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School Authority

Captain of the School

M. I. M. DAWSON (Head of Ruthven. Left 65¹)

B. M. S. BORLAND (Head of Freeland)

School Prefects

J. R. N. KEECH

(Vice-Captain of the School and Head of Freeland. Left 64³)

A. M. CUMMING (Vice-Captain of the School and Head of Simpson)

A. J. SLOAN (Head of Nicol)

M. G. MADJD (Head of Ruthven)

R. C. G. DRYSDALE, J. P. GALBRAITH, A. G. HOUSTON,

I. K. LAMONT (Left 64¹), N. F. MACMILLAN (Left 65¹),

J. S. HUNTER, W. B. MELVILLE

School Games Captains

Rugby M. I. M. DAWSON

Cricket A. J. SLOAN

Hockey N. F. MACMILLAN

Athletics R. A. TAYLOR

Boxing B. M. S. BORLAND

Cross-Country A. G. HOUSTON

Fencing B. C. YOUNG

Fives W. B. MELVILLE

Sailing T. R. FAWCETT

Shooting C. D. FERGUSON

Swimming A. M. CUMMING

Tennis J. P. GALBRAITH

Editors of "The Strathallian"

M. G. CLARK and C. A. WILLSON-WHITE



*The first Wedding in the School Chapel:
Mr. K. M. Walker and Miss Rosemary Hoare*

Editorial

STRATHALLAN weather being as variable as it is, we here are always likely to be blessed with that traditional gambit of conversation which one imagines would meet with little success if each day was invariably like the last. Nevertheless, there is comfort to be found in J. M. Barrie's epigram: "If it's heaven for climate, it's hell for company."

And does not a philosophical attitude to sudden movements on the barograph imbue us with a similar outlook on life in general? Take, for instance, house-matches. In summer the house professional is to be heard indulging in pleasurable anticipation at the bounce which a sun-baked New Field will impart to his already dangerous deliveries; in winter the same stalwart looks forward to a closely-knit battle in the chocolate-pudding that November rains make of Little Acre. Yet the demand for crutches is, taken by and large, by no means so great as might be expected, and indeed, the only people to seem the worse for wear belong to that extraordinary group of habitual martyrs who appear to find in a permanent hobble a source of superior dignity and pleasure. One wonders what sort of kick they have got out of it.

But even for the lucky ones who can afford to regard life as a series of interesting comedies, there are lessons to be learnt, both from books and from the lives of others. The following pages are intended to furnish ample evidence of the activity of Strathallians, not only at School, but also at home and abroad.

Rev. Canon Derrick-Large

It was with profound regret that the sad news of the death of Canon Derrick-Large in Perth on 2nd September, 1965, was received by all connected with Strathallan.

Canon Derrick-Large came regularly in the past fourteen years out of the goodness of his heart to prepare the members of the Episcopal Church for Confirmation. Despite his arduous parish duties and his precarious health during the past year, he never spared himself; he came out from Perth in all weathers to take Communion services in the School Chapel on Sunday mornings and never missed a service. He always showed a great interest in Strathallan and he and his wife were welcome visitors on Speech Day and at other School functions. As a preacher he had few equals and his sermons were of vintage quality, eagerly looked forward to by the whole School. His ability to bring home a simple lesson pithily and interestingly was characteristic of the man himself.

He had a gay sense of fun and had the wonderful gift of communicating his friendliness and cheerfulness and of making one feel instantly at home with him. No-one left him without feeling a better man; his presence acted as a tonic on all those whom he met and the burdens of the everyday world seemed to disappear.

Although he had no official position in the School, he was part of our life and he will be greatly missed not only by those of us in the School who were in his congregation, but by all who came in contact with him. He will always be remembered by us as a wise counsellor and a wonderful friend; we are deeply grateful to him for all he did for us.

We extend our sincere sympathy to his wife and relatives in their sorrow.

W.N.S.H.

Staff Notes

AT the end of the year we said goodbye to three masters.

Mr. Thomson has left after five years at Strathallan to take over the Mathematics Department at Gordonstoun. He has left his mark on many School activities, including the founding of the pre-service section of the C.C.F. and the running of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme at Strathallan. He was House Tutor of Simpson. He has entertained us with some excellent concerts, primarily intended for the older patients at Bridge-of-Earn Hospital, treated us to some splendid noises on his bassoon, and provided us with Christmas cards. His boundless energy and good humour will be missed, and he and his wife take our best wishes with them.

Mr. Studholme has returned to his native New Zealand. Originally intending to stay here for three years, he was persuaded to spend five at Strathallan, during which he has made a full contribution to the life of the School. He did much to bring about the building of the language laboratory and is responsible for its successful inclusion in the curriculum of those learning languages. He was House Tutor of Freeland. He introduced many boys to winter sports and to music of all kinds, and he ran the Scripture Union. We wish him well at Christ's College, where our loss will be their gain.

Mr. Craig has taught Art on a part-time basis for the past nine years, and many have admired both his own work and that of his pupils. He will still be at Glenalmond, and we hope he will be able to come and see us.

Miss Mackenzie has retired after nine years as Matron of Riley House. She has looked after the welfare of many boys, who will all remember her with affection. We wish her every happiness in her retirement, and we hope she will return to Strathallan to visit us.

This year we welcomed Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Whyte. Mr. Whyte is an Oxford Rugby Blue and Scottish International. We also welcomed Lt.-Col. J. D. Aldridge, who has taken up the new appointment of School Factor.

W.N.S.H.



The Sixth Form Block and (left) the Language Laboratory

School Notes

THE Sixth Form Block was opened by the Chairman of the Governors in November, 1964. Its primary purpose is to house the Arts Sixth, and both teachers and learners have adjudged it a great success.

The new Language Laboratory was opened at the same time, replacing the temporary quarters behind the gym, and many boys have benefited from it.

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A filtration plant and heating system have been installed in the swimming pool.

New lamps have been placed along the drive. They were originally gas-lamps in Edinburgh.

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A six-hole golf course has been constructed alongside the pond and on the mud-flats.

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A small pavilion has been built by the New Field.

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New lavatories and washbasins have been built near the tuck-shop entrance. The showers in the strip-rooms have been modernised.

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Oil-fired heating is being installed in the main School.

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The fives courts are being converted into workshops. Squash is to replace fives, and two new courts will be built shortly.

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A new games field is being laid out behind the gym.

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The Choir and Orchestra accompanied the evening service in St. Giles' Cathedral on July 25th. (See 'Music Notes').

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One of the bedrooms in the maids' quarters was gutted by fire during the winter. E. Smith, the Houseman, was presented with a medal by the Headmaster for his work in preventing the fire spreading.

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R. A. Lamb and R. G. Lawson won Gold Medals in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.

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I. W. L. Brown and N. F. Macmillan played for the Scottish Schoolboys Hockey XI.

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C. A. H. Greig is the Scottish Schoolboys Ski-ing Champion.

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Dr. Fraser represented the Church of Scotland at the funeral service of Sir Winston Churchill in St. Paul's Cathedral.

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A. G. Houston, R. A. Lamb, R. G. Lawson and A. P. D. Wilkinson (Old Strathallian), attended Royal Garden parties at Holyrood House.

Mr. Whyte played regularly for Scotland at rugby.

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We congratulate Miss Rosemary Hoare on her marriage to Mr. K. M. Walker.

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We congratulate Mr. McNamara and Mr. Thomson on their marriages.

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We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Fairbairn, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. Young on the birth of sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby, Mr. and Mrs. McNamara, and Mr. and Mrs. Shaw on the birth of daughters.

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Mr. Studholme would be glad to hear from any Strathallian contemplating going to New Zealand. His address is Christ's College, Christchurch, New Zealand.

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The Staff Cricket XI and the Strathallan Occasionals remain unbeaten.

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There were 354 boys in the School in the Summer Term.

