Piping .....	B. G. Stuart
Solo Drumming .....	W. R. Duncan
Shooting (Individual) .....	P. M. Fisher
Junior Shooting Cup ...	R. Wilkie and L. D. C. Siedle

**Cricket Prizes:**

Batting Prize .....	H. Galt
Bowling Prize .....	A. J. Harvey-Walker
Fielding Prize .....	R. W. Armstrong
Prize for 100 Runs (v. Glenalmond) ...	T. R. Taylor
2nd XI Cricket Prize .....	J. M. O. Lang

**The following successes were obtained in the G.C.E. "A" Level Examination in July, 1961:**

Allcock, R. E.	Geography
Borland, I. C.	Maths for Science, Physics
Cornish, C. M. T.	Chemistry
Dow, R. C.	English, History
Fraser, E. A.	Maths for Science, Physics, Chemistry
Gow, I. A.	English, Maths for Science
Gray, I. S.	French, English
Hutton, B. W.	History
Johnston, A. G. (80)	History
Lang, J. M. O.	English
Lawson, D. M.	French, English
Linton, D. G.	English, History
McGill, J. M.	Maths for Science
McKinlay, J. G. M.	English
Morton, H. G.	Chemistry, Biology
Parker, J. L. W.	Chemistry, Biology
Peters, R. S.	Maths for Science, Physics, Chemistry
Rankin, R. J.	Chemistry
Ridland, R. F.	Geography
Robertson, I. M.	Maths for Science, Physics
Scott, R. H.	Maths and Higher Maths, Physics, Chemistry
Shaw, M. W.	Chemistry, Biology
Stark, R. C.	Maths for Science, Physics
Watson, G. M.	Physics, Chemistry

**The following boys obtained five or more passes in the G.C.E. "O"  
Level Examination in July, 1961:**

Agnew, D. W. E.; Armstrong, R. W.; Barron, V. A.; Beattie, D.; Chalmers, R. S.; Clark, D.; Clement, J. G.; Donnan, J. G. M.; Duncan, W. R.; Ferguson, J. C.; Fisher, P. M.; Franklin, D.; Gordon, D. A. R.; Hardy, M. H.; Hendrie, J. S.; Hitching, A. V.; Jenkins, T. A. F.; Joy, P. G.; Logan, J. S.; McDonald, G. A.; McLachlan, W. E.; Martyn, D. H.; Melville, J. B.; Morrison, A. H.; Murray, D. A. K.; Nelson-Cole, A. A.; Pate, W. S.; Peacock, J. G.; Pickard, E.; Priest, C. R.; Prophet, J. M.; Reynolds, P. M. G.; Robson, W. S.; Russell, I. A.; Shepherd, P. J.; Smith, A. I.; Smith, D. A.; Taitt, M. P.; Thomson, A. R.; Tourlamain, G. O.; Tulloch, P. J.; Valentine, F. P.; Vickery, P. R. G.; Weatherston, P. McD.; Young, J. S.

## SALVETE

### New Boys, 1960-61

#### September, 1960

Atherton, J. C. (F); Balfour, G. W. (Ri); Bonella-Ferguson, J. S. (Ri); Brown, J. D. A. (R); Burnett, A. J. (Ri); Caldwell, C. W. (S); Chapman, J. B. S. (Ri); Coldwell, A. J. S. (N); Crook, C. J. (F); Cumming, A. M. (S); Dangerfield, P. H. (S); Darling, K. J. (F); Davidson, H. I. G. (S); Ferguson, D. L. (F); Fisher, J. A. (Ri); Galbraith, J. P. (S); Garden, R. W. (R); Gardner, A. W. (Ri); Gask, A. J. (F); Grandison, G. P. (F); Handley, C. (Ri); Horvath, V. G. (F); Houston, I. A. (Ri); Kirkby, R. I. (S); Lamont, I. K. (F); Logan, A. W. (Ri); Lowden, G. R. (N); Lyszkowski, A. D. L. (Ri); MacEwen, M. W. (Ri); McGhee, P. M. (F); MacFarlane, D. S. (N); Mackay, E. P. (R); McLean, S. C. M. (Ri); MacMillan, N. F. (S); Morrison, D. R. (F); Neil, R. J. H. (Ri); Ogilvie, I. R. (F); Orchard, P. A. (Ri); Paterson, M. B. N. (Ri); Patterson, J. M. (S); Petty, W. M. (R); Pott, N. F. M. (F); Pow, J. M. (F); Reid, W. G. (N); Robertson, J. D. S. (N); Shanks, J. T. (Ri); Sharpe, A. R. (Ri); Siedle, L. D. C. (R); Speirs, W. J. (F); Steven, I. W. (F); Taylor, I. (S); Taylor, R. A. (N); Trusdale, T. N. W. (Ri); Wilson, N. L. (Ri); Young, B. C. (F).

#### January, 1961

Carruthers, I. T. (R); MacMillan, A. G. (Ri); Madjd, M. G. (R); Moore, A. D. (R); Reid, C. D. (N); Smith, J. N. (F).

#### April, 1961

Biggart, D. D. C. (Ri); Carver, C. G. (Ri); Drysdale, R. (R); Greig, S. F. H. (Ri); McInroy, A. S. (R); Pradipasen, P. (S); Smith, R. J. S. (Ri); Stewart, W. C. (Ri); Stuart, A. J. (Ri); Wallace, G. G. (N); Wilson, W. D. (N).

## VALETE

### Leavers, 1960-61

#### December, 1960

Blackwood, J. B. . . . c/o Jarvis, 19 Hillington Gardens, Glasgow, S.W.2.  
Galloway, W. R. . . . 30 Glenpark Ave., Thornliebank, Glasgow.  
Hayward, N. O. U. . . . Strathearn, Kilmacolm.  
Heron, N. L. . . . Derycolin, King Ave., Morpeth, Northumberland.  
†Holloway, A. H. . . . c/o Hall, Messrs. Honeyman & Co., 12 Waterloo Street, Glasgow, C.2.

#### March, 1961

MacEwen, R. . . . Kiltane, 5 Melville Terrace, Stirling.

**July, 1961**

- Agnew, D. W. E. . . . . Hollyhurst, Pleasington, Blackburn, Lancs.  
 \*Allcock, R. E. . . . . Starleyburn, Burntisland, Fife.  
 Armstrong, R. W. . . . . Townhead, Gatehouse-of-Fleet, Kirkcudbright.  
 Beattie, D. . . . . Birkdale, New Troun Road, Lesmahagow.  
 Bosshardt, H. J. . . . . 42 Gorvock Hill, Dunfermline.  
 Brown, G. C. . . . . The George Hotel, Crieff, Perthshire.  
 †Carswell, J. F. . . . . Victoria Cottage, Auchtermuchty.  
 Colquhoun, A. B. . . . . Milton of Ruthven, Meikle, Perthshire.  
 †Cornish, C. M. T. . . . . Clachan Cottage, Balfron, Glasgow.  
 †Crawshaw, C. H. . . . . 14 Bath Terrace, Tynemouth, Northumberland.  
 Cree, I. S. . . . . 3 Queen's Avenue, Perth.  
 Duncan, R. G. . . . . Kingsley Hotel, Brodick, Isle of Arran.  
 †Fraser, E. A. . . . . 8 Bennochly Avenue, Kirkcaldy.  
 \*Galt, H. . . . . 35 Spottiswood Street, Edinburgh.  
 †Gow, I. A. . . . . Greenways, John Street Lane, Helensburgh.  
 \*Gray, I. S. . . . . Iona House, Earlsferry, Elie, Fife.  
 Horvath, V. G. . . . . 6 Laurel Gardens, Glenrothes, Fife.  
 Houston, A. M. . . . . Dr. R. A. Houston, 7 Kew Terr., Glasgow, W.2.  
 †Hutton, B. W. . . . . 8 Park Place, Dunfermline.  
 †Johnston, A. G. . . . . "The Cairn", Crosshill Street, Airdrie.  
 †Jones, I. H. W. . . . . Colonsay Hotel, Scalasaig, Isle of Colonsay.  
 Kenneth, R. A. . . . . Bolgorth, Doonfoot, Ayr.  
 Kjonnerod, L. E. . . . . c/o McFarlane, 88 Northfield Cres., Edinburgh 8.  
 \*Lang, J. M. O. . . . . 13 Mossiel Road, Newlands, Glasgow.  
 \*Lawson, E. A. . . . . 17 Hazel Drive, Dundee.  
 \*Lawson, P. G. . . . . Russell Villa, Methil, Fife.  
 Leask, J. C. . . . . 9 High Street, Wick, Caithness.  
 Linn, J. W. . . . . 60 Corrou Road, Glasgow, S.3.  
 McDonald, G. A. . . . . 259a Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, Glos.  
 McFarlane, R. J. . . . . 2 Torrington Avenue, Whitecraigs, Glasgow.  
 †Macfie, W. A. M. . . . . 47 Cranworth Street, Glasgow, W.2.  
 McGill, J. M. . . . . Horsewood Road, Bridge of Weir, Renfrews.  
 McGregor, J. . . . . Rowan Court, Longforan, Perthshire.  
 \*McKinlay, J. G. M. . . . . 36 Calderwood Road, Newlands, Glasgow, S.3.  
 McNair, G. . . . . Blar-u-Aire, Blairmore, Argyll.  
 Marshall, J. R. . . . . Dalreoch, Dunning, Perthshire.  
 Menzies, D. W. . . . . Balnagowan, Alloa, Clackmannanshire.  
 Montague, H. M. . . . . The Ferns, Hawthorn Ave., Lenzie, Dunbartonshire.  
 Morrison, A. H. . . . . Dalmore, Wormit, Fife.  
 †Morton, H. G. . . . . 6 Swan Road, Kirkcaldy, Fife.  
 Murray, D. A. K. . . . . Borgie House, Castletown, Caithness.  
 †Parker, J. L. W. . . . . 7 Mirrlees Drive, Kirklee, Glasgow, W.2.  
 \*Pate, A. M. . . . . Reddie Farm, Kirriemuir, Angus.  
 Paterson, N. D. L. . . . . 125 Finnart Street, Greenock.  
 Priest, C. R. . . . . Ravensthorpe Manor, Boltby, Thirsk, Yorks.  
 Primrose, W. G. . . . . 39 Mansewood Road, Glasgow, S.3.  
 \*Rankin, R. J. . . . . 11 Dirleton Avenue, North Berwick.  
 \*Ridland, R. F. . . . . 84 Ravelston Dykes, Edinburgh 12.  
 †Robertson, I. M. . . . . Mandala, Old Greenock Road, Bishopton.  
 Rowton, N. J. N. . . . . 56 Springfield Avenue, Aberdeen.  
 \*Shaw, M. W. . . . . c/o McTaggart, Deanburn, Denholm, Nr. Hawick,  
 Roxburghshire.  
 Sinclair, D. B. . . . . Glendevon Farm, Perth.  
 Smith, D. A. . . . . The Whins, Bentinck Drive, Troon, Ayrshire.  
 \*Taylor, T. R. . . . . 22 Johnstone Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire.  
 Valentine, F. P. . . . . Sunnyridge, Glasgow Road, Perth.  
 †Watson, G. M. . . . . "Queensferry", Park Road, Kilmacolm.  
 \*Wingate, B. A. . . . . Garmore, Bonhill Road, Dumbarton.  
 Woolley, I. G. . . . . Moonrakers, 42 Lewarne Road, Porth, Newquay.  
 Young, J. S. . . . . Cairnhill, The Crescent, Busby, Glasgow.

\* SCHOOL PREFECT      † HOUSE PREFECT

## Chapel Notes

The following preached in Chapel during the session:

The Headmaster, The Chaplain, Rev. R. B. Gorrie, Rev. Canon Derrick-Large, Rev. D. M. Duncan, Rev. J. G. Dey, Rev. Robert Dollar, Rev. Dr. M. E. Macdonald, Rev. Dr. John Fraser, Rev. E. S. Towill, Rev. C. C. H. M. Morgan, Rev. Prof. E. P. Dickie, Rev. Dr. Adam Burnet, Rev. Dr. Leonard Small, Rev. Dr. W. A. Smellie, Rev. A. B. Robson, Mr. R. A. L. Burnet, Mr. P. R. Spurgin, Mr. C. P. Hewson and Dr. D. L. Farmer.

### CONFIRMATION

The following boys were confirmed this session into the Church of Scotland:

Cornish, C. M. T.; Watson, G. M.; Lawson, P. G.; Nelson, E. A.; Birnie, G. W. V.; Kidd, D. M.; Turner, D. I.; McGill, J. M.; Munro, D. W. M.; Cree, I. S.; Peters, R. S.; Roberson, I. M.; Morton, H. G.; Stark, R. C.; Marshall, J. R.; Linton, M. J.; Sleaf, P. G. F.; Woolley, I. G.; Stuart, B. G.; Benson, C.; Nairn, A.; Agnew, D. W. E.; Tulloch, P. J.; Ross, K. I. R.

The following boys were confirmed this year into the Episcopal Church of Scotland:

Bucher, A. R.; Keith, M. H. P.; Kenneth, R. A.; Wedgwood, P. G.; Crawshaw, C. H.; Harvey-Walker, A. J.; Pickard, E.

G.D.B.

## CHAPEL FUND

### DONATIONS (from 1/8/60)

Dr. Barclay	I. W. Holloway	J. E. Ridland
Rev. G. H. Buchanan	Dr. J. M. Jolly	A. Robertson
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### NEW COVENANTS (from 1/8/60)

W. M. Anderson	C. P. Hewson	Donald R. C. MacKenzie
C. M. Cornish	A. J. Houston	Dr. A. A. Pow
S. S. Ferguson	K. M. Kincaid	John C. Shaw
R. A. C. Hannay		W. J. Walker



[D.L.F.]

*The Construction of the Chapel*—

[D.L.F.]



D.C.F.

— *Pictures of Progress*



D.C.F.

## Music Notes

THE work of the Choir during the first two terms of the year was dominated by rehearsals for "Elijah". The performance of this oratorio was a big undertaking. Many of the choruses were difficult from the point of view of note-learning, and many were tiring on the voice, particularly in the case of the tenors, who had to sing for long stretches near the top of their range. This, and the fact that all too few of the choruses demanded quiet singing, resulted in much rehearsal being spoilt by poor quality of tone. However, as the date of performance approached, the standard of singing greatly improved. Mr. Kenneth Jones, who sang the part of Elijah, was not able to be present at the final rehearsal in the church, but at a special rehearsal for him and the chorus on the morning of the performance his presence worked wonders. The Choir responded to his fine dramatic singing and sang as they had never sung before, and were in the best of form in the evening.

This year the Choir has been strong in tenors again; indeed, if it had not been so, the performance of "Elijah" would hardly have been possible. However, this year nearly all of them will be leaving, and we wonder what new tenor voices will be forthcoming next year.

A list of anthems sung by the Choir is given elsewhere. Pieces sung at Speech Day this year included some Scottish songs, the most effective of which was probably the Eriskay Love Lilt arranged in the Glasgow Orpheus Choir tradition.

The Orchestra reached its zenith this year on Speech Day. It not only played with verve but also with good intonation. This was shown by the tape recording made at the final rehearsal which in past years has usually been anything but flattering to the Orchestra. The standard of sight reading is improving, and the first readings of new music are becoming a fairer representation of the composers' intentions.

At the concerts during the year we have had some very good ensemble playing from P. Pradipasen (violin) and H. G. Morton (piano) in the last movement of Dvorak's Sonatina, and from I. A. Gow (clarinet), Mr. S. W. J. Penny (viola) and H. G. Morton (piano) in the first movement of Mozart's clarinet trio.

It is an encouraging sign for the future to see a number of first-formers already playing competently in the Orchestra. There is also a junior string orchestra from which new members of the Orchestra are recruited. But the Orchestra badly needs some 'cellists, for they are the foundation of the bass line. Cannot some first- or second- formers be persuaded to learn the 'cello?

There have been two recitals at the school. Florence Hooton gave a very enjoyable 'cello recital on October 26th. Reginald Paul (piano) and Sidney Fell (clarinet) were to have given a joint recital on February 9th, but unfortunately, as a result of an accident to his eye, Sidney Fell was unable to come. Reginald Paul, at very short notice, gave us a solo recital on the piano.

The Sadlers' Wells Opera Company has been to Dundee twice in the last year, and boys have been to see "The Barber of Seville" and "The Marriage of Figaro". It may be that this will have been the last opportunity for seeing opera in Dundee, for the Gaumont Theatre, the only theatre with a sufficiently large stage, is now no longer considered to pass the fire precautions regulations.

Parties of boys have also attended concerts by the Perth Choral Society, the Perth Symphony Orchestra and the Scottish National Orchestra.

Mr. S. W. J. Penny left us at Christmas to join the violin section of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, and we were very fortunate to obtain the services of Mr. J. Mouland Begbie, until recently leader of the B.B.C. Scottish Orchestra, to teach the School's string players.

Anthems sung in Chapel in the past year have been:

Thou visitest the earth (Greene); Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake (Tye); Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace (Wesley); Turn Thy face from my sins (Attwood); Gloria in excelsis Deo (Haydn); Hear, Lord (Tchaikowski); The Heavens declare the Creator's glory (Beethoven); The Earth is the Lord's (Stanford); He that is down need fear no fall (Vaughan Williams); Lead me, Lord (Wesley); Lift thine eyes (Mendelssohn); For He shall give His angels charge over thee (Mendelssohn); Then shall your light (Mendelssohn); Laudate Nomen Domini (Tye); God be in my head (Walford Davies); Sanctus from the Requiem Mass (Mozart); Give ear unto me (Marcello); Let us now praise famous men (Vaughan Williams); Nunc Dimittis in G (Stanford); Blessed be the God (Wesley).

Among the carols sung at the Carol Service on 14th December, were:

Break forth, O beauteous Heavenly light (from the Christmas Oratorio, Bach); The angel Gabriel (arr. Vaughan Williams); Unto us a boy is born; Sussex Carol (arr. Vaughan Williams); As Joseph was a-walking; A virgin most pure; Dans Cet Etable (arr. Gounod); Psallite Unigenito (Praetorius).

The following have passed Associated Board Music Exams.:

- D. R. Wardhaugh: Trumpet, Grade IV.
- R. C. Stark: Clarinet, Grade III.
- W. B. Melville: Oboe, Grade III.

## “Elijah”

AFTER many weeks of hard but rewarding practice, a performance of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" was given on 27th March in the Middle Church, Perth. The church was filled to capacity by a large and appreciative gathering of boys, parents and friends.

Kenneth Jones came from London to sing Elijah; the part of Obadiah (tenor) was sung by John Corbett of Perth, who will be remembered for his fine singing in the school performance of "Samson". Audrey Gunn and Irene Stewart, the latter now of Sadlers' Wells, sang the soprano and contralto parts.

The choir made a rather hesitant start, but were obviously so impressed by the resonant tone of Kenneth Jones' voice and by his dramatic conception of the character of Elijah, that they soon began to respond to the vigour of the music, and to give a truly arresting performance. The choir was at its best when singing the more vigorous choruses of the priests of Baal. This is perhaps not without significance!

Mr. Jackson played the fiendishly difficult accompaniment on an unfamiliar organ outstandingly well.

But primarily the responsibility for a fine performance belonged to our Director of Music, Mr. West. It must have been a great satisfaction to him that the choir rose to the occasion so well.

### INFORMAL CONCERT, 13th DECEMBER 1960

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| 1. Orchestra :                                      | Minuet and Trio from<br>the "London" Symphony ..... <i>Haydn</i> |
| 2. Violin Solo :                                    | Loure ..... <i>Bach</i>  |
| (R. C. Dow)   |  |
| 3. Two Oboes, Bassoon<br>and Side Drum :            | Bourrée, Rigadoon and March ..... <i>Handel</i>                  |
| (J. M. O. Lang, R.C.S.,<br>N.D.T., A. C. d'Angibau) |  |
| 4. Two Pianos (8 hands) :                           | March in E Major ..... <i>Schubert</i>                           |
| (H. G. Morton, G.W.,<br>S.W.J.P., R.G.H.)           |  |
| 5. Two Pianos (4 hands) :                           | Samba from "Scaramouche" ..... <i>Milhaud</i>                    |
| (S.W.J.P., G.W.)                                    |  |
| 6. Orchestra :                                      | Two Pieces from<br>"Norwegian Suite" ..... <i>arr. Hansen</i>    |
| 7. (a) Choir :                                      | Dans Cet Etable ..... <i>arr. Gounod</i>                         |
| (b) Tenors and Basses :                             | Holy Night ..... <i>Franz Gruber</i>                             |
|   | Somerset Wassail ..... <i>Traditional</i>                        |
|   | Jillian of Berry ..... <i>Peter Warlock</i>                      |

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| 8. Clarinet, Viola and<br>Piano:<br>(I.A.Gow, S.W.J.P.,<br>H. G. Morton) | Minuet and Trio<br>from the Clarinet Trio ..... <i>Mozart</i> |
| 9. Two Pianos:<br>(S.W.J.P., G.W.)                                       | Jamaican Rumba ..... <i>Arthur Benjamin</i>                   |
| 10. Orchestra:   | Skaters' Waltz ..... <i>Waldteufel</i>                        |

## Dramatic Society

### “She Stoops to Conquer”

THE summer term is an extremely busy one and, in the past, dramatic performances have been limited to hastily-rehearsed efforts by seniors who had a few weeks to spare after their “A” level examinations. It is possible, however, to find a few boys whose spare time is not entirely taken up with the numerous sports, or with work for exams, and it was for the benefit of some of these, and in order to create a nucleus of juniors with acting experience, that the performance of “She Stoops to Conquer” was undertaken.

Having thus intruded into the summer term, the theatre also advanced onto the gymnasium floor, where an open stage was constructed. This had the obvious advantage of increased size and easier access. The consequent freedom of movement, some well-chosen properties, efficient scene-shifting, and effective incidental music played by the school orchestra, which was hidden on the original stage, all helped to maintain a good pace in a play which might have been inclined to drag. The lighting was remarkably good in view of the difficulties raised by the absence of footlights and the danger of dazzling some part of the surrounding audience. In some of the more formal scenes the actors had difficulty in playing to all four corners of the building, but at other times, notably in “The Three Pigeons”, the play gained much life by being brought into the midst of the audience. It was unfortunate that, after so many problems had been solved, the unanticipated flood of late arrivals should ruin the prologue on the last night.

It is difficult to imagine any move more certain to delight a Strathallian audience than the casting of Allcock as Mrs. Hardcastle, and upon this firm foundation was built a well-balanced cast, and the hope of bringing to light some undiscovered talent was realised. Benson's ability to play a debonair fop was a pleasant revelation. Borland's ebullience as Lumpkin was equally good, especially as, in the course of one year, he had developed from the leading “lady” of “Ruddigore” into the



The Cast of "She Stoops to Conquer"

[D.B.]

principal male character of this play. Swindall played the mischievous Miss Hardcastle admirably. It was unfortunate that this heroine should find it necessary to stoop literally, as well as figuratively, to Wiseman, who was less at home in the role of the earnest young suitor than as the unreformed greasy profligate of the early part of the play. With this pair rather unbalanced, and with Morrison looking stunning but acting as if slightly stunned, the romantic scenes, always rather difficult in a school play, were the weakest part of the performance, despite Benson's sincerity.

The considerable effort put into playing almost all the supporting roles was very encouraging, and helped to make the evening enjoyable and the whole venture very worthwhile.

D.B.

#### CAST

TONY LUMPKIN .....	B. M. S. Borland
MRS. HARDCASTLE .....	R. E. Allcock
MR. HARDCASTLE .....	R. M. Harrison
KATE HARDCASTLE .....	V. A. N. Swindall
CONSTANCE NEVILLE .....	D. R. Morrison
FELLOWS .....	B. M. Ritchie, A. I. Wingate, F. B. McKeever
BET BOUNCER .....	D. W. Logan

LANDLORD .....	C. H. Crawshaw
CHARLES MARLOWE .....	J. G. P. Wiseman
GEORGE HASTINGS .....	C. Benson
DIGGORY .....	F. B. McKeever
ROGER .....	A. L. Wingate
PIMPLE .....	W. W. Quarry
SIR CHARLES MARLOWE .....	J. W. Walker

The music was arranged and directed by Mr. G. West and played by H. G. Morton (piano), P. Pradipasen and R. C. Dow (violins), P. H. Dangerfield (viola) and J. M. O. Lang (oboe).

Producer .....	Mr. D. S. Rymer
Make-Up .....	Mrs. D. Bland, Mrs. P. Grigsby, K. R. Wilson, I. M. Robertson and P. H. Dangerfield
Stage Director .....	P. G. Lawson
Stage Managers .....	P. M. Grant and P. G. Wedgewood
Assistants .....	M. A. Gilmour and A. A. MacGregor
Electricians .....	D. F. Garden, I. F. Johnston and B. L. Gilmore
Prompter .....	M. J. D. Ryder
Wardrobe .....	Miss M. E. Cooper

## “Four Men in a Boat”

*“We were a ghastly crew”*—Coleridge, “Ancient Mariner.”

UNLIKE some of our colleagues at School, we did not hanker for the thrill of sliding down high hills through cold and wet snow on our back ends. No, we thought, a cruiser on the Norfolk Broads would be just the thing to set us up nicely for the exams. It was a holiday all right, but whether it could be passed as peaceful is a point open to debate.

Even before we got there we had our troubles. R. C. Stark and E. A. Fraser were to meet C. H. Crawshaw in Newcastle at the unearthly hour of 2 a.m., but owing to the vagaries of British Railways this train had apparently evaporated on its way between Glasgow and Edinburgh. By the time this was discovered, Crawshaw was out on an ornithological expedition and was only just found in time to be deposited on the substitute train. No rest awaited the four travellers here either, for next door was a piper, and a gentleman of little talent but exceptional perseverance, with a guitar. Despite all this they arrived safely in Norwich, with bags over their arms and under their eyes, to be joined by the author from Chester, who had remarkably enough survived not only an all-night ’bus journey, but a subsequent train journey in the company of some five hundred “Ban the Bomb” marchers on their way to Braintree, with his views on the bomb still intact at the end of it.

If we got into such a mess when someone else was driving what we were travelling in, it can be imagined what happened when one of us four was at the helm of the thirty-three-foot boat "Captain II". As soon as we started off, propitiously on All Fools Day, it rained; and three of us sitting in the cabin, Stark driving, discovered the stores to be lacking in bread. So Stark brought us into the shore. He accomplished a three point landing on the bank, a log, and the bows of another cruiser, with a finesse worthy of a stock car driver. Nor were these our only marks on the Broads. There is still probably a boat house owner wondering who took three feet of nice new paint off his doors and also a boat yard owner wondering who clipped his tubular steel bridge. This is not to mention the V shaped nicks on some farmer's meadow at Coltishall, of which more will be said later. In all fairness it must be added that the author did most of the driving, but whether he was the best is a question into which he does not wish to enter in any detail. Crawshaw, for instance, in spite of the fact that there were three perfectly serviceable fenders on the boat's sides, insisted on using your author's ankle for one; for him an incident highly amusing, but for the victim a very painful one. Fraser's skill, acquired on a scooter in Kirkcaldy, enabled him to foil with ease the blundering attempts of yachtsmen to sink us, and although we had the River Police nosing around us for two days, we were assured that they were no friends of his. In spite of all this sort of thing, we only saw one boat under water, and this was a yacht that had capsized. Our losses were not substantial: Crawshaw's jeans blew overboard and in spite of a search by foot and by dinghy, were never seen again. R.I.P. We rescued a gym shoe from a watery grave and collected a good deal of mud from the sides of rivers and broads. We performed various acts of mercy, including pulling a yacht off a mud bank on a falling tide during a cloudburst, with Stark at the helm — a feat of courage on the part of all concerned.

The navigation, on the whole, was good and we accomplished it with the aid of two maps: one which showed general stores, pubs and post offices; and the other which showed how to get there. The accuracy of the latter was proved at Coltishall. Here the river forks, both streams being navigable, at least according to our map. We took the right, as it seemed wider, but our progress was soon arrested by a wire fence across our path. Loath to use the reverse and to go down backwards, the driver, who shall be nameless (and who is unfit to be called anything else) reversed, rather in the manner of a Glasgow 'bus driver, to the detriment of the banks, a mere fifty feet apart. On going forward, a deep cut always appeared in the bank and when we were in reverse the dinghy was pushed halfway up the bank, ruining the flowers growing in the meadow behind. However, we

turned and went downstream, leaving but five wounds on the bank. Most rational beings would have learnt their lesson, but we were swiftly driven up the left hand fork which ended in a large mill pond filled by two streams of water from it. This, according to our better map, was navigable, for these cruisers only draw about six inches of water, and so, of course, we ran straight onto a sandbank formed by the two streams. As we had the stream with us we soon got off and were going backwards downstream, when the man in charge of the mill told us to turn in the millpond. This we tried to do, and promptly ran aground on the other side of the sandbank, whereupon it began to rain. The miller was a tower of strength and when he had switched off the water, when Stark was over the side in his trunks pushing, when Crawshaw and Fraser were on the bank pulling on all our ropes joined together, and when the engine was in reverse, we glided off with ease, so easily in fact, that we just avoided piling up on the concrete front of the mill. We had been watched for the forty minutes which it took us, by a group of amused spectators from cars on a nearby road, who all apparently enjoyed the entertainment. Tides only had to be contended with twice on our travels, but in both cases we were negotiating four low bridges against a stream of boats rushing along with the tide, and barely made headway against the stream, while the rain poured down and had to be wiped off the windscreen at frequent intervals with the same dishcloth which was later dried off in the oven, only to be remembered when it had become a deep brown in colour, tastefully embroidered in black round the edges.

Despite gloomy predictions, we ate very well while on board and not even half of it came out of tins. We ate stones of potatoes and as these took half an hour to cook on our stove and as one member of the crew preferred his the colour and texture of billiard balls, meals were frequently staggered. One memorable day, the smell of our bacon, sausage, and egg was actually praised by the owner of the hotel where we moored for the night. We spent less than we had expected on food but, however, the number of jars of marmalade consumed was fantastic, chiefly because one of our number regarded bread simply as a shovel off which to eat it. Our chief complaint was that we were able to get only the *Daily Mirror* and we sadly missed the fluctuations in the stocks and shares. We used altogether some 660 gallons of water, most of which were obtained at considerable risk from a leaky old pump at Wroxham; a danger of which we warn future visitors.

The Norfolk Broads abound in water, rushes, students and "pubs", and during the week we saw plenty of all of them. There were students everywhere. We saw them reading manuscripts on top of boats and, with untrimmed beards, playing pontoon while their boat gybed down the river. The

"pubs" also were varied. There was one, the walls of which were handpainted in a wonderful panorama of Norfolk scenery, and there was another with a juke box. There was one with kegs for tables and one with the bar counter in the shape of a boat's bows. There was one which ran out of beer and there was one where all the teenage high society of the district met for a drink before lunch in their speedboats. All were different and all interesting, their only common factor being the ubiquitous dartboard.

The Norfolk countryside abounds in characters. There were the "beatniks", who appreciated neither Stark's very professional piece, "Smoke gets in your eyes", nor our harmony version of that old school favourite, "Oh, you canna go to Heaven"; the man who drove ten ton trucks in the winter and served in a hotel during the summer; the man in the pork pie hat who nonchalantly went about in his yacht, only to have his precious piece of headgear swept overboard by the boom to its eternal ruin; the apparition we saw in Horning in a very conservative hat, well tailored coat, pink jersey, black jeans, and grey gym shoes; the "pub" owner who said he could tell when ocean going coasters were coming up the river by the colour of the silt in the river half an hour before they passed him.

All these features combined to give us a holiday which we will not forget quickly and which, although very seldom peaceful, was thoroughly enjoyable and which none of us would either hesitate to repeat or recommend.

D. G. Linton.

### Crucifixion

The drooping thistle leant against the rugged cross,  
 The Godly blood did flow onto its purple head,  
 This flower, deep in the soft dry moss  
 Did hear those trembling words "The Saviour's dead".  
 The heavens went black and they rent in fear.  
 "Lo! He is dead", the centurion cried,  
 The mother now wept for her Son so dear.  
 Then did the thorny and jagged crown  
 Fall to the earth beside the plant,  
 The prickly thistle drooping silently down,  
 Did hear the eerie wail and mournful chant.  
 The twisted flower did witness death so lowly,  
 The death of a God, a trustworthy friend.  
 Its withered leaves were dipped with blood so holy,  
 This shrub was witness to a sorry end.