ROBERT BIRRELL CLARK

THE death of Robert Clark in a tragic climbing accident on 8th March, 1965, came as a very great shock to those of us who had seen him as he came back to visit Strathallan year by year from 1957 onwards. For he was less than an hour's journey away during the years when he qualified as a dentist. While he was at school he was always gentle and good-natured, and yet he had a strong streak of determination, because he was frequently injured on the rugby field and still played on with the same enthusiasm each time he became fit enough to play again. With each visit to the School the promise of his earlier years was confirmed for us, and his is one death which carries the "burden of the mystery of all this unintelligible world." Our deepest sympathy goes to his parents and his brother.

R.A.L.B.

N. A. THOMSON

NIGEL THOMSON'S tragic death while at university has been a shattering blow to his many friends. He was a particularly enterprising and energetic boy, ready to talk endlessly but always interestingly on any subject under the sun. He always seemed so much a man of the world, and in fact he spent his holidays all round the Atlantic and must have flown to more places than any of his contemporaries. His continual cheerfulness and friendliness enabled him to get on well with all boys and all masters. His health was not too good during his last year or two here, but while he was at Strathallan his happy nature seemed unquenchable. One of my last memories was of seeing him struggling with a discarded stove to persuade it to manufacture some glass, and this typified his attitude that anything was worth trying, however unconventional. He was the only child of a former Strathallian, and we offer to Mr. and Mrs. Thomson our deepest sympathy. We shall always remember him.

D.E.Y.

Speech Day

THE Annual Speech Day and Prize-giving was held in the Perth City Hall on Saturday, 19th June, when Dr. Samuel Curran, the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Strathclyde University, presented the prizes and addressed the School.

Dr. Curran criticised the recent award of the M.B.E. to the Beatles and said that most people believed these awards were made for services above the demands of duty, and, if they believed that, they could not think this latest example was, in fact, correct.

Emphasising that he was not criticising the individuals but rather the system, he commented: "To many of us engaged in education, such lack of appreciation of the real fundamentals is most disturbing, most alarming."

He went on: "As someone very much involved in considering how, as a nation, we can preserve our place among the leading nations — and it is going to be a very difficult matter indeed — we have to apply in our technology all the intelligence and ability that we can so that Britain remains great.

"We find it disturbing that there are rather fewer than we would like of the very able young people coming into technical careers."

Dr. Curran believed we had to ensure that intelligent young people of both sexes went into such careers, but added: "It is hard to establish any good reasons why they should when it would seem that the financial and other awards go to those who, in fact, do not contribute substantially to the really important things in our national life — when it is demonstrated that the kudos, fame and money all go the other way."

The Headmaster championed the independent schools in his address.

"The primary justification of any school's existence is that it should educate and in this respect no-one has questioned the efficiency of the academic education given by independent schools," he stated.

"It has been stated categorically that there are more uncertificated teachers in the independent schools in Scotland than in the rest of the educational system. To the lay mind, uncertificated must carry the stigma of being unqualified to teach, but all it means, in fact, is that the teacher has not spent one year at a training college. As a result, men with good honours degrees who are teaching their subjects to two years beyond the Scottish Higher level and producing excellent Advanced and Scholarships results are classified along with, for example, eighteen year olds who help out in preparatory schools in their pre-university year. Are university lecturers and professors also in danger of being bracketed as unqualified teachers?"

Recalling a 1961 statement made by the present Minister of Education that "almost every emphasis which they — the independent schools — inculcate on manners and character, on the all-rounder and the amateur, on the insular, the orthodox and the traditional, is wrong from the point of view of contemporary goals," the Headmaster commented: "It would be interesting to know what these contemporary goals are."

"Have manners gone by the board? Is there really no place for the all-rounder in our modern society? Are we all to become technical experts in our own field with narrow one-track minds? One would have thought that in these days of falling standards it was highly important to stress good manners, to produce all-rounders, and to hold fast to the orthodox and the

traditional, sorely beset as they are in these days of Mods and Rockers and pop idols. Should we not look upon Absalom as being stupid for being caught in a tree because of his excessively long hair, or are we now to emulate him and hope for an M.B.E.

He went on: "We are accused of placing too much emphasis on games, but this is quite untrue. We are, however, in the fortunate position of having everything on our doorstep, and instead of spending our time travelling to and from school for possibly one or two hours every day, we can use this time profitably both for games, societies and activities. It has been my experience, too, that the dedication required for efficiency in work and societies and games can be a valuable asset in building character and unselfishness.

"We are accused too of being exclusive, but it is now over twenty years since the Fleming Committee recommended that 25 per cent of our places should go to state school pupils. Although this recommendation was welcomed by independent schools, the project failed because no support was forthcoming, either from the Government or local Education Authorities.

"Many of us have offered to take in boys of Sixth Form level for whom that standard of education is not available in the country schools, and now the independent schools have undertaken if required to find 5,000 places a year for pupils who, under the regulations of the Department of Education and Science, are held to need boarding education.

"I hope that such obvious willingness on our part to adjust to present day requirements will be greeted by a corresponding flexibility on the part of those who, it seems, would wish to remove our individual freedom."

The Headmaster concluded: "It is because parents believe in their freedom of choice that schools like ours exist, and it is to their credit that they are willing to scrimp and save in order to send their children to us, in addition to subsidising other people's children at the state schools.

"Surely the object of all schools, whether independent or state, should be to aim at the highest standards, even if we do not always attain them. I do not believe that this could be achieved solely by bureaucratic legislation and dull uniformity. The very fact that we are independent and have an individuality prevents every boy from being moulded into the same pattern. Without schools such as ours, a boy could well become the creature of the state."

(The programme of the Speech Day Concert is given under Music Notes.)

Speech Day Prize Winners, 1965

The Smith Cup for the Captain of the School	B. M. S. Borland
Prize for the best all-round achievement in the School	L. W. Bell
English Prize	M. G. Clark
French Prize	R. M. Slater
German Prize	R. M. Slater
Latin Prize	M. G. Clark
Latin Essay Prize	M. G. Clark
Geography Prize	E. A. V. Smart
Geography Fieldwork Prize	A. G. Houston
History Prize	M. G. Clark
Biology Prize	D. I. Jeffrey
Physics Prize	J. F. Davidson
Physics Essay Prize	J. F. Davidson
Chemistry Prize	G. R. Eadie
Chemistry Essay Prize	D. I. Jeffrey
Mathematics Prize	R. M. Lyszkowski
Mathematics Essay Prize	G. R. Eadie
Music Prize	A. J. Burnett

SCHOOL PRIZES, SUMMER 1965

Latin	G. Alpine
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DISTINCTION PRIZES, SUMMER 1965

M. G. Clark	R. M. Slater
G. R. Eadie	C. Tingsabadh

FORM PRIZES, 1964-65

IVB—J. Michie; IVC—K. W. Gillanders; IIIA—J. O. McIntyre;
IIB—A. G. D. Hands; IIIC—E. G. M. Targowski; II—D. J. M. Morris;
I—N. J. Fielding.

SALVETE

September, 1964

V—Warburton, R. J. C. (F).

IVA—Tingsabadh, C. (R).

IIIA—Armstrong, A. J. G. (IV); Barns Graham, M. D. (S); Brash, D. G. (S); Eriksen, S. S. (R); Fraser, D. B. (R); Gray, J. A. G. (N); Harrington, M. G. (R); Kellitt, I. D. (F); Low, D. K. R. (R); McArthur, D. W. (S); Muirhead, A. J. (R); Pringle, J. L. (F); Ross, G. M. J. (N).

IIIB—Archibald, G. C. H. (S); Craig, R. A. L. (R); Fearn, L. W. (N); Hubbard, T. F. (S); Jenkins, D. G. (S); Neeson, G. C. (N); Roger, R. J. (N); Szved-Cousins, M. G. M. (F).

IIIC—Anderson, P. J. (S); Blair, J. M. (F); Brown, P. G. (R); Chalmers, A. G. (F); Dinnen, G. S. (S); Hicks, S. P. (F); Robbie, D. M. S. (S); Robertson, J. G. B. (S); Rodger, W. A. (S); Smith, D. A. J. (F); Steven, J. G. (S); Williamson, R. I. (R); Young, G. H. (F).

I—Aitkenhead, M. G. (Ri); Baxter, J. M. (Ri); Bethune, A. W. (Ri); Black, J. J. (Ri); Campbell, A. J. (Ri); Fielding, N. J. B. (Ri); Grant, C. S. (Ri); Howie, D. I. (Ri); Jenkins, R. A. (Ri); Kellitt, A. (Ri); Laidlaw, C. D. G. (Ri); Lunan, T. K. (Ri); Mackenzie, M. T. (Ri); McLauchlan, J. H. (Ri); Robbie, G. G. (Ri); Shanks, R. B. (Ri); Sharp, C. A. (Ri); Wallace, D. F. (Ri); Waterston, N. J. (Ri).

January, 1965

V—Holland, J. D. (R).

IIIC—Hill, J. F. (N); Wearmouth, A. L. (F).

I—Cotton, C. J. (Ri).

April, 1965

IIIA—Lait, S. O. H. (N).

IIIB—Steel, M. J. N. (N).

IIIC—Crowe, A. W. (S); Harrison, G. S. (N); McLeod, D. P. L. (R);

Morrison, I. A. (F); Smith, W. I. (R); Taylor, C. D. McN. (N).

I—Lait, G. C. H. (Ri); Rennie, I. B. (Ri); Watson, A. R. (Ri).

VALETE**Autumn Term, 1964****Schol. VI:**Franklin, D. (S). Came 59¹; IIIA: Exh.; House Prefect 64³; Chemistry Essay Prize 64; A.E.I. Bursary 64; Captain of Ski-ing; Warrant Officer (R.A.F.).*14 Balmyle Road, West Ferry, Dundee.*Keech, J. R. N. (F). Came 59¹; IIIB; House Prefect 63³; School Prefect 64¹; Vice-Captain of School; Head of Freeland; Geography Prize 64; XV 62-63, 63-64, 64-65; Hockey XI 62, 63, Captain 64; Captain of Fives; Athletics; Sergeant (R.A.F.).
*P.O. Box 165, Apapa, Nigeria.*Lamont, I. K. (F). Came 60¹; IIIA; House Prefect 63³; School Prefect 64³; Chapel Prefect; XV 63-64, 64-65; Corporal (Army).*36 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock.*Robertson, B. A. A. (N). Came 59³; IIIC; House Prefect 64²; Corporal (R.A.F.).*314 Strathmartine Road, Dundee.***Upper VI:**Kyle, R. D. (R). Came 58³; IA; Latin Prize 63, 64; Swimming; President of Classical Society; President of Film Guild; L/Cpl. (Army).*Ellesmere, Duke's Ride, Crowthorne, Berks.***Lower VI:**Marshall, I. G. (S). Came 61¹; IIIC; Cadet (Army).*P.O. Box 165, Apapa, Nigeria.***V:**Reid, A. D. (N). Came 61³; IIIB; Hockey XI 64; Secretary of Y.F.C.; Junior Piping Cup 62, Senior Piping Cup 64; Cadet (Army).*Fordhouse of Dun, Montrose, Angus.*Stevenson, S. J. S. (F). Came 61³; IIIC; Cadet (Army).*Corseclays House, Ballantrae, Girvan, Ayrshire.***Spring Term, 1965****Schol. VI:**Macmillan, N. F. (S). Came 60³; IIIA; Sch.; House Prefect 64¹; School Prefect 64³; Chapel Prefect; History Essay Prize 61; Classics Prize 64; Classics Essay Prize 63, 64; XV 63-64, 64-65; Hockey XI 64, Captain 65; Athletics; Cross-country; President of Debating Society; President of Film Guild; Editor of 'The Strathallian'; Librarian; Flight-Sergeant (R.A.F.).*7 Rubislaw Den South, Aberdeen.*

Upper VI:

Dawson, M. I. M. (R). Came 60³; IIB; Howe Prefect 63³; School Prefect 64²; Captain of School; Head of Ruthven; XV 51-62, 62-63, 63-64, Captain 64-65; XI 62, 63, 64; Hockey XI 64, 65; Athletics; President of Y.F.C.; C.S.M. (Army).
189 East Clyde Street, Helensburgh.

Lower VI:

Eadie, G. E. (F). Came 62³; IIIA; Cadet (R.N.).
35 Foxes Dale, Blackheath, London, S.E.3.
Miller, M. M. (N). Came 58²; I; Mus. Sch., Cadet (R.N.).
3 Cluny Villas, Jordanhill, Glasgow, W.4.

Summer Term, 1965

Upper VI:

Alpine, G. (F). Came 60²; IIB; House Prefect 64²; Shooting; Corporal (Army).

Underhill, West Kilbride, Ayrshire.

Borland, B. M. S. (F). Came 59³; IIIB; House Prefect 63³; School Prefect 64²; Captain of School; Head of Freeland; Biology Prize 64; XV 63-64; Captain of Athletics; Captain of Boxing; Cross-country; Secretary of Shakespeare Society; Senior Chorister; Pipe Major; Under Officer (Army).

Datchworth, 20 Hillside, New Barnet, Herts.

Caldwell, C. W. (S). Came 60³; IIA; House Prefect 65³; Sailing; Swimming; Secretary of Science Society; Sergeant (Army).

Oaklands House, Allington Lane, West End, Southampton.

Carruthers, I. T. (R). Came 61¹; IIA; House Prefect 64³; XV 64-65; Athletics; Tennis; Shooting; Secretary of Classical Society; Able-Seaman (R.N.).

25 Dunster Road, Causewayhead, Stirling.

Clinton, C. W. (N). Came 61³; III Inter; Athletics; Sergeant (R.A.F.).
c/o United Paints Ltd., P.O. Box 704, Alrode, Transvaal, Republic of South Africa.

Cumming, A. M. (S). Came 60³; IIIC; House Prefect 64²; School Prefect 64³; Vice-Captain of School; Head of Simpson; XV 63-64, 64-65; Captain of Swimming; Athletics; President of Y.F.C.; Under-Officer (R.N.).

c/o Bank of Scotland, 135 Cathcart Street, Greenock, Renfrew.

Dodd, A. G. (F). Came 63³; Lower VI; House Prefect 64²; XV 64-65; Shooting; Leading Cadet (R.A.F.).

26 Ledcamerock Road, Bearsden, Glasgow.

Donald, J. S. (S). Came 57³; IA; Howe Prefect 65¹; Sailing; Petty Officer (R.N.).

Whinnybrae, Boleside, Galashiels, Selkirk.

Drysdale, R. C. G. (R). Came 61²; IIIC; House Prefect 64²; School Prefect 65²; Chapel Prefect; Athletics; Lance-Corporal (Army).
British Embassy, Tripoli, Libya.

Fawcett, T. R. (F). Came 60¹; IIA; Captain of Sailing; Captain of Highland Dancing; Sergeant (Army).

Wolfelee Hotel, Bonchester Br., Hawick, Roxburgh.

Ferguson, C. D. (N). Came 58³; I; Captain of Shooting; Fives; Leading-Seaman (R.N.).

The Lochans, Strathblane, By Glasgow.