I. T. Carruthers (IIA)

## La Coquette

Moi, je suis poète,  
Toi, tu es coquette.  
Tu me faisais tant de caresses,  
Tu me disais tant de tendresses,  
Tu m'as si bien embrassé,  
Cruelle, tu m'as cassé.  
Oui, cassé en deux sens,  
Et mon coeur et mes chances.  
Hélas ma chérie !  
A ciel, ma mie !  
Adieu, ma vie !

Tu chuchotas tes vœux,  
J'avais espéré mieux ;  
Et c'est pour ça, ma mie, que je t'ai bien chérie ;  
Maraude, tu m'as fait une superchérie.  
Et de moi, tu t'es lassé,  
Et pour toi, je suis cassé.  
Pourquoi ai-je laissé m'èprendre ?  
Hélas ! Je devrais donc me pendre.  
Hélas, ma chérie !  
Ah ciel, ma mie !  
Adieu ma vie !

“Wand Solm”

## Has Modern Scientific Discovery Made Religious Faith More Difficult ?

MODERN scientific discovery has affected religious thinking in two ways. First, it has tended to make mankind concern himself more with material things, labour-saving mechanical devices, for instance, motor-cars, radio, television, gramophone records. To those who do not think deeply, complete satisfaction can be found in those material benefits, and their minds find no cause to look further for spiritual enlightenment. On the other hand, to those who have the ability to see further than the surface, scientific progress helps to reveal more fully the wonders God has placed at our disposal, the ordered world of physics and chemistry as opposed to the disordered world of man, an awe-inspiring impression of the vastness of the universe, an incredulity that God formed thinking life on the tiny speck called Earth, a lust for knowledge when our ignorance is realised, a cultural appreciation from archaeological discoveries, from the arts, and an intense desire for peace when we appreciate the wonders of Nature and the omnipotence of the Power which created it all.

Scientific discovery has had the effect of drawing people together into urban communities, both by the material advantages in the way of devices and machines which make life easier, and also by necessity, as the initial drift to the cities at the time of the Industrial Revolution showed. This artificial, albeit comfortable and reputedly enjoyable life, has deprived a large proportion of the human race of the solitude and harmony which Nature provides, and which is necessary for the clear contemplation of life. Such an atmosphere inspires and imbues, as Jean-Jacques Rousseau testified: "Je ne suis à moi que quand je suis seul: hors de-là je suis le jouet de tous ceux qui m'entourent". Great men of letters have owed their inspiration to this sense of composure. Goethe tells us: "I was spiritually uplifted by the realisation that only in isolation can one produce something truly great. My achievements owe their origin to solitude". A section of Grillparzer's tragedy, "Des Meeres und der Liebe Wellen", could be translated as follows:

"The great man's deed, the poet's sacred song,  
The seer's vision, Heaven's influence and imprint,  
Composure wrought it, recognised it,  
And that which knows it not, and mocks, is called  
Distraction."

There are, then, two alternative extremes, distraction and composure, with many stages of confusion and despair between them. What is the curtain or veil which hides the truth from many? It is the handicap of human weakness, of selfishness, of petty jealousies, avarice, lust, ignorance, inconstancy, all the factors which lead to social unrest, rash judgments, hate, war, loss of the essential *liberté, égalité, fraternité*. Physical war is man's greatest crime, the crime in which he most violates God's commandments and most betrays his Saviour.

To discover Christ, we must not look amongst the workings of man, but follow the way pointed by Wordsworth and Tennyson amongst others. Wordsworth found inspiration in the countryside, in country people, and especially in young children and old people. He believed that children, having just come from God, reflected His nature, and old people, approaching once again His house, assumed a new affinity with Him. Tennyson wrote once, on appreciating a serene, starlight night amongst the Scottish Highlands:

"The peaks are high, and the stars are high,  
But the mind of man is higher."

Sir Walter Scott once received this letter from a friend who had visited Loch Maree for the first time:

"The first day of Creation was not more beautiful. July was in its full glory, a few thin silvery clouds rested on the clear blue

sky; and the sun shed a flood of light on the bright surface of Loch Maree which reflected every rock and every tree that hung over its glassy surface. No one can know the full value of summer who has not known it in a land of mountains. No one can feel that who has not felt it among such hills, the joy with which the sun can fill the mind”.

To those who have experienced this sort of think themselves, religion needs little further explanation; the profundity of effect is sufficient to throw all aspects of life into true perspective. Once peace and awe have been genuinely known, life cannot help but be enjoyed and religion cleaved to. But the majority of men never have the learning, the fertile minds, the opportunity to see the light in this way. It is the concern of those who have been convinced to conceive a way of presenting religion attractively to those whose lives are governed entirely by things material.

We hear a lot about the standard of living, and a community considers it is doing well if it figures prominently on a standard scale. Unfortunately, this is no more than a material guide, and a community can become complacent in view of its satisfactory standing on this scale, while in fact moral and religious standards remain wanting. How can we hope to win the confidence of the automatons of our time? Faith and example can go a long way. In the hands of the officers of the Church and of the schools lies the future of the race. The essential catch-phrase for teachers, disciplinarians, ministers, is to be, “fair, firm, and friendly”.

Scientific progress and a material scale by which to judge our standard of living cannot be dismissed immediately as distasteful: science is essential if we are to clothe and feed all humanity on this insignificant planet of ours; also, once a general high standard of living is attained, social strife will diminish, petty jealousies will disappear, and the better things of life can be begun to be appreciated. It is not, however a case of waiting until the requisite moment and making a sudden start; society must be tempered patiently and skilfully at all times, so that the transition to moral thinking and religious appreciation will be gradual, for it is against human nature to accept sudden and widely-effective changes. Notable exceptions to this are the instances first of Paul's conversion on the road to Damascus, in which enlightenment came as a blinding flash and was complete in an instant, and second, of the sudden conversions of members of Dr. Billy Graham's congregations. Neither is it a case of informing people what they should do and of adding new aspects to their lives; a large part of the necessary work lies in telling them what they should not do and eliminating certain aspects of their lives.

Within the field of scientific progress, the discovery of nuclear fission and the invention of nuclear weapons were probably the

greatest helping hand religion had been given for a long time. People sat up and took notice; for long enough, they had managed to twist the facts and reconcile war with religion, but this threw the whole prospect into a different light. In a book published recently called "The Great Decision", the moral problems facing the Western leaders concerning the use of the atomic bomb in 1945 are enumerated and discussed. These problems were manifold and varied: use of the bombs would curtail the war by eighteen months and save over a million allied lives, a speedy ending of the war would avoid the embarrassment of the Russians transferring their forces to the Pacific, and the spreading of Communism, the Allies knew that the Emperor was prepared to surrender unconditionally as proposed in the Potsdam conference but that the fanatical army leaders had him in their power; there were doubts as to the wisdom of attacking large civilian targets when, in San Francisco, at the drawing up of the U.N. charter, the U.S.A. was advocating censure of nuclear weapons in future wars. There were also the questions of the Russian attitude after the war, and the facts that, although the existence of Russian spies concerned with American research was known, it was not known whether they were capable of producing a bomb of their own for later use. Also, only a very few officials, chosen by Franklin Roosevelt, knew of the projects, and President Truman was only told after his taking of office. He then had less than six months in which to assess this problem which might alter the course of human history. The problem then, was equally a moral and a military one, and here lies the culminating interest to this build-up—the people whose opinions carried most weight on the moral side were the scientists of the Einstein school who were working on the project. It has been said recently by an eminent scientist, that the study of the profounder depths of physics, astronomy, and several other sciences resolves itself into a study of theology. This brings us back to the idea of the contemplation of the order God has created inspiring wonder and appreciation of Him. It is perhaps also significant that this example and its profound implications were concerned with war, mankind's greatest sin, and the means of securing peace—his greatest aspiration.

Another book which deals with science, war, religion, nature, peace, is the "Sledge Patrol" of David Howarth, perhaps better known for "The Shetland Bus". The story is of opposing Danish and German meteorological parties on the east coast of Greenland, each supplying their respective navies with weather forecasts for the all-important Atlantic routes and the Western Approaches to Europe. Each party knew it was its duty to prevent the other station sending such important information. Many of the Danes, as well as some Norwegian hunters who lived in the area, had been familiar with the Arctic in peacetime.

and had long before been enthralled by the charm which life amongst raw nature in the form of ten-thousand-foot mountains, breath-taking cliffs, frozen fjords, day-long blizzards, eternal twilight, sub-zero temperatures, exerts on the soul. Such a life in such an atmosphere teaches a man love, respect, and the meaning of peace and solitude. In this atmosphere, war becomes meaningless, nature draws man to his fellow in an attitude of good-will and helpfulness, and the leaders of the two parties eventually became reconciled to one another when they had to survive a three-day hazardous journey together. In that part of the world, conversation is reduced to workable necessities, men think along the lines of deepest profundity and a supernatural telepathy unites them irrevocably. To the Eskimos who lived on the coast, the idea of killing another man was so totally alien that they never grasped it. These examples throw interesting light on our subject.

Nature undoubtedly incorporates something of the sublime, the Divine. Victor Hugo's lyrical poetry mentions the inspiration to be gained from Nature and its alliance to God :

“Dieu nous prête un moment les prés et les fontaines,  
Les grands bois frissonnants, les rocs profonds et sourds,  
Et les cieux azurés et les lacs et les plaines,  
Pour y mettre nos coeurs, nos rêves, nos amours.”

Tennyson also found God amongst the wilder spots, amongst raw nature, and once wrote :

“But God is with me in this wilderness,  
Those wet black passes and foam-churning chasms—  
And God's free air, and hope of better things.”

A friend of Wordsworth's once concluded an impassioned letter describing Loch Lochy with the simple words “What rest!”

I hope I have proved successfully by now that the technical knowledge with which scientific progress may preoccupy the mind does not necessarily make religious faith more difficult. Indeed, it may often impose a sense of order where before there was none, and an ordered mind is a necessary prerequisite to religious understanding. If scientific progress does not make religious faith any more difficult, does it make it any less easy? No, because the basic prerequisite of peace of mind is always available to everyone in the silent contemplation of nature. This silent contemplation can be a way to prayer, indeed the two are very akin, and once prayer is started and communication with God begun, then much of the battle has been won. In the light of this, it may be asked where the Church's problem lies. It lies in the infertile, untrained, prejudiced mind of a large proportion of mankind, which through time has become so used to material considerations, that it no longer even recognises the works of

God with which it was once instinctively so akin. The words of the hymn illustrate this point :

“A man who looks on glass,  
On it may stay his eye,  
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,  
And then the Heaven espy.”

And finally, to sum up all that we should strive for, the Indian poet, Rabindranath Tagore, gives us the following lines :

“Where the mind is without fear  
and the head held high;  
Where knowledge is free;  
Where the world has not been broken  
into fragments by narrow domestic walls;  
Where words come from the depths of truth;  
Where tireless striving stretches its arms  
towards perfection;  
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way  
into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;  
Where the mind is led forward by Thee into  
ever widening thought and action  
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my  
country awake.”

E. A. Lawson.

## The Lay of the Lost Waistcoat

*A notice in the Summer term requested the owner of a camel's waistcoat found in the Labs. to collect it from the Bursar's office.*

You will see exquisite costumery adorn Strathallan School,  
Where it's clear sartorial excellence has ever been the rule;  
You'll see great fiery mantles wrapped around great learned men,  
But camels clad in waistcoats are quite beyond our ken.

Now waistcoats are of many shapes and many different hues,  
They're left around quite carelessly, especially in ZOOS.  
And yet it's quite beyond us, be it gaudy, gay or drab,  
How any camel could contrive to leave one in a lab.

And if he left his waistcoat, is it therefore fair to guess  
That the camel must be wearing his proper Sunday dress?  
We hope his knees are knobbly and he's fairly stoutly built  
For we must confess we long to see a camel in a kilt.

So keep a careful scrutiny on day-to-day attire,  
You are sure to see some garments calculated to inspire;  
You will see a lot of people looking somewhat quaintly dressed,  
You may even see a camel with a waistcoat round his chest!

N.D.T.

## Winter Sports

How many of us have dreamed of a winter sports holiday in the Swiss Alps! For twenty-seven boys—including seven members of the Pipe Band—and three masters, this dream became reality in the Christmas holidays of 1960-61.

After a long and tedious journey to London, a short flight in a Swissair Caravelle, and a long train journey from Zurich, we all arrived on the platform in Arosa station. Our first impressions were rather startling. There was so much snow that even cars became partially enveloped. The friendly inhabitants of this small town high up in the Swiss Alps stared with amazement at the party of schoolboys standing shivering in their kilts on the platform. After a long climb up the hill through the town, past extremely expensive-looking hotels, we arrived at our hotel cold and tired. The waitresses received us warmly and gave us hot soup. Indeed, it was the most welcome plate of soup many of us had ever had. The weather that day did not look particularly promising but subsequently it cleared up. One of the first things that became apparent to all of us was that everything was very expensive. A "Coca-Cola" normally costing 7d. in this country cost about 1/6d. in Arosa. Nor was it long before many of us found ourselves



D.L.F.

The Ski-ing team "on the rocks" in the Tennant Trophy Competition  
(See "Ski-ing", page 53)

with just enough money left to send a telegram home asking for some more.

For most of us the accommodation was rather disappointing. As the hotel was very small there was only enough room in it for the masters and five or six of the most junior of the party. The rest were housed in a "Lager" or Annexe. This consisted of twenty-two bunks partitioned in fours with only two blankets and pillows. The prospect of spending just under a fortnight in these rather cramped surroundings was not inviting. As it happened, the evenings in the "lager" were most enjoyable with perhaps a sing-song or some other informal entertainment. At 8.30 every morning the "lager" was a hive of activity, everyone rushing to get to the horse trough first—our only water supply near at hand! After breakfast we set off for the "ski-skule."

The ski slopes were marvellous—better than anything ever likely to be seen in Scotland. Despite the wonderful snow our attempts were painfully comical, at least for the first day. There were four main ski-runs, the Carmenna, the Tschuggen, the Pratchli and the Hornli, all of which were equipped with lifts. We spent all the time we could ski-ing and exploiting possible variant runs, most of which ended in slight errors of judgment. The skill of members of the party was so promising that it was decided to enter sixteen skiers for the bronze medal examination—all sixteen passed. Mr. Studholme's valiant efforts at teaching us some of the rudiments the ski-instructors omitted were recorded on film, as were the efforts of the Padre and Mr. Barker to stay on their feet!

The pipe band, four pipers and three drummers, made the trip historic in the life of Arosa. Most of the natives and indeed the visitors had never heard or seen a pipe band. New Year's Eve 1960 will be remembered by almost all the party. We paid a visit to each of the large hotels, Valsana, Carmenna and Eden, where we played reasonably well. We were left with lasting impressions of these hotels which were recorded on film by one of the town's professional photographers. The enthusiasm with which our playing was greeted was remarkable. The lights in most of the hotels were dimmed and the drums rolled as we entered and took up our positions in the middle of the dance floor. Many of the British visitors talked to us a lot and many of us got to know the younger visitors rather well. Our last performance, to which all the local inhabitants were invited, was given in our hotel on the Sunday before we left. We actually managed to teach them the "Gay Gordons."

For those who found ski-ing too tiring, the town itself provided plenty of interest. The shops were beautifully decorated and crammed full of everything a visitor would want to buy in the way of souvenirs. Most of these articles were very expensive. Musical boxes, the traditional souvenir of Switzerland, were extremely expensive.

The hospitality we received from the manageress and waitresses of the hotel was marvellous. Many of us got to know them very well and they shared in the enjoyment of such a party. They were extremely sorry to see us go; almost as sorry as we were to leave.

After such an enjoyable holiday we would all like to thank Mr. Bosshardt who organised the visits to the hotels by the band and organised the accommodation; Mr. Barker who bore the brunt of the financial responsibilities and Mr. Studholme and the Padre who helped to make the trip so enjoyable.

A. G. Johnston and P. L. Marsland.



St. Peter's Square, Rome

[P.M.G.]

## La Dolce Vita

A COMBINED party from Strathallan and Glenalmond left London by train on the afternoon of the 11th April to begin a fortnight's holiday in Italy. The party of eighteen was under the guidance of Mr. Craig who, together with three of the boys, was unfortunately held up in the Customs at Basle and consequently missed the connection to Florence. The rest of the party continued to Lucerne where they joined us an hour later and, without further mishap, we completed our journey.

We gradually became used to the Italian food and wine, although the national dish of spaghetti was considered by some to

be more of a challenge than a food, and throughout the trip some very amusing incidents were to be seen at mealtimes.

While in Italy we travelled by luxury coach, spending a few days in Florence, Rome, Vico Equense, Rimini and Venice but visiting, en route, such famous places as Pisa, the Vatican, Pompeii, Assisi and Ravenna, the home of the renowned Byzantine mosaics. Unfortunately, a great deal of the scenery was missed by several of the party who found it necessary to catch up on lost sleep during the journeys.

Interests varied from Art galleries, photography and historic buildings to those which necessitated the use of alka-seltzers from time to time.

We were unfortunate with the weather, which rather spoilt the enjoyment of Rimini and Venice. However, thanks to the rain, the "Merchants of Venice" must have profited greatly by the sale of their magnificent glassware.

It was a most successful and enjoyable trip and we are all very grateful to Mr. Craig for his extremely efficient organisation throughout our stay in Italy.

G. Birnie, P. M. Grant, J. M. McGill, D. I. Turner.

## Table d'Hote

FOR those intending to visit France in the future I feel I must record these experiences—but they should not let them worry them too much, as their stomachs will probably revel in the change!

Our first sight of the beach restaurant, where we were to work for a fortnight, was impressive—the sun was shining as it only does on the Mediterranean Coast, and the parasols and mattresses laid out on the concrete plage for those people prepared to pay to enjoy the sun provided a colourful contrast with the deep blue of the sea. The actual restaurant was a converted fisherman's hut; with its open-air verandas, cooking range actually in the restaurant for all to see their food being prepared, authentic oak beams and rough hewn walls, it provided a wonderful atmosphere to eat in; particularly at night when the cool nocturnal air was split by the rays of many coloured lights, and the ladies were serenaded by soft music from two mandolins.

However, any romantic notions we might have had were quickly squashed as we were led behind the scenes and introduced to a large basketful of potatoes and a couple of potato peelers. Although the actual cooking was done in the restaurant, the preparing of all the food was done behind the scenes in a small open-air courtyard. There were two large tables both sheltered to a certain extent by parasols; a thunderstorm however soaked everything and perhaps that wasn't a bad thing for it is doubtful if the

tables would have been washed at any other time. The dish-washing was done in a small shack, four yards by three yards, with a leaning corrugated iron roof, and a broken down dish-washing machine, taking up a considerable amount of room. The dish-washing equipment consisted of two deep sinks side by side, one to wash and the second to rinse. The water was heated by open gas fires under the sinks and one had the option of steaming alive or washing the dishes with cold water. The water was only renewed each session of three hours, and by the end of a session and after 3,000 odd dishes one had four inches of sludge at the bottom of the sink and half an inch of grease at the top.

Understandably with that handicap and the fact that the water was luke-warm by that time, the dishes were not being particularly well cleaned. However, one doesn't notice such trifles when the plate is covered with food.

The food was indeed something special. Who can tell whether the flavour came from the peeling of the vegetables on the bench on which the fish were gutted, or the rolling of the potatoes across the dirty concrete floor as a tired peeler missed the pot? Perhaps it was the patter of the tiny feet of the myriads of bluebottles which found refuge on the exotic foods being prepared, which imparted the flavour. It may even have been the scent attached to the food from the dustbins kept below the table—as the day progressed the sun became hotter, the dustbins fuller and the stench more nauseating. One cannot of course forget the chef, *quel homme*—he appeared not to have discovered the benefits of civilisation; use of cutlery was completely foreign to him, the hands are much quicker, and he was a busy man with little time for his own meals; nobody had told him that water can be used for washing both hands and clothes as well as for drinking, so how could you expect him to know? In spite of all his faults no one could say that he did not put the very sweat of his brow into his work. I am sure it did wonders for the spaghetti. I am sure that no customer could have grudged the £5 bill for his dinner if he had known what work and . . . things went into his food.

Relations with the staff were on the whole good and in spite of difficulties occasionally arising out of language troubles, we made many friends. There were things to be said for not knowing the language and they made up in part at least for our frustrations at not being able to make ourselves understood. When we thought we had done enough work for the day, then it became very hard for the regular staff to make us understand what was wanted. 'Je ne vous comprend pas' we found useful on such occasions. One morning, however, we had the misfortune to choose a badly disturbed bottle of beer for lunch and by an even greater misfortune the stream of beer, when the bottle was opened, hit the chef, as he walked past the table. He was livid and shouts of, 'Pardon,' 'Je vous demande pardon,' made things apparently worse. We were

probably lucky that the first thing he could lay his hands on to throw at us was a tomato and not a knife. Possibly a stream of fluent French could have cooled him down; our pidgin French certainly didn't. We had unintentional misunderstandings too. It was the custom of the chef to promise us chips for lunch to get us to do extra work, and one morning towards the end of the stay he broke this promise. We immediately took this to one of the ground staff with whom we had become very friendly. He determined to put things right for us and strode off to see the chef. Following some distance behind we found him on the point of a stand-up fight with the chef—the wrong chef. We thought we were never going to make him understand his mistake.

In spite of our misunderstandings and opinions of French sanitary conditions, we thoroughly enjoyed the holiday. What is more we would go back, such is the lure of the sun and the Mediterranean and the fascination of the French people and their customs.

A. M. Pate.

## Le Prix d'Un Echec

LAST Easter holidays, having failed to gain enough 'O' Level passes to please an institute of Chartered Accountants or my father, I was duly packed off to France for a fortnight. It was arranged very kindly by Mr. Studholme that I might stay with friends of his who were on holiday in Normandy.

I arrived and was showered with questions about Strathallan and my home—in French! For a fortnight I never spoke a word of English. After the first three days I felt that I would end up in an institute, but not a C.A. one. Slowly things began to improve, and I soon understood what other people were saying, though they understood little of what I was saying.

While I was there I visited the beaches of the British and American landings on D-Day and saw many German fortifications which were still standing.

I returned to Paris with the family and, after four days, flew home having learned a considerable amount of French. Going by myself was a great advantage as I was unable to talk to anyone in English, and I can recommend this method to anyone who wishes to improve his knowledge of the French language and people.

A. G. Johnston.

## The Royal Air Force Selection Board

AFTER spending a few days at the Aircrew Selection Centre, Royal Air Force, Hornchurch, I proceeded with the sixteen other prospective Cranwell candidates to the Royal Air Force Selection Board,

Daedalus House, Cranwell, for subsequent tests. This system of selection was adopted by the Royal Air Force during the Second World War and has been in use since then, as a means of picking the future officers and leaders of the Royal Air Force.

This is a four-day course in which each member is tested in both written and practical tests which in a sense bear absolutely no resemblance to the Royal Air Force or flying at all! It is simply a test of personality and leadership.

The written tests, which were done on the afternoon of the first day and completed on the morning of the second day, consisted of elementary mathematical problems, general knowledge of sport, politics and the arts. Also, essays had to be written about oneself from one's own point of view and, in addition, as a severe critic's opinion of one. For once, everyone was rather cautious about being too big-headed! In all these tests speed of thought was essential, for the time factor was never in one's favour.

The practical tests were both amusing and troublesome. Each team (there were three teams of five or six in our intake) had to partake in such brain-teasers, which were really quite different from the supposed 'outdoor activities,' as posted on the daily programme. The purpose of such exercises was to get oneself, the remaining members of the team, a pole or a length of plank, a coil of rope and an H-bomb (an old oil-drum in this case!) from the start over numerous obstacles and then onwards to the finishing line without touching the ground at any time. One was allowed to touch obstacles painted white but it was strictly forbidden to touch anything coloured black. The obstacles, which provided one with a permanent headache, ranged through planks, triangles of wood, oil-drums and wire-netting contraptions resembling rabbit hutches! In such exercises, under the beady eye of two team officers, the course had either to be tackled by the team as a whole with everyone making suggestions, or under the leadership of a chosen individual. Each member of the team was given the opportunity of leading his team, and each time the leader was changed the obstacle course was changed also. There were numerous indoor exercises such as debates on current topics, chairmanship and solving situations with which either oneself or one's team was confronted. The social aspect of our stay was very noteworthy. Daedalus House consisted of numerous two-piece bedrooms and the food was excellent. We were treated like potential officers, having a private bar and a television room!

This stay of four days certainly gave us a most enjoyable break from school and work, and provided us with an unique experience.

B. W. Hutton.

## Gilwell Park

THE Leadership in Scouting Course at Gilwell Park is run, not necessarily for Scouts, but for Public School boys who are interesting in Scouting.

The aim of the course is to develop the leadership of those partaking, as well as giving them an insight into the organisation of a Scout troop. At the beginning of our week's course, we, R. S. Peters and H. J. Lochore, were shown techniques in the construction of a camp kitchen so that we could improve our existing sites. The foil cooking demonstration given by one of the Scouters proved a great success and after the sampling of his wonderful cabbage we were all confirmed vegetarians!

Apart from the actual instruction in observation, pioneering, axemanship and knotting, we were given projects involving the use of most of the skills which we had been taught. Many of the practical tests which we had to carry out, such as the felling of trees in Epping Forest and the construction of monkey bridges, overhead runways and signal towers, proved most enjoyable and instructive.

As the weather remained good for most of the week, our activities were mainly out of doors, although some of the time was spent visiting other Scout troops and taking part in their evening programme.

The Chief Scout, Sir Charles McLean, visited the camp after the Windsor Parade and joined us in a very informal campfire, at which R. S. Peters had the honour of "piping him in." We were also introduced to Lady Baden-Powell, several Scout Commissioners and last, but not least, to the Lord Mayor of London.

At the end of the course we were presented with our certificates, together with a photograph of all those who attended the course, both boys and Scouters. The fact that everyone enjoyed the course, as well as learning a great deal from it, is a good indication of its success.

R. S. Peters,

## Disc Brakes To Dunlopillo

TINKER, tailor, soldier, sailor . . . to each of these men the name 'Dunlop' has a different significance. A soldier probably associates Dunlop with commando soles or rubber tyres, while the sailor immediately imagines a submarine escape immersion suit type-D with automatic inflation. Personally I would hate to be classed with the soldier or the sailor while neither the tinker nor the tailor appeal to me. I feel, however, that I have an even more intimate knowledge, than even they can boast after my interesting and instructive introduction at Fort Dunlop, in Birmingham, to the rubber industry.

During my week's visit to the factory, I must admit that I failed to see the production of either commando soles or, for that matter, the sailor's immersion suit, but what I did see gave a deep and clear insight into the complicated workings of big industry. This vacation course, organised by the Public Schools Appointments Bureau, is designed to introduce potential industrialists to big business. This was impressed upon us the moment we entered the 300 acre site of Fort Dunlop. All around, huge buildings loomed over us, housing vast roaring machines which combine to manufacture 400 tyres per hour. The complicated workings and functions of these mass-producing automatons were explained to us in the next two days of our stay, which included detailed tours of a power-plant big enough to supply a large town. A glimpse of an engineering shop, which alone housed 300 employees, completed our visit for that day. The following morning, we looked over the Research Centre, where we saw how all the theoretical chemical mumbo-jumbo we learn at school is practised in modern industry: from here came the first Dunlopillo, from here came Semtex tiles, here, first of all, disc brakes were conceived. Finally we travelled to Coventry, where we toured the production plant of the tyre-rim manufacture. In this plant grotesque and complex machines, controlled by a single solitary technician, showed us twentieth-century automation at its most advanced stage.

Throughout our stay in Birmingham for this course, Dunlop accommodated us in a first-class suburban hotel which was within easy reach of the main factory buildings; all in all, we were looked after admirably.

So now, having completed the course, when I see a Dunlop tyre, I am satisfied that I know more about commando soles and immersion suits than either the soldier or the sailor.

E. A. Fraser.

## Mars Thincsus Housesteads, 1960

THERE were only two tents in the camp when we arrived. There were several orderly holes in the ground round about. As we approached, two bearded hermits, apparently Mr. Birley and Mr. Hall, came out of a tent and welcomed us. We had come to help them find a temple to Mars Thincsus, which they knew was "somewhere around." The holes were not ordinary holes; they were part of a carefully planned excavation.

The next morning we were told to dig a measured plot. Every area of turf that was taken off was measured and any walls found were accurately mapped; every piece of pottery found went into a box, duly labelled indicating the hole from which it came, and how deep in the earth it was found. Much to the surprise of the more experienced excavators, we beginners found a rough wall after

about a foot. In a trench two feet away they had to dig six feet before finding anything. We followed this wall throughout our stay and eventually it led to an unusually high wall of nine courses—illustrated here. Meanwhile the other excavators were finding more walls and from these we could tell that they probably formed the courtyard of the temple.

What are the rewards of carrying barrow-loads and barrow-loads of soil out of the earth? The rewards are the treasures hidden beneath—walls and remains of the Roman occupation. We found countless pieces of pottery, including some very fine pieces of red, decorated Samian ware; several pieces of Roman leather; even old nails, needles and beads. But perhaps the best finds were coins. At Carrawburgh a well was drained and 13,487 coins were found. Close to our camp there was a spring, so we decided to drain it. After some hard labour by Ministry of Works' pumps, we dug out many bucketfuls of gravel, and started searching through it for these elusive coins. Eventually we found about a dozen—a pretty good haul.

We did not find the temple, but after we left, the beginnings of a curved wall signifying a temple were found. All we had dug out was filled in and the spot where we are going to begin digging this year is marked by a beer can, although how that got into the camp we have never been able to understand.

I. A. Gow and G. W. V. Birnie.



*Excavations at Housesteads*

[D.L.F.]

## Remember—The Days Of Thy Youth

THE middle of May saw the completion of an enterprising and novel project which had been in progress for the best part of two years, namely, the committing to celluloid of various aspects of life around the school. The purpose of this was to have a lasting record of the experiences and sentiments of those happiest days of one's life. In the role of director, manager, photographer, and editor of the project was B. A. Wingate. Throughout the period of filming, 550 feet of 8 mm. film were used, the final version after cuts measuring 480 feet. Sporting topics included sailing on the Tay at Lairwell, 1st XI cricket, 1960, Sports Day, 1959 and 1960, three fights from the 1961 Boxing Finals, rock climbing in a nearby quarry in June, 1960, the 1961 1st XV. recording three of its fifteen victories—against Gordonstoun, Watson's and the Old Boys—various shots of the 1961 Senior Cross-Country final, and the Hockey XI beating Gordonstoun. Other scenes showed the 1960 Sunset Parade on Speech Day, the Chapel at various stages of construction, panoramic views of the pond and other familiar scenes, picturesque effects with the sun and the stream in the valley and a midsummer sunset. There were shots of people on their way across to classes in the morning, the school prefects out walking on a Sunday in autumn 1960, and a lively dorm-fight in Ruthven followed by the implied chastisement of the ringleader and his reactions! Another touch of humour came from the skilful capture of masters in poses illustrating their idiosyncrasies!

Choosing a title provided some difficulty: a suggestion was, "Young, Strong and Free at Strathallan," but after much deliberation, "Remember . . . the Days of thy Youth" was decided on as the most suitable.

In its final form, the film consisted of two reels and ran for 40 minutes. About half the school became film stars—some unknown to themselves, others consenting reluctantly, others revelling in the idea. Although short sequences had been shown from time to time to those concerned, it was not until the final version was ready that a public showing was given. On Sundays 11th and 18th June, 1961 the School was invited to the Science Lecture Room to view this epic—for the forfeit of a shilling. The reactions to seeing oneself or one's friends on film were of a light-hearted nature, and seemed to indicate general approval.

Appropriately enough, the Chapel Fund received the majority of the takings, and is now £5 to the good. E. A. Lawson.

## Vital Statistics

THE statistics given below are some of the more significant ones selected from the results of a questionnaire given to all members of the Senior School, on Sunday, 12th March. Answers were

submitted on unsigned sheets of which, after discounting absentees, a total of 250 papers were considered. The papers were divided into four different age groups with approximately equal numbers in each.

In the School one finds 35 only children, with each pupil having an average, four-fifths of a brother and three-quarters of a sister.

Turning to the cinema, we find that it is most popular with the fifteen and sixteen year olds. The reverse is also true, and we find that most of those that scarcely ever go are in the thirteen-fourteen or seventeen-nineteen age groups.

From the cinema to smoking, a habit in which about half the school indulge. However, in the thirteen-fourteen age group there are 77% non-smokers, the rest having an occasional smoke. Moving to the fifteen year olds and over we discover only 43% do not smoke, while some 26% smoke 'habitually.'