- Galbraith, J. P. (S). Came 60¹; IIA; House Prefect 64³; School Prefect 65²; XV 63-64; 64-65; Captain of Tennis; Sergeant (R.A.F.).
Deilden, Deepdene Park Road, Dorking, Surrey.
- Gibson, T. (R). Came 58²; I; XI 64, 65; Hockey XI 64; Able-Seaman (R.N.).
11 Park Avenue, Dunfermline, Fife.
- Graham, D. C. P. (F). Came 59¹; IIA, House Prefect 64³; Sailing; Fives; Tennis; Able-Seaman (R.N.).
Merleholm, Laighpark Avenue, Bishopton, Renfrew.
- Greig, C. A. H. (S). Came 59²; IIA; Exh.; House Prefect 65²; Captain of Ski-ing; Scottish Schoolboys' Ski-ing Champion 65; Lance-Corporal (Army).
150 Monreith Road East, Cathcart, Glasgow, S.4.
- Hannay, D. R. (S). Came 59¹; IA; Lance-Corporal (Army).
The Mill House, Lochend, Stranraer.
- Hammett, M. P. F. (N). Came 58³; I; Corporal (Army)
Taymount Farm, Kinfauns, Near Perth.
- Henderson, R. M. (R). Came 58²; I; House Prefect 65²; Athletics; Fencing; Corporal (Army).
Rathmore, Crail Road, Anstruther, Fife.
- Houston, A. G. (N). Came 59³; I; House Prefect 64³; School Prefect 65¹; Chapel Prefect; Geography Fieldwork Prize 65; XV 63-64, Athletics; Captain of Cross-country; Flying Scholarship, Warrant Officer (R.A.F.).
c/o Wg./Cdr. A. J. Houston, c/o Lloyd's Bank, Pall Mall Branch, London
- Lawson, A. Y. (R). Came 61¹; IIIA; Cross-country; Tennis; Athletics; Lance-Corporal (Army).
17 Hazel Drive, Dundee.
- Lyszkowski, R. M. (S). Came 58¹; I; House Prefect 64³; Mathematics Prize 65; Athletics, Corporal (Army).
Davaar, 14 Blairforkie Drive, Bridge of Allan, Stirling.
- McIntosh, A. J. (N). Came 57³; I; House Prefect 65²; Athletics; Cross-country; Corporal (Army).
Redcote, Promonade, Leven, Fife.
- Mackay, E. P. (R). Came 60³; IIIB; House Prefect 64³; Shooting; Fives; Swimming; Highland Dancing; Sergeant (Pre-service).
Battery House, 193 Eldon Street, Greenock.
- McNaught, R. M. G. (N). Came 58³; I; Sailing; Sergeant (Army).
156 Muirwood Road, Currie, Midlothian.
- Madjd, M. G. (R). Came 60¹; IIIB; House Prefect 64³; School Prefect 65²; Head of Ruthven; XV 64-65.
Golhak, Tighestan, Teheran, Persia.
- Moore, A. D. (R). Came 61¹; IIIC; Lance-Corporal (Army).
8 Beaumont Gate, Dowanhill, Glasgow, W.2.
- Morrison, D. R. (F). Came 60³; IIA; Athletics; Cross-country; Leading Seaman (R.N.).
14 Church Street, Huntly, Aberdeen.

- Ogilvie, I. R. (F). Came 60³; IIB; Athletics; Lance-Corporal (Army).
Trinmar Ltd., Guapo, via San Fernando, Trinidad & Tobago, W.I.
- Petty, W. M. (R). Came 60⁴; IIIA; House Prefect 64¹; Lance Corporal (Army).
North Manse, Monkton Road, Prestwick, Ayrshire.
- Pott, N. F. M. (F). Came 60³; IIB; House Prefect 64³; Swimming; Corporal (R.A.F.).
Priory Cottage, Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted, Herts.
- Primrose, I. S. (F). Came 59³; I: House Prefect 65²; XI 64, 65; Shooting; Ski-ing; R.A.F. Scholarship; Flying Scholarship (Private Pilot's Licence) Flight Sergeant (R.A.F.).
37 Snowdon Place, Stirling.
- Robertson, J. D. S. (N). Came 60¹; IIIA; Sailing; Cross-country; Petty Officer (R.N.).
c/o 18 Gardiner Street, Prestwick, Ayrshire.
- Sharp, G. R. (N). Came 61³; IIIA; Swimming; Cadet (Army).
Vega, Hughes Hallet Street, Sliema, Malta G.C.
- Sloan, A. J. (N). Came 61³; IVA; Sch.; House Prefect 64²; School Prefect 64³; Head of Nicol; XI 63, 64, Captain 65; XV 64-65; Hockey XI 64, 65; Coxswain (R.N.).
8 St. John's Court, Pollokshields, Glasgow, S.I.
- Smart, E. A. V. (R). Came 61³; IIB; House Prefect 65¹; Geography Prize; Lance-Corporal (Army).
Maple Bank, Jedburgh, Roxburgh.
- Taylor, R. A. (N). Came 60³; IIIA; Captain of Athletics; Secretary of Classical Society; Secretary of Mod. Lang. Society; Corporal (Army).
5 Wildacres, Dartnell Park Road, West Byfleet, Surrey.
- Wilson, W. D. (N). Came 61²; IIB; House Prefect 65²; Leading Seaman (R.N.).
11 Kay Park Terrace, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.

Lower VI:

- Balfour, R. A. (R). Came 61³; IIB; Cross-country; Petty Officer (R.N.).
Stannochy House, Brechin, Angus.
- Gask, A. J. (F). Came 60³; IIB; Librarian, Able Seaman (R.N.).
Newtown Leys, Market Drayton, Shropshire.
- Gloag, M. I. (N). Came 61³; IIIC; Athletics; Cross-country; Lance-Corporal (Army).
Bonhard, By Perth.
- Hicks, R. M. (F). Came 61³; IIIC; Lance-Corporal (Army).
Flat 1, Dunmurry House, Dunmurry, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland.
- McInroy, A. S. (R). Came 61²; IIB; Leading Cadet (R.A.F.).
18 Abertay Street, Barnhill, Dundee.
- Scott, D. A. (N). Came 61³; IIIC; XV 64-65; Hockey XI 64, 65; Athletics; Cross-country; Lance-Corporal (Army).
11 Panmure Street, Brechin, Angus.
- Tindal, K. C. (F). Came 59²; IA; House Prefect 65²; XV 63-64, 64-65; Hockey XI 64, 65; Athletics; Lance-Corporal (Army).
Maol, Isle of Iona, Argyll.
- Warner, G. C. (S). Came 62³; IIIA; Sch.; Cadet (Army).
222 Tantallon Road, Shawlands, Glasgow, S.I.

V:

- Brown, G. I. M. (R). Came 62²; IIC; Able Seaman (R.N.).
Pitcairn Green Hotel, Pitcairn Green Perthshire.
- Browne, I. R. (R). Came 62²; IIB; XI 65; Fencing; Able Seaman (RN)
31 *Gogoside Road, Largs, Ayrshire.*
- Carswell, D. F. (R). Came 61¹; IIC; House Prefect 65²; XV 64-65;
Hockey XI 65; Fencing; Cadet (Army).
Hasland, Glenfarg, Perthshire.
- Fleming, J. A. E. (N). Came 59³; I; Cadet (R.A.F.).
25, *Fitzwilliam Place, Dublin.*
- Fraser, N. (N). Came 62²; IIC; Cadet (Army).
Hailthall Cottage, The Temple, Lower Largo, Fife.
- Holland, J. D. (R). Came 65¹; V.
17 *Darnhall Crescent, Perth.*
- Mackenzie, S. L. (R). Came 58¹; I; House Prefect 65²; XI 64, 65;
Hockey XI 65; Fives; Secretary of Y.F.C.; Cadet (Army).
Parks, Inverness.
- McLaren, A. H. M. (S). Came 61³; IIC; Cadet (Army).
Ulva House, Bunessan, Isle of Mull.
- Paterson, M. B. N. (R). Came 60¹; I; Cadet (Army).
125 *Finnart Street, Greenock, Renfrew.*

IVC:

- Carswell, T. (R). Came 63³; IIC; Cadet (Army).
Hasland, Glenfarg, Perthshire.
- Hannah, B. (R). Came 63³; IIC; Cadet (Army).
Seacliff Hospital, Seacliff, Otago, New Zealand.

I:

- Fraser, C. I. (Riley). Came 64¹; I.
- Roy, C. S. (Riley). Came 64²; I.
Treasure Isle Hotel, Tortola, British Virgin Islands.

Chapel Notes

THE following preached in Chapel during the session:

The Very Rev. Dr. John A. Frazer, Dr. Stewart Thomson, The Rev. W. U. Macdonald, Dr. A. R. R. Reid, The Rev. J. Longmuir, The Rev. Alan B. Robson, The Rev. R. B. Gorrie, Canon Derrick-Large, The Rev. G. A. Buchanan-Smith, The Rev. Keith D. Crozer, The Rev. J. A. Kitchin, The Rev. G. M. Bruce, The Rev. Professor E. P. Dickie, The Rev. P. M. Gordon, Dr. Selby Wright, Dr. Falconer, The Rev. W. C. MacDonald, Professor W. A. D. Riach, The Very Rev. Dr. A. C. Craig, The Headmaster, Mr. R. A. L. Burnet, Mr. C. P. Hewson, Mr. P. R. Spurgin.

CONFIRMATION

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

Carswell, D. F.; Carswell, T.; Dodd, A. G.; Fenwick, M. K.; Ferguson, C. A.; Graham, D. C. P.; Henderson, R. M.; Houston, A. G.; Jeffrey, D. I.; Ladand, P. A. K.; McNaught, R. M. G.; Melville, W. B.; Paterson, M. B. R.; Scott, D. A.; Sloan, A. J.; Smart, E. A. V.; Watson, G. D.; Wilson, J.

A Memorial Service for Sir Winston Churchill was held on January 28th.

We acknowledge with thanks the gift of a bookmark from Mr. J. Marshall of Dunning.

Music Notes

LAST year it was reported that a Junior Orchestra had been started and had performed at two concerts. This year a third orchestra has been created and the Junior Orchestra, now considerably larger with a brass section of two trumpets and two horns, is known as the Second Orchestra. The new third orchestra consists of stringed instruments players who have learnt only for one or two years. We hope that the experience that they gain will stand them in good stead when they reach the Second Orchestra and finally the School Orchestra.

There are now 120 to 130 boys learning musical instruments — well over a third of the School and the highest proportion ever.

At the end of the Christmas term, Choir and Orchestra gave a performance of Part I of Bach's Christmas Oratorio which was followed by a short service of Christmas hymns and carols. The Orchestra was used to accompany the carols at this service and also at the usual Carol Service — this proved to be a very successful innovation.

In addition to two concerts given during the year, an informal one and the Speech Day one, Choir and Orchestra performed in a recital of music at St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh, on Sunday, July 25th, and also sang and played at the evening service which followed. In the recital some of the music played at Speech Day was performed again and in addition Choir and Orchestra combined in Haydn's *Te Deum*. After a rehearsal in the afternoon, in which each performer was rather dismayed by the way in which he was isolated by the acoustics of the Cathedral so that he could barely hear those singing or playing around him, the performance in the evening was a remarkable success. The tape recording made shows how good in fact the acoustics of the Cathedral were. The Choir sounds particularly well in the unaccompanied anthem, "From God shall naught divide me," by Schütz. This occasion made a very satisfying finish to the hard work of the year.

G W.

Anthems sung by the Choir this year have been:

Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake (Tye); Thou visitest the earth (Greene); Hear, Lord (Tchaikowsky); Rejoice in the Lord (Purcell); Let them give thanks (Malcolm Williamson); From God shall naught divide me (Schültz); Nunc Dimittis in G. major (Stanford); "Sleepers Wake" (Bach); Prepare thyself, Zion (Bach); Lead me, Lord (Wesley); Laudate nomen domini (Tye); Let us now praise famous men (Vaughan Williams); O, Taste and See (Vaughan Williams); Magnificat in B flat (Stanford); The Heavens are Telling (Haydn); Ride on, in majesty (Malcolm Williamson); Christ is arisen (Hassler); If we believe (Goss); God is gone up (Croft); He that is down (Vaughan Williams).

INFORMAL CONCERT—24th MARCH, 1965

1. Orchestra
The Dance of the Tumblers *Rimsky-Korsakov*
2. Flute Solo (R. M. M. Lang)
Dance of the Departed Spirits from "Orfeo" *Gluck*
3. The Strathallan Swingles
(a) "Sleepers Awake" *Bach*
(b) Bourrée *Bach*
4. Orchestra
1st Movement of Fifth Symphony *Beethoven*
5. Violin Duet (L. S. W. Tseng and R. A. Lamb)
Sonata *Corelli*
6. Orchestra
Castillane from "Le Cid" *Massenet*
7. Bassoon Duet (N. D. T. and G. C. Warner)
Variations on "Drinking" *Fischer arr. N.D.T.*
8. Second Orchestra
(a) Sleigh Ride *Mozart*
(b) New Coldstream March
9. Tenors and Basses
The Daniel Jazz *H. Chappell*
10. Orchestra
Hoe Down from "Rodeo" *Copland*

SPEECH DAY CONCERT PROGRAMME

1. Orchestra
Overture: Ruslan and Ludmila *Glinka*
2. Two Flutes (R. M. M. Lang and J. C. Bosshardt)
Two movements from: Sonata No. 8 *de Fesch*
3. Orchestra (Oboes and Strings)
Three movements from: Concerto grosso Op. 3 No. 2 *Handel*
4. Choir
Three Hungarian Folk Songs *arr. Seiber*
5. Orchestra
First movement: 5th Symphony *Beethoven*
6. Second Orchestra
(a) Sleigh Ride *Mozart*
(b) New Coldstream March

7. Tenors and Basses

The Daniel Jazz *H. Chappell*

8. Orchestra

"Hoe Down" from "Rodeo" *A. Copeland*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

ORCHESTRA

Violins: Mr. J. Mouland Begbie (leader), L. S. W. Tseng, G. P. Grandison, R. J. H. Neil, C. Tingsabadh, D. M. Fairbairn, R. A. Lamb, A. H. M. McLaren, R. M. G. McNaught, G. L. H. Mure.

Viola: C. S. Y. Gillanders

Cellos: A. J. Burnett, Mr. K. C. Jackson.

Double Basses: D. M. R. Bell, A. C. Mulhall.

Flutes: J. C. Bosshardt, R. M. M. Lang, A. N. H. Guthrie.

Oboes: W. B. Melville, M. W. MacEwen.

Clarinets: Mr. D. A. R. Williams, D. K. MacDougall, G. L. MacEwen.

Bassoons: Mr. N. D. Thompson, G. C. Warner.

Trumpets: A. W. Gardner, G. R. Sharp.

French Horns: R. M. Henderson, A. W. S. Fea.

Timpani: G. Alpine.

Percussion: B. M. S. Borland, W. A. T. Brunton, P. M. Fisher.

R. M. Slater.

Piano: A. G. Balfour.

SECOND ORCHESTRA

Violins: A. J. Gask, J. O. McIntyre, N. L. Wilson, A. C. Paton, I. N. Sinclair.

Viola: R. L. Settles.

Double Bass: A. C. Mulhall.

Flutes: J. D. N. Ovenstone, K. B. King.

Oboe: A. Gray.

Clarinet: I. D. R. Prain.

Bassoon: G. C. Warner.

French Horns: J. M. Blair, P. le P. Barnett.

Trumpets: D. J. M. Wilson, D. H. Muir.

Double Bass: A. C. Mulhall.

Percussion: W. J. S. Grant, R. A. Jeffrey.

Piano: J. S. Houston.