It is perhaps good to see that 51% of the pupils at Strathallan hope to go to university, even although a lot fewer actually go.

Lastly, let us turn to a more important subject — politics. Strathallan is 78% Conservative; 5% Liberal and 2% Labour; with the remaining 15% not voting.

P. G. Lawson.

## Perth Theatre Visits

DURING January, Perth Repertory Theatre founded a Schools Club, which included all schools in the area, and enabled them to attend weekly matinées at the Theatre on Tuesday afternoons at a special rate. This gave the School an opportunity to participate at a convenient time at small cost (2/6 including transport) in a scheme aided by the Arts Council of Great Britain.

Although the youthful audiences were not always as attentive as those of us from Strathallan who attended, parties of between 30-75 boys were enabled to enjoy good productions and set a high standard for the remainder of the audience in appreciation of those plays they saw.

The plays selected for our visits covered a wide range, from thriller to classic. Undoubtedly the modern play "One More River" by Beverly Cross was the most outstanding of the productions we saw, but was limited to senior boys only.

The plays attended (and numbers attending) were as follows:

"A Shred of Evidence" by R. C. Sheriff (72).

"Harvey" by Mary Chase (45).

"One More River" by Beverly Cross (33).

"Juno and the Paycock" by Sean O'Casey (39).

"Jane Eyre" adapted by Michael MacLiammoir (60).

D.S.R.

## School Library

"Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness."  
—Ecclesiastes 2. xiii.

Wisdom is becoming increasingly more accessible to the School by virtue of the steady swelling of all sections of the Library. In excess of a hundred new books have been added to the shelves throughout the year, while records of Wordsworth's poetry and Sheridan's "School for Scandal" have been added to the Shakespeare records which the English Department already possesses.

Books have also been donated by several people, for which grateful acknowledgment is hereby made.

Purchases of new books include the following:

*Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, Vols. I to IX; *The World of Mathematics* (Newman), Vols. I to IV; *Revolt of the Netherlands* (Geyl); *Atlas of the Bible* (Grellenberg); *Bayonets to Lhasa* (Fleming); *Puritanism and Revolution* (Hill); *Victor Hugo* (Maurois); *Economic Geography* (Huntington); *An Illustrated History of Music* (Pincherle); *The Sciences were never at War* (De Beer); *Anger of Achilles* (Graves); *Beyond the Dictionary in Spanish* (Gerrard); *Orde Wingate* (Sykes); *Dawn of Life* (Rush); *Introduction to 17th Century and 18th Century France* (Lough); *The Archaeology of Weapons* (Oakerholt); *Companion to German Studies* (Bithell); *Roman Imperial Civilisation* (Mattingly); *Great Philosophers of the West* (Tomlin); and *Documents of the Christian Church* (Bettenson).

Although the Library is being used more, and the withdrawals book now fills more rapidly, the wisdom of the readers seems to lack any vestige of order or tidiness. A school is one of the few places where libraries can be used entirely at will, and it would be appreciated if a response to the implicit obligations were shown before possible restrictions are considered more seriously.

E. A. Lawson and R. E. Allcock.

## The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

PROGRESS this year has perhaps inevitably been at a slower rate than last year, as it is now necessary for boys to complete the First Series tests before advancing to the Second Series. Nurse Ingram prepared sixteen boys—almost all Freeland House juniors—for the Red Cross Junior examination, and all passed. It is hoped that enthusiasm next year will not be limited to boys from one House!

During the year E. A. Lawson, G. W. V. Birnie, and J. C. Leask completed the Second Series (Silver Award) tests, while J. M. S. Fleming, D. L. Ferguson and K. J. Darling passed the First Series (Bronze Award). After the School Exams. at the end of the Summer Term, a cavalcade of juniors hiked across the Ochils from Strathallan to Dollar, under the supervision of I. M. Robertson and G. M. Watson, and most only need to complete their work on their hobby to obtain the Bronze Award. Most spectacular of our activities, though, were the three-night hikes accomplished by R. S. Peters and D. M. Lawson from Dalnaspidal via Rannoch Station, Kingshouse and Glen Etive to Bridge of Awe, and by H. J. Lochore, G. W. V. Birnie, A. M. Houston and P. M. Fisher from Kirkmichael to Aviemore, via Loch Tilt, Inverey and the Lairig Ghru. Peters and Lochore completed their Public Service training requirements by attending at Easter a Leadership in Scouting Course at Gilwell (on which a report appears elsewhere in this magazine), while Birnie attended a similar Course in September. We expect to have at least three holders of the Gold Award by Christmas, and are hopeful of receiving a visit from Sir John Hunt, the Secretary of the Scheme, early in the New Year.

Next year the Award Scheme will come under the administration of the C.C.F., and will be made generally available to boys who will receive a general pre-service training in their first year



*Early Morning on a Duke of Edinburgh's Award Hike*

[D.C.F.]

in the School. Senior members of the Scheme will be responsible for training these recruits in subjects such as map-reading and camping, as their practical service work required by the Third Series regulations.

During this last year I have been grateful to the Housekeeper and the Sanatorium Staff for arranging provisions and instruction respectively, and to E. A. Lawson for superintending the training of the First Series candidates.

D. L. F.

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir,

Lately I have read in the Press of a newly instituted scheme for teaching students in senior secondary schools to drive. The figures for the scheme, based on the confident belief that the earlier a youth is taught to drive, the more competent he will become, have as yet to be published, but the success of the scheme is reflected in the praise and passes which have been gained by it.

Strathallan, I think, is an ideal place for such a scheme, and when the teething troubles of expense, tutors and organisation had been overcome, we should find it a successful and worthwhile addition to the school curriculum. The first year of this would be expensive for all concerned but when it was well founded, I think the fee for it would quickly fall below that of the driving schools.

The success of such a scheme relies, as usual, on the parents, but by supporting such a scheme they would be doing their sons, and the safety campaign as a whole, much good.

Yours faithfully,

D. Martyn.

Dear Sir,

Education is not just a process of passing exams, but is intended to prepare the young man for life, to enable him to cope with his future worries and to assume his position in adult society as easily and as naturally as possible. Strathallan, I consider, achieves these objectives in all but one point.

In my opinion, ball-room dancing is a social grace essential to any young man. It is one of those attributes which, like the ability to drive a car, or play golf, makes the road to success slightly less arduous. Quite apart from the enjoyment obtained from dancing, it becomes virtually obligatory at some stage to attend the Works Dance, and the ambitious amongst us will soon realise that to dance well with our employers' daughters is a sure

way to promotion. The odds in the Marriage Derby, too, are shortened (and the choice of girls widened) in favour of a ball-room trained beau.

Many other public schools run dancing lessons. Why should Strathallians be penalised in after life, or be driven to expensive dancing studios? Surely the advantages outweigh the difficulties—the recruitment of a suitable instructor, the availability of a large room with a polished floor, and the absence of any ladies with whom to practise? The Music Room could perhaps be used during Activities on one or two nights per week, and a dancing teacher could come out from Perth, I feel sure. As for boy dancing with boy—well, this problem is met in all boarding schools, and has in any case to be tolerated for the existing Country Dancing lessons.

Finally, may I make an appeal for the revival of the now defunct annual dance with the Beacon School?

Yours faithfully,

R. E. Allcock.

## Debating Society

THE society had its most successful year within memory; a higher degree of organisation was achieved than heretofore, and the standard of speaking among the more experienced members shows improvement.

Even so, too many members all but read out their speeches, while most members who attend meetings seem incapable of making a relevant or even a coherent speech. More boys should come to meetings *prepared* to say something intelligent, or at least intelligible.

At the first meeting of the Winter Term, a committee was elected, with McKinlay heading it as secretary, and it subsequently drew up a constitution, running to over three sides of foolscap, to regulate the activities of the society. Dr. Farmer has again been President and Chairman.

In the first debate, E. A. Lawson and W. R. Duncan proposed that, "Clothes provide the greatest class barrier in Britain to-day," with J. G. M. McKinlay and E. Pickard to give the other side of the argument. The strict relevance of the proposition had eventually to concede the day to the humorous, albeit less valid points put forward by the opposition, by 27 votes to 51. In this debate, the experience of the principal speakers contrasted with the maiden speeches of their seconders.

On 5th November, an appropriately explosive subject was debated in the motion that, "Life under Communist Rule would be preferable to a third World War." Allcock and Linton were in favour of co-existence, while death and glory appealed more to

Rankin and Crawshaw. Allcock, as the only experienced speaker, made the crucial point of the evening in differentiating between Communism and Soviet Socialism. As in the previous debate, wit won the day, and Allcock's sobriety had to yield by 49 votes to 78 to Rankin's humorous declaiming of "persecuted apathy."

Later in the month, a party from Glenalmond were the guests of the society. Taylor seconded one of the visitors in proposing that, "The British take their sport too seriously," while the opposition was led by McKinlay. Although football pools, transfer fees, and dog racing all received careful scrutiny, relevance was only conspicuous by its absence, the point having been so lost by the time the motion was put to the floor, that an embarrassing silence ensued, followed by an early count. The motion was defeated by 86 votes to 64.

An "Any Questions" session in the Library did much to enliven the society's followers. The panel consisted of McKinlay, Lawson, Rankin, and Pate, who were called upon to give opinions on a variety of subjects of unprecedented scope. Galt asked about the effects of President Kennedy's religion, Halloway about the Polaris submarines in the Holy Loch, the quip from the last war being trotted out: "The Americans are over-fed, they're over-paid and they're over here!" The shearing of poodles came in for comment, as did teddy-boy fashions, the ideal way of relaxing, love in candlelight, and the relevant merits of soccer and rugger, these questions coming from Taylor, Wingate, Allcock, Johnston, and Nelson-Cole. Turner finally asked for opinions of Her Majesty's Honourable Opposition, the decision being, that the British Labour Party of the moment was a headless monster, but, unlike the mythical Hydra, did not have the power of reproducing itself ninefold! This meeting was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

In the Spring term, it was debated that, "Scientists are the curse of culture," with Mr. Thompson and Gray proposing, and Mr. Studholme and Fraser in opposition. Unfamiliar with the society, Mr. Thompson did not temper his speech to his audience and the other speakers were handicapped in their even more radical attempts to capture attention. The motion was heavily defeated.

Enthusiasm was at a low ebb after this debate, and it was deemed politic to close activities for the year.

In conclusion, much is to be desired in the standard of debating. It must be learnt, that the value in making a reasoned, serious speech far outweighs that of winning the debate through petty humour. The present shyness of members of the floor must be dispelled if progress is to be achieved, and a greater measure of concentration among all but the most practised speakers is still to be desired.

E. A. Lawson.

## Shakespeare Society

THE idea of a School Shakespeare Society was formulated by Mr. Rymer towards the end of the Christmas Term, and such a body came into being early in the New Year. Membership has not been fixed, but has merely embraced all those invited to meetings. The Society's attentions have not been devoted solely to Shakespeare, one of its aims being to introduce one play representing the field of contemporary or modern theatre each term, as the programme of meetings shows, the following six works having been read since the society's inception: "Twelfth Night" (Jan. 25th), "The Taming of the Shrew" (Feb. 22nd), "The Queen and the Rebels" — a modern Italian play by Ugo Betti (March 15th), "Othello" (March 19th), "One Way Pendulum"—heralded in the *Scotsman* as, 'an outrageous comedy of eccentricity in suburbia,' by N. F. Simpson (May 25th), and finally, "Richard III" (July 21st). The accommodating hosts on these occasions have been the Headmaster and Mrs. Hoare, Mr. and Mrs. Burnet, Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby, Mr. and Mrs. McLellan, Mr. and Mrs. Wormald, and Mr. and Mrs. Bland. The numbers present have normally ranged from twenty to thirty, with the exception of "Richard III," where the large cast pushed the figure to over forty. There have been almost seventy different readers altogether, including twenty-two members of staff and ladies of the household, twenty-seven people having read more than once, some on as many as five occasions.

The primary value of the society has, of course, lain in the literary content of the works read and in its aims to promote discussion of them, but it has also served to bring together, outside the routine and restrictions of day to day activities, the senior members of the School and the masters, their wives and the other ladies of the School.

For the reading of "Othello," three guests from the Dundee Repertory Company were invited to the meeting, to take the parts of the principal characters, Othello himself being read by Mr. Gawn Grainger, Iago by Mr. Michael Culver and Desdemona by Miss Liliias Walker. Their polished interpretation of the parts raised the standard of the reading as a whole, and provided a valuable shot in the arm for the society at that early stage in its career. Within the closer confines of the School, Mrs. Burnet's voice has given others pleasure and a splendid example, particularly as Mrs. Groomkirby in "One Way Pendulum."

Where scripts have been unobtainable within the School, as in the non-Shakespeare plays, or in short supply, copies have been obtained from the British Drama League, London, which serves dramatic bodies of all sizes in this way.

On Monday, 10th July, twelve of those who were at the reading of "One Way Pendulum" were invited to watch the B.B.C. television production in the saloon. The characters turned out as we

had imagined them, but the action, and in particular the facial expressions, did much to heighten the comedy, though it was widely considered a poor television production.

Mr. Rymer has directed activities generally, as well as giving an introduction to each play at the start of an evening, and acting as narrator, while the secretaryship has been in the hands of E. A. Lawson, who will be handing over to G. W. V. Birnie for 1961-62

The standard of reading within the society has improved from meeting to meeting and the type-casting necessitated at the outset is now relied on less, a number of the more accomplished readers managing to appear satisfactorily far removed from their normal selves. Since only a third of those who have read will be leaving, the standard should continue to rise throughout the society's second year.

E. A. Lawson.

## Modern Languages Society

THIS year Mr. Studholme put forward the idea of a Modern Languages Society. This was eagerly taken up and at the inaugural meeting over which Mr. Studholme kindly presided, E. A. Lawson was elected President, T. R. Taylor, Secretary and J. G. M. McKinlay, a Committee Member.

The first function of the Society was to entertain La Troupe Francaise who gave the School a talented performance of, "Le Medecin malgre lui," by Molière and "L'Anglais tel qu' on le parle," by Tristan Bernard. The cast spoke the French slowly enough and exaggerated the acting a little so that most boys were able to understand the story and derive considerable amusement from the evening.

Our next meeting resulted directly from having established contact with 'L'Institut Francais d'Ecosse.' This organisation is designed to help schools boasting societies of this sort and it lends out films and pamphlets, and sends posters to its members. Our first contact with them was to borrow two which were shown to an appreciative audience of nearly 50. They were: 'Alerte en Montagne,' and 'Plein air,' the first dealing with mountain rescue and the second showing the forms of outdoor life that are most popular in France, such as canoeing, cycling, and camping.

For our next meeting McKinlay entertained us with a slide show of Paris, and Pickard followed up this by showing the slides he had taken during a tour of Italy which a party from School had undertaken.

Mr. Studholme entertained us by playing some of his French records, and undoubtedly the most popular was 'Une Demoiselle sur une balançoire,' but we also heard Georges Brassens, Juliette

Greco, Marie-Claude Pichaud and Jacques Douai. Unfortunately he did not have a record of Edith Paiff's but an enjoyable time was had by all.

Mlle Quéré from the Franco-Scottish Society was our next guest and she gave us a very interesting talk in French on the nature of French Universities, and the very large number of clubs they boast, so that we wished we were at Grenoble or La Sorbonne.

By far our most enjoyable and entertaining evening was an amusing and instructive lecture on wines, kindly given by Mr. Milligan aided and abetted by his wife. To give us some practical experience he brought up some bottles and all those present had a taste of two red wines, one vin rosé and two white wines. We considered this should be a fundamental part of our education! Our thanks are due to Mr. Fairbairn for arranging this lecture and to Mr. and Mrs. Milligan who entertained us in a very refreshing manner.

Mr. Fairbairn kindly invited the members of the Upper VIth and some members of the staff to his house one evening for a play reading session. The play under review was 'Pauvre Bitos,' by Jean Anouilh, and this was of especial benefit as it was an 'A' Level set book.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Society to thank Mr. Studholme for all his interest, encouragement and effort, and I feel confident that the Society will prosper under his influence next year.

T. R. Taylor.

## The Science Society

At the beginning of the Winter Term, the Headmaster very kindly consented to become President in place of Mr. Breuer, to whom we are very grateful for the interest which he showed in the society during its first year.

It was decided that a member of the science staff should be represented on the committee and should be nominated Vice-President. This year Mr. Jackson held this post and we are very grateful to him for the interest he has taken in the affairs of the society.

This year our programme followed much the same pattern as last. The films shown were of interest not only to members of the sixth form, but also to the younger members of the society.

The upper forms were again responsible for the lectures and demonstrations. Lectures were given by R. S. Peters, D. A. Smith, R. C. Stark, R. J. Rankin, R. E. Allcock and I. A. Gow on subjects varying from the spinning of terylene in Madras.

various mathematical models, to continental drift. Demonstrations were given by J. L. W. Parker, E. A. Fraser, C. M. T. Cornish and I. M. Robertson on subjects from the production of nylon and terylene to coloured light.

In the Easter Term, Mr. Thomson gave a lecture entitled, "A Fourth Dimensional Fantasy," in which he illustrated his points with models and diagrams. He succeeded in convincing everybody present that the fourth dimension was possible and even showed us how a four dimensional cube could be represented in three dimensions.

Unfortunately we were unable to obtain any outside lecturers, although, as the result of enquiries in this direction, on July 20th, a party of 16 members visited the Grangemouth plant of British Hydrocarbons Ltd. This visit was very interesting, and enabled those members of the party who had studied organic chemistry to connect the theory with the actual industrial processes.

On the whole this year has been one of reasonable success for the society with a large increase in the number of the lectures and demonstrations coming from members.

I. M. Robertson.

## Young Farmers' Club

WE were sorry to lose Mr. Gillespie at the end of the Summer Term, but his place has been most adequately filled by Mr. Grigsby. At the beginning of the year, few members remained, but many boys were keen to join, and a few had to be rejected. Unfortunately, our usual visit to the Fat Stock Show at Edinburgh was cancelled, because of the outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease. The two main highlights of the year, the Highland Show and the Perthshire rally, took place at difficult times of the term and we were unable to attend either of them as a club. However, two stock-judging teams went to the Perthshire rally, and finished second, a commendable achievement.

There were many members wishing to go to the Fife Sugar Beet Factory, Perth Bull Sales and on a visit to a local farm, but unfortunately the numbers had to be cut down to suit the travel arrangements. Throughout the year, guests, masters and boys gave many interesting lectures on varied topics, with the occasional film to supplement the programme.

The Committee feel that this has been one of our most successful seasons.

D. W. M. Munro and I. S. Cree.

## Film Society

THIS year has seen the foundation of the Society under the patronage of Mr. Gray. The object of the society is to promote interest in films of cultural, scientific and artistic merit, by means of exhibitions and discussions.

Due to a shortage of funds, the choice of films was limited. However, the following films were shown during the year: "The Wages of Fear," "The Red Balloon," "Down among the Z-men," "Ulysses," and "The Land of Robert Burns."

"The Wages of Fear," directed by Henri-Georges Clouzot was notable for the suspense produced by a combination of brilliant direction and photography. "The Red Balloon," was undoubtedly of great artistic merit but was only appreciated by a few. Artistic merit in "Down among the Z-men" was at a very low ebb and even its scientific designs seemed dubious. "Ulysses" was clearly only an entertainment film, but was a resounding financial success. The Society was fortunate to obtain from the British Transport Commission, "The Land of Robert Burns," an extremely well-made documentary.

It is hoped that during the ensuing year more showings and far more discussions will be held. Last year there were seventy members in the fourth forms and above, to which the Society is limited. However, it is hoped that this number will be substantially increased.

Last year's committee for the selection of films and for running the Society consisted of: President—J. Walker; Secretary—D. G. Linton; House Representatives—P. G. F. Sleaf, J. C. Ferguson, A. H. Morrison, G. W. V. Birnie.

J. W. Walker.

## Philatelic Society

THE difficulties mentioned last year, of finding first a safe place to keep philatelic treasures, and second a convenient meeting place which did not require the carrying of said treasures through darkness, wind, rain or snow, have prevented any renewed interest in the Senior School. Riley House has had a dozen adherents of the hobby throughout the year, and weekly meetings have been held in Mr. Rymer's room for discussion and exchange. A thematic display was organised for Speech Day, and filled most of Riley Common-Room. All members of the club contributed, and over six hundred stamps on forty sheets were on view, illustrating such themes as, "transport," "animals," "maps," and "historic buildings." Special sheets showed, "Penny Reds," the first successors to the famous, "Penny Black," and which are now over a hundred years old. "Peculiarly Shaped Stamps," showing diamonds

and triangulars, and specimens with microscopic differences, illustrating the minor variances which mean so much to the devoted collector.

E. A. Lawson.

## Photographic Society

THE Society prospers and we are now out of debt for the first time since the purchase of the enlarger. We would like to thank Mr. Hewson very much for his years of valuable service to the society and express our appreciation of Dr. Farmer's hard work in his stead.



*The Photographic Society visited Perth Engine Sheds*

We have been commissioned by the School to make a film covering as many aspects of life here as possible. We are pleased to record the progress of this project which is due for completion in time for the Jubilee next year.

An excursion to Perth Engine sheds was arranged early in June and those who attended had an interesting and profitable afternoon.

Very few members contributed prints to the annual Speech Day Exhibition, but P. M. Grant and J. W. Walker displayed some successful exhibits.

A. Nairn.

## Bridge Club

AFTER a year of dormancy, the Bridge Club was reformed at the Winter Term. Mr. Young made his sitting-room available for activities each Monday evening and gave instruction on a number of aspects of the game. Membership amounted to 22, with 7 members of the sixth form, 7 of the middle school and 8 of the third form, giving an even spread throughout the School. Attendances dropped when, mid-way through the Spring term, lighter evenings fostered other interests. Less than a third of the members are leaving, so interest is likely to be revived with the advent of Winter.

E. A. Lawson.

## Pentagram Society

MR. THOMPSON formed this society at the beginning of the year to construct mathematical models. The membership was at first both substantial and enthusiastic but, as frequently happens, it dwindled as the year went on.

In the Spring Term, to encourage larger turnouts the Society asked parents, whose professions were connected with mathematics, to address the Society, and we would like to thank very much those who braved the cold of winter to speak to us, namely Mr. Jenkins, who spoke on the Actuarial Profession, and Mr. Brown who talked about banking.

The Society, with the much appreciated aid of some of the more senior mathematicians of the School, conducted a statistical survey which is reviewed elsewhere.

It is hoped that in future more boys will take up this interesting and instructive hobby.

R. C. Stark.

## Archery Club

CLUB membership now stands at 15, an increase on last year. Meetings have been held regularly throughout the Summer Term, on Mondays and Thursdays in activities, Little Acre having been the scene of all our shoots. Mr. Spurgin has been in charge and Mr. Barker has also helped to supervise. A competition was held by way of encouragement, Horvath emerging the winner. Though interest is sustained, the standard of performance remains rather low as yet, and leaves room for improvement in the future.

G. M. Watson.

## Ski-ing

THERE were numerous outings to Glenshee throughout the Easter Term, and it is satisfying to note that twenty to thirty boys were able to go each week-end, as opposed to the previous nine or ten. Owing to the wider interest in the sport among masters and lady members of the household, more cars have been available than in other years, and it was not uncommon for a motorcade of five or six vehicles to make the journey.

As in the past four years, a team was entered for the Tennant Trophy on the first Sunday in March. Those who represented the School were: R. M. Smith, I. G. Woolley, R. C. Dow, A. R. Bucher, H. J. Bosshardt and Dr. McKenzie, who combined the rôles of coach and competitor, while Miss Alison Smith and Miss Eileen Farquharson kindly helped us out by filling the two ladies' places in the team. Our opponents in the first round were Dundee 'B,' and a close and exciting race ensued, in which we were narrowly defeated, despite having hoped to do better. The Trophy was eventually won by Glen Coe, for the second year running.

The popularity of the sport continues to grow in the School, and those who had been in Arosa at New Year were able to show their paces. The usual accumulation of Old Boys and present pupils descended on Glenshee in the week following New Year, while the familiar broken-down Land Rovers in which Strathallians seem to travel, have also been seen in Glen Coe.

E. A. Lawson.

## Pipes and Drums

THIS year we have again had a large band with twelve pipers and seven drummers. The year has not held such a full programme as last year, the only outside event, apart from the competitions, being a fete at Bridge of Earn at which a few members of the band played. However, the band as usual played on Speech Day and General Inspection Day. Seven members of the band also had a most enjoyable holiday in Switzerland at New Year, playing at various hotels.

The band competition at Glasgow, on 9th June was unfortunately only attended by three bands including Strathallan. But we again succeeded in winning the banner presented by the Glasgow Highland Club. This year, for the first time, we were also in the prize list in the individual piping—Fisher taking first place in the junior group and Scott second place in the senior group.

At the East of Scotland Schools competition, which was held at Fettes, on the 30th June, we were not so successful, and were placed eighth. However, Roy and Wardhaugh are to be congratulated on their fine efforts in winning the individual drumming

and bugling respectively—the first time Strathallan has reached the top at these competitions.

Thanks go to Pipe Major Sinclair, and also to Mr. Henderson, whose experience has proved of invaluable assistance to the band and learner pipers.

This year there has been at times a certain lack of interest; however, with a more experienced band and a more determined effort next year, the band should have a good year.

Winners of the School Solo competitions:

Senior Piping—Fisher; Junior Piping—Stuart. Senior Drumming—Duncan; Junior Drumming—B. Robertson. Learners—D. Beattie.

R. H. Scott.

## Combined Cadet Force

THE General Inspection this year took place on June 2nd, when the visiting Officer was Brigadier, J. L. Proudlock, D.S.O. The parade was held in the morning and the visitor inspected training before lunch. It was a good turn-out, though some of the marching at the tail end of the march-past left something to be desired. In this, however, we are not alone, for in a recent speech at the Annual Dinner of the Cadet Force Association, the O.C. of one school said: "Even a Contingent's own Officers sometimes find it hard to believe that the soldierly, sailorly or airmanly figures at the senior end of the Contingent have developed on a diet of one parade a week, out of the strange little objects in the Recruits' platoon, tiny blobs of boy in a great sea of battledress."

The Sunset Parade on Speech Day was most impressive. This is a ceremony which is peculiar to ourselves and one of which we are justly proud. The Band was first-class, the bugling excellent, and the conduct of the parade and the turn-out of all concerned was extremely creditable.

The Band have performed well this year; they won the Glasgow competition again; Roy took first place in the Drumming and Wardaugh the first place in Bugling in the East of Scotland competition, and Shaw was third and Garden fourth in the individual dancing. All concerned are to be warmly congratulated.

Mr. Hamilton's quarry disappeared this year, so we could not continue to use it any more, but night scheme work was introduced and proved a great change and quite exciting. Rock-climbing has also been continued where possible on Sunday, and one cadet at least combined this with a bathe! The Assault course remains testing, and the record is now held by U/O Wingate at 41½ seconds.

In the Signals only two cadets gained classification, Turner and Shepherd, but Sgt. Macfie is now an A.S.I. Both parts of 'Cert. A' were successful, and in spite of the O.C.'s gloomy forecast,

for the first time ever four cadets, Cranston, W. R. Duncan, McLachlan and Weatherston passed with credit in the Army Proficiency Certificates. Several boys are attending R.A. courses in the holidays, and two the J.S.C.B. course at Frimley Park. A number of cadets do a great deal of work with stores, etc., but Cpl. Dunbar must receive a special mention for his excellent work in the Armoury.

Four Officers and 85 cadets were attached to the 24th Signals Regiment at Catterick Camp from 21st—28th April, when they were responsible for our accommodation and feeding at camp. We should like to extend our very grateful thanks to the Commanding Officer and his Staff and particularly to Major W. Adam for welcoming us so kindly and looking after us so well. Perhaps it does not really describe our contingent very well, but the same O.C. as quoted above described C.C.F. Officers at camp in these terms: "Many know us as eccentric and somewhat touchy schoolmasters of assorted ages, shapes and sizes, who appear annually at camp, disguised, remarkably unconvincingly, as officers in the armed forces of some unidentifiable, but obviously impoverished minor power. Officers equipped with a smattering of para-military knowledge and an unquenchable thirst. Behind these majestic figures—always assuming that they can walk fast enough to stay in front—follows a curiously variegated army dressed in denims whose scanty allocation of buttons fails to conceal a variety of colourful underwear."

It is with very great regret that we learn that Mr. McLellan feels that the time has come for him to give up his appointment as O.C. the R.N. Section. It has been a very flourishing and smart section under his guidance and we shall miss him. I take this opportunity of thanking him for all his help and hard work, and it is good that he will still be here to give us the benefit of his opinion, even if he will be wearing civvies on Friday afternoons. We welcome Mr. Rymer very sincerely, who is taking over from him, and we wish him every success in the Corps. Mr. Birley will be taking over as 2nd in Command.

As usual at the end of a year we say good-bye to a lot of senior N.C.O.'s and cadets. We thank them sincerely for their service and example, and trust that they have benefitted from their time in the Corps.

T. C. G. F.

## C.C.F. Army Camp, 1961

CAMPS—Kames, Culty, Catterick—an attractive alliteration has been built up over the years. For 1961 we can now add picks, ponchos, precipitation and puddles. But as guests of the 24th Signals Regiment from 21st—28th April, these depressing features,

plus our incredibly strenuous days (and nights!) on the Yorkshire moors were more than compensated by the modern military luxuries of well sprung beds, huge meals with piles of chips, two stoves per hut, and chips, superior metal wardrobes for any rainbow-hued 'civvies' brought to camp, and chips, modern motor coaches for transport, and still more chips. 24 Signals Regiment had 1,000 surplus rations before we arrived. When we left their books balanced—just! In reply to the Catering Officer's polite enquiry at tea one evening, "Isn't this your second time through?" a cheery cadet was heard to exclaim: "No, Sir—my third!"

Approximately 90 cadets were privileged to enjoy camp, almost double last year's attendance, although there were still the last minute communications from parents: "Johnny is ill/indisposed/lost, etc. etc. . . . and therefore unable to come to camp." (Johnny invariably turns up hale and hearty on the first day of term, wondering how camp went.)

Some eyes were still heavy with sleep on Saturday morning when Reveille (the sweet sound of C.S.M. Galt's voice) rang out at 6.30 a.m.; but even greater was the shock for a few weary signallers looking out of their windows to see 90 prancing youths doing P.T. on the square, at 7 a.m. before breakfast, to Mr. Henderson's happy rhythm. Breakfast, bedmaking, parade, it seemed as if a whole day's work had been done and it was only 9 a.m. Then the motor coaches drew up and we began in earnest.

The first day provided the hottest weather and the longest march. Our map-reading exercise comprised a 12-15 mile trek across the moors, which was not without incident. Sgt. Borland decided the Ouse was no problem to cross, so why look for a bridge? Boots and socks off, he boldly led his men through the swirling waters. It is very likely that by now some fisherman near York, or even Hull, has caught a left boot with an anklet and a Strathallan rugger sock neatly rolled inside. He should not be alarmed, the owner is not drowned. This was just Keith's way of showing that he does not like walking! He had a companion on the short return walk to the base, an experienced camper who took the more drastic but less expensive method of falling in. Cadet McLellan looked rather odd later in a pair of Mr. Birley's gardening trousers, but he was dry. It was with some relief that Greta Bridge or Reeth were reached, but if that was an example of a whole day's training, Camp was not going to be too tough!

On Sunday after a late Reveille, at 7.30 we enjoyed a strenuous day of rest. Mr. Birley took one coachload north to Housesteads Roman fort, where they inspected the site of his excavations, and were quite relieved not to be called upon to extend them. The remainder visited York. The day began there with Mattins at the Minster; activities for the next two hours are unrecorded, but the party regrouped for an entertaining tour of the Castle Museum,

and on the return journey paid an interesting, though somewhat rainsoaked visit to Fountains Abbey, where we were temporarily joined by a faintly familiar figure in blue jeans—a fugitive from the R.N. Section.

Midnight brought the census, a very complex affair, and a great strain on the Officers, who as well as sorting out the particulars of the cadets, had to attempt to conceal from prying eyes the entries that they had made in the 'age' column!