CHOIR

Trebles: J. M. Baxter, A. W. Bethune, J. J. Black, P. G. Brown, K. M. Burnett, M. W. H. Cran, J. R. Davies, L. W. Fearn, N. J. B. Fielding, D. B. Fraser, C. S. Grant, M. G. Harrington, T. F. Hubbard, P. J. Hunter, R. A. Jeffrey, D. G. Jenkins, R. A. Jenkins, I. D. Kellitt, T. K. Lunan, G. L. MacEwen, D. H. McNair, N. M. Munro, C. S. Roy, D. J. C. Sharpe, G. R. S. Smith, M. G. M. Szwed-Cousins, J. G. Steven.

Altos: A. D. Bell, D. G. Brash, A. D. G. Duncan, C. S. Y. Gillanders, N. D. Lane, T. G. Orchard, C. J. J. Park, A. J. Stuart.

Tenors: D. M. R. Bell, B. M. S. Borland, C. H. G. Buchanan, M. G. Clark, A. W. S. Fea, A. Y. Lawson, R. M. G. McNaught, R. C. Paton, W. M. Petty.

Basses: R. D. Anderson, A. G. Dodd, G. R. Eadie, C. D. Ferguson, G. P. Grandison, J. D. Holland, R. A. Lamb, R. G. Lawson, A. J. McIntosh, R. M. Slater, J. C. S. Smith.

The following have passed Associated Board exams:

Tseng, L. S. W., Violin, Grade VIII (distinction).
 Balfour, A. G., Piano, Grade VI (merit); Theory, Grade V.
 Burnett, A. J., Cello, Grade V (distinction).
 Lamb, R. A., Violin, Grade V (distinction).
 Tingsabadh, C., Violin, Grade V (merit).
 McLaren, A. H. M., Violin, Grade V.
 Lang, R. M. M., Flute, Grade V.
 McNaught, R. M. G., Violin, Grade IV.
 Gillanders, C. S. Y., Viola, Grade IV.
 MacEwen, G. L., Clarinet, Grade IV.
 Guthrie, A. N. H., Flute, Grade IV (merit).
 Mure, G. L. H., Violin, Grade III.
 Ovenstone, J. D. N., Flute, Grade III.
 MacDougall, D. K., Clarinet, Grade III (merit).
 Gray, A., Oboe, Grade III.
 Wilson, N. L., Violin, Grade II.
 McIntyre, J. O., Violin, Grade II.
 Fielding, N., Violin, Grade II (distinction).

Library

ON the whole, the library enjoyed a veritable Indian Summer, but for the occasional peak-periods when there was an over-spill from the Sixth Form Block.

People still tended to leave too many "reference books" for weary librarians to replace, and occasionally one was sent away by the powerful smell of orange-peel. Regardless, the library continued to be used with sense, and in some cases, fervour. A look at books taken out in the Easter holidays reveals Wyndham and Shute as the most popular writers of fiction, whilst during the Summer Term, Wodehouse topped the bill, closely followed by Shute and Forrester.

The long-awaited additions to the English section arrived, and there was a noteworthy expansion in the History, Maths, and Classics departments. In deference to one School Prefect's left-wing sympathies, the *New Statesman* joined the magazine table. Perhaps the highlight of the year was the arrival of bound "Strathallians," potential rivals to Keesing's Archives.

The Library has run particularly well this year, and the stamina and enthusiasm of the new librarians (P. A. K. Labard, R. D. Anderson and A. J. Gask) merit applause.

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following books:

Miller and Tiry: The Glasgow Region (Professor C. J. Fordyce); Roget: Thesaurus (Mr. and Mrs. D. Manson); A Selection of British Mountain Tops (2-vol. supplement): (Mr. W. M. Docharty).

M.G.C.

Carpow

LAST Summer the excavations at Carpow begun by Mr. Birley and the boys of the School were continued under the auspices of Manchester University. Two boys were among the volunteer labourers who helped in the exploration of the East Gate, the main task for the year.

The major find was two fragments of a large inscription, originally about ten feet long, one a sculptured panel about three feet square and the other a tantalisingly small part of the inscription.

From so little it is hard to draw any major conclusions, but the size and elaborateness of the inscription, and the solidity of the gateway, show that Carpow was intended as more than a temporary camp for one campaign. The inscription fits in with Mr. Birley's theory that this was an advance base constructed by Severus' troops in A.D. 208-11. The lack of weathering on the stones and the evidence for the deliberate and thorough destruction of the ramparts point to its abandonment soon after.

Work is to be continued on this most interesting excavation this Summer.

Dramatics

DURING this year there has been only one major school dramatic production, that of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," but an innovation in the form of a variety show appeared in the latter stages of a wearying Christmas term. This was an outstanding success, and Mr. Thomson has undoubtedly left us with a taste for more of this kind of entertainment. We also had a visit from a professional group, the two-man cast of Theatre Roundabout, which gave us a good yardstick by which to measure our own amateur efforts.

D.S.R.

“A Midsummer-Night’s Dream”

THIS term saw the very succesful production of “A Midsummer-Night’s Dream” in the Rose Garden, one of the most ambitious dramatic projects the School has undertaken. “A Midsummer-Night’s Dream” is not an easy play to produce, depending as it does on an unreal atmosphere of fantasy quite foreign to an age which has discarded all its beliefs in magic and the fairy world. Therefore it was a wise, if bold, decision to act it in the Rose Garden, which greatly helped in the achievement of this atmosphere; it is easier for a boy to act the part of a fairy among the flowers of the garden than in the austerities of the Gym. The actual size of the Garden was a disadvantage which the skilful direction of Mrs. Burnet and Mr. Rymer had reduced to a minimum, but they could not completely overcome the problem in acoustics caused by a stiff breeze which blew most perversely from audience to actors. The actors rose to the challenge very well and fairly bellowed their endearments, so that we lost very little, and the hidden orchestra in the shrubbery were always mysteriously audible and added greatly to the production.

None of the performances had to be cancelled for the weather, which can be interpreted as a just reward for the great efforts that had gone into this very successful production, by actors and stage staff alike. The most remarkable thing about it was that despite the large cast there was a very high average standard of acting throughout; in most amateur productions there are a few good people on whose shoulders the whole play rests, but this was not the case with this play. So it is perhaps unfair to single out individuals for special mention, but I feel that G. L. H. Mure as Puck, A. R. Sharpe as Bottom, C. A. Willson-White, J. S. Hunter, Miss Stevenson and Miss Meade deserve a special mention for doing so well in such large parts; and of course Mr. Rymer and Mrs. Burnet for their many weeks of hard and justly rewarded work.

J.L.R.W.



"A Midsummer-Night's Dream"

odd remark showed that he really was acting the part and thinking in French as well. He convinced everybody that Dr. Knock was a real character and his performance was up to the highest standard of the chief actors we have had recently in plays in English. Only the lightness of his voice at times, and his speed of speaking French made it difficult for an audience, not so well versed in French, to follow all his words. However, the whole cast acted well and the excitement of constantly appearing characters kept the play alive and moving and the audience deeply interested.

Madjd, on the stage throughout the whole play, undoubtedly bore the brunt of the performance, but he was very ably supported. Slater as Dr. Parpalaid, the old-style country doctor in plus-fours (and a familiar hat), with his old and temperamental car, spoke particularly clearly. Poor Dr. Parpalaid -- "Je ne savais pas qu'il y avait eu un médecin ici avant le docteur Knock," he was told at the end of the play, but Slater made him a very endearing old character. He and Mme. Parpalaid, Alpine, a graceful 6 foot 1, gave a very spirited opening to the play, while Gibson as the chauffeur added a very Gallic touch. He will certainly know how to ejaculate and throw up his hands if he ever gets involved in a traffic accident in France. The car made by Morrison and his stage-hands was the only temperamental thing in the play, because it seemed to be fitted with a seat-ejector.

In Act II Dr. Knock interviewed his prospective patients. In each of the scenes one of the residents came to see what this new doctor was like, ready to laugh at him or patronize him, but left feeling rather ill and ready to start his cure.

Le Tambour de Ville, played by Drysdale, was the first to come and he looked very French in his beret. Off he went to give the announcement of free consultations on Mondays.

Then followed Henderson as l'Instituteur, who went very pale on realising that he too was a potential "porteur de germes." Lawson, M. Mousquet, the Chemist, took a little time to understand Knock's theory that "tous les habitants du canton sont ipso facto nos clients désignés" but in the hope of supplying his wife with much coveted fine clothes he soon fell in with Knock's schemes.

Murray as La Dame en Noir was lucky to have a part more readily understandable by the audience and he spoke up well, though if his "faisceau de Türk" and his "colonne de Clarke" are really like Knock's drawings, he should hastily report to the San.

Pott as the Squire's wife spoke and acted well, though the conversation was less easy for the audience to understand.

McNaught and McIntosh as "les gars de village" obviously had the greatest appeal and everyone understood the command "Deshabillez-vous!" They fooled very well and kept it well controlled. McIntosh is versatile in facial expressions!

The third act brought in only one new character, the Maid, acted by McKay, and he conveyed very well the impression that all was new and bustling in the hospital that had been the hotel. The final meeting of the two doctors concluded the play and the audience was left wondering which, if either of them, was correct. Taylor, in English and a dinner-jacket acted as a sort of compère and assisted the audience greatly.

The sets were extremely good, notably Act II which really looked like the Biology Lab. The School skeleton came into its own.

Mrs. Stewart, J. C. S. Smith and Borland were responsible for the make-up, and Miss Speakman for the costumes, and both of these were excellent.

Both Mr. Studholme, the producer, and all twelve actors put in an enormous amount of time and effort to produce this play. Their work was thoroughly rewarded in the excellence of the acting and the production of a really fast well-spoken play in French. Poor Balfour, trying to follow the cues for the lights had the most difficult time of all.

The audience, a large voluntary gathering, thoroughly appreciated the performance, even if they did not understand it all. The people supposed to gain the greatest benefit however were those who did — the actors.

It is only to be hoped that the "A" Level examiners approve of the French style of M. Jules Romains!

T.C.G.F.

Variety Show, December '64

ARISING out of the regular visits of members of the Pre-service corps to the old people in Wards 1 and 2 in Bridge of Earn Hospital, it was decided to put on some form of Christmas concert, consisting largely of musical items for their entertainment. As the basic idea developed, it gradually snowballed due to the wealth of talent and enormous enthusiasm engendered by its originator, choreographer, lyricist and producer, Mr. Thomson. In its final form it proved a great joy to the old

people and really brought them a breath of the vitality of their lost youth and the spirit of Christmas. If the performers were a little unrewarded by the somewhat overawed and undemonstrative audience, nevertheless it could only be accounted a great success and a wholly worthy achievement.

As an extension of this activity, a modified edition restyled and titled "At the Drip of a Tap," brought a topical breath of professional entertainment and two hours of sheer pleasure to those of the School who contributed a shilling toward the purchase of Christmas gifts for the old folk.

Was ever better value for money obtained? All for our shilling, we were cajoled, convulsed and completely captivated by a swift moving, delightfully varied, and hard working cast. It is almost invidious to single out performances or items, but it would be a shame to let them pass without record. Borland, Robertson and Morrison especially showed their ease on the stage, and their relaxed movement did a great deal to kill any amateurism that might have crept in, Borland and Robertson giving a brilliant boost to the evening in an outstanding comedy misrendering of the "Un-HAPPY WANDERER." Mr. Thomson and Morrison gave us another high spot with a magnificent manual mime accompanying a recitation of "The Yellow Eye of the Little Green God."

There are too many items to mention, but Balfour and Macdougall gave a delightful musical interlude, Dodd and Eadie gave personality to the "Chorus" and several excellent sketches, and Tseng, aided by a poker-faced "sent" Chapman, led a beat group with terrific zest. Borland revealed himself as a "natural" for the dame in any school pantomime as a maid with a stunning Scottish accent presenting a front to a persistent newspaper man. For the others, Anderson, Clark, Lamb, Grant and Lamont, and all the very hard worked electricians offstage, none let the side down, all in their own ways added to the sum total of a delightful, tasteful, and well rehearsed success. "A palpable, positive hit!"—*Daily R.* "Bound to pack them in for years,"—*Melody-Chaser.*

D.S.R.

PROGRAMME

1. Opening Chorus The Company
2. Setting the Scene Borland/Morrison/Clark
3. The Jolly Bolsheviks Clark/Dodd/Lamont
4. McCoy, 500 Miles The Deadbeats
5. The Hippopotamus Borland/Robertson
6. Interlude: (Weber/Mozart)..... Balfour/MacDougall
7. Theatre Merry-Go-Round Morrison/Thomson
8. Spirituals Borland/Robertson

9. Pacifists Clark/Dodd/Lamont/Lawson/Morrison
10. GUEST ARTIST
11. The Unhappy Wanderer Borland/Robertson
12. Into the Space Age Clark/Morrison
13. Jig: The Mucking o' Geordie's Byre Band
14. The New Look C.C.F. Borland/Clark/Dodd/
Lamont/Morrison
15. Chattered Accountancy Thomson
16. The Four-Legged Friend Borland/Clark/Dodd/
Lamont
17. Sha-La-La, Tell Me The Deadbeats
18. Maid on a Hot Tin Roof Borland/Morrison
19. Ancestor Worship Dodd/Lamont
20. The Happy Motorist Clark/Morrison/Thomson
21. Scottish Waltz Band
22. Let's Do A (French) Play ... Borland/Clark/Lamont/
Morrison/Park
23. Final Chorus The Company

The proceeds from this concert were used to buy Christmas presents for the Old People in Wards 1 and 2 of Bridge of Earn Hospital. An abridged version of the concert was performed there on Friday, 11th December.

The producers would like to record their thanks to Perth Theatre for the loan of costumes, to Mr. West for arrangements of spirituals and a violin duo, and to all the masters and matrons who lent properties.

Stage Staff

Stage Direction	Don Morrison
Assistants	N. L. Wilson, A. Gray
Electricians ...	R. A. Balfour, C. A. Willson-White, T. H. Gilmore
House Manager	A. M. Cumming

“A Little on the Crazy Side”

WELL over fifty people in the School combined at the very end of the Summer term to present the second of Mr. Thomson's variety concerts. In an entertainment of this kind, so much depends on team work, that in making any attempt to review the performance, it is grossly unfair to pick out particular performers for praise. That so many people were involved speaks itself for the enormous enthusiasm of the company, which was everywhere apparent. However it is totally impossible not to observe the extra glitter of three people from the vast galaxy, who in a quiet way “stole the show.” McNaught, by sheer involvement in everything he did, added a touch of real professionalism, and it seemed tragic when his imaginary rope snapped and he was thrust to the ground after such a struggle! Lamb, who never spoke a word, but whose quiet charm, and extremely skilled accompaniments, on guitar and harmonica were beautifully timed, kept the musical side moving. Finally, Borland, whose POSITIVELY final performance this was,

worked like a Trojan, and appeared in over half the items in a long programme, added a star quality, and incidentally considerably widened his acting range, notably in an endearing scene in which he wanted to take his coveted Teddybear to bed with him whilst camping.

The musical contributions were of the highest standards. A pantomime chorus, if a little out of season, was delightfully produced at the start, and the professionalism of "Dancing in Kyle" was impressive. Mr. West added a Chopin mazurka, and the title song was of a standard that matched the excellent chorus work, led by a zany Clark.