On Monday morning we had an Escape exercise, which provided plenty of exercise, but very few escapes, thanks to the energy of the 'frontier force' of perspiring but persisting N.C.O.s. The afternoon was spent on the Field Firing Range where we all fired .303 and some were able to revel in the joy of knocking down falling plates with the LMG. Cpls. Dunbar and Hardy guarded the ammunition like watchdogs, and the only casualty sustained was one leg injured by one of the plates. Evening found us in the Land of Nod, though no-one was snoring, for this sleepy sounding locality was in fact a narrow twisting valley in which we conducted a night exercise, the juniors first in pitch darkness, with a good deal of confusion, followed by the seniors who fared better with a moon to assist them. U/O Wingate led his troops to within a yard or so of the enemy without their noticing them, which was a singular feat.

Attack! Attack! Attack! Down, crawl, observe, sights, fire! Double here, double there, run, faster, come on, for inspection port arms, enemy there, and the loud explosions of thunderflashes with the less effective smoke screens, filled in Tuesday with section and platoon exercises. For relaxation in the evening an XI played the Signals Regiment at hockey, and after an excellent game drew 1—1 rather to the surprise of the Regulars, who fancied their chances against schoolboys, but age does tell. A shooting team under C. S. M. Lawson was narrowly beaten, without the use of slings.

Wednesday, our 'pièce de résistance,' was a long day, and in fact did not seem to end till Thursday lunchtime. Mr. Henderson ran an entertaining 'potted sports' in the morning, during which the contingent was visited by General Goldsmith, the Commander of Catterick Area.

At lunch time, the real reason for the picks and shovels that had been idly lying in the stores hut became apparent; the 'Shavians' and the 'Galtics' were off to dig in, prior to opposing one another in mortal combat throughout the ensuing night. When the grim fact that we were all to spend the night in the very holes that we were attempting to scratch out of the unyielding earth became clear, activity was frenzied and various. Roofing materials of all kinds, from corrugated iron to old damp cardboard were found, and Cpl. Ridland with an eye to comfort, was delighted

with the discovery of an old rubber cushion from a wrecked tank. Trenches vied with each other for quality and spaciousness, and L/Cpl. Dunbar's was the undisputed and envied prizewinner, until the roof caved in just as the rain was beginning! At times it looked as if Birnam Wood had moved South, but it was only Cadet B. L. Gilmore with a tree over each shoulder.

Many hands, including even the Officers', made light work, and our temporary lodgings were soon completed, without even disturbing a grouse, which sat on her clutch of eggs, only a couple of yards from the Galties' H.Q. She was duly marked with a stake for safety, and remained a silent spectator of the whole operation.

Then back to camp for tea, and a really superb display of motor cycling by the R. Sigs. Display Team, whose incredible acrobatics and formation riding on slippery ground were a sight to remember, culminating in a pyramid ride, and a leap through a ring of fire by the leader of the team, Captain Taylor.

All too soon were we back at the trenches, putting the finishing touches. The rain came on; the mist thickened. Trenches claiming to be masterpieces of constructional engineering developed mysterious leaks. Darkness fell and torch discipline tightened, which made walking precarious. Boggy patches and tree roots arranged themselves in one's path. Sentries were posted at hourly intervals and a hot meal was brought out into the field. Many sheep were heard and tracked as enemy patrols. The rain lashed down, the mist swirled about and 3 a.m. was bleak. The well camouflaged trenches were stood on by sentries, the bad ones let in the rain. Visits to either position were carried out by soaking officers through the night. Loud snores were heard from Sgt. Borland's trench, so some-one slept. One side had chosen the amazing password of 'Izzy Wozzy,' to which there is an obvious reply, but the O.C. declined to give it when challenged by Cpl. Mackenzie. L/Cpl. Morton and Cadet Nelson-Cole were the lucky H.Q. Signallers and spent the night in Mr. Birley's car with the heater on. They have told the rest of the contingent that the Officers' capacity for 'Pepsi-Cola' is enormous, but it is a strange tale that hasn't any followers. The odd cadet did get a snatch of sleep and dozed off with a river running over him, or through him, it really didn't matter, but morale ran high and Cpl. Ross was seen to smile.

Dawn was reluctant that morning and made a poor job. The Galties were roused by their valiant leader, in order to man their defences. He made an impressive sight on that watery morning in a pair of saturated denims, and a towel around his neck, grinning happily in the knowledge that he couldn't get any wetter. At last the enemy appeared, and went to ground rapidly at the first

volley of shots. Then through the mist of the morning came an eerie but familiar sound, as piper Stuart led a definitely non-tactical but spectacular assault in extended line by C.Q.M.S. Shaw's intrepid troops. The all-night scheme was over.

Thursday was spent in making up the sleep deficit, drying mountains of wet clothing, cleaning kit for the journey back, and clearing up our quarters in preparation for an early start on Friday, which entailed reveille at 0500 hrs., and a train to be caught at Richmond at 0735. Our home from home at Strathallan on the Earn finally hove into sight about 3.30 in the afternoon.

Thus ended Camp 1961. Memories are short, camp only affects those who are there, and school routine soon captivates one's full attention again and camp is a thing of the past. Yet all who were there will tell again of the night they slept up to their necks in mud, with thunder and lightning raging all the night, and if the count were taken in ten years' time, one wonders how many would claim to have done their sentry duty from 3 a.m. to 4 a.m., the grim watches of the night.

T. C. G. F.

*Senior N.C.O.s in the Army Section.*

Under Officer: Wingate.

C.S.M.s: E. A. Lawson, Galt, Shaw.

C.Q.M.S.: Borland.

Pipe Major: Scott.

Sgts.: Allcock, Cornish, Lang, Macfie, Ridland.

The following passed the Army Proficiency Certificates:

Anderson, Blake, Clement, Crabb, Cranston, Donnan, W. R. Duncan, Garden, Garvie, T. I. Gray, Hitching, Horvath, Houston, Leask, Logan, McLachlan, Melville, Morrison, Peacock, Robson, Russell, A. I. Smith, B. G. Stuart, Walker, Weatherston.

## Royal Naval Section

TRAINING throughout the year has been of a varied nature. 21 cadets out of a strength of 41 having passed the advanced examinations, few of them were required as instructors and a constructive and non-repetitive programme had to be devised for them. This included exercises combining initiative and powers of command, and a course in Meteorology led by Sgt. Allcock and Cpl. Ridland.

Instruction of junior classes has been carried out well, though the examination results were disappointing. Senior cadets have also proved very efficient on the administrative side. The tedious practices for the Annual Inspections, occupying too much of the summer term, yielded dividends for the section, for we were publicly complimented on our turn-out by the Inspecting Officer.

In addition the section put on the smartest display yet seen on the Sunset Parade on Speech Day.

Annual training was first-rate—with one exception. Ten senior cadets spent a week at sea in H.M.S. Wizard with the Dartmouth Training Squadron, in July, and six more went to Britannia R.N. College, Dartmouth, where the training was thorough, comprehensive and almost too brisk! H.M.S. Excellent lived up to its name for a larger group of junior cadets, and training included sailing, gunnery and flying. The disappointment came to those senior cadets who were due to join the 2nd Frigate Squadron for a week at sea at Easter—on the day that they were due to travel south it was discovered that their ship was in dock with only a skeleton crew and no plans had been made for them; there was no point in going under these conditions, and it is hoped that something more satisfactory will be laid on by the Admiralty next year.

Mr. Rymer is being commissioned as Sub-Lieutenant, and will be relieving Mr. MacLellan as C.O.

Appointments and promotions:

Coxswain: R. J. Rankin.

Senior P.O.: G. M. Watson.

P.O.(I): D. M. Lawson, J. G. M. McKinlay, T. R. Taylor, R. S. Peters, R. N. Harrison, I. M. Robertson.

L/S(I): I. A. Gow, E. A. Nelson, A. C. d'Angibau, J. J. W. Davidson, J. L. Young, D. M. Stewart, A. Nairn.

Advanced Proficiency:

P. M. Fisher, D. W. M. Munro, A. Nairn, D. W. Stewart, A. P. D. Wilkinson, I. G. Woolley, W. G. Primrose.

Proficiency:

C. Benson, G. C. Brown, D. Clark, P. M. Grant, J. H. Nairn, T. A. F. Jenkins, J. A. Kilgour, R. J. Macfarlane, D. H. Martyn, E. Pickhard, N. J. N. Rowton, P. G. Wedgwood.

R. J. R.

## Fraser Gunnery Range

TEN cadets from Strathallan Royal Navy Section arrived at Fraser Gunnery Range after a very tedious journey.

Fraser is connected with the world-renowned gunnery and drill establishment, H.M.S. Excellent, to which we paid frequent visits.

There were many highlights in our training programme, which included flying at H.M.S. Ariel, training on a Battle Teacher, Bofors Gun Drill, a visit to the Wardroom at H.M.S. Excellent, supplemented by shore leave.

Our flights from H.M.S. Ariel was made in a Dove aircraft, renamed a Devon by the Navy. As we took off, we had a magnificent, panoramic view of Portsmouth Harbour, with the countless warships lying idly in the water. We flew over to the Isle of Wight, and across the Solent to Southampton, before returning to base. There was a great deal of low cloud, and visibility was poor, but it was a great thrill for the many of us experiencing our maiden flight.

A popular event of our course comprised the firing of 40/60 m.m Bofors guns. Each cadet had twelve rounds, which were fired out to sea, but alas, only at imaginary targets.

The most exciting feature of all was our trial on the Battle Teacher, which consisted of gun drill on a stripped down rather "antique" Bofors. We had to man it, fire and load it under battle conditions. The floor rocked and rolled, a howling gale, lightning, and deafening gun fire were reproduced. We were, however, saved the usual soaking given to Trainees, produced from troughs of water suspended from the ceiling. Twenty rounds had to be loaded during the trial, which was timed with a stop watch. The lieutenant present complimented us afterwards on being the fastest school guncrew since 1923.

We left Fraser Gunnery Range with no regrets, though the discipline was strict and the training hard. The food was good and our knowledge of the not so silent Senior Service improved tremendously.

M. J. D. Ryder.

## R.A.F. Section

In the Autumn Term, the Section, accompanied by a few of the Naval Section, visited Turnhouse on Field Day. Poor weather conditions existed and although powered flying was carried out, it was not possible to glide.

The exams. held in December showed promising results. All candidates bar four passed the Advanced Proficiency, and there were no failures in the Ordinary Proficiency.

This Easter the Section had been due to go to Germany for Camp, and so it was rather disappointing to learn a few weeks before camp that due to re-organisation of N.A.T.O. forces, it was impossible to go. However, we were fortunate enough to get other camps in its place. Seven cadets went to R.A.F. Manby in Lincoln. Nine cadets went to H.M.S. Condor at Arbroath, where they all attained their A and B gliding certificate. During the last few Sundays of the Summer Term some cadets have been able to do further gliding there.

To compensate for the loss of the Easter camp we have been offered another one in Germany this Summer.

This year we welcome Mr. Barker to the Section.

N.C.O.s at end of Summer Term:

Warrant Officer: P. G. Lawson.

Flight Sergeant. P. L. Marsland.

Sergeant: D. M. Kidd.

Corporals: B. W. Hutton, D. G. Linton, K. R. Wilson,  
J. S. Hendrie.

P. G. Lawson.

## R.A.F. Manby

SEVEN of us shared this station in the plain of Lincolnshire with cadets from the Edinburgh Academy and King Edward VI Grammar School, Lichfield. We found them very good company and were firm friends of both by the end of the camp. As happened last year, we arrived a little jaded at eight o'clock, some of us having travelled for twelve hours to reach the camp.

We had a very interesting series of lectures on the role of the Station (which comprises a flying school with two supporting training squadrons) on subjects such as aviation medicine, some advanced principles of flight, and several films on guided weapons.

All of us had at least three flights in Valettas or Varsities; once to Northolt, once to Coltishall and at least one flight in a Varsity, practising circuits-and-bumps, a slightly tedious and nerve-racking experience. At Coltishall we clambered all over Javelins and the Lightnings of the first fully operational Lightning Squadron, and were given a lecture and film on their construction and tactics. We also visited Cranwell and, after four cadets had passed the R.A.F. Swimming Proficiency test, we looked round the college, which proved an interesting experience.

The good standard of .303 shooting was maintained; Cpls. Hutton and Linton being classed as R.A.F. marksmen and Cadets Gordon, Hendrie, Smith, Strachan and Priest as Corps marksmen.

Our recreation was excellently catered for in the N.A.A.F.I. and camp cinema, and at the week-end we enjoyed an outing to Skegness on the Lincolnshire coast.

Other camps have been referred to as holidays, but all of us at R.A.F. Manby considered it more of a holiday camp than anything else.

D. G. Linton.

## Gliding Course, 1961

As an alternative to Annual Camp this year, nine members of the R.A.F. section went to H.M.S. Condor, the Royal Naval Air Station at Arbroath, for a week's gliding course.

We made our devious ways to Arbroath, arriving virtually unexpected at lunch time on the 1st April. After waiting around the Guard Room for about half an hour the duty officer found someone who knew about us. We duly marched off to our 'cabins.'

We were billeted in pleasant quarters, along with naval cadets from Chippenham in Wiltshire, at the farthest end of the camp from the airfield. After a rather unusual briefing about the lack of discipline required, we gladly made our way to bed.

At what seemed like dawn on the 2nd of April we were rudely awakened and ordered down to breakfast in the "galley," ten minutes march away. We now had a chance to see our fellow gliders. There were three from Edinburgh schools and the remainder were A.T.C. cadets from Aberdeen.

Throughout the course we were 'disciplined' by a staff cadet and a Flight Sergeant from Daniel Stewart's. The routine was the same every day. Every possible minute was spent in the air or in a mad rush on the ground dodging landing gliders and retrieving solo flights from the other side of the airfield.

There were two types of glider. The Sedbergh is a two seat trainer which we only used for experience and aerobatics. The seats in this are side by side as opposed to the Kirby Cadet Mark 3 whose two seats are one in front of the other.

The gliders were winch-launched to heights varying from 500 to 1,000 feet depending on wind conditions, speed of winch, and pilot's ability. The winch cable was retrieved at 50 m.p.h. in a Land Rover (official maximum speed 5 m.p.h.).

By the end of each day we had completed as many as 300 to 400 launches. The speed of launching was almost doubled by the presence of the C.O. (Fred White) who was a very raucous character. He held the course together and although he bit everyone's head off as often as he could, he never meant to be a 'bull.'

After five days of solid gliding, everyone had passed the course and we had all done three solo flights. We were set free two days earlier than the stated time, and reluctantly made our way home. It was an extremely enjoyable course, if a trifle strenuous. All

thanks however must go to the organisers and instructors who helped us to keep up the good name of the course, which has had but two fails in the many years it has been operating.

We nine now have our British Gliding Licences and two of the cadets passed out with very good gradings.

P. L. Marsland.

## HOUSE NOTES

### Freeland House Report 1960-61

THIS year we are losing the services of Dr. D. L. Farmer, who has been a House Tutor in Freeland for the three years of his stay at Strathallan. As reported elsewhere, he is taking up a post at Stowe, and we shall miss his enthusiasm and efficiency, and the encouragement he gave to so many activities.

We welcome Mr. R. C. Studholme, under whose influence our performance in Modern Languages is already improving.

We have had messages of goodwill from Mr. Heron at Brecon, and were glad to hear of the birth of his daughter in May.

This year Freeland has been the smallest and youngest House, but we have contributed our share to the success of the School in work and games. We have had seven 'A' Level candidates this summer, of whom five are returning for at least another year.

In Rugger House Matches our teams did not distinguish themselves, but members of the House contributed to the success of all School Teams. Our House Captain of Rugger scored 17 tries for the School, and, by the end of the season, we had four members of the House playing regularly for the First XV.

In Hockey our chief rivals were Simpson and we were lucky to share the cup with them. We had four members of the House playing regularly for the First XI by the end of March.

In cricket A. G. Johnston was our only regular representative in the First XI, but about half of the Second XI came from Freeland, so that we should be able to improve our record in House Matches in the future, as only one of our full-time cricketers is leaving. Our first cricket victory for several years was our defeat of Nicol by 9 wickets in the final round of the House Matches.

Athletic achievements are recorded elsewhere but the performance of the House is very creditable, especially considering that we only had 13 boys in the senior age group. Particularly meritorious individual performances were recorded by I. C. Borland, J. G. M. Donnan, A. Nairn, H. J. Bosshardt, I. R. Ogilvie and K. J. Darling.

In the Swimming Sports the House was placed second, the best individual performances being by A. M. Houston, who shared the senior championship, and by Kal. Matthew, who won several junior events and now holds a number of School Records.

The House Shooting Team recaptured the Shooting Cup from Ruthven, where it has resided for five years, and P. M. Fisher topped the School averages in the Perthshire League thus retaining the individual cup.

R. H. Scott has been Pipe Major and both individual piping cups have been retained in the House, being won by P. M. Fisher and B. G. Stuart.

R. J. Rankin has been Captain of House, Captain of Fencing, and Coxswain in the R.N. Section. He has also been House Captain of Hockey.

I. C. Borland also a School Prefect has been Captain of Athletics and C.Q.M.S. in the Army Section of the C.C.F.

House Prefects have been as follows:

- H. J. Lochore—House Captain of Rugger.
- R. H. Scott,
- P. L. Marsland
- C. H. Crawshaw—House Captain of Swimming.
- B. W. Hutton.
- A. Nairn.

A. G. Johnston has been House Captain of Cricket and Fives.

G. Brown has been House Captain of Sailing, D. M. Kidd House Captain of Shooting, and N. J. Rowton has been House Captain of Tennis.

We have had visits from a number of past members of the House and R. W. W. Paterson, G. Burns and J. F. Dyet, who have been playing hockey for Glasgow University, played against the School's summer team, the match being much enjoyed.

## Nicol House Report, 1960-61

THE House has been very fortunate this year in having a good balance of Seniors, Middles and Juniors, with the result that we were able to give a good account of ourselves in a wide variety of competitions. As had been the case for several years, a strong lead came from H. Galt in every aspect of House life. He, and the other leading athletic lights of the School, approached the House competitions in just the right way; plenty of determination and skill was shown in what were essentially light-hearted encounters, and the really all-out effort was reserved for School matches.

We did not succeed in winning any of the three major competitions, coming third in the rugby, second in the cricket, and a very poor last in the Athletics. We appeared to have at least a share in the cricket cup firmly in our grasp, but Freeland had other ideas and won their only match by a comfortable nine wickets. We had played specially well to beat the much stronger-looking Ruthven, but were hardly recognizable as the same side when we met Freeland. Athletics does depend to a large extent upon having a few star performers in the Finals, and this year our talent was mainly in Juniors and Middles, a good augury for the future.

However, our harvest of other cups has been the biggest ever, and testifies to the all-round strength of the House. Those who grouped themselves behind the House Shield for the photograph some years ago, when we had no cups at all, will be delighted to hear that we had a line of ten this year, and the number actually rose to thirteen at one point late in June. For a few days it was possible to relegate the House clock to the top of the piano, and even when it returned it had to push its way in! Among its companions are: the Fives Cup, the Minor League Rugby, the Cross-country Cup, the Swimming Cup (for the fourth successive year) and the Sailing Cup.

Next year, Mr. Fairbairn takes over the House with Mr. Rymer as his House Tutor. I am very sorry to end my ten years association with Nicol, but am confident that the House will continue to prosper in years to come.

*Head of House:* H. Galt.

*School Prefects:* J. G. M. McKinlay, J. M. O. Lang, I. S. Gray.

*House Prefects:* J. J. W. Davidson, E. A. Fraser, D. M. Stewart, R. N. Harrison, R. C. Dow.

## Ruthven House Report 1960-61

*"There were captains by the hundred and baronets by dozens"*—Gilbert.

THE House retained a good many seniors this year and in consequence several had to wait for both studies and authority. As the year progressed, more prefects were appointed, though not liberally, until finally there were six school and seven house prefects, just evidence of our seniority. It had been anticipated that having so many would be unwise, but this was not so and they proved themselves a very responsible team. Mr. Barker took over as House Tutor from Mr. Bland, and he has taken a lively interest in our affairs.

In games, School interests overshadowed those of the House, especially in cricket where Ruthven provided half or more of each of the 1st, Colts, and Junior Colts XIs, though failing to win most of the housematches, and again in rugby we provided a disproportionate number of team members. Although there was always a good spirit in House activities, it was seldom applied vigorously, and it has become obvious that the House does badly when not up against the odds, and well when least favoured. This was certainly evident in the winning of the Sports Cup, by tremendous determination—the first victory since 1932—Carswell and A. J. Fleming being outstanding.

Until the last month of the year we had won no cups outright despite our seniority, but our face was saved by the gaining of seven cups (individual and team) in rapid succession. It was particularly gratifying to win the Music Cup which, despite Morton's talent and enthusiasm has so long eluded us.

We have been proud to see so many members of Ruthven take a leading part in every aspect of school life—too many to mention individually here. Our best wishes go with B. A. Wingate, who has captained the House very successfully for two years; to E. A. Lawson, A. M. Pate, R. E. Allcock, H. G. Morton, J. L. W. Parker and T. R. Taylor who hope to go up to university; to I. M. Robertson and J. F. Carswell who start professional careers; and to R. A. Kenneth, J. MacGregor, H. M. Montague, A. H. Morrison and N. D. L. Paterson as they go their various ways. House Captain next year will be R. S. Peters.

House Colours were awarded to:

J. L. W. Parker, R. S. Peters, J. A. Bruce, W. S. Pate,  
I. M. Robertson, A. J. Fleming, W. R. Duncan,  
A. C. d'Angibau.

House Captains of Sports:

Rugby: B. A. Wingate, A. M. Pate.

Cricket: T. R. Taylor, A. M. Pate.

Hockey: A. M. Pate, D. Mackenzie.

Athletics: E. A. Lawson, J. F. Carswell.

Boxing: B. A. Wingate.

Sailing: R. S. Peters.

Cross Country: E. A. Lawson.

Shooting: J. A. Bruce.

Fives: A. M. Pate.

Swimming: J. MacGregor.

Music: H. G. Morton.

Tennis: A. C. d'Angibau.

School Prefects:

B. A. Wingate, E. H. Lawson, T. R. Taylor,  
R. E. Allcock, A. M. Pate, R. S. Peters.

House Prefects:

D. M. Lawson, I. M. Robertson, J. L. W. Parker,  
J. F. Carswell, H. G. Morton, J. A. Bruce,  
D. Mackenzie.

## Simpson House Report 1960-61

House Captain:

M. W. Shaw.

Vice-Captain:

P. G. Lawson.

School Prefects:

R. F. Ridland.

House Prefects:

W. A. M. Macfie, C. M. T. Comish, I. H. W. Jones,  
G. M. Watson, G. W. V. Birnie, A. G. Johnston, I. A. Gow.

The new boys include brothers of G. S. Caldwell, of W. R. and J. B. Galbraith, and of I. R. A. Macmillan.

Leavers: All the prefects except Birnie; R. W. Armstrong; J. C. Leask; C. R. Priest, and F. P. Valentine.

Games results: Equal 1st in Senior rugger, 1st in Junior rugger, 2nd in Minor league. House Rugger Captain. M. W. Shaw. 1st in Senior cricket, 1st in Junior cricket. House cricket. Captain: A. J. Harvey-Walker. Hockey: Equal 1st; Captain: M. W. Shaw. Fives: 2nd. Cross-country: 4th. Boxing: 1st; Captain: G. M. Watson. Shooting: 4th. Sailing: 3rd. Athletics: 3rd. Swimming: 3rd. Corps Efficiency Cup: 1st; trained by M. W. Shaw.

This has been another successful year in work and games. Members of the House include the School Dux (P. G. Lawson), the winners of the Mathematics Prize (I. H. W. Jones), the Classics Prize (I. A. Gow) and the Art Prize (A. G. Johnston), two sharers of the Houston Medal (M. W. Shaw and R. F. Ridland) and three from prizes. In games we have the Victor Ludorum (R. F. Ridland), the Individual Tennis Champion (P. Pradiposen), and the Middle Swimming Champion (D. A. Cranston). M. W. Shaw has been a very popular and successful House Captain. He has noticeably inspired the games teams to make the most of their available talent and we shall miss him. P. G. Lawson has been a valuable Vice-Captain and House Secretary. E. A. Nelson has been Senior Commoner and J. M. Prophet, Chairman of the Junior Committee. House colours were awarded to Shaw, Ridland, Macfie, Cornish, Nelson, Harvey-Walker, Armstrong, Leask, Strachan, and Macdonald.

Next year's House Captain will be G. W. V. Birnie.

## Rugby Retrospect

THE 1st XV had a very successful season, losing only one match, and conceding 27 points for 215 gained. This was due to an all round enthusiasm from both players and coaches, and also to the fact that a successful team formation was found much earlier in the season than usual, with the result that only twenty-two people played for the XV as opposed to last year's thirty-seven.

Mr. Bland is to be thanked for his sustained effort throughout his first season as senior coach, as is Mr. Breuer, whose methods paid dividends for the 2nd XV.

A. M. Pate and R. F. Ridland are to be congratulated on playing for the winning Scottish schoolboys' XV against the English team at Richmond on January 2nd.

This year's team was based on a very strong pack and capable backs, so that, with three backs and five forwards who have played for the fifteen returning, we look forward with confidence to next season in the knowledge that the team will be built on the same pattern again.

1st XV colours were awarded to:

Armstrong R. W., Blackwood J. B.,\* Borland I. C., Carswell J. F., Fraser E. A., Galt H. (Captain),\* Gray I. S., Harrison R. N., Holloway A. H.,\* Lochore H. J.,\* Pate A. M. (Vice-Captain),\* Ridland R. F., Scott R. H., Shaw M. W., Taylor T. R., Wingate B. A.\*

\* Previous colours.

2nd XV colours were awarded to:

Benson C., Crawshaw C. H., Dunbar C. C. K., Lang J. M. O. (Captain), Lawson E. A., MacDonald G. A., Macfie W. A. M., Nelson-Cole A. A., Peters R. S., Rankin R. J., Robertson I. M., Ross K. I. R., Young J. L.

H. Galt.

### School v. Perth Academy.

27th Sept. (H). Won 9-0.

In the first game of the season, the school produced bursts of good rugby which were sufficient to beat a side which played hard though never brilliantly. The game began badly for the school and a penalty kick was missed in front of the posts by the Academy, but from that first minute until ten minutes short of half-time the school played very well. This play was rewarded by a penalty goal and a try. The penalty was converted by Pate from the touch-line on the "25" and the try was of the text-book variety, produced by a break from the "25" by Shaw, round the blind side, which put Lochore over in the corner, after an excellent run. The school owed much of its domination of this part of the game to the back row of the scrum, namely Pate, Harrison and Holloway. These three successfully foiled all but a few of the Academy's attempts to have the ball out. On the other hand our own half-backs, Shaw and Carswell, formed an efficient and reliable link between the forwards and the backs. Shortly before half-time the school appeared to flag and were lucky to avoid losing three points

when an Academy penalty failed to go over only after hitting the cross-bar and the upright.

In the second half the Academy pack gained possession from practically every tight scrum, frequently against the loose head, but failed to make anything of this advantage save for one fine run which was arrested only a few yards from the school line. In the loose, however, the pack rallied well under Galt's leadership and latterly gave the backs an excellent service. They in their turn handled well and Lochore scored for a second time after a movement in which every back handled the ball en route from the scrum. For the final quarter of an hour the school was on the Academy line but failed to score further because of tenacious tackling by the opposition. The school's own tackling was effective in desperation, though chancy in the general run of play.

**Team:** Macfie W. A., Duncan W. R., Gray I. S., Scott R. H., Lochore J. H., Carswell J., Shaw M. W., Pate A. M., Holloway A. H., Harrison R. N., Galt H., Ridland R. F., Taylor T. R., Blackwood J. B., Robertson I. M.

#### **School v. Glasgow Academy.**

5th Oct. (H). Won 6-5.

After the first game of the season in which the school backs handled fast and surely, this game was in striking contrast. The game was won by the forwards, in that the two tries were scored by them and that the opportunities for scoring were produced by them. After the first ten or so minutes the ball ceased to go out to the three-quarter line, because experience had shown that the backs were not handling well and that the Academy backs marked closely and tackled hard. The scrum worked its way up the touch-line until it was within striking range of the opposition line, then failed to cross it because of the Academy's excellent tackling. Just short of half-time the pack began moving the ball around among themselves and their sustained efforts were rewarded by a try which Robertson touched down. The kick was not converted and at half-time the school was three points ahead.

The second half was composed of the same mixture of touch-kicking and unsuccessful three-quarter movements, although Lochore was unfortunate not to score after a good run. The tackling of the Academy was very fierce and it was eventually a push-over try which gave the school its second three points. Thanks to Ridland's jumping in the line-out, the school was able to work the touch-line. The Academy's unrelenting defence was finally translated into attack when a neat pick-up on their "25" led to a try beneath the school posts. The kick was converted. The full-time score was fair comment on the evenness of the game.

**Team:** Macfie, Lochore, Gray, Scott, Duncan, Carswell, Shaw, Pate, Holloway, Harrison, Galt, Ridland, Robertson, Blackwood, Taylor.

#### **School v. Edinburgh Academy.**

15th Oct. (A). Lost 3-0.

The game was played in ideal conditions: the ground was hard, the ball dry. Though both sides tried to open the game neither was successful. We failed because our backs were not sufficiently powerful to run through theirs; and they failed because the back row of our pack covered so effectively. In the first half there were a great many penalty kicks for both sides, but neither managed to convert any of them, though several were quite possible. One kick by Pate actually bounced off the posts and was caught by Scott, travelling fast, who narrowly failed to reach the line. Ridland was getting most of the ball in the line-outs and thanks to our superiority there we were able to work the touch-line, so enjoying territorial advantage for the first

half. Apart from Scott our backs did not look like scoring, being weakened by the fact that Lochore's shoulder was dislocated the first time he touched the ball, despite which he finished the game.

The second half was similar to the first in that neither side was ever much on top. The Academy backs were more penetrating in attack than our own, but failed to reach our line because of some good tackling. Armstrong at full-back was particularly effective, with a very quick side-step and a safe kick. The Academy penalty was a result of a lot of scrappy play in our twenty-five. Although the school could have won this game, had our kicks gone over, the result was a fair one.

**Team:** Armstrong, Lochore, Gray, Scott, Duncan, Carswell, Shaw, Holloway, Pate, Harrison, Galt, Ridland, Lawson, Blackwood, Robertson.

### **School v. Dollar Academy.**

26th Oct. (A). Won 3-0.

Having just lost to Edinburgh Academy by a penalty goal, we beat Dollar by the same margin. The game was played on a very heavy pitch, which made handling difficult. Despite this, both sides tried to keep the game open while in the other's half. As usual the school was slow to start, allowing Dollar several openings in the first fifteen minutes. When, however, the side awoke, the play was very spirited and we enjoyed territorial advantage from that time on.

Urged on by Galt, the pack performed well, and thanks to our line out superiority we were able to work the touch-line when in defence. When the threequarters tried to run through the Dollar backs, their attempts failed without exception because the opposition tackled very hard. The penalty was put over from in front of the posts by Armstrong. In his position of full-back, Armstrong proved that lack of inches was not necessarily a disadvantage. His side-step was a source of mystification to many, and his touch-kicks were perfectly safe.

In the second half the school pack dominated the game. Although we attacked almost relentlessly, the Dollar defence continued to hold out. Wingate all but scored from a cross kick, but his being brought down yards from the line typified the inability of our backs to penetrate completely, and the doggedness of the Dollar defence.

The absence of Lochore on the wing was felt keenly, as he is the only school back with the pace to run outside the opposition. An attempted drop goal by Carswell in the last few minutes just failed.

**Team:** Armstrong R. W., Wingate B. A., Gray I. S., Scott R. H., Macfie W. A., Carswell J. F., Shaw M. W., Holloway A. H., Pate A. M., Harrison R. N., Ridland R. F., Galt H., Lawson E. A., Blackwood J. B., Robertson I. M.

### **School v. Edinburgh Wanderers Colts.**

29th Oct. (H). Won 8-0.

The match was played on a very sticky pitch and for the entire first half the forwards battled around in the mud with one another. The backs had little of the ball and the forwards were fighting much too hard to have time to score. There was no feature of the first half which was memorable, but the school pack did hold its own against more experienced players.

The second half was in sharp contrast. Soon after half-time the school backs were given a good service and they made very good use of it. Although the conditions were against open rugby, the backs' handling was so good that soon the school was vastly superior to the side which had seemed so similar to it in the first half. Wingate, in particular, was showing great skill in manœuvring in the slippery mud. He made one astonishing break, dodging and changing direction at

speed, and finally put MacDonald over under the posts. The kick was converted by Armstrong in his now familiar "inch-to-spare" manner.

Two other tries were disallowed, but by this stage the school was right on top. The ball was being flung around among both forwards and backs, and it was only surprising that there were not more scores. Armstrong did, however, put over a penalty kick. In the last fifteen minutes repeated attacks on Wanderers' line failed because of strong tackling, though several times our backs were brought down inches, literally inches, from the line.

**Team:** Armstrong, MacDonald, Wingate, Scott, Macfie, Carswell, Shaw, Harrison, Pate, Holloway, Ridland, Galt, Lawson, Blackwood, Robertson.

#### **School v. Morrison's Academy.**

6th Nov. (A). Won 21-0.

This game was played under perfect conditions and the school's rugby was most worthy of them. As the result shows, the school won conclusively, but the game was not the procession which such a score might indicate.

The backs handled cleanly, ran fast, and generally showed a form which had hitherto remained unnoticed. Wingate and Scott were both outstanding, especially Wingate, whose change of direction in attack was devastating. So much did he weave that it was greatly to Scott's credit that he backed him up so thoroughly.

The first try was scored by Pate from a loose scrum on the Morrison's line and the kick was converted by the same individual.

The second resulted from a break by Scott which was arrested on the line. The ensuing set scrum led to a push-over try which was not converted.

By half-time the backs had tried almost every exercise they had ever learnt. Scissors, dummy-scissors, drop goals—all were attempted, though not all were successful. Morrison's were unfortunate to lose their open-side wing forward through injury.

In the second half we played into the wind and by kicking high into the opposition's twenty-five and collecting the kicks, we were seldom in our own half. Ridland dominated the line-out and the entire pack dictated the loose play.

Shaw scored from behind the scrum on the blind and Armstrong produced one of his nerve-racking conversions.

A second push-over resulted from a run by MacDonald which was stopped on the line. Once again Armstrong executed the bare minimum for collecting the additional two points.

The last try was scored by Macfie, on the wing, when we had three men over.

The memory left by this game was one of fast, clever rugby, in which the school backs were on top. The pack were very fast on to the loose ball and were monopolising the set scrums—even against the loose head.

**Team:** Armstrong R. W., MacDonald G. A., Wingate B. A., Scott R. H., Macfie W. A., Carswell J. F., Shaw M. W., Harrison R. N., Holloway A. H., Ridland R. F., Galt H., Blackwood J. B., Fraser E. A., Taylor T. R., Pate A. M.

#### **School v. West of Scotland Colts.**

12th Nov. (H). Won 14-0.

The game was played on Little Acre on a dull and heavy day. The rugby, however, was far from dull. Both sides opened the play whenever possible and the result was fast, open rugby. The conditions made

such play difficult and inevitably handling errors were made. Fortunately the school was both faster to cover its own mistakes and faster to take advantage of the Colts' mistakes than were the Colts, so in a hard-fought game we came out on top.

The long-awaited return of Lochore was celebrated with a hat-trick by that winger. Each time he scored he beat his man on the outside by sheer speed and as a result all three of his scores were in the corner. Because of this none of his tries were converted, the ball being very heavy.

In the pack every player was at some point conspicuous, but both Pate and Galt were permanently noticeable. Pate practically scored a solo try from a kick-off, but he was just pipped in his dive for the loose ball by a desperate full back.

The backs handled well, considering the state of the ball, and Wingate's outstanding running was finally rewarded by a try beneath the posts. This was converted by Armstrong, who played his usual safe game. The school played well to take fourteen points off a side which was very stubborn in defence, though weak in attack.

**Team:** Armstrong R. W., Harrison R. N., Wingate B. A., Scott R. H., Lochore J. H., Carswell J. F., Shaw M. W., Holloway A. H., Pate A. M., MacDonald G. A., Ridland R. F., Galt H., Blackwood J. B., Fraser E. A., Taylor T. R.

#### **School v. Allan Glen's.**

19th Nov. (H). Won 25-3.

The game was played on Little Acre, which was very muddy, and a forwards' game might have been expected. The school backs, however, handled well and ran fast despite the conditions.

In the first minute the school was awarded a penalty in front of the Allan Glen's posts, and Armstrong converted the kick to give us an immediate lead. This lead was quickly increased by a further three points when Gray scored following a very slick three-quarter movement. This try was not converted. A few minutes later Gray scored again, this time in the corner having beaten his man on the outside. This try was converted from the "25" by Pate. The Allan Glen's forwards had little chance to recover, because the next score came directly from the kick-off. Scott dribbled the ball from the half-way line, with the assistance of the pack, and touched the ball down in the corner. Thus, by the end of fifteen minutes, the school was fourteen points ahead.

There was no further score before half time, although the school backs looked dangerous several times.

The second half followed much the same pattern as the first had done. The school once again started very hard, and enjoyed territorial advantage for the rest of the game. A short penalty in the opposition's "25" allowed Lochore to go over in the corner. This was not converted.

A few minutes later Lochore repeated this performance, once again scoring in the corner, beating his man on the outside. This try was not converted either.

Our final score came from Wingate. This was the best try of the game. Wingate broke around the "25", linked up with Scott, who, having run almost to the try line, passed back to Wingate who touched down beneath the posts. Armstrong converted this try.

For the remainder of the game the school dominated the play, but in the final minute a penalty was awarded to Glen's in front of our posts, giving them three points.

**Team:** Armstrong, Lochore, Wingate, Scott, Gray, Carswell, Shaw, Pate, Holloway, MacDonald, Ridland, Galt, Taylor, Fraser, Blackwood.

**School v. Gordonstoun.**

26th Nov. (H). Won 50-0.

Any record of this game must inevitably be something of a catalogue. The side played well, but no real opposition was provided after the first twenty minutes. Carswell was hurt playing at stand-off, so Gray occupied that position for most of the game.

Lochore was the first to score, but as he did so in the corner, his try was not converted. Wingate followed with a typical dodging break which ended in the corner, so once again there was no conversion. One of the finest tries of the game followed. Gray, Ridland and Lochore flashed up the pitch, passing among themselves, until Lochore finally reached the try line. This was not converted.

This report is already developing into a mere list of those who scored. The remaining eleven who did were: Pate, Shaw, Armstrong, Galt, Lochore (2), Scott, Borland, Fraser, Wingate, Taylor.

Armstrong converted four of these tries. If the mathematics of the report are accurate, then the total should be fifty exactly.

This was colourful, open, fast rugby, but very one-sided.

**Team:** Armstrong, Carswell, Wingate, Scott, Lochore, Gray, Shaw, Borland, Pate, Holloway, Ridland, Galt, Taylor, Fraser, Blackwood.

**School v. Glasgow University (Wed.).**

30th Nov. (H). Won 11-3.

This game was played in a quagmire named Little Acre. The University side was the strongest which the school had met for some time and it was therefore all the more creditable that the school won in those conditions by playing open rugby. Both Gray and Lochore on the wings played well. The first three points came from a try in the corner by Lochore, his speed taking him outside his opposite number. The try was not converted. Shortly after this Gray had an excellent solo break in which he kicked over the full-back's head and chased the kick. Just as the ball crossed the try line, hotly pursued by Gray, it rolled into touch. Although not rewarded, the break was a very good one.

Following this good shot, the mud seemed to take a grip of the school. The opposing stand-off created a very fine break-away, although this score was made easier by poor school tackling.

A revival took place just before half time and was marked by a neat try in the corner by Shaw, who chased a loose ball following a kick by Ridland.

In the second half the school really woke up. The ball was by this time very heavy, so the game became more of a forwards' one. Even so the backs had some good runs, notably Lochore, who practically got over in the inevitable corner. Fittingly the score in this half was by a forward. Holloway picked up a loose ball just short of the line, and touched it down beneath the posts. Armstrong converted the try. Latterly the light was so poor and the mud so thick that players had difficulty in recognising friend from foe. In these conditions further scores were, not surprisingly, not forthcoming.

**Team:** Armstrong, Gray, Wingate, Scott, Lochore, Rankin, Shaw, Borland, Pate, Holloway, Ridland, Galt, Taylor, Fraser, Blackwood.

**School v. Aberdeen Grammar School.**

3rd Dec. (A). Drew 0-0.

The game was played on the first dry pitch that the school had come across since playing Morrison's Academy. Whether this was responsible for the poor play, or whether the absence of Pate, Lochore and Carswell was felt so strongly, it is difficult to say. Whatever the reason, the side was not a shadow of its previous self. There was not

the drive that had been apparent before; the handling was scrappy; the forwards were not playing with the vigour that had characterised their play in recent games. As individuals the players in the side were not outstandingly poor; there was just no team play. Aberdeen played very hard, and were given several opportunities for scoring, which they either threw away, or which were thwarted at the last moment by some desperate defence (possibly because of the low standard of play).

Nelson-Cole, playing on the wing, was outstanding in this, his first game. He tackled surely and handled well. Scott intercepted a pass in our own "25" and practically scored from it, but like so much of the day's rugby, he found himself to be alone at that end of the pitch. Two penalties were missed from under the posts, which would have won the game, but the fact that they were missed was typical of the day's proceedings. It was a disappointing day, for we could so easily have won, as of course could Aberdeen Grammar.

**Team:** Armstrong, Nelson-Cole, Wingate, Scott, Harrison, Gray, Shaw, Borland, Holloway, MacDonald, Galt, Ridland, Taylor, Fraser, Blackwood.

### **School v. Glenalmond.**

10th Dec. (A). Won 6-3.

This game began for the school as the last one had ended. The first half was a repeat performance of the mess which was enacted at Aberdeen. There was a lot of bad handling and carelessness, two penalties being given away in the first five minutes, one of which was converted. When the school finally forced its way into the Glenalmond "25" the advantage was cheaply lost when the opposition was allowed to sell a dummy scissors under their posts, and to make off down the pitch unimpeded. The scrum was obviously stronger than the Glenalmond one, yet it was working at half pressure.

The second half was mercifully nearer the side's earlier form. Right from the start we were in the Glenalmond half, and after the first two quick heels of the game Pate went over from a set scrum close to the Glenalmond line. This was not converted. The score seemed to revive the side further and the game went more and more for Strathallan. Ridland was at his best form of the season; he dominated the line-outs and appeared in the most unexpected places to bring down breakaway backs. The service from the line-out was to a large extent responsible for the superiority which the school established in the last twenty minutes.

The winning score came from a penalty which Pate put over from 35 yards out, in front of the posts, ten minutes from the end. The last ten minutes were defensive for Strathallan, for the school were anxious not to throw away the chance of a victory over Glenalmond for the first time in ten years. A penalty for Glenalmond in the closing minutes went just wide, giving the school a win by the narrow margin of 6-3. The result need not have been so close if the side had not been dormant until half time.

**Team:** Armstrong, Lochore, Wingate, Scott, Gray, Carswell, Shaw, Harrison, Pate, Holloway, Ridland, Galt, Taylor, Fraser, Blackwood.

### **School v. St. Andrews University.**

25th Jan. (H). Won 9-0.

The first game of the Spring term was played on a remarkably dry pitch. The handling early in the game bore witness to the fact that there had been a month of holidays between this game and the previous one. The school was fortunate to take the lead right at the start when a penalty was awarded directly in front of the opposition's posts. Armstrong was responsible for the three points resulting from the kick.

The school was in an attacking position for much of the first half, but failed to score because of messy handling and bad passing. The persistent presence of the school inside the University "25" was eventually rewarded by an excellent try from Lochore. He scored in the corner after a fine run in which he beat one man by speed and two by "jinking". The try was not converted.

In the second half the handling was better, although there were several occasions when a player was obviously not sure what to do with the ball. This resulted in some indecisive play, but was not punished because the opposition was suffering from the same complaint, only to a greater extent. The forwards were on top in the loose, and, as in the first half, enjoyed territorial advantage. This led to a try from a line-out, in which Ridland barged his way to the line.

**Team:** Armstrong, Lochore, Wingate, Scott, Gray, Carswell, Shaw, Crawshaw, Fraser, Taylor, Galt, Ridland, Borland, Harrison, Pate.

### **School v. Daniel Stewart's.**

28th Jan. (H). Drew 0-0.

The game was played on Big Acre, which was beginning to cut up, making play rather messy. The school occupied the opposition's half of the pitch for most of the game, but just could not score. The Stewart's backs were more powerful than our own, and it was fortunate that our pack was stronger than theirs, for if the Stewart's three-quarter line had seen more of the ball they would probably have been able to do something with it. As it was, our own three-quarters tried time and time again to break through the Stewart's defence, but they had neither the speed to run round them, nor the power to run through them. The forwards played well, giving excellent service from set and loose scrums and from line-outs. At the end of the first half the Stewart's end of the pitch was churned to a thick mud, whereas the Strathallan end was still green. By the end of the game both ends of the pitch were in a messy state.

In the second half the school tried to keep the ball in the forwards, giving it to the backs only when within a few yards of the line. Several times the school came close to scoring, but the Stewart's defence held out staunchly. The final whistle came as a release for Stewart's and a disappointment for the school.

**Team:** Armstrong, Lochore, Wingate, Scott, Gray, Carswell, Shaw, Crawshaw, Fraser, Taylor, Galt, Ridland, Borland, Harrison, Pate.

### **School v. Panmure.**

1st Feb. (H). Won 12-5.

The game was played on Big Acre, which was very sticky. The pack started well, but soon discovered that the opposition, although slower, was heavier than themselves. In the loose the school was on top, but in the set scrums Panmure were getting more of the ball. The conditions were scarcely in favour of three-quarter movements, and ground had to be gained by forward rushes and touch kicking.

The first try was scored by Pate, after the manner of Hopwood. He picked the ball up from a set scrum and barged the fifteen remaining yards to the line. The try was not converted.

The second try was one of the finest of the season. Gray gathered the ball in the school "25", ran up the touch line, kicking over the heads of the winger and full back, and was brought to rest a few yards short of the line. A set scrum was called, and the ball was passed out to Gray, fittingly, who scored in the corner.

In the second half the play was more open. The school backs executed several good movements, resulting in Lochore scoring in the corner, having beaten his man on the outside.

A few minutes later, Lochore broke down the wing again, passed inside to Wingate, who dummied past two men and scored in the corner.

Towards the end Panmure successfully slowed the game down to their own speed. After occupying the school "25" for several minutes, they were rewarded by a penalty try, which was converted. Only when the ball was being thrown around the pitch was the school really on top.

**Team:** Armstrong R. W., Lochore H. J., Wingate B. A., Scott R. H., Gray I. S., Carswell J. F., Shaw M. W., Crawshaw C. H., Fraser E. A., Taylor T. R., Galt H., Ridland R. F., Borland I. C., Harrison R. N., Pate A. M.

### **School v. Kelvinside Academy.**

11th Feb. (A). Won 9-5.

This game was played on the same day as the Scotland v. Wales International, and whether the team's thoughts were at Murrayfield or not is not known, but they were not fully at Balgray. The pitch was slippery and damp, but even so the handling was very poor. The conditions led naturally to a forwards' game, but our usual strength in this department was spoilt by bad handling. After much messy play the school finally scored by pushing the Kelvinside pack for some ten yards before touching the ball down. Not long after this a similar score was achieved and the game showed little sign of improving. The school backs handled poorly—admittedly with a wet ball—but never looked like scoring. The Kelvinside backs were allowed to play better than ours, through poor tackling on our part.

After half time there was no improvement. A particularly messy piece of handling allowed a loose ball to be touched down across our line by Kelvinside. The try was converted.

The only good move by Strathallan, a long passing movement, led to a try by Galt. The side never looked at ease, and it was one of the duller games of the season to watch.

**Team:** Armstrong, Gray, Wingate, Scott, Lochore, Carswell, Shaw, Crawshaw, Fraser, Galt, Ridland, Dunbar, Pate, Borland, Harrison.

### **School v. George Watson's.**

25th Feb. (A). Won 12-0.

This game provided an excellent climax to the season. The team played as well as they had ever done, and the mistakes which had conceded points to poorer teams earlier in the season were not in evidence.

For once the team started well. From the first whistle the forwards were thoroughly hostile and the backs handled well. The Watson's team was a good one, and the backs found difficulty in penetrating their line. Much of the play was, however, in the Watson's "25", so when a penalty was awarded to the school, Pate was in a position to convert it. The sight of a penalty passing between the posts so encouraged the pack that they fought yet harder for possession. Although tough, the play was clean, and the Strathallan pack were well on top in the loose. A fine three-quarter movement allowed Gray to go over in the corner, after a good run in.

In the second half the Watson's side began with renewed energy. An early attack was repulsed and Scott kicked effectively from the school's "25" time and again. The Watson's attack depended on a high kick ahead, which they hoped to follow, but due to the heroic efforts of Nelson-Cole, who invariably appeared beneath the descending ball, this form of attack never produced any score.

Strathallan gradually worked the ball into the enemy's half and a fine interception by Gray allowed him to score a surprise try. From this time on the school never looked back. The forwards forced their way towards the Watson's line, and Pate snatched up a loose ball to hurl himself over for the final score.

**Team:** Carswell, Nelson-Cole, Gray, Wingate, Lochore, Scott, Shaw, Crawshaw, Fraser, Galt, Dunbar, Ridland, Harrison, Pate, Borland.

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## 2ND XV REPORT

### RESULTS

Opponents	F.	A.	Opponents	F.	A.
Perth Academy (A) .....	22	0	Morrison's Academy (H) ..	12	6
Dollar Academy (H) .....	14	6	Allan Glen's (H) .....	6	3
Glasgow Academy (A) .....	3	14	Aberdeen Grammar (H) ..	3	0
Fettes (H) .....	17	8	Daniel Stewart's (H) .....	23	5
Scotus Academy (H) .....	33	0	Glenalmond (H) .....	17	5
Loretto (H) .....	3	3			

THIS year was one of the best experienced by a 2nd XV for some time. A change in the captaincy half-way through the season did not in any way hinder the development of the side. Although the team was always slow to start, when it did settle down, there was little that could stop it. The forwards, who were particularly strong in the loose, always played as a pack, and the three-quarters, although the handling and passing were not always up to the desired standard, generally attacked and defended constructively and well. A great variety of tactics was successfully used by the latter, who were ably backed by the forwards in all their enterprises.

J. M. O. Lang.

## UNDER 15½ RUGBY

### RESULTS

Opponents	F.	A.	Opponents	F.	A.
Fettes (A) .....	0	9	Glenalmond (H) .....	3	0
Loretto (A) .....	0	9	Aberdeen G.S. (H) .....	8	0
Morrison's (H) .....	6	12	Rannoch School (H) .....	32	0
Merchiston (H) .....	0	3			

22 boys played for the XV at various times during the year, but the following became the accepted team:

Bell L. P. G.; Garvie, Strachan, Keech, Gray; Dawson, Pate; Clement, Russell, Wilkie, Anderson (Capt.), Keith, Duncan, Prophet, Hitching.

This has not been a good year for the Colts, and our 0-9 defeats at the hands of Fettes and Loretto were more clear-cut than the score suggests. However, towards the end of the

season the team made amends for their earlier lethargic displays, and if they never demonstrated any real skill, they more than made up for it by courageous defensive tackling. Full-back Bell, converted from wing forward, would have been prepared to crash head-on into anything that moved, whilst amongst the forwards, Prophet constantly ranged about the field looking for trouble and captain Anderson soon discovered that his extra pounds could knock most opposition aside. But the outstanding player was probably scrum-half Pate; his service was always immaculate and in spite of poor protection from his forwards he survived the season without serious injury.

Two lessons have been learned this year—that without a sound defence no side can win—and, as we proved with Aberdeen G.S., rugby can be played on water.

R.E.B.

## Cricket, 1961

Mr. Alexander left at the end of last season and his influence and knowledgeable guidance were greatly missed. His place, however, was admirably filled by Mr. Tom Lodge, whose judgement, experience and cheerful advice have been invaluable.

This was one of the best seasons the School has ever had; Merchiston were defeated for the first time, Glenalmond were soundly trounced and only the rain saved Fettes from defeat. The main strength in the side was consistent batting—on no occasion did every batsman fail. Galt deserves particular mention for he made 527 runs in the season, setting up a post-war record. The team scored over 200 on four occasions and in scoring 2,369 we beat the existing school record for the total number of runs, 2,221, scored in a season. In addition, Taylor, Armstrong and Pate all made over 300, and Johnston was over 250.

The bowling rested almost entirely upon the shoulders of Harvey-Walker, Davidson and Fleming, all having some good individual performances, notably Fleming 6 for 15 against Glenalmond, Davidson 5 for 21 against Merchiston and Harvey-Walker 4 for 21 against Perthshire. The main weakness, however, in the team was the lack of a fast supporting opening bowler to partner Fleming.

In addition to the above-mentioned records, the following were created or equalled:

2nd wicket—69—A. M. Pate and T. R. Taylor (Forfarshire)

3rd wicket—106—R. W. Armstrong and H. Galt (Perth Academy)

4th wicket—92—H. Galt and R. W. Armstrong (Dollar Academy)



FIRST CRICKET XI

5th wicket—131—T. R. Taylor and A. G. Johnston (Glenalmond)  
 6th wicket—52—A. G. Johnston and A. J. Harvey-Walker (Stockport)

Taylor's century against Glenalmond provided a fitting climax to a wonderful season and it was particularly nice for him to be able to cap a fine season's captaincy with this feat.

### THE CHARACTERS:

**T. R. Taylor.** Has been a very enthusiastic skipper. He might well have been expected to score more runs but his unselfish nature coupled with his efforts to keep ahead of the clock have meant that his wicket has been sacrificed on numerous occasions.

**A. M. Pate.** A good opening bat and wicket-keeper. But for frequent lapses of concentration he would have doubled his runs and his effectiveness as a wicket-keeper.

**H. Galt.** The chief run getter, he has had an excellent season, getting his runs quickly and well.

**A. J. Harvey-Walker.** Can always be relied upon to bowl well and has batted well on occasions. His understanding of the game should be a great asset to the team next year.

**J. J. W. Davidson.** Has shared the new ball with Fleming and taken a lot of wickets. He has fielded keenly and very well.

**R. W. Armstrong.** His batting has been very good and directly responsible for the team's good total on several occasions. A keen fielder.

**D. MacKenzie.** Without being brilliant he has been a very useful member of the side. He has batted well, fielded soundly and bowled on occasions.

**A. G. Johnston.** Has scored his runs when most needed. His fielding has been good and he should be a key man in the side next year.

**A. J. Fleming.** He has opened the bowling and has bowled consistently well throughout the season. His batting has improved.

**D. N. Strachan.** He came into the side after the first two or three games. He has done all that has been asked of him—a keen fielder.

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Abandoned
1st XI .....	16	8	1	6	1
2nd XI .....	8	5	0	2	1
Colts XI .....	9	5	2	2	—
14½'s .....	7	5	1	1	—
13½'s .....	9	7	2	—	—
13½'s seconds .....	1	—	1	—	—
	(50)	(30)	(7)	(11)	(2)

### THE GAMES

**School v. Merchiston Castle School.** At Forgandenny. 10th May  
 Taylor won the toss and chose to bat on a soft wicket.

Our early batsmen failed and we were struggling at 40 for 6, largely due to a spirited if somewhat fortuitous 30 by Galt.

Armstrong batted steadily, holding up one end, and he was relieved by Harvey-Walker, while Johnston, hitting the loose balls, improved our position until he was out just before lunch, when we were 86 for 7. After lunch Harvey-Walker scored a few more runs before Storey, Merchiston's most successful bowler, dismissed the rest of the side.

From this innings it was obvious the side had had little practice.

Merchiston were set a target of 115 runs with ample time to make them, but against Fleming and Davidson they were soon in trouble, and tea was taken at 20 for 4.

Storey also proved himself the most successful batsman, and they struggled to 71.

Davidson bowled well for Strathallan, taking 5 for 20, but it was obvious from this that the fielding had to be improved.

<b>School</b>		<b>Merchiston Castle School</b>	
A. M. Pate, b Storey	0	A. G. Wilkinson, c H.-Walker,	
R. W. Armstrong, c Sloan, b		b Davidson	1
Baxter	7	R. D. Gray, c Johnston, b	
T. R. Taylor, c Morton, b		Davidson	4
Davidson	2	R. H. Lamb, run out	9
H. Galt, c Baxter, b Storey	30	R. H. Baxter, c Pate,	
D. Mackenzie, c Morton, b		b Fleming	5
Storey	0	D. C. Morton, c Pate,	
D. M. Stewart, c Sloan, b		b Davidson	0
Storey	0	I. A. Sloan, c Armstrong, b	
A. J. Harvey-Walker, not out	26	Davidson	2
A. G. Johnston, b Baxter	37	J. C. Swan, c Mackenzie, b	
J. J. W. Davidson, c and b		Harvey-Walker	3
Storey	5	P. A. Burt, b Fleming	7
D. R. Anderson, b Swan	8	C. J. Storey, c Taylor,	
A. J. Fleming, run out	0	b Davidson	19
Extras	0	K. A. K. Brown, lbw,	
		b Harvey-Walker	0
		J. G. Davidson, not out	5
		Extras	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Bowling:</b> C. J. Storey 5 for 34;		<b>Bowling:</b> A. J. Fleming 2 for 24;	
R. H. Baxter 2 for 16; J. G.		J. J. W. Davidson 5 for 20; A. J.	
Davidson 1 for 26; J. C. Swan		Harvey-Walker 2 for 21.	
1 for 11.			

#### **School v. Edinburgh Academy. At New Field. 13th May**

Edinburgh Academy won the toss and decided to bat on a perfect batting wicket. Their first two wickets fell for 15 runs, both taken by Davidson, who bowled steadily throughout the game. Sands made 80 and Kuenssberg, batting splendidly after a doubtful start, dominated the whole innings, making 130 not out. The Academy declared with 220 for 4, leaving Strathallan barely three hours to make the score. Our first two wickets fell quickly, but after a succession of steady bats by Armstrong, Taylor, Galt and Mackenzie, Strathallan forced a draw with 130 for 7 on the board.

**Edinburgh Academy**

G. R. Bond, c Pate,	
b Davidson	3
J. M. Sands, st Pate,	
b Davidson	80
W. T. C. Brotherstone,	
b Davidson	2
M. C. D. Kuenssberg, not out	130
M. S. L. Ellcock, run out	0
Extras	5

Total for 4 wks. (dec.) 220

Did not bat: Reid, Masterton, Calder, Cairns, Henderson, Liston.  
Bowling: Davidson 3 for 73.

**School**

A. M. Pate, b Cairns	4
R. W. Armstrong, st Sands, b Masterton	36
A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Sands, b Liston	0
T. R. Taylor, c Kuenssberg, b Reid	26
H. Galt, c Cairns, b Liston	28
D. M. Stewart, c Sands, b Masterton	2
D. Mackenzie, c Brotherstone, b Masterton	16
A. G. Johnston, not out	7
J. J. W. Davidson, not out	0
Extras	11

Total for 7 wickets 130

Did not bat: Anderson, Fleming.  
Bowling: Masterton 3 for 24.

**School v. Glasgow Academy. At Forgandenny. 17th May**

Glasgow Academy won the toss and went in to bat on a fast wicket. They batted slowly and when they declared at 125 runs for 7 wickets, there was only an hour and a half left of play.

We batted well and fast, the openers scoring 64 runs between them, and the remaining runs were left to Taylor, who scored quickly. Mackenzie and Harvey-Walker, the latter scoring the winning run on the third last ball of the game.

Throughout the Academy's innings our fielding was bad, the worst display of the season.

**Glasgow Academy**

J. C. Bull, b Fleming	8
G. T. G. Young, lbw,	
b Davidson	51
D. M. Gibson, c Mackenzie,	
b Harvey-Walker	2
W. A. Watson, st Pate,	
b Anderson	6
I. D. T. Vallance, run out	18
A. R. A. Scott, not out	23
C. Archibald, st Pate,	
b Harvey-Walker	7
M. M. Kennedy, lbw,	
b Harvey-Walker	0
R. D. Clement, not out	3
Extras	7

Total for 7 wks. (dec.) 125

Did not bat: C. J. Ormerod, A. N. G. Brown.  
Bowling: A. J. Harvey-Walker 3 for 36; D. R. Anderson 1 for 19; A. J. Fleming 1 for 29; J. J. W. Davidson 1 for 28.

**School**

R. W. Armstrong, st Watson, b Young	31
A. M. Pate, b Young	32
T. R. Taylor, lbw, b Brown	24
H. Galt, b Kennedy	9
A. G. Johnston, b Kennedy	0
D. N. Strachan, c Watson, b Kennedy	2
D. Mackenzie, not out	15
A. J. Harvey-Walker, not out	9
Extras	5

Total for 6 wickets 127

Did not bat: D. R. Anderson, J. J. W. Davidson, A. J. Fleming.  
Bowling: M. M. Kennedy 3 for 44; G. T. G. Young 2 for 6.

**School v. Morrison's Academy.** At Dallerie. 20th May

Taylor won the toss, and put his side into bat. The openers, Armstrong and Pate, batted strongly, making an opening stand of 107 runs. After an hour and twenty-five minutes, the opening partnership was split up when Armstrong, with 55 runs, was bowled by Havard. Taylor came in and scored a quick 21 runs not out, before Pate was dismissed with 49 runs. At this point we declared, leaving Morrison's just under two hours to make the 138 runs.

Morrison's batted very slowly, and after 20 minutes 3 wickets had fallen for 12 runs, but before the next wicket fell the score was brought up to 39 runs. The tail-enders batted safely, adding only a few runs to the score, and after an unsuccessful struggle by our bowlers, stumps were drawn, Morrison's having a mere 49 for 8 on the board.

Davidson and Harvey-Walker bowled steadily throughout the game.

**School**

R. W. Armstrong, b Havard	55
A. M. Pate, c Clark, b Havard	49
T. R. Taylor, not out	21
Extras	13

Total for 2 wkts. (dec.) 138

Did not bat: H. Galt, A. G. Johnston, D. N. Strachan, D. Mackenzie, A. J. Harvey-Walker, D. R. Anderson, J. J. W. Davidson, A. J. Fleming.

Bowling: A. Havard 2 for 18.

**Morrison's Academy**

R. Reid, b Fleming	1
J. Philips, b Davidson	7
A. Ferguson, st Pate,	
b Davidson	3
J. Graham, c Armstrong, b Davidson	21
J. Gilruth, st Pate, b Harvey-Walker	15
T. D. F. Mason, b Davidson	0
A. K. Clark, not out	0
A. Havard, c Mackenzie,	
b Harvey-Walker	0
M. Dunsmore, c Anderson, b Harvey-Walker	0
B. A. Stalker, not out	0
Extras	1

Total for 8 wickets 49

Did not bat: A. M. Pevie.

Bowling: A. J. Fleming 1 for 12; J. J. W. Davidson 4 for 21; A. J. Harvey-Walker 3 for 9.

**School v. Stockport Grammar School.** At Forgandenny. 23rd May

Stockport Grammar School won the toss and put us in to bat.

Our first two wickets fell for 16 runs, but after a succession of good innings by Taylor, who was well caught by Bissenden, Galt, Mackenzie, Johnston, Harvey-Walker and Strachan, the score was taken to 209 runs for 6.

With 209 runs on the board we declared, leaving Stockport 2 hours 40 minutes to make the runs.

At 44 for 2, D. Torkington joined Finney, and between them they made over 100 runs before Finney was run out.

D. Torkington was dismissed when there were 180 on the board, leaving Stockport 20 minutes to make 30 runs. The closing overs of the match were extremely exciting and when stumps were drawn Stockport had 209 runs for 8 wickets.

Davidson bowled steadily throughout the match, taking 3 wickets for 70 runs. Strathallan aided Stockport in their quest for runs, and unfortunately a few catches were dropped.

School	Stockport Grammar School
R. W. Armstrong, c Atkinson, b G. Torkington .....	J. G. Bissenden, st Pate, b Taylor .....
4	22
A. M. Pate, b Berry .....	A. J. Leary, c Johnston, b Davidson .....
6	9
T. R. Taylor, c Bissenden, b Atkinson .....	R. Finney, run out .....
29	59
H. Galt, b Bissenden .....	D. Torkington, c Taylor, b Harvey-Walker .....
30	73
D. Mackenzie, c Martin, b D. Torkington .....	G. Salt, b Davidson .....
24	1
A. G. Johnston, c Salt, b Atkinson .....	G. R. Torkington, run out ...
48	20
A. J. Harvey-Walker, not out	E. G. Parker, c Mackenzie, b Davidson .....
32	5
D. N. Strachan, not out .....	H. Mills, not out .....
16	1
Extras .....	J. Martin, run out .....
20	1
	D. W. Berry, not out .....
	5
	Extras .....
	14
Total for 6 wkts. (dec.)	Total for 8 wickets
209	209
Did not bat: D. R. Anderson, J. J. W. Davidson, A. J. Fleming.	Did not bat: D. P. Atkinson.
Bowling: G. R. Torkington 1 for 48; D. W. Berry 1 for 34; D. P. Atkinson 2 for 43; D. H. Torkington 1 for 22; J. G. Bissenden 1 for 27.	Bowling: J. J. W. Davidson 3 for 70; T. R. Taylor 1 for 23; A. J. Harvey-Walker 1 for 48.

**School v. Daniel Stewart's College.** At Inverleith. 27th May

Daniel Stewart's College won the toss and put us in to bat. Our first three wickets fell for 21 runs, but Galt and Mackenzie slightly relieved the pressure, taking the score up to 45 runs, before Galt was bowled by Porteous. Johnston relieved Galt, and with good batting by both Johnston and Mackenzie the score was taken to 95 runs, when Mackenzie was bowled by Shannon. When Johnston was out, Harvey-Walker, batting extremely well, and Strachan, brought the score to 163 runs for 6 wickets, when we retired.

We left them an hour and twenty minutes to make the runs. Their openers, J. M. M. Low and D. Anderson, batted well, making 80 runs between them, before Low was run out. After this the wickets fell rapidly and it was 92 for 4 twenty minutes later when stumps were drawn.

Our fielding was poor, but in spite of this, Davidson bowled steadily, taking 2 wickets for 31 runs.

<b>School</b>		<b>Daniel Stewart's College</b>	
R. W. Armstrong, c Robertson, b Clerihew .....	2	J. M. M. Low, run out .....	43
A. M. Pate, c Robertson, b Shannon .....	4	D. D. Anderson, c Pate, b Harvey-Walker .....	37
T. R. Taylor, c Spence, b Clerihew .....	6	B. R. Donaldson, c Johnston, b Davidson .....	3
H. Galt, b Porteous .....	20	K. B. Taylor, b Davidson .....	4
D. Mackenzie, b Shannon .....	30	L. W. Clerihew, not out .....	0
A. G. Johnston, c Robertson, b Clerihew .....	36	D. M. Robertson, not out .....	2
A. J. Harvey-Walker, not out .....	12	Extras .....	3
D. N. Strachan, not out .....	12		
Extras .....	11		
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Total for 6 wkts. (dec.)	163	Total for 4 wickets	92
Did not bat: D. R. Anderson, J. J. W. Davidson, A. J. Fleming.		Did not bat: G. B. R. Shannon, G. K. M. Low, N. Kelly, B. M. Porteous, D. Spence.	
Bowling: G. B. R. Shannon 2 for 60; L. W. Clerihew 3 for 42; B. M. Porteous 1 for 13.		Bowling: J. J. W. Davidson 2 for 31; A. J. Harvey-Walker 1 for 12.	

#### **School v. Fettes College. At Fettes. 30th May**

The start of the match was delayed for two hours by a steady drizzle, which rendered the pitch very wet and slow.

Taylor won the toss and elected to bat. Armstrong and Pate got Strathallan off to an excellent start, putting on 73 for the first wicket. Pate was out for 49, but Taylor played a very useful innings before Galt and Mackenzie came together and added 75 for the fourth wicket. Galt made an excellent 60, while Mackenzie was undefeated when the innings was closed, with 42. The Strathallan batting throughout the innings was good, but the bowlers were not getting any help out of the wicket. Our total was amassed in 2 hours 40 minutes, and Fettes were left 2 hours 10 minutes in which to get the runs.

<b>School</b>		<b>Fettes College</b>	
R. W. Armstrong, st Temple- ton, b Kirsop .....	27	B. J. Morrison, c Strachan, b Fleming .....	28
A. M. Pate, b Kirsop .....	49	J. M. Hellewell, b Fleming .....	15
T. R. Taylor, c Jolly, b Affleck .....	26	H. M. Jolly, b Fleming .....	6
H. Galt, c Hellewell, b Affleck .....	60	R. A. Lind, c Johnston, b Harvey-Walker .....	29
D. Mackenzie, not out .....	42	M. M. Lacey, not out .....	54
A. G. Johnston, b Affleck .....	2	P. J. Snodgrass, c Johnston, b Harvey-Walker .....	1
Extras .....	12	J. H. Henderson, c Armstrong, b Fleming .....	1
	<hr/>	C. K. J. Kirsop, not out .....	0
Total for 5 wkts. (dec.)	218	Extras .....	4
Did not bat: A. J. Harvey-Walker, D. N. Strachan, J. J. W. David- son, D. R. Anderson, A. J. Fleming.			
Bowling: J. D. Affleck 3 for 55; C. K. J. Kirsop 2 for 36.		Total for 6 wickets	138
		Did not bat: C. T. H. Batchelor, J. D. Templeton, J. D. Affleck.	
		Bowling: A. J. Fleming 4 for 38; A. J. Harvey-Walker 2 for 41.	

The Fettes innings started quite well, but Fleming got two quick wickets, making Fettes two down for 33. At this stage a Strathallan

victory seemed possible, but some dogged batting prevented this. The batsmen never attempted to get the runs against the accurate and hostile bowling of Fleming and Harvey-Walker. The most successful Fettes batsman was Lacey, who hit three towering sixes in the closing stages. Fleming was Strathallan's best bowler, taking 4 for 38. Although Strathallan got the better of this drawn game, it might easily have been a victory if all the catches had been held.

**School "A" XI v. Forgandenny C.C.** At Strathallan. 1st June

Strathallan won the toss and chose to bat with a changed batting order.

Harvey-Walker and Davidson hit an opening stand of 109 in 52 minutes. Davidson's share being 59. Harvey-Walker went on to amass a score of 80. The tempo of the batting decreased a little as the later batsmen came in, but the total progressed to 212 with 7 wickets down before the innings was closed.

The visitors' batting was not strong enough to make much headway against the well directed attack of the Strathallan bowlers; Taylor and Davidson were particularly effective. The most successful Forgandenny batsmen were Mackie, who made a dogged 15, and Mr. D. A. R. Williams, who was undefeated with a valuable 23.

Taylor was the best Strathallan bowler with 7 wickets for 9 runs, while Davidson bowled steadily, taking 2 for 24.

**School**

A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Tulloch, b Williams .....	80
J. J. W. Davidson, c Kemp, b Williams .....	59
A. J. Fleming, run out .....	1
D. N. Strachan, c Hamilton, b Williams .....	31
W. S. Pate, b Tulloch .....	1
J. B. Scott, not out .....	17
W. C. Roy, b Williams .....	5
A. G. Johnston, b Williams ...	0
T. R. Taylor, not out .....	15
Extras .....	3

Total for 7 wkts. (dec.) 212

Did not bat: D. Mackenzie, P. L. Marsland.

Bowling: D. A. R. Williams 5 for 57; W. Tulloch 1 for 41.

**Forgandenny C.C.**

T. Mackie, c Marsland, b Davidson .....	15
D. Kemp, b Taylor .....	6
A. Baillie, lbw, b Taylor .....	0
P. Hamilton, c Davidson, b Taylor .....	1
A. Peter, c Marsland, b Davidson .....	10
D. A. R. Williams, not out ...	23
J. Robertson, lbw, b Taylor ...	0
D. Oldfield, b Taylor .....	2
R. Young, lbw, b Taylor .....	0
W. Tulloch, b Taylor .....	0
J. Barrie, b Harvey-Walker ...	16
Extras .....	8

Total 81

Bowling: T. R. Taylor 7 for 9; J. J. W. Davidson 2 for 24; A. J. Harvey-Walker 1 for 13.

**School v. Dollar Academy.** At Forgandenny. 7th June

Strathallan won the toss and went in to bat.

The first two wickets fell for 36 runs, Pate being lbw off Ritchie and Johnston caught, also off Ritchie.

Soon after the fall of this wicket, there was a heavy downpour of rain, which stopped play for an hour.

Our third wicket fell at 72, when Taylor was bowled by King.

Galt came in, and with Armstrong had a partnership worth 92 runs before he was bowled by Stewart; at this point we declared.

Dollar Academy had two hours ten minutes to make the runs. Their first two wickets fell for 8 runs, but a stand from Ritchie and

Kirkwood took the score to 44 before Kirkwood was out lbw off Fleming. The rest of the wickets fell quickly and the Academy was all out for 70 runs.

Davidson bowled very well, with useful support from Harvey-Walker and Fleming.

**School**

R. W. Armstrong, not out	56
A. M. Pate, lbw, b Ritchie	21
A. G. Johnston, c MacAree, b Ritchie	0
T. R. Taylor, b King	21
H. Galt, b Stewart	56
Extras	10

Total for 4 wkts. (dec.) 164

Did not bat: D. Mackenzie, A. J. Harvey-Walker, D. I. Turner, J. J. W. Davidson, D. N. Strachan, A. J. Fleming.

Bowling: W. M. B. Ritchie 2 for 53; J. Stewart 1 for 5; E. T. I. King 1 for 41.

**Dollar Academy**

J. E. R. MacAree, c Harvey-Walker, b Davidson	6
P. G. Kirkwood, lbw, b Fleming	14
A. P. M. Hill, c Strachan, b Davidson	0
W. M. B. Ritchie, c Taylor, b Davidson	23
R. F. Baly, c Armstrong, b Harvey-Walker	12
E. T. I. King, b H.-Walker	5
J. Stewart, b Davidson	0
J. H. Cooke, c Harvey-Walker, b Davidson	0
W. S. Young, not out	3
M. W. Hall, b Davidson	0
D. M. Taylor, c Galt, b Fleming	2
Extras	5

Total 70

Bowling: A. J. Fleming 2 for 20; J. J. W. Davidson 6 for 23; A. J. Harvey-Walker 2 for 22.

**School v. Perthshire C.C. At Forgandenny. 8th June**

The visitors won the toss and elected to bat. Young and Kerrigan hit up 84 for the first wicket, with the latter being particularly aggressive, hitting two sixes in one over from Davidson. The lively pace continued throughout the innings until the visitors declared at 135 for 6.

**Perthshire C.C.**

R. W. Young, b Fleming	28
M. Kerrigan, c Galt, b Harvey-Walker	53
J. S. Symon, b Davidson	12
A. Preen, c Davidson, b Harvey-Walker	12
J. Campbell, c and b Harvey-Walker	9
K. McCormack, b Harvey-Walker	2
J. Brown, not out	1
J. T. Lodge, not out	13
Extras	5

Total for 6 wkts. (dec.) 135

Did not bat: A. Dewar, R. Wilson, R. R. Thom.

Bowling: A. J. Harvey-Walker 4 for 21; A. J. Fleming 1 for 38; J. J. W. Davidson 1 for 48.

**School**

R. W. Armstrong, b Campbell	9
A. M. Pate, c Young, b Wilson	3
T. R. Taylor, lbw, b Campbell	9
H. Galt, st Brown, b Kerrigan	22
D. Mackenzie, c Young, b Campbell	0
A. J. Harvey-Walker, run out	0
D. I. Turner, not out	11
J. J. W. Davidson, b Campbell	3
D. N. Strachan, not out	4
Extras	2

Total for 7 wickets 63

Did not bat: J. B. Scott, A. J. Fleming.

Bowling: J. Campbell 4 for 15; R. Wilson 1 for 6; M. Kerrigan 1 for 13.

The Strathallan batsmen were soon in difficulties against some very tight bowling by the Perthshire side, Campbell in particular being extremely difficult to score off. Galt was our steadiest batsman and he was never afraid to go for his shots. No one else made much of a show and it was fortunate for Strathallan that bad light stopped play half-an-hour before time. Campbell was Perthshire's best bowler with 4 wickets for 15, while Harvey-Walker took 4 wickets for 21 for Strathallan.

**School v. Loretto. 10th June**

Strathallan won the toss and elected to bat on a wicket which was softer than had hitherto been experienced.

The school started disastrously, losing Armstrong and Taylor to run-outs in the first over. Pate and Galt set about restoring the situation but Pate's wicket fell just before the first break for rain.

When we came out again MacKenzie, Harvey-Walker and Johnston all went quickly, but Turner helped Galt in a useful stand before he was run out for 18. At this stage the rain came on again and the game was abandoned with the school 78 for 7, thanks to a masterly and very restrained innings by Galt for 42 not out.

**School**

R. W. Armstrong, run out ...	1
A. M. Pate, c Mellis, b Mellis	3
T. R. Taylor, run out .....	0
H. Galt, not out .....	42
D. Mackenzie, c Dea,	
b Fleming .....	7
A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Grigor,	
b Fleming .....	0
A. G. Johnston, c Wood, b	
Mellis .....	3
D. I. Turner, run out .....	18
J. J. W. Davidson, not out ...	0
Extras .....	4

Total for 7 wickets 78

Did not bat: A. J. Fleming, W. S.

Pate, D. N. Strachan.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
G. H. A. Mellis	21	3	39	2
J. J. S. A. Fleming	16	8	19	2

**MATCH ABANDONED**

**School v. Strathallian Club. 17th June**

The Old Boys won the toss and put the school in to bat.

Armstrong was out with only 17 runs on the board but Pate, Taylor and Galt, all batting extremely well, took the score to 176 for 6, when the team declared.

The Strathallians went off to a bad start, losing their first six wickets for 23 runs. Balfour and Philip together took the score to 75, at which point the side was all out.

Fleming, Davidson and Harvey-Walker bowled steadily.

School	Strathallian Club
R. W. Armstrong, c Balfour, b Jamieson ..... 9	J. W. Dinsmore, b Fleming ... 4
A. M. Pate, lbw, b Clark ..... 34	I. D. E. Sim, lbw, b Fleming 0
T. R. Taylor, c Dunsmore, b Rossie ..... 51	D. C. Duncan, lbw, b Davidson ..... 13
H. Galt, not out ..... 64	M. D. Rossie, c Harvey-Walker, b Davidson ..... 6
D. Mackenzie, b Jamieson ... 0	G. Balfour, c Strachan, b Harvey-Walker ..... 17
A. G. Johnston, run out ..... 0	M. S. Jamieson, b Davidson 0
A. J. Harvey-Walker, b Jamieson ..... 1	F. J. C. Lilly, lbw, b Davidson 0
D. I. Turner, not out ..... 7	R. Eason, b Harvey-Walker ... 6
Extras ..... 10	J. G. Clarke, b Davidson ..... 1
	J. Philip, not out ..... 20
	C. P. Roselle, st Pate, b Harvey-Walker ..... 0
	Extras ..... 8
Total for 6 wks. (dec.) 176	Total 75
Did not bat: J. J. W. Davidson, D. N. Strachan, A. J. Fleming.	Bowling O M R W
Bowling O M R W	A. J. Fleming 8 3 15 2
M. S. Jamieson 13 2 50 3	J. J. W. Davidson 11 3 38 5
	A. J. H.-Walker 4·3 0 14 3

**School v. Perth Academy. 24th June**

The school started badly, losing their first two wickets for 22 runs, but Armstrong and Galt, batting steadily, took the score to 126 before Armstrong was caught by Webster off McPherson for 56. The school declared with 208 runs for 5 wickets on the board, after a notable innings by Galt who scored 103 not out.

Our bowling in this match was good, especially that of Fleming, Harvey-Walker and Taylor, who had little difficulty in dismissing the Academy for 99 runs.

School	Perth Academy
R. W. Armstrong, c Webster, b McPherson ..... 56	D. Duigan, c Galt, b Davidson 6
A. M. Pate, lbw, b Duigan ... 9	M. Miskelly, c Taylor, b Fleming ..... 0
T. R. Taylor, b Duigan ..... 4	S. I. Macgregor, c Pate, b Fleming ..... 16
H. Galt, not out ..... 103	I. Robertson, b Taylor ..... 43
D. Mackenzie, c Miskelly, b McPherson ..... 2	J. Webster, c Pate, b Fleming 1
A. G. Johnston, b McPherson 25	K. Fergusson, lbw, b Taylor 4
J. J. W. Davidson, not out ..... 1	J. McPherson, c Pate, b Harvey-Walker ..... 4
Extras ..... 8	A. Scott, b Harvey-Walker ... 0
Total for 5 wks. (dec.) 208	B. Rawlinson, c Galt, b Harvey-Walker ..... 9
	D. Galloway, st Pate A. M., b Harvey-Walker ..... 8
	P. W. S. Fleming, not out ... 0
	Extras ..... 8
Did not bat: A. J. Fleming, W. S. Pate, A. J. Harvey-Walker, D. N. Strachan.	Total 99
Bowling O M R W	Bowling O M R W
I. McPherson 8 1 65 3	A. J. Fleming 8 4 13 3
	T. R. Taylor 4 1 11 2

**School v. Forfarshire. 5th July**

Forfarshire won the toss and batted on a beautiful fast wicket.

Fleming, bowling very well, soon had the openers dismissed, one of them thanks to a fine catch by Harvey-Walker at backward short leg. However Dyson, their new professional, monopolised one end, while wickets fell fairly regularly at the other end. He proceeded to produce some fine off-side shots and when the side declared he had 104 not out, out of a total of 168 for 6. This is one of the most entertaining innings seen at Forgandenny.

Strathallan had nearly two hours to make the runs, but Armstrong was bowled with the first ball of the innings.

Pate and Taylor set about restoring the situation and a stand of 69 came in 45 minutes before Taylor was out with 28. Galt seemed a little out of touch when he came in but Pate continued to score freely at the other end. He was out for 72 and left Galt and Johnston half an hour to get 40 runs. This was accomplished in grand style, with Galt not out 48.

This was one of our best displays to date, the fielding being outstanding.

**Forfarshire**

I. C. Reoch, c Harvey-Walker, b Fleming .....	6
J. G. Lindsay, lbw, b Fleming	2
J. Dyson, not out .....	104
J. P. Allardyce, lbw, b Davidson .....	7
R. Meston, c Armstrong, b Harvey-Walker .....	18
C. E. Allardyce, b H.-Walker	3
G. Hermiston, b H.-Walker ...	21
Extras .....	7

Total for 6 wks. (dec.) 168

Did not bat: J. D. Henderson,  
R. L. Foreman, J. A. Scrimgeour,  
W. Christie.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
A. J. H.-Walker	10.5	1	43	3

**School**

R. W. Armstrong, b Scrimgeour	0
A. M. Pate, c Reoch, b Dyson	72
T. R. Taylor, b J. P. Allardyce	28
B. H. Galt, not out .....	48
A. G. Johnston, not out .....	16
Extras .....	7

Total for 3 wickets 171

Did not bat: Harvey-Walker,  
Mackenzie, Davidson, Strachan,  
Fleming, Bucher.

Bowling	O	M	R	W
J. P. Dyson	12.5	2	52	1

**School v. Kirkcaldy C.C. 19th July**

Kirkcaldy won the toss and chose to bat on a wicket that was slower than had been encountered for several weeks.

Fleming and Davidson opened well and Kirkcaldy were soon in trouble at 10 for 4. Then Galt was unlucky not to be credited with a slip catch and Kirkcaldy recovered to make 110.

The school were left ample time to make the runs but failed miserably against some hostile and accurate fast bowling by Fisher, who took 8 for 23 in 20 overs. Taylor, Johnston and Mackenzie were the only members of the side to offer much resistance and between them they made well over half of the 78 runs scored.

This was the first defeat of the season and it is ironic that what had hitherto been our strong point failed disastrously on this occasion.

<b>Kirkcaldy</b>		<b>School</b>	
S. Robertson, b Fleming	0	R. W. Armstrong, lbw,	
M. W. Innes, st Pate,		b Fisher	0
b Fleming	1	A. M. Pate, lbw, b Hilley	0
S. Robertson, b Davidson	9	T. R. Taylor, c G. Robertson,	
J. Cowie, c Johnston,		b Fisher	23
b Davidson	0	H. Galt, c Cowie, b Fisher	0
J. Alexander, c Pate,		D. Mackenzie, c Cowie,	
b Davidson	49	b Fisher	8
A. M. Fisher, b H.-Walker	22	A. G. Johnston, c Innes, b	
M. Colville, b Taylor	8	Gilbertson	29
T. Dick, b Harvey-Walker	1	A. J. Harvey-Walker, b Fisher	7
R. D. F. Barrie, lbw,		D. N. Strachan, not out	3
b Harvey-Walker	4	J. J. W. Davidson, b Fisher	0
G. Gilbertson, not out	4	A. R. Bucher, b Fisher	0
G. D. Hilley, c Davidson, b		A. J. Fleming, b Fisher	4
Harvey-Walker	9	Extras	4
Extras	3		
Total	110	Total	78

Bowling: Fleming 2 for 22; Davidson 3 for 51; Harvey-Walker 4 for 29; Taylor 1 for 5.

Bowling: Fisher 8 for 23.

### School v. Trinity College, Glenalmond

Glenalmond won the toss and surprisingly put Strathallan into bat.

Armstrong and Pate got off to a very useful but slow start and the spinners were already on when Armstrong was out for 22. Taylor joined Pate, but the school lost a further two wickets before lunch, which was taken at 99 for 3.

<b>School</b>		<b>Glenalmond</b>	
R. W. Armstrong, b Desmond	22	I. M. Kennedy, b Davidson	9
A. M. Pate, b Desmond	31	D. H. C. Hampshire,	
T. R. Taylor, b Desmond	104	b Fleming	0
H. Galt, c and b Hardy	15	D. B. S. Hardy, c Pate, b	
D. Mackenzie, b Kennedy	14	Fleming	9
A. G. Johnston, not out	51	D. F. Desmond, b Davidson	3
A. J. Harvey-Walker,		D. M. D. Mills,	
b Thorburn	2	c and b Davidson	6
Extras	12	G. W. E. Milligan, b Fleming	1
Total for 6 wks. (dec.)	251	C. W. Thorburn, b Davidson	9
		M. H. S. Lewis, c Taylor, b	
		Fleming	14
		T. M. White, b Fleming	0
		D. A. I. Ritchie, c Pate, b	
		Fleming	0
		J. C. C. Jeffrey, not out	6
		Extras	2
		Total	59
Did not bat: D. Strachan, J. J. W. Davidson, A. J. Fleming, W. S. Pate.		Bowling	O M R W
Bowling	O M R W	A. J. Fleming	9-1 3 15 6
D. F. Desmond	28 8 80 3	J. J. W. Davidson	9 1 42 4

After lunch Mackenzie, after hitting three successive fours, was bowled for 14. Johnston now joined Taylor with the score at 115 for 4. Things were evenly balanced at this stage; however Johnston, batting

very sensibly and well, stayed with Taylor and the stand realised 129 before Taylor was bowled for 104. Johnston went on to get 51 not out and the school declared at 251 for 6, our best score against Glenalmond to date.

This left Glenalmond twenty-five minutes batting before tea, in which time they lost 3 wickets for 21 runs. After tea Fleming and Davidson continued to bowl well and Glenalmond were ignominiously put out for 59, Fleming taking 6 for 15.

This was easily the school's best display so far, with some fine batting, mainly from Johnston and Taylor, some very hostile and good bowling from Fleming and Davidson and some keen fielding.

**Batting Averages**

	No. of innings	Runs	Most in an innings	Times not out	Average
H. Galt .....	14	527	103*	4	52.7
D. N. Strachan .....	6	68	31	4	34
A. J. Harvey-Walker .....	11	199	80	4	28.4
T. R. Taylor .....	16	389	104	2	27.8
A. G. Johnston .....	14	254	51*	3	23
R. W. Armstrong .....	15	315	56*	1	22.5
A. M. Pate .....	15	317	72	—	21.1
J. J. W. Davidson .....	5	68	54	1	17
D. Mackenzie .....	12	158	42*	2	15.8
D. R. Anderson .....	1	8	8	—	8
A. J. Fleming .....	3	5	4	—	1.7

\* Not Out

**Bowling Averages**

	Overs	Runs	Wickets	Average
T. R. Taylor .....	38	97	11	8.9
A. J. Harvey-Walker .....	138.1	377	33	11.4
J. J. W. Davidson .....	224	603	41	14.7
A. J. Fleming .....	150.2	402	26	15.5

**Catches**

A. M. Pate (wicket keeper) 11; A. J. Harvey-Walker 6; A. G. Johnston 6; R. W. Armstrong 5; D. Mackenzie 3; T. R. Taylor 6; D. N. Strachan 3; H. Galt 4; J. J. W. Davidson 3.

**TOUR MATCHES**

A very enjoyable tour was had in the south of England, although the team was not at full strength for all its games. Results were as follows:

**School v. Blundell's.** (A). Lost by 6 wickets. School 163 for 7 dec. (Galt 78). Blundell's 164 for 4 wickets.

**School v. All Hallows.** Lost by 6 runs. All Hallows 167. School 161 (Pate 77).

**School v. Hardye's School.** Won by 149 runs. School 226 for 9 dec. (Taylor 58). Hardye's School 77 (Harvey-Walker 6 for 29).

**UNDER 14½ CRICKET**

Results: Played 7; Won 5; Drawn 1; Lost 1.

v. **Glasgow Acad.** (A). Won by 154 runs. Strathallan 185 for 9 dec. (Gibson 52, Brown 62). Glasgow Acad. 31 (Shanks 3 for 16, Gibson 3 for 8).

v. **Dundee H.S.** (A). Lost by 6 wkts. Strathallan 46. Dundee H.S. 48 for 4 wkts.

v. **Loretto** (H). Won by 42 runs. Strathallan 90. Loretto 48 (Brown 5 for 24).

v. **Rannoch School** (H). Match drawn. Strathallan 125 for 6 dec. (Galbraith 34). Rannoch 66 for 9 (Gibson 3 for 17, Shanks 3 for 19).

v. **Perth Acad.** (A). Won by 75 runs. Strathallan 100. Perth Acad. 25 (Brown 6 for 13, Reid 4 for 4).

v. **Q.V.** (A). Won by 30 runs. Strathallan 104 for 7 dec. Q.V. 74 (Gibson 3 for 18).

v. **Glenalmond** (H). Won by 143 runs. Strathallan 176 for 4 dec. (Shanks 86 not out, Brown 57). Glenalmond 33 (Reid 5 for 9).

This has been an unexpectedly successful season, for when the more experienced batsmen and bowlers failed there was always a reserve of talent to call upon. There was no consistent batsman, though Brown, Reid and Shanks have the technique but lack concentration, and the score was often made to look more respectable by the hard-swung cross-bat of wicket-keeper Galbraith. All members of the team could bowl, but few were usually needed, and of those the most promising were pace men Brown and Reid, and spinners Gibson and captain Shanks. The only regrettable feature has been the slack fielding—some of our opponents' small scores could have been halved by a more lively display in the field.

**Team:** Shanks (capt.), J. D. A. Brown, Gibson, W. G. Reid, Galbraith, Carruthers, N. F. Macmillan, Lamont, C. D. Ferguson, MacInroy, Davidson.

Kirkby, Mackay, Coldwell and Clark also played in some matches.

## JUNIOR XI

Results: Played 9; Won 7; Lost 2.

Runs for: 1,003 for 69 wkts. at 14.53 per wkt.

Runs against: 521 for 85 wkts. at 6.13 per wkt.

Catches and Stumpings: 31.

23.5.61. v. **Drumtochty Castle** (H). Won by 85 runs. Strathallan 109 (S. L. Mackenzie 27, J. P. Cappon 17). Drumtochty 24 (W. B. Melville 6 for 9, S. L. Mackenzie 4 for 12).

30.5.61. v. **Lathallan** (A). Lost by 5 wickets. Strathallan 82 (I. C. Ross 20, S. L. Mackenzie 16). Lathallan 90 for 5 wickets.

7.6.61. v. **Dollar Academy** (A). Won by 98 runs. Strathallan 124 for 5 dec. (S. L. Mackenzie 33, W. B. Melville 24, J. P. Cappon 21). Dollar 26 (S. L. Mackenzie 5 for 12, W. B. Melville 3 for 13).

10.6.61. v. **Belmont House** (A). Won by 1 wicket. Belmont House 93 (S. L. Mackenzie 6 for 41, W. B. Melville 4 for 40). Strathallan 96 for 9 (T. N. W. Trusdale 32).

27.6.61. v. **Ardvreck** (A). Won by 60 runs. Strathallan 137 for 9 dec. (I. C. Ross 29, W. B. Melville 40, J. P. Cappon 26). Ardvreck 77 (W. B. Melville 6 for 39, S. L. Mackenzie 4 for 31).

4.7.61, v. **Ardvreck** (A). Lost by 2 wickets. Strathallan 114 (W. B. Melville 37, I. S. Primrose 28, C. A. H. Greig 22). Ardvreck 115 (W. B. Melville 5 for 50).

8.7.61, v. **Craigflower** (H). Won by 6 wickets. Craigflower 59 (S. L. Mackenzie 5 for 26, W. B. Melville 4 for 30). Strathallan 69 for 4 (J. P. Cappon 31, W. B. Melville 20 not out).

13.7.61, v. **Dalhousie** (H). Won by 116 runs. Strathallan 132 for 5 dec. (W. B. Melville 50 not out, J. P. Cappon 45). Dalhousie 16 (W. B. Melville 7 for 3).

18.7.61, v. **Croftinloan** (H). Won by 119 runs. Strathallan 140 for 7 dec. (W. B. Melville 60 not out, S. L. Mackenzie 34). Croftinloan 21 (W. B. Melville 6 for 11).

## Hockey

### SPRING TERM

THIS year the weather has been clement and our fixture list has been unabridged with a consequent increase in the school's enthusiasm for the game. The 1st XI had a full programme in March but the Colts and Junior Colts who finish their rugby early in the term are still short of fixtures.

The five colours who returned provided a sound basis for the team and in most matches we were able to dominate the mid-field. The penetration in the circle, required to win matches convincingly, was however only occasionally able to match this.

#### 1st XI Matches

##### School v. Fettes. Won 5-4

Strathallan were a bit slow to settle down in a fast game played on a firm Fettes pitch and were two goals down very quickly. However the school recovered and as a result of good attacking play, Pate netted two fine goals just before half-time.

In the second half the constructive play of Strathallan gave Scott the opportunity to score, but this was swiftly countered by a good goal from the edge of the circle by a Fettes forward. Pate scored again, only to have Fettes equalise from a short corner. With two minutes to go, Carswell followed up a shot to score the winning goal.

**Team:** K. I. R. Ross, A. Nairn, R. F. Ridland,\* R. J. Rankin,\* H. Galt,\* D. Mackenzie, J. F. Carswell, M. W. Shaw,\* A. M. Pate,\* R. H. Scott, I. S. Gray.

##### School v. Aberdeen G.S. Drawn 2-2

The good stick-work of the visitors contrasted with the intelligent and accurate passing of Strathallan. Scott opened the scoring, but Aberdeen's equaliser soon followed, after some good dribbling. Pate scored to give the school a lead at half-time.

The strong attacks of Strathallan, with Gray prominent, proved fruitless in the second half against the visitors' defence and they scored their second goal from a short corner. In spite of renewed attacks by Strathallan the game was drawn.

**Team:** K. I. R. Ross, A. Nairn, R. F. Ridland,\* R. J. Rankin,\* H. Galt,\* D. Mackenzie, J. F. Carswell, M. W. Shaw,\* A. M. Pate,\* R. H. Scott, I. S. Gray.

**School v. Loretto.** Lost 0-2

Played at Loretto, this, our first game against them, was marred by the number of ineffectual short corners and the absence of our regular centre forward, Pate. The fact that the team had had no practise since the house matches was evident in the lack of cohesion and the low standard of play.

Loretto scored their first goal from a penalty bully, largely because the School goalkeeper was unsure of the procedure, and Strathallan missed several further chances to score. Loretto finished the game by scoring a second goal to secure victory.

**Team:** J. A. Bruce, A. Nairn, R. F. Ridland,\* R. J. Rankin,\* H. Galt,\* D. Mackenzie, J. F. Carswell, M. W. Shaw,\* D. N. Strachan, R. H. Scott, I. S. Gray.

**School v. Picts.** Lost 1-2

This game, played at Raeburn Place, was an excellent lesson on attack from the Picts and on defence from Strathallan. The school's backs, in particular Lang, were not deterred by the fast pace set by the opposition, nor by their short corners.

The Picts scored a goal in each half and Scott scored for Strathallan off a defender in the second half.

**Team:** C. H. Crawshaw, J. M. O. Lang, R. F. Ridland,\* R. J. Rankin,\* H. Galt,\* D. Mackenzie, J. F. Carswell, M. W. Shaw,\* A. M. Pate,\* R. H. Scott,\* I. S. Gray.

**School v. Gordonstoun.** Won 2-1

The two teams were well matched in a game played at Strathallan on a hard pitch, and in which the visitors stopped the ball better. In spite of good passing there was no score by half-time.

The moving of Galt into the forwards to give more finishing power to the attacks destroyed Strathallan's co-ordination and as a result the visitors opened the scoring after two minutes of the second half. Partly because of Galt's return to centre half and partly because of the injury of one of Gordonstoun's backs, Strathallan were able to score two goals through Pate and Galt to win the match.

**Team:** C. H. Crawshaw, A. Nairn, R. F. Ridland,\* R. J. Rankin,\* H. Galt,\* D. Mackenzie, J. F. Carswell, M. W. Shaw,\* A. M. Pate,\* R. H. Scott,\* I. S. Gray.

\* Denotes colours

J. M. O. Lang and A. M. Pate played in the final Scottish Trial.

Colours were awarded to: J. F. Carswell, I. S. Gray, D. Mackenzie, R. H. Scott.

**Spring Results**

- 1st XI v. Masters XI (H). Won 10-0.  
 v. Fettes College (A). Won 5-4.  
 v. Aberdeen G.S. (H). Drawn 2-2.  
 v. Loretto (A). Lost 0-2.  
 v. Picts (A). Lost 1-2.  
 v. Gordonstoun (H). Won 2-1.

2nd XI v. Aberdeen G.S. (H). Won 4-1.

Colts XI v. Watson's 2nd XI (A). Won 5-0.

v. Fettes (A). Won 7-1.

**House Matches**

Simpson beat Freeland 3-0; Nicol beat Ruthven 3-1; Freeland beat Ruthven 2-0; Simpson beat Nicol 5-2; Freeland beat Nicol 2-0; Ruthven beat Simpson 1-0.

Freeland and Simpson shared the cup.

**SUMMER TERM**

The hockey this term has been very good and the teams have worked very hard. The club fixtures have provided useful experience against high class players and the 1st XI has gained much from them.

The following played regularly in the Summer Eleven: S. H. Crawshaw, P. G. Joy, A. Nairn, J. F. Carswell, I. S. Gray, R. F. Ridland, R. J. Rankin, M. W. Shaw.

The following have also played: J. A. Bruce, E. A. Fraser, D. M. Lawson, H. J. Lochore, G. A. Macdonald, D. Mackenzie, A. M. Pate, K. I. R. Ross, R. H. Scott.

Colours awarded to: P. G. Joy, A. Nairn.

**Summer Results**

- 1st XI v. J. F. Dyet's XI (H). Drawn 0-0.  
 v. Glenalmond (A). Won 2-0.  
 v. Edinburgh Academy (A). Drawn 1-1.  
 v. Grove Acad. F.P. (H). Won 4-3.  
 v. Edinburgh Academy (H). Won 3-1.  
 v. Morgan Acad. F.P. (H). Lost 2-3.  
 v. Grove Acad. F.P. (H). Lost 3-4.  
 2nd XI v. Edinburgh Academy (A). Won 7-0.  
 v. Edinburgh Academy (H). Won 5-0.

**Athletics**

As usual a large number of boys have taken athletics as a full time sport this term. The results of the Championships prove that a high standard has been reached by a few boys and we feel that the general standard has continued to improve. R. F. Ridland has been chosen to represent the Scottish Schoolboys against the English and Welsh Schoolboys, as a result of his Discus win at the Scottish Schoolboys Championships.

30th May. **School v. Fettes College** (Away)

Fettes College 61 points : Strathallan 60 points

**Event**

100 yards ...	1, F; 2, Lochore; 3, Carswell; 4, F
220 yards ...	1, F; 2, Lochore; 3, Carswell; 4, F
440 yards ...	1, F; 2, F; 3, Rankin; 4, Duncan
880 yards ...	1, F; 2, Lawson; 3, F; 4, Nelson
1 mile ...	1, F; 2, Borland; 3, Donnan; 4, F
Long Jump ...	1, Lochore; 2, F; 3, Allcock; 4, F
High Jump ...	1, Allcock
Shot ...	1, Ridland; 2, F; 3, F; 4, Robertson
Discus ...	1, Ridland; 2, F; 3, F; 4, Bosshardt
Javelin ...	1, Bosshardt; 2, Lochore; 3, F; 4, F
Relay ...	1, Fettes; 2, Strathallan

Unfortunately we had not been asked to take a relay team and it was this event that decided the match against us, although our hastily gathered four cannot be blamed.

### Inter-Schools Athletics Match at Dunblane

The school again came third out of the five schools competing, gaining the following first places:

Senior 1 mile—Borland  
Junior 100 yards and 220 yards—Ogilvie

The school gained the following second places:

Senior 440 yards—Rankin  
Senior Shot and Discus—Ridland  
Middle 880 yards—Donnan  
Middle High Jump—Tourlamain  
Middle Shot and Javelin—Bosshardt  
Senior Javelin—Mackenzie

The school was represented at the **Scottish Schools' Championships** by the following:

Senior 440 yards—Rankin  
Senior Mile—Borland (5th, standard)  
Senior Steeplechase—Borland (2nd)  
Senior Shot—Ridland (3rd, standard)  
Senior Discus—Ridland (1st, standard)  
Middle 440 yards—Duncan  
Middle Mile—Donnan (4th)  
Middle Discus—Barron  
Junior 100 yards—Ogilvie  
Junior 440 yards—Wilkie (4th)

### School v. Trinity College, Glenalmond

#### Senior

Event		Time or Distance
100 yards	1, Carswell; 2, G; 3, G; 4, Lochore	10.5 secs.
220 yards	1, Carswell; 2, G; 3, G; 4, Gray	23 secs.
440 yards	1, Borland; 2, G; 3, Rankin; 4, G	53.8 secs.
880 yards	1, Borland; 2, G; 3, G; 4, Dow	2 min. 3.8 secs.
High Jump	1, G; 2, Robertson; 3, Allcock; 4, G	5' 2½"
Long Jump	1, G; 2, G; 3, Carswell; 4, Lochore	18' 7"
Shot	1, Ridland; 2, G; 3, G; 4, Robertson	42' 8"
Discus	1, Ridland; 2, Mackenzie; 3, G; 4, G	127' 8"
Javelin	1, G; 2, Mackenzie; 3, G; 4, Ridland	132' 2"
Relay	1, Strathallan; 2, Glenalmond	

points      Strathallan 51      Glenalmond 49

#### Middle

100 yards	1, G; 2, G; 3, Ogilvie; 4, Ryder	10.5 secs.
220 yards	1, G; 2, Duncan; 3, G; 4, Ogilvie	23.8 secs.
440 yards	1, G; 2, Duncan; 3, G; 4, Wilkie	53.4 secs.
880 yards	1, G; 2, Garvie; 3, G; 4, Wilson	2 min. 9.5 secs.
1 mile	1, Donnan; 2, G; 3, G; 4, Benson	4 min. 53 secs.
High Jump	1, G; 2, G; 3, Tourlamain; 4, Walker	4' 9½"
Long Jump	1, G; 2, G; 3, Strachan; 4, Walker	17' 10"
Shot	1, Bosshardt; 2, Barron; 3, G; 4, G	40'
Discus	1, G; 2, G; 3, Barron; 4, Manners-Wood	111'
Javelin	1, Bosshardt; 2, G; 3, Nairn; 4, G	138' 1"
Relay	1, Glenalmond; 2, Strathallan	

points      Strathallan 46      Glenalmond 64  
Total points      Strathallan 97      Glenalmond 113

**SCHOOL SPORTS.** 15th July

These results should be considered in the light of the fact that it rained throughout the afternoon.

**Senior**

Event	First	Time or Distance
100 yards ...	Carswell, J. F. (R) .....	10.9 secs.
220 yards ...	Carswell, J. F. (R) .....	24.5 secs.
440 yards ...	Carswell, J. F. (R) .....	52.8 secs.
880 yards ...	Dow, R. C. (N) .....	2 min. 3.3 secs.
1 mile ...	Borland, I. C. (F) .....	4 min. 30.5 secs.
Hurdles ...	Ridland, R. F. (S) .....	11.3 secs.
High Jump ...	Ridland, R. F. (S) .....	5' 3"
Long Jump ...	Carswell, J. F. (R) .....	18' 6½"
Discus ...	Ridland, R. F. (S) .....	*136'
Javelin ...	Mackenzie, D. (R) .....	132' 5"
Shot ...	Ridland, R. F. (S) .....	*42' 9"
Relay ...	Simpson	
Tug of War	Ruthven	

**Middle**

100 yards ...	Fleming, A. J. (R) .....	11 secs.
220 yards ...	Fleming, A. J. (R) .....	24.3 secs.
440 yards ...	Fleming, A. J. (R) .....	*54.4 secs.
880 yards ...	Donnan, J. G. M. (F) ...	2 min. 10.6 secs.
1 mile ...	Donnan, J. G. M. (F) ...	*4 min. 47.6 secs.
Hurdles ...	Dunbar, C. C. K. (F) .....	12.2 secs.
High Jump ...	Harvey-Walker, A. J. (S) .....	5' ¼"
Long Jump ...	Fleming, A. J. (R) .....	18' 4½"
Discus ...	Nairn, A. (F) .....	123' 4"
Javelin ...	Nairn, A. (F) .....	131' 4"
Shot ...	Bosshardt, H. J. (F) .....	*38' 10"
Relay ...	Ruthven	

**Junior**

100 yards ...	Ogilvie, I. R. (F) .....	11.4 secs.
220 yards ...	Ogilvie, I. R. (F) .....	26.1 secs.
440 yards ...	Wilkie, R. (S) .....	57.4 secs.
880 yards ...	Wilkie, R. (S) .....	*2 min. 14.2 secs.
Hurdles ...	Fleming, A. J. (R) .....	*12.2 secs.
High Jump ...	Matthew, K. (F) .....	4' 7"
Long Jump ...	Ogilvie, I. R. (F) .....	17' ½"
Discus ...	Lamont, I. K. (F) .....	95' 1"
Javelin ...	Brown, J. O. A. (R) .....	115'
Shot ...	Ogilvie, I. R. (F) .....	33' 9"
Relay ...	Freeland	

**Riley**

100 yards ...	Tindal .....	13.2 secs.
330 yards ...	Tindal .....	48 secs.
High Jump ...	Trusdale .....	4' 1"
Long Jump ...	Tindal .....	14' 8"
Relay ...	Big Dorm.	

Victor Ludorum:

Senior — R. F. Ridland

Junior — A. J. Fleming

House Championship:

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



*Ridland breaks his own Shot Put record*

[D.L.F.]



*... and Borland defeats Dow in the Senior Mile*

[D.L.F.]

## Swimming

IT has become almost traditional that each year's school magazine contains one cryptic paragraph which tells the reader just how little has been achieved in the year past. For once, this dismal procedure is unnecessary. Although the pond was out of commission, for one reason or another, for five of the twelve weeks of term, much more has been attempted and achieved in Strathallan swimming than for many years.

The greatest single step forward was the acceptance of an invitation to compete in the Public Schools' Swimming Free-style Races in London. With the invitation came a list of both the best and worst times of teams which had competed in the previous year. While realising that the winning times were unlikely to be threatened by our entering, we piously hoped that we would not be as slow as the worst of the times quoted. To guard against this, the prospective team began a strenuous training scheme. As several members of the training group were in demand for other activities, our training had to be done at times when no other sport could conceivably have any claim on these boys. This being so, much of the training was done before breakfast and every night the "lights-out" of those concerned was postponed to allow training to be done then. Apart from all this, all members of the team did a minimum of three "circuits" each week, often more. The result of this training was that the team set out for London as fit as training conditions would permit. The pond is not without its limitations, for the temperature seldom rose above a spartan 62°. There was never a training session without at least one member being below par with a cold, and one boy actually broke a finger against the side of the pond because he could not see it as a result of the state of the water. These were difficulties with which we hope future teams will not have to contend. As has already been said, the team set off for the South as fit as possible.

The actual race was swum over 352 yards, each swimmer completing 88 yards. The standard was very high, and the school was not dismayed to come 22nd out of 42 competitors. For a first year, the result was not disgraceful, and the school was invited for the following year on the spot. The team K. A. L.: McKinlay, J. G. M. A. M. Cumming was first reserve.

As a result of the intensive training of the few, many became interested in swimming. This new interest was, unfortunately, frustrated when, just after the team's return from London, the pool was put out of use as a result of a water shortage. The water was too dirty for swimming in, and

there was no clean water to replace it. Fortunately, however, the weather was sufficiently unpleasant to make it possible to refill the pool after three weeks of dirtiness, and to make possible, after long uncertainty, the holding of the Swimming Sports.

The heats and finals were successfully accomplished in four days, during the last week of term.

Despite the difficulties and lack of training facilities preceding the finals, only two of the existing twelve records were not broken. This amazing spate of record-breaking was partly caused by the members of the London relay team and partly by others encouraged by the performances of these boys.

#### THE RECORDS:

Junior 25 yards back stroke: Matthew—14 secs.

Middle 50 yards back stroke: Reech/Keith—37 secs.

Senior 75 yards back stroke: Ridland—56.4 secs.

Junior 50 yards breast stroke: Matthew—38.5 secs.

Middle 75 yards breast stroke: Resisted breakage

Senior 100 yards breast stroke: Linton—1m. 22.35 secs.

Junior 50 yards free style: Matthew—29.2 secs.

Middle 75 yards free style: Cranston—47.1 secs.

Senior 100 yards free style: McKinlay—65.5 secs.

Junior 100 yards free style: Matthew—68.5 secs.

Middle 200 yards free style: Cranston—2m. 50.1 secs.

Senior 400 yards free style: Resisted breakage

The house competition saw Nicol retain the cup for the fourth successive year. The points were as follows: 1st, Nicol—95; 2nd, Freeland—67; 3rd, Simpson—65; 4th, Ruthven—18.

The Standards competition had to be abandoned when the pool became too dirty.

The Junior Champion was Matthew, who won every event available, breaking every record in the process. Cranston won the Middle Championship, and the Senior one was shared between Lang, Houston and McKinlay.

Throughout the year, the whole attitude towards swimming has changed. There is now much greater keenness, and as a result, much greater enjoyment is being derived by those who undertake genuine training. As three of the team who went to London will be at school for three more years, it is hoped that they will one day secure the Bath Cup for Strathallan. We

would like to thank Mr. Henderson for his encouragement and supervision throughout the training, and for his patience with the team while in London.

The following gained their Swimming Colours: Cranston, D. A.; Matthew, K. A. L.; Lang, J. M. O.

J. G. M. McKinlay.

## Cross Country

“WHEN it’s pouring with rain, and you’re bowling along, wet through, there’s a satisfaction just in knowing you’re out there and that others aren’t”.

So says Peter Snell, 800m. gold medallist at the Rome Olympics, and so too, are saying an increasing number of the mud-bespattered figures who sweat it out over the highways and byways of lower Strathearn. Even those who realise that they are destined to watch the receding backs of other runners are beginning to say with Roger Bannister:

“I find in running—win or lose—a deep satisfaction that I cannot express in any other way”.

The effect of this change of spirit, first mentioned in last year’s report, has been noticeable in several ways: once again, the courses have been altered to take in more country and less road, this time by cutting out Freeland Farm and the road leading past it, and running instead along the grassy track beyond the northern edge of the mud-flats and past the far corner of the pond. The variety of the training runs undertaken is another sign of the changing times: Craigie Hill Golf Course, Perth, Forteviot, the River May, Culteuchar Hill, Kilgraston, Bridge of Earn, Moncrieffe Hill and Craighend have all been brought within range on more than one occasion. In this way, runners do not become bored by practising over the competition courses every day, and are better prepared to give of their best on the important occasions.

The adventuresome spirit is by no means exhausted, as is testified by repeated suggestions that the courses should finish with a splash through the narrows of the Pond, followed by a lap of Big Acre! This may never come into being, unfortunately, for it is likely that from next year new courses will be found on the opposite side of the main road, giving access to such delights as a particular part of Drumfinn, well known to most regular runners, which rises for 250 ft. at a gradient of 1 in 2! Having such variety of terrain to train over, it is only right that we should recognise our good fortune, and design more exacting courses for juniors, middles and seniors.

Our competitive season started early this year, with the National Cross-Country Championship at Hamilton Park Race Course, Glasgow, on March 4th. We entered teams of eight, with the first four home to count, for both the Youths' 3-mile event, and the Boys' 1½-miles, with the following results:

<b>Youths</b>		<b>Boys</b>	
Borland	22nd	Donnan	26th
Dow	32nd	Benson	40th
Harrison	42nd	Garvie	46th
Nelson	47th	Pate	52nd
143 pts.		164 pts.	
Team place 4th		Team place 7th	

Since there were in the order of 150 runners in each race, and this was our first venture in this line, the results were generally satisfactory.

On April 14th, we were hosts to middle and senior teams from Glenalmond. They were unfortunate, in that they could only raise depleted teams of four, and we were able to record a double win:

<b>Seniors</b>		<b>Middles</b>	
Dow	1st	Donnan	1st
Borland	2nd	Benson	2nd
Harrison	3rd	Garvie	4th
Nelson	5th	Rentoul	7th
11 pts.		14 pts.	

Glenalmond—4, 10, 11, 12—37 pts.      Glenalmond—3, 5, 6, 8—22 pts.

April 22nd saw the running off of the Inter-House and individual Championships, the House Trials having been run on the 8th and 9th April. The system introduced last year, of each house entering trained teams of eight in each age group, is here to stay, and considerable enthusiasm was again detected in the keener houses. The idea is gradually being accepted around the school, that training is worthwhile. Nicol won the Seniors, Ruthven the Middles, and Simpson the Juniors, two other seconds giving Nicol first place overall. The individual results were as follows:

<b>Seniors</b>	
Dow	1st (N) 26 min. 47 secs.
Nelson	2nd (S)
Harrison	3rd (N)

Borland had to retire with stomach cramp after three miles, while lying in second position.

<b>Middles</b>		<b>Juniors</b>	
Pate	1st (R) 24 min. 31 secs.	Darling	1st (F) 14 min. 54.5 secs.
Gray	2nd (N)	MacMillan	2nd (S)
Garvie	3rd (N)	Borland	3rd (F)

These were the fastest times recorded over the various courses during the season, but since the courses had been changed, they do not bear comparison with previous years. Mention might be made of MacMillan who, although fast enough, could not run at Hamilton Park through being too young.

Three days later, on Saturday April 25th, we entertained a team of six from Gordonstoun. They had stayed overnight, so although it was a morning race, there was time to walk right round the course beforehand. It is a pity that this is not feasible more often, for a visiting team is enabled to give a much truer account of itself, having seen all the hazards. We ran teams of six, with five to count, and managed to record a win for the home runners:

Borland	1st	26 min. 52 secs.
Harrison	3rd	
Nelson	4th	
Lawson	5th	
Dow	6th	

19 pts.

Gordonstoun—2nd, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th—37 pts.

For the first time, a fixture was arranged for the summer term; on May 25th we ran an eight-a-side match with Perth Academy, again at home, with six to count. Maybe it was that the visitors had just received their "highers" results before coming out that afternoon, or maybe we could not resist the hat-trick for our three school matches, but in what was probably the closest and hardest fought of our races, we again emerged victors:

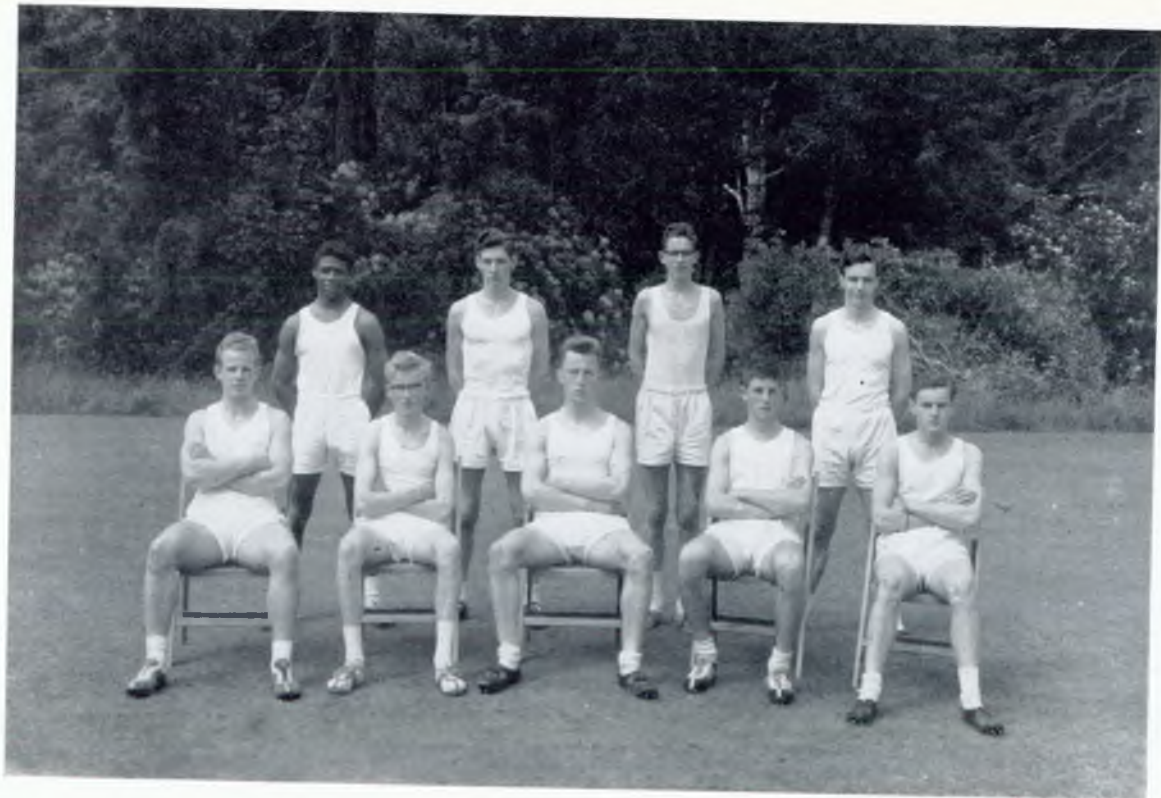
Borland	1st	27 min. 43 secs.
Nelson	5th	
Kidd	6th	
Lawson	7th	
Donnan	8th	
Benson	10th	

37 pts.

Perth Academy—2nd, 3rd, 4th, 9th, 13th, 14th—45 pts.

The annual end-of-season run from Glenfarg was undertaken by Lawson, Borland, Nelson and Kidd, on Thursday, 8th June. Mr. Studholme drove the party to Glenfarg, and the return six miles over the hills were completed in 50 minutes.

As a grand-finale, Tuesday, 27th June, saw the eleven miles to Milnathort covered by Lawson, Borland, Kidd and Donnan in 1 hour 20 minutes. After taking the bus to Bridge of Earn, the final run up to Forgandenny brought the total distance for the day to just over thirteen miles.



*Cross Country Team*

We can look forward with some confidence to next season, as only one of the eighteen runners who represented the school this season is definitely leaving. More colours than usual were awarded at the end of the season—a reflection on our successes. Dow was re-awarded his colours, and Borland, Harrison, Nelson and Kidd were awarded theirs for the 1960-61 season.

Herb Elliott attributes his success and determination in training in part to “vigorous exercise in morale-lifting country”. We have none of his sand-dunes and Australian bush to train through here, but is it not morale-lifting to pad over paths of pine-needles? Brush through rhododendron bushes? Explore the countryside in a November mist, or a December gloom? Tread the unbroken February snows? Lie gasping in the earth-works of a 2,000 year old fort while a biting wind from the Cairngorms whistles overhead? Hear the crisp crackle of the heather underfoot in spring? Dive under a waterfall still fed by melting snow to cool off? Run stripped to the waist in the sweltering days of summer to rest eventually 1,000 feet above the school and admire a view stretching from Dundee and the Tay Bridge to the Crianlarich hills and Ben Lomond, by the Bonnie Banks and from the Lomonds of Fife to the vague outlines of the Cairngorms?

Such experiences surely endorse the lines from “Julius Caesar”:

“ . . . Now bid me run,  
And I will strive with things impossible;  
Yea, get the better of them . . . ”.

E. A. Lawson.

#### CROSS-COUNTRY RESULTS 1961

- v. **Glenalmond.** Seniors won 11-37. Middles won 14-22.
- v. **Gordonstoun.** Seniors won 19-37.
- v. **Perth Academy.** Seniors won 37-45.

#### National Championships (Open)

Youths (Senior) 4th (out of 16); Boys (Junior) 7th (out of 20).

## Boxing

THIS year saw a new lease of life in the “noble art” under Mr. Henderson’s vigorous enthusiasm. Vast charts illustrating the draws in each weight group were posted, so that one could see at a glance who was to fight whom; the eliminating bouts were streamlined in many ways, namely that R. J. Rankin took on the rôle of M.C. and Mr. Henderson himself was a referee in the ring; small extras, such as sponge and bucket, sawdust and a canvas floor covering were introduced—and, of course, the atmosphere altered too.

Mr. Henderson took on the responsibility of coaching basic principles to all houses on their respective boxing evenings—a mammoth task—with the result that some “house spirit” previously cultivated through house coaches was lost; but this was only temporarily, since as the finals drew nearer, house coaches again found opportunities to polish up their remaining competitors. The general level of competence definitely rose during the year.

The finals were held on the night of Tuesday, 14th March, and once again the final result was already decided before the evening began, Simpson taking the honours this time. Nevertheless, the finals have never before been fought with quite so much sheer guts and courage. The results were as follows:

<b>Weight</b>	<b>Winner</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>
Bantam	R. J. H. Neill (Riley)	J. B. S. Chapman (Riley)
Feather	C. D. Ferguson (N)	A. J. S. Coldwell (N)
Light-weight	J. M. Gilmour (N)	H. I. G. Davidson (S)
Light-welter	A. Shanks (R)	N. F. MacMillan (S)
Welter	C. H. Manners-Wood (F)	P. M. Weatherston (S)
Light-Middle	W. S. Pate (R)	J. D. S. Robertson (N)
Middle	G. A. R. Carver (S)	T. I. Gray (N)
Heavy A	D. A. Cranston (S)	F. R. Bell (S)
Heavy B	D. R. Anderson (F)	F. B. McKeever (F)
Light Heavy	M. I. M. Dawson (R)	I. P. G. Bell (R)

The points gained in the Inter-House Competition were: 1st, Simpson—95; 2nd (equal), Ruthven and Nicol—66; 4th, Freeland—60.

B. A. Wingate.

## Sailing Club

DURING the Winter we had two major tasks in re-decking one of the Cadets and fitting a new panel in one of the Enterprise chimes. Most of this damage came as a result of the boats being left down at the Tay over the holidays, when they were used for an adventurers' course. As most members put in a lot of effort and hard work during the Winter and Easter months, all the boats were in the water by the first week of the Summer Term.

It was agreed to sail the Cadets on the School Pond for the earlier part of the season, so that the new members would be given plenty of practice at capsizing in safe waters. Unfortunately for the novices, gales persisted during the first three weeks of term and although many of them took a dip in the pond, the experience gained was taken in good spirit.

With the more experienced sailors on the Tay, we were able to hold a number of practice races before the Perth Regatta,

when we were knocked out in the first round by Glenalmond, who had 40 points to our 39—a very close race. The Glenalmond boys sailed successfully through another two rounds, but were beaten by Perth Sailing Club in the final. Our fixture with the school at Loch Freuchie saw a miserably calm day, and as a result, we took over three hours to complete our one and only race. The points at the finish were: Strathallan 21—Glenalmond 21.

The winds were almost gale force for our annual fixture against Fettes, but in spite of the conditions, Young sailed well to gain a first in both races. Altogether, out of the two races in Enterprises and Cadets, we had three firsts, three seconds and two capsizes, the points at the end of the day being: Strathallan 29½—Fettes 23¼.

The School came second in the Perthshire Schools Races on Loch Earn and was unlucky in that, after leading in two of the races round the five mile course, defeat was suffered both times in the last leg to the finishing line.

The result of the Inter-House Sailing Competition was: First—Nicol; Second—Freeland; Third—Simpson, and last—Ruthven.

The School will be represented by R. S. Peters, J. L. Young and G. C. Brown in Schools Races at Clynder and it is hoped that the team will improve on last year's performance when it came 28th out of the 42 schools entered.

Colours were awarded to J. L. Young, G. C. Brown and R. N. Harrison.

R. S. Peters.

## Shooting

At the beginning of the season, ten shots returned who had represented the school previously, but they took some time to settle down, as early results show. In the third year of our fixture with Cheltenham College, we lost the cup won last year, the opposition scoring 783, to defeat us by 5 points. R. S. Peters was the only rifleman to score 100. A new fixture was that accepted with Glasgow Academy, in which we lost heavily by 20 points, with only 727, shooting on British National targets.

As happened last year, the Staniforth Cup competition caught us unprepared early in the season, and we were placed 68th out of 113 teams, with 750. Much of the early part of the Winter Term was spent completing the King George V Trophy, in which all members of the C.C.F. shoot. As we were struggling to get this completed in time, by November 30th, the

results of the 1959 shoot arrived. Our R.A.F., R.N. and Army sections came respectively 10th, 12th and 28th, out of 41 entrants in the Lord Roberts Trophy, and in the Imperial Challenge Shield Competition the R.A.F., R.N., Freeland, Simpson, Ruthven and Nicol sections were placed respectively 13th, 22nd, 60th, 71st, 86th and 89th, out of 124 entrants. We qualified for 5 silver and 1 bronze medal; 39 cadets qualified as Empire marksmen, and 13 as First Class Shots. A Ffennell Shield still remains in the care of the R.A.F. section, while the Army and R.N. sections are also entitled to a Ffennell Shield. These placings refer to teams in the United Kingdom; those for the whole Empire have yet to be published.

Shooting in the 5th Division of the Perthshire League began early in November. Scores early on were bad, our lowest sinking to 462, but latterly we were on the 490 mark regularly. The regular team was: Fisher, Kidd, Morton, Harrison and Bruce, with Peters and Hardy also having shot. We won 17 of our 18 matches, losing only to Blair Atholl early in the season. Our 34 points gave us a clear lead of 8 over our nearest rivals and secured for us the 5th Division Trophy. Our aggregate score was 8,675 out of 9,000, and our team average 481.9. Individual averages and places in the division were as follows: Fisher 97.3 (2nd), Kidd 97.1 (4th), Morton 97 (5th), Harrison 96.9 (7th) and Bruce 94.9 (15th). "Possibles" were gained twice by Morton, and once each by Fisher, Kidd and Harrison. Fisher again wins the Individual Cup, his average being the highest the school has yet recorded. He was also placed 4th in the Scottish Short Range Championship.

In the Burton Cup, competed for by Perthshire League shots with an average of over 95 for the previous season, Fisher was unfortunate to lose 97-99 in the first round. In the Brough Cup, for those with averages under 95, we entered seven shots, of whom Harrison survived the six rounds to emerge a deserving winner, with scores of 95, 95, 98, 100, 98 and 99.

In the Highland District Competition, our team of ten scored 1,934 out of 2,000, sufficient to give us third place, for which we earn £2 10s., plus an additional £4 for being the best, albeit the only, C.C.F. entry. Our result was also singled out for particular praise from the G.O.C. Highland District.

Represented by Morton (198), Kidd (198), Fisher (197) and Bruce (193) in the Major Section of the Junior Winter Competition, we gained 9th place out of 99 teams. Kidd did well to score a "possible". In the Minor Section, we took 14th place out of 54, with 750: Siedle (192), Wilkie (189), Mackay (187) and Clement (182).

In the Spring Competition we came second out of 59 in the Major section with 788: Fisher (198), Morton (198), Kidd (197)

and Harrison (195). Fisher and Morton both had "possibles" on their first targets. In the Minor section we came 16th out of 36 with 742: Wilkie (193), Siedle (193), Mackay (183) and Grosset (173).

In the Junior Summer Competition, the School was placed second in the Major Section out of 40 teams competing. For this competition, competitors have to be under 18 on the day of shooting, which made D. M. Kidd ineligible. In the Minor Section of the same competition, open to competitors under 15, the School team were placed first, winning the Harvey Hadden Challenge Trophy. This year there were only 20 teams competing. The scores are printed below:

Major Section: P. M. Fisher 199, R. N. Harrison 198, H. G. Morton 197, J. A. Bruce 194 = 788.

Minor Section: L. D. C. Siedle 197, E. P. Mackay 194, W. J. Speirs 193, I. W. Steven 183 = 767.

The Inter-House Competition was shot on December 9th, and resulted in a win for Freeland by the comfortable margin of 14 points, thus ending Ruthven's five-year monopoly. The scores were:

Freeland: Fisher 99, Kidd 98, Hutton 95, Quarry 95 = 387.  
Nicol: Harrison 94, Wooley 94, Beattie 94, Stewart 91 = 373.  
Ruthven: Morton 97, Lawson 95, Bruce 95, Peters 85 = 372.  
Simpson: Hardy 95, Clement 92, Wilkie 91, Ridland 86 = 364.

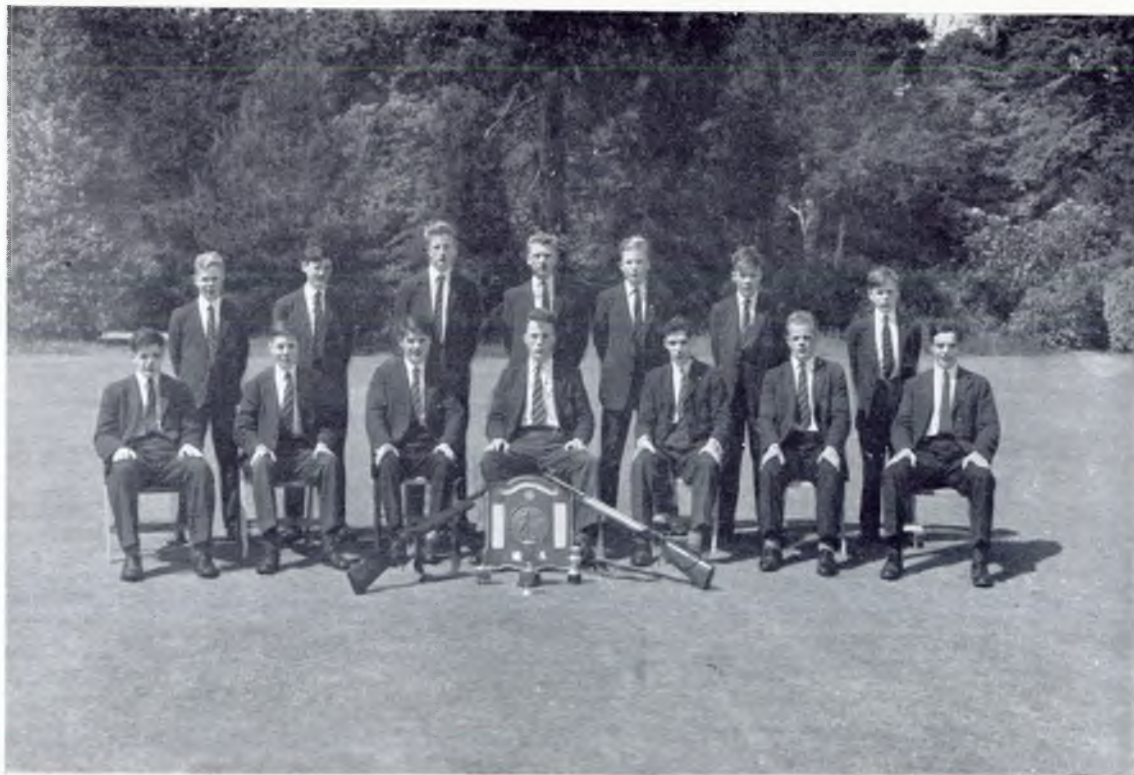
At C.C.F. camp, a representative eight shot against our hosts, the 24th Signals Regiment. The custom there, unlike here, was to shoot without slings and this factor brought about our defeat.

On Founder's Day an informal shoot with the Old Boys showed that many of them had retained their form remarkably well and the school had again to accept defeat.

Old Boys: Boxwell 97, Wilson 93, Logan 93, Campbell 93, Gibb 88, T. P. S. Robertson 85 = 549.

School: Bruce 94, Ross 93, Morton 92, Harrison 92, Peters 89, Lawson 85 = 545.

Of the standard of shooting throughout the year, it must be admitted, that although good scores have been recorded, inconsistency is too often our downfall and it must be the aim of those returning to eliminate this factor.



*School Shooting*

Improvements in the range this year have comprised the installation of a fan-driven electric heating system, the purchase of new shooting jackets, and alterations to the doors, so that six people can shoot comfortably at a time.

Of the twenty people who have shot for the school this year, only three are leaving, and only one of these is from the Perthshire League five. Next season, then, should see an all-round improvement.

E. A. Lawson.

## Fencing

ALL of last year's team returned, but failed to live up to expectations, perhaps because of the ever expanding School calendar, which employed members of the team in other activities.

Only Cornish was able to enter for the Scottish Foil Championships in which, in view of the high standard of fencing, he acquitted himself well.

In the competition for the Thistle Shield, a trophy recently presented for Inter-Schools Fencing, Strathallan came second equal with Dollar Academy to Merchiston, who were clear winners.

A win against Edinburgh University rounded off an un-spectacular season on a successful note.

Maitre Feathers paid regular visits for week-end coaching, and again experienced the difficulty of raising enthusiasm in beginners in the all-important basic principles which must be mastered before competitive fencing can take place.

Ridland, Parker and Cornish were awarded colours for seasons 1959-60-61.

R. J. Rankin.

### RESULTS

#### School v. Edinburgh University (Home)

Foil (Max. 3 wins): Rankin 2; Ridland 3; Parker 3. Won 8-1.  
Sabre (Max. 2 wins): Rankin 0; Ridland 0; Cornish 2. Lost 2-7.  
Result: Won 10-8.

#### School v. Merchiston Castle (Away)

Foil (Max. 4 wins): Rankin 1; Ridland 1; Cornish 1; Parker 1.  
Result: Lost 4-12.

#### School v. Dundee Y.M.C.A. (Home)

Foil (Max. 4 wins): Ridland 3; Parker 4; Cree 2; Wilkinson 1.  
Result: Lost 7-9.

**School v. Dollar Academy (Away)**

Foil (Max. 4 wins): Rankin 3; Ridland 3; Cornish 0; Parker 1.  
Result: Lost 7-9.

**School v. Merchiston Castle (Thistle Shield Match) (At Dollar)**

Foil (Max. 4 wins): Rankin 1; Ridland 1; Cornish 1; Parker 1.  
Result: Lost 4-12.

**School v. Dollar Academy (Thistle Shield Match) (At Dollar)**

Foil (Max. 4 wins): Rankin 4; Ridland 3; Cornish 2; Parker 0.  
Result: Won 9-7.

## Fives

THE team had an average year, but was upset on two occasions by Pate's absence sitting exams.

The following were the results:

- v. **Merchiston** (Home). Lost
- v. **Fettes** (Away). Lost
- v. **Glenalmond** (Home). Lost
- v. **Edinburgh University** (Home). Won
- v. **Old Boys** (Home). Won

A. M. Pate and H. Galt represented the School in the Scottish Fives Championship at Fettes at Easter, but were beaten in the first round.

They also lost 7-11, 6-11 to Allyn's in the British Public Schools' Fives Competition at Whitgift School, Croydon.

The improvements both to the lighting system and to the surface of the courts should increase the popularity of the game, which has risen considerably this year.

Colours were awarded to Armstrong and Nairn, and re-awarded to Galt and Pate. Gray and Davidson formed the third pair. Half the team—Armstrong, Nairn and Davidson—are likely to be here next year.

H. Galt.

## Tennis

THE Tennis Club had a reasonably successful season. We lost to Stewart's College, Glasgow Academy and Fettes, but managed to beat Morrison's Academy and Glenalmond.

During the season we had the services of Mr. Woodcraft, a young professional from Dundee, and his coaching was found useful by boys at all levels.

G.D.B.

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## Our President

AT the Annual General Meeting of the Club Ian MacEwen was unanimously elected President for the year 1960-61, an honour well-deserved—considering the amount of time he has given to the Club, especially in the Golfing section.

Married with two daughters—elder now with the Australian Embassy in Washington, D.C. Brother of Dr. A. Campbell MacEwen (1922-1927).

Attended Strathallan, 1922-1929. Vice-Captain of the School, 1928-29. Captain Ruthven House and Cricket, 1929. Rugby Colours, 1928-1929.

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Ian was a founder member of the Strathallian Golf section in 1957. Is the present Secretary and Treasurer. His prowess in this sport extends to being runner-up in the West of Scotland Championship in 1952. Past Captain of Stirling and Callander Golf

Clubs. Past President of the Stirlingshire Golf Union—This, as you can see, is his *main* hobby—though he has been known to cut his lawn occasionally!

He volunteered for service in the R.A.F. in August, 1940—qualified as a Wireless Direction-finding operator. Commissioned as flying Control Officer, 1943—served in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Latterly as flying Control Liaison Officer at Group H.Q., Inverness.

The Club is extremely lucky in having such a robust, jovial and energetic President and we wish him every success in his year of office.

## A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

THE Twenty-seventh Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Station Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 3rd December, 1960, when the President, Mr. J. Turner Johnston, C.A., took the chair. The attendance of members at the meeting was not as good as usual, perhaps owing to the fact that the usual meeting room was not available. The formal business of the meeting was carried through expeditiously and this was followed by the usual customary discussion on the place where the next Annual General Meeting and Dinner should be held. Views in favour of both Glasgow and Perth were expressed along with a suggestion that the Dinner might be held in the town from which the year's President comes. It was agreed that the final decision should be made by the new Council.

The Station Hotel once again provided a first-class dinner and thanks to Mr. L. S. Scott and his Committee, the dinner arrangements ran smoothly.

Unfortunately, Mr. J. M. McNicol who was to have proposed the toast to the Club and the School was indisposed and could not attend. His place was nobly taken by Mr. Ian McSkimming, C.A., a close friend of the President who has been known to accompany him often on the golf course. The President thanked Mr. McSkimming for accepting at short notice his invitation to propose the Principal Toast.

Mr. McSkimming paid tribute to the founder of the tradition and to his successor and to the boys who have all contributed to the wonderful scholastic establishment—Strathallan. He referred to the history of the School from its inception at Bridge of Allan in 1913 and to the death of Harry Riley as a relatively young man in 1942. Mr. Riley had built a sure foundation on which his successors could follow. It had been difficult to obtain a successor but the Governors had persuaded Mr. Hoare to accept the post. The School, under Mr. Hoare, has progressed well and to-day it has taken its place amongst the best Boarding

Schools. Mr. McSkimming referred to the eminent Q.C. and the humble Ironmonger as examples of the variation in the end products. The eminent Q.C. was, of course Mr. R. S. Johnston the Chairman of the Board of Governors and the humble Ironmonger his brother the Club President, Mr. J. Turner Johnston, Managing Director of a leading firm of Plumbers Merchants. They represent the highest tradition of the School.

The Strathallian Club was formed in 1929 by the earnest wish of a few Old Boys and Mr. Harry Riley was its first President. The Club now has over 1,000 members.

In replying to the toast on behalf of the Club, Mr. J. Turner Johnston, the President, thanked Mr. McSkimming for proposing the toast so ably. Mr. Johnston saw few faces at the present Dinner who had been at his first Dinner twenty-nine years ago when just out of School, he had been asked to propose the health of the Founder who was then the Club President. He was very proud to be replying to that same toast now.

Applications for membership of the Club are increasing in number and this is largely due to the influence of Mr. Hoare. We look forward to the day when the membership is such that the Club accounts will show a profit.

Mr. Johnston paid tribute to the work of the Dinner Con- vener and the Council throughout his year of office.

Mr. Hoare replying on behalf of the School, congratulated the President for allowing him to be on his feet before 10.15 p.m. He thanked Mr. McSkimming for his very complimentary remarks about the School and himself. He was overwhelmed by the capacity of the Club members for taking punishment in the way they were prepared to listen to his speeches. He felt that his speech was quite unnecessary as the information was contained in the Magazine. This observation was greeted with strong dis- approval from all present.

The fête had been a most successful undertaking and the result of enormous effort on the part of parents, staff, old boys and pupils. It had raised the sum of £3,160 for the Chapel Fund. A collection had been taken in the Chapel at Glenalmond and the sum of £12 donated to the fund. Up-to-date, £24,000 had been raised out of the amount required of £33,000.

Mr. Hoare then dealt briefly with the scholastic and sports achievements of the pupils, information which was listened to most attentively by his audience. He felt that there was no room for complacency however, as there was much renovation and improvement still to be tackled. He considered that the School had a very practical and enthusiastic body of Governors and everything possible was being done to ensure that Strathallan holds its place among other schools.

W. D. Blanche, one of the younger members of the Club, proposed the health of the guests in a mixture of scathing and complimentary remarks delivered in a most amusing speech. At one stage, the members were nervously anticipating him concluding his toast with Highland honours but the day was saved when he concluded by saying that the only thing that saved the hall from a shambles was the lack of stone fireplaces.

The reply on behalf of the guests was ably given by Mr. J. G. Robertson.

Following the speeches, Mr. Ian MacEwen was invested as President in traditional fashion and he presented an Ex-Presidents' medal to Mr. Johnston. Mr. MacEwen in his first remarks as President, thanked Mr. Turner Johnston most sincerely for all that he had done for the Club during his year of office.

## Report of "The London & South of England Branch of the Strathallian Club"

THE Branch Annual Dinner was held in the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, on Friday, 17th March, with E. Sinclair in the chair. Only eleven members of the branch were present, but we were pleased to welcome Dr. W. C. Smith from Manchester and G. K. Rome from Glasgow who were in London for the Calcutta Cup match at Twickenham on the following day. The Headmaster was also present and it is always with great interest and pleasure that we, in the South, hear the latest news about Strathallan and Strathallians from him.

There are many Strathallians in and around London just now. T. W. Higginson is at present appearing at the "Old Vic" and hopes to go shortly to U.S.A. for a six month repertory season. W. T. Macpherson has recently attended an I.C.I. industrial course, E. J. Inglis has recently joined the branch as he is now working in Edmonton, but several of our members have left for work overseas. Innes Anderson is pursuing his insurance profession somewhere in North Africa, D. B. Pirrie is in Venezuela with the London Bank of South America and D. Beath is in the Paris branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Co-operation. Also with this bank but at present still in London are Robin Gray and J. C. S. Rankin. D. M. Sinclair, in shipping, and Hayward, training in accountancy, are also in the City while just across the river T. Harrison is doing a course in Dentistry at Guy's Hospital. We understand that he is a leading member of the United Hospitals Sailing Club.

We hope to welcome more Strathallians to the South soon. M. McLellan is shortly expected back in England after serving

with the 5th Field R.A. Regiment in Hong Kong, and several others will start their courses at Oxford or Cambridge in October.

All Strathallians and their friends who are in London are invited to our informal gatherings, held on the first Monday evening of each month in the "Captain's Cabin" off Haymarket. Anyone wanting further details about the Branch should communicate with the Secretary, K. R. Hunter, 93/97 Gower Street, London, W.C.1.

## Dance Report

ON Friday the 20th January, 1961, the Old Boys' held their Annual Dinner Dance in the Banqueting Hall of the Central Hotel, Glasgow.

The weather was dismal, fog reducing visibility to less than 50 yards in some parts of the City, but despite this, 200 people all took their places at dinner. The gloom outside was soon forgotten and the evening turned out to be most enjoyable—all thanks to our Dance Convener, Tom M. Nicol and his enthusiastic Committee.

Unfortunately, owing to a bereavement in his family, our President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ian MacEwen, were unable to be present, but fortunately our Vice-President and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. Rowan took over at very short notice and acted as host and hostess to the principal guests—Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoare.

The Kit Kat Band, under the personal direction of Mr. Charles Harkins, kept the dancers on the floor and "In the mood" throughout the whole evening. The dance ended at 1 a.m. on Saturday morning with everyone of the opinion that the evening was one of the best they had ever attended.

This coming season's Dinner Dance is being held once again in the Central Hotel, on Friday, 19th January, 1962.

## Golf Section, 1961

AT the Annual General Meeting of the Golf Section, held on Sunday, 23rd October, 1960, the following Office-Bearers were elected:—

Captain: R. H. Patterson.

Vice-Captain: Gordon S. Lowden.

Members of Committee: Messrs. R. P. Thomas; Dr. H. E. Walker.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Ian MacEwen, 1 Melville Terrace, Stirling.

The Section have been most unfortunate with the weather during this past year. On each occasion their outing has been ruined by gales or heavy rain-storms. One of the worst was last October during the Autumn Meeting, at the Panmure Golf Club, Barrie, when several of the members struggled against a howling gale, together with driving rain. The scoring, not surprisingly, was rather high. The winner turned out to be Gordon Lowden with a nett score of 79, which won him the Johnston Trophy.

Once more, at the Spring Meeting, a gale was blowing. This was held at Gleneagles, on Sunday, 26th March, when all competitors had to contend with gale-force winds. The winner of the Reid Salver was Russell Thomas with a nett 78. The runner-up was W. J. Walker with a nett score of 82.

Just to complete the season's activities, a Summer Meeting was held at Gleneagles, on Sunday, 18th June. Once more, although the weather was fine, a gale was blowing and scoring was naturally high. The winner turned out to be Dr. D. McCall with a nett score of 74, which won him the Bogie Trophy, runner-up being Dr. H. E. Walker with a nett 75.

The Club entered a team for the Evening Times Trophy, and were represented by Russell P. Thomas and Ian MacEwen. After winning their first two rounds, they 'met their match' when they played the Department of Health for Scotland, and were finally beaten 3 and 1.

The Club are once more entering for the Queen Elizabeth Schools Coronation Trophy, which is being held at Barnton, commencing, on Saturday, 30th September, but, at the time of going to press, the names of those representing the Club are not known.

To round-off the Season, an Autumn Meeting is to be held at Gleneagles, on Sunday, 22nd October, on the King's Course, at 10 o'clock.

## Angling Section

Captain: J. S. Grosset. Vice-Captain: J. D. Glen.

Honorary Secretary: J. Hall.

SEASON 1961 will be remembered not only for its blustery, wet and disagreeable conditions but also for its moments of triumph. Who would forget the Gillie's countenance and gait as he carried ashore Ardeonaig's first fish of the season, a 15lb. salmon landed by Tommy Philp. And then in June there was jubilation when David Biggart won the Scottish National Championship at Loch Leven, thereby qualifying for next year's Scottish Team and joining our Captain in the ranks of Internationals.

Competitions at Loch Leven, Loch Awe, Loch Venachar and the Daer Reservoir were well attended and the only regret is that conditions were so bad for the Loch Leven meeting with the School. Lindsay Young, hotly pursued by Willie Nairn throughout, was a worthy winner of the Grosset Cup for the best aggregate of brown trout in the season.

Plans are presently under way to put a boat on Loch Tay for use of members and it is hoped that it will be available for the beginning of next season. The section's membership is a happy blend of experience and youthful enthusiasm which augurs well for the future but new members are always wanted and should contact J. Hall, 9 Thorn Road, Bearsden.

## University News

### ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

STRATHALLIANS are becoming very rare in the University, there now being only six of us left, and we would very much like to see some more Strathallians come up to St. Andrews to study in the near future.

Last year in United College, St. Andrews we had R. J. M. Philip, B.Sc. (1950-56) finishing his course in Honours Physics; J. M. McInnes, B.Sc. (1953-57) reading for honours in chemistry; and R. Hellon (1952-58) reading for the degree of M.A.

In Queen's College, Dundee, R. J. Kinvig (1953-58) was finishing his Law degree, and he will be sadly missed by the Cabaret Society next year. R. B. Clark, B.Sc. (1952-57) is now reading for a degree in dentistry, and he also gained his commission in the Tay Division R.N.R. Also C. P. Roselle (1954-59) appeared on the Dundee scene to read Engineering and he has won a place in the University Rugby XV.

Also in Dundee at the College of Education was E. A. Davidson, M.A. (1951-56) who was working for his Diploma of Education.

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DR. W. C. SMITH, better known to most as "Bill," has had a very unfortunate motor accident, which has put him out of action for some considerable time. We understand that he is progressing slowly and we are sure that all who know him will wish him well.

## The Honourable Sir George Baker

STRATHALLAN is very proud to record that on 3rd February, 1961, the dignity of knighthood was conferred on George Gillespie Baker, O.B.E., Q.C., subsequent to his appointment on 9th January, 1961 as a Judge of the High Court of Justice.

Sir George came to Strathallan from Glasgow Academy in 1921. He took part wholeheartedly in all usual school activities. It is believed that while at school Mr. Riley suggested to him that he should go in for law and become a judge. He said that he would, and it is typical of the man that he did exactly what he set out to do. He was Senior Dux and a School Prefect in his last year, 1927. In the same year he was admitted to Brasenose College, Oxford, as a Commoner but after winning the Bridgeman Essay Prize was made an Honorary Scholar in 1929. He took a B.A. with First Class in Honours School of Jurisprudence in 1930 and passed the B.C.L. Examination in 1931. He began a distinguished career at the English Bar in 1932, being awarded a Harmsworth Scholarship of the Middle Temple in that year and quickly building up a large practice. As a Junior he was Recorder of Bridgnorth and of Smethwick, a member of the General Council of the Bar, of the Law Society's Legal Aid Committee and of the Lord Chancellor's High Court Rules Committee. He took "silk" in 1952 and was appointed Recorder of Wolverhampton in the same year, an office which he held until his appointment to the Bench. In 1956 he acted as Commissioner appointed to hear objections to the proposed Egg Marketing Board, his Report being published as a Blue Book. He gained judicial experience as a Commissioner of Assize on the North East and Western Circuits in 1958. The culmination of his career at the Bar and a recognition of the outstanding qualities he displayed came in November, 1960, when he was elected by his professional brethren a Bencher of the Middle Temple.

His war service was no less distinguished. Leaving a lucrative practice, he joined the Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment as a private in October, 1939, subsequently serving as 2nd Lieut. in the Cameronians, Staff Captain and Major to A.A.G., War Office, and as Lieut. Col. A.A.G. Allied Force H.Q. North Africa and Italy, and to 15th Army Group. He was promoted Colonel in charge of Administration in January, 1945 and latterly served as a member of the British War Crimes Executive. He was awarded the M.B.E. in January, 1943, and the O.B.E. in June, 1945.

He managed to combine a practice at the Bar with a valuable contribution to the political life in the south, being a member of Paddington Borough Council from 1933 to 1939, Chairman of



*The Honourable Sir George Baker, O.B.E.*

Library (1936-1939) and Deputy Chairman of the Legal and Parliamentary Committees, 1938-1939. As a national politician he was, however, rejected by the electorate of Southall, Hayes and Harlington in 1945!

His services to Strathallan as a Member of the Board of Governors from its inception until 1957, including one year as Chairman, when his guidance and counsel were so unsparingly

given, are remembered with gratitude and appreciation by all who served with him. The best wishes of all connected with the School are extended to him at this time for a long and happy career as one of Her Majesty's Judges.

R. S. J.

WE have been asked to print the following notice:

### THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLUB

100 Piccadilly, London, W.1.

All past members of the School are eligible for membership.

#### *Premises*

100, Piccadilly is situated opposite the Green Park and, in addition to its Club Rooms, has thirty Bedrooms for the use of members.

#### *Ladies' Annexe*

This adjoins the Club and has a separate entrance in White Horse Street. There are a Drawing Room, Dining Room and Cocktail Bar, where lady guests can be entertained.

#### *Squash Courts*

Arrangements have been made for members to use the courts of a nearby Club and the Club takes part in the Bath Club Inter-Club Squash Racquets Competition.

#### *Rates of Subscription*

There is no entrance fee and the annual Subscription Rates are at present as follows:—

	per annum
Junior Members (aged 18-23) ... ..	£4 4 0
<i>(The above subscription entitles Junior members to full membership and the use of all the Club amenities).</i>	
Town Membership ... ..	£21 0 0
<i>(Where a member has joined the Club under the age of 23, he may continue as a Town member until the age of 27 at a Special Subscription of £12 12 0).</i>	
Country Membership ... ..	£9 9 0
Overseas Membership ... ..	£3 3 0

Application for entry forms and any other particulars should be made to:—

The Secretary,

The Public Schools Club,

100, Piccadilly, London, W.1

## THE CALEDONIAN CLUB

9 Halkin Street, London, S.W.1.

(Members are required to be of Scottish descent, or to have been born in Scotland and lived there for at least ten years).

### *Premises*

Situated near Belgrave Square and adjacent to Hyde Park Corner, London; has many rooms including Dining Room, Smoking Room, a Library, the Stuart Room—for private parties—a Cocktail Bar, and 25 bedrooms for male members.

### *Rates of Subscription*

There is no Entrance Fee for young men between the ages of 18 and 24, and annual Subscription Rates are at present as follows:

#### SECTION E

18—24 years of age—Town Membership—	£6 16 6
Country Membership—	£5 15 6
25—30 years of age—Town Membership—	£16 16 0
Country Membership—	£9 9 0
Overseas Membership (under 30 years of age)—	£1 11 6

Application for entry forms and any other particulars should be made to:—

The Secretary,

The Caledonian Club,

9 Halkin Street, London, S.W.1.

## Old Boys' News

JOHN ANDERSON (1940-46) of Hopson Road, Norwich, Vermont, U.S.A., has transferred from Harvard Medical School to Dartmouth Medical School where appointment is that of Research Associate in Pathology. Initiated into American football by Dartmouth College boys, who also play a good game of rugby.

K. D. Ballantyne (1954-58) represented Scotland in the International Athletics contest in Cardiff in July, 1961, and he represented Edinburgh at Murrayfield in August, 1961, in the one mile event.

A. D. K. Campbell (1955-59) has reached the intermediate stage at the R.A.F. College at Cranwell, and is entering his 6th term under training as a General Duties/Navigator. He is in the College Rifle VIII, and represented his squadron at hockey, shooting and cross-country.

Neil F. Clark (1953-58), S.D.A., has graduated S.D.A. from the West of Scotland Agricultural College and is spending two months on a Danish farm for experience in Agriculture.

Alastair J. W. Clayton (1946-49), M.B., Ch.B., is doing his National Service as a doctor in the Royal Canadian Air Force at Trenton, Ontario. He holds a three year commission and is due to finish in June, 1962.

J. D. Crichton (1941-45), C.A. We offer our congratulations on his appointment as assistant chief accountant, with Spillers Ltd.

Peter Davidson (1948-1954), C.A., completed his Chartered Accountancy examinations and has recently taken up an appointment with a firm of Chartered Accountants in Edinburgh.

Thomas J. Dodd (1935-39) is serving a three year tour of duty with the United States Forces in France with his family. He would like to hear from Strathallians, and can be contacted through the following address: Major Thomas J. Dodd 0526448, Headquarters Verdun Post, A.P.O. 122 (United States Forces), New York, N.Y.

Alastair Gilmour (1952-56) is completing his National Service in the R.A.O.C. and is then taking a managerial position in a Laundry in London. Alastair gives us news of the following old boys—Euan Gilmour (1948-52) is working at Vickers Armstrong Aircraft Company, as an electrical engineer and is married with one daughter. Campbell Duncan (1948-52) has taken on a doctor's practice in Ayr. John Duncan (1952-56) is now serving in the army in Germany in the R.A.S.C.

Graham G. H. Gordon (1955-60) has just completed his first year as a Chartered Accountant apprentice. He tells us that Peter Smith (1956-60) is enjoying his work in the Colonial Service in Northern Rhodesia.

Ian D. Henderson (1926-30), M.B., Ch.B. We congratulate him on his appointment as Deacon of the Incorporation of Barbers in Glasgow, 1960-61.

Ronald William McInnes (1956-60) is taking a course in Radio Communications and Wireless Telegraphy, at the Glasgow Wireless College.

Ian R. A. Macmillan (1953-57), M.A., completed his M.A. course last year, and is entering his final year of his Bachelor of Laws degree. He is Honorary Secretary of the Aberdeen University R.F.C., and Captain of the Aberdeen University Lawn Tennis Club. He gives us news of two Strathallians:—J. M. McInnes is entering his honours year B.Sc. at St. Andrews. W. T. Macpherson recently attended a three month course under the auspices of I.C.I. at Munich.

Alan C. Millar (1949-54) is with the 1st Battalion the Royal Sussex Regiment at present stationed at the Palace Barracks, Holywood, Belfast, and his wedding was on the 7th September in Holywood.

I. B. Milne (1932-39), B.Sc., M.I.S.E., has recently transferred to full membership of the Institute of Civil Engineers. He tells us that he sees Charles Yule of Huntly from time to time who is with Philips & Co., radio engineers in Croydon.

R. A. Peacock (1933-38) in his capacity as Chairman of the Scottish National Committee of the English Speaking Union took the Chair at the English Speaking Union Luncheon in Edinburgh, at which Lord Harewood was the principal guest. We understand that in the meantime J. Alastair Montgomerie (1928-32) is looking after the Glasgow Branch.

Alexander D. Ritchie (1951-54). We congratulate him on his appointment as Director of Mann, Ballantyne & Co., Ltd., Incorporated Insurance Brokers, 183 West George Street, Glasgow, C.2., and at Craven House, 121 Kingsway, London, W.C.2.

Stuart R. Roselle (1954-60) has just started an engineering course at the University of Connecticut.

Maurice D. Rossie (1950-56) is a navigator in the Royal Air Force, stationed at Wildenrath, Germany. He tells us that Donald C. Rossie has returned from Trinidad and now has an appointment with British Hydrocarbon at Grangemouth.

Ian K. R. Smith (1953-59) has concluded the two year course for the Intermediate Examination of the Institute of British Photographers, and is a trainee film camera operator at Turner's Industrial Film Unit, Newcastle.

#### ENGAGEMENTS

DAVIDSON—Peter (1948-1954), Bankhead, Leven, Fife, to Miss Moyra Anne McKenzie, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McKenzie, The Priory, Kelso.

MACMILLAN—Ian R. A. (1953-57), 7 Rubislaw Den South, Aberdeen, to Miss Joan Sinclair of Aberdeen.

MILLAR—Alan C. (1949-54), 26 Queen Street, Helensburgh, to Miss Mary Blanche Nash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Nash, Orchard Hill, Holywood, Co. Down.

**MARRIAGES**

**BROOKER-MILBURN**—H. I. C. (1951-55), to Miss Nora Anne Mackay, at the Dornoch Cathedral on 26th September, 1960.

**CLAYTON**—Alastair J. W. (1946-49), to Miss Maureen Crooks, of Wolverhampton, in July, 1959.

**GILMOUR**—Alastair (1952-56), on 10th September, 1960.

**HADDOW**—Colin D. (1950-55), on 10th June, 1961, to Miss Jean Milner.

**BIRTHS**

**BROOKER-MILBURN** (1951-55)—At Raigmore Hospital, Inverness, on 7th August, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. H. I. C. Booker-Milburn, a daughter, Denise.

**CRICHTON**, J. D. (1941-45)—On 6th June, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Crichton, a daughter, Sheila Margaret.

**DODD**, Thomas J. (1935-37)—On 25th July, 1960, at Fort Hood, Texas, to Major and Mrs. Thomas J. Dodd, a daughter, Merri Kathryn.

**HALL**, John (1941-44)—To Mr. and Mrs. John Hall, 9 Thorn Road, Bearsden, on 13th March, 1961, a daughter, Elizabeth Dorothy.

**POTTIE**, Alasdair D. (1945-52)—To Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Pottie, on 19th May, a son, Graham.

**SHAW**, John C. (1943-49)—On 14th June, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shaw, a daughter, Shirley Jane.

**YATES**, David (1943-47)—On 20th March, 1961, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Yates, a son, David.

**DEATHS**

**DONALD**, Tom (1917-24)—On 28th February, 1961. Tom Donald was a successful Land Agent, Auctioneer and Valuer in Kilmarnock, and also a farmer. He was a keen supporter of the Club and we extend our deep sympathy to his wife and children.

## Our Contemporaries

WE acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines and apologise for any omissions from the list:

The Aberdeen Grammar School Magazine, The Breconian, The Britannia Magazine, The Campbellian, The Corbie, The Crawfordtonian, The Edinburgh Academy Chronicle, The Fettesian, Allen Glen's School Magazine, The Glasgow Academy Chronicle, The Glenalmond Chronicle, The Gordonstoun Record, The Herioter, The Hillhead High School Magazine, The Leys Fortnightly, The Log of the Nautical College, Pangbourne, The Merchistonian, The Monmouthian, The Morpeth G.S. Magazine, The R.A.F. College Journal, *Scota Regia*, Stewart's College Magazine, The Thunderer (R.N.E.C., Manadon), The Watsonian and The Wish Stream (R.M.A. Sandhurst).