The balance of sketch, musical item and dance was managed even better here than in the last concert, and this was chiefly due to the dynamism and technical skill of Mure's dancing. (Does this offer new scope, for the production of "musicals" in the future?). Criticism, which is always possible, if it is to be voiced would only have been in the length of the programme, and possibly the weaknesses in make-up rather than talent of the non-musical sketches; however this was small complaint of an evening which reached heights of mirth (Mr. Young as a "pop" pianist straight from the 1920's) raciness, (Borland as the luscious "Lulubelle" in "Signa Magna Carta Day") and relaxed folk singing (Borland and Lamb, joining forces for the "Adelphi Arches," and Black and Carruthers providing an outstanding accompaniment to two melancholic melodies of the moment). Perhaps this latter melancholic mood was the sad taste left in the mouth, for with this entertainment, which followed the Leaver's Dinner, many of the cast and not least the producer were bidding us their gentle farewells. These will be hard gaps to fill and difficult standards to follow, but to Borland, Morrison (responsible for a delightful set) and to Mr. Thomson. I feel sure the rest of the cast and the School say a great thank-you for being "A Little Bit on the Crazy Side."

D.S.R.

Perth Theatre Visits

VISITS to the repertory company's performances were continued this year. The company was particularly strong on the male side, and the standard of performance was rather higher than in the last few years. The plays visited were: *The Physicists* (Dürrenmatt); *The Applecart* (Shaw); *The Second Mrs. Tanqueray* (Pinero); *The Doll's House* (Ibsen).

A small party visited the Perth Amateur Operatic Society's performance of "The Yeomen of the Guard," which provided an interesting comparison with our own performances two years ago. Five of our cast were in the party.

D.S.R.

Words Written on the Death of a Strathallian

They prayed today in Chapel
 For his soul,
 For he was one of us.
 Dead now,
 Gone, we know not where.
 And suddenly our little world
 Was not so secure
 as we would have it be,
 School walls it seems
 Cannot keep out the sound
 of death's feet
 In the world beyond,
 He was once what we are now,
 Did what we do.
 Sinned where we sinned,
 And now
 is dead.
 No more to see the sky, sun, grass,
 And so
 We forget.
 In weeks
 or months
 Or for some
 years
 That he was ever
 What we are now.

G.R.S.

The Way to Make It Sell

THE minute he saw the bedraggled young man enter his office, a thick bundle of papers under one arm, he realized that there was talent in this thin, wiry frame. The youth's eyes were bright, his gaze unfocussed as if he had experienced some miraculous vision, and his voice shook with unnatural emotion. The editor of the establishment noticed that his clothes, hanging

untidily from his slight form were dusty, and his shoeless feet covered in mud and bruises which can only come with days of walking.

In a timorous voice, the youth spoke. His words came hastily, almost mumbled, and the editor had difficulty in understanding his northern dialect. Probably from Antioch, he thought.

"I've got a story here which might interest you," he said. The editor took the worn bundle of manuscript from him and glanced through it rapidly. "I suppose you know that we only go in for the . . . how can I put it? more popular type of stories. After all, our books have to sell." The youth nodded quickly. It was obvious that he had tried, and failed, in many other more respectable establishments before coming to this office.

"I wasn't actually going to publish it, but times have been hard lately, and I've needed the money." And then added, as if as an afterthought, "It's a true story." The editor had heard the same words numerous times, and was beginning to weary of this rather too enthusiastic young man. In any case, true stories were harder to sell, he knew, unless, of course, one was prepared to add a few touches here and there which would appeal to his public.

"Well, what's it about, son?" he asked quietly, settling back in his chair wearily.

"It's about this man — the name doesn't matter at present since you won't have heard of him — who gets inspired and devotes his life to preaching. In the end his ideas become a little too "avant-garde" for the church leaders who arrest him and execute him after a mock trial. That's the story in short. Of course there's a lot more to it than just this. He was really inspired, and an intelligent, compulsive speaker. There were rumours, conjured up by the hysterical crowds that he spoke to, of his magical powers. This is incidental of course. His real aim, I'm sure must have been to revive a truly personal religion; one in which the manner of worshipping should mean nothing. But then you know how rumours grow.

"Well, I can't say I've heard of him . . . but those magical powers interest me. We could build them up a bit. People like that sort of thing." The editor's eyes glowed now and his fat hands moved excitedly. "Look! I'll make a proposition with you. If this book sells, you can write a sequel to it. I can get the end changed a little by one of the boys here at the office. We won't have him dying. His friends can come and claim his body, put him in a vault thinking him dead. He can then recover during the night and walk off, causing a bit of a sensation

among his friends. Then he meets a few of them and tells them that he'll return after the affair has blown over. The novel can finish with them waiting for his return, and in your next story you can have him come back to his old country."

The youth gazed at the editor's beaming moon-like face. His own contained a mixture of grief and bleak acceptance. Slowly, almost painfully, he nodded his head in agreement. It was painfully obvious that he hated having to sell this story to be shortly so cheaply mutilated, and to allow this story of inspiration to be twisted into an adventure novel. Yet he was desperately poor and while his heart said no, his whole body screamed yes.

The editor paid him for the work and the youth agreed to start immediately on a sequel. As he walked slowly out into the streets of dusty Caesarea the editor shouted out quickly, "Now don't go and get yourself into trouble. You've got a good future ahead of you if this book sells."

The book sold well indeed, but the young man was never again seen by the editor, who may still be waiting in old Philippi for the sequel.

P.J.B.

Donald — A Cautionary Tale (with apologies to H.B.)

Young Donald was a happy boy
Forever full of fun and joy,
And when he first went to his school
He did not grumble like a fool,
But laughed and sniggered happily.
However, his great levity
Was marked with evil thought, you'll see.
When he was told his aunt had died
He merely chuckled; ne'er he cried.
And when he stood on BOWSER'S tail
His sides split when he heard the wail.
It chanced one day — young Donald found
His homework books inside the pound.
He did not pay to get them out,
But gaily cried, "Ha! Ha!" — the lout!
It chanced that Mr. Sim, a master,
Heard the great noise and feared disaster.
He dropped the tea which he was quaffing,
Ran to the boy, and found him — laughing!

SIM asked him what the matter was.
DON answered, "Sir, I laughed because
My prep. books lie inside the pound!"
" 't were better you lay underground!
You'll wish you lay inside a tomb."
Quoth Mr. SIM, "Go — to my room!"
The boy obeyed. Good Mr. SIM
Followed, and promptly caned him!

MORAL:

Laugh not at troubles, e'en if a few
Do not intensely worry you.
(And of this point, I'd certain be
That Belloc would agree with me).

T.F.H.

The Depressed Non-Swimmer

O friend if thou hast pity rare,
I pray thee, pour it over me;
List to a fellow in despair,
And he will give his heart to thee.
Full oft I've indoor waters scanned,
And watch'd th'achieving bodies glide;
But I am of another land
With failure slouching at my side.
My voices pull me, I depart.
Unto th'uncarthly pit I go,
But quakes and chills awake my heart;
If they were gone, I'd win — I know.
And this I will plant into you,
And it will flower a later day —
Some do what I will never do,
And say what I will never say.

ANON.

The Lewington Bassoon

(To commemorate a recent School purchase.)

Does the scraping of a fiddle make you gnash your teeth with
pain?
Does the wailing of an oboe cause distraction of the brain?
Are your tortured eardrums craving for a soft and langorous
croon?
Then clearly you need soothing with a Lewington bassoon.

In dark diaphragmatic depths begins the mellow sound;
 In larynx and œsophagus its origins are found;
 Abdominal vibrations must reverberate in tune
 To produce the fruity sweetness of a Lewington bassoon.

Epiglottal oscillations of a sinusoidal kind
 Send the prefatory zephyr on its tonsillitic grind
 Producing cheek distension like an overblown balloon —
 A necessary requisite on Lewington's bassoon.

With a reedy bamboo trembling the note begins to speak,
 And proceeds through miles of tubing with here and there a leak,
 Emerging through a collar which you can't afford to prune
 If you wish the greatest goodness from the Lewington bassoon.

With what skill it turns the corners at the very spots it should
 And gives a little gurgle where the plumbing's not so good
 Until at last emerging like a fly from a cocoon
 A puffing, purring poop proclaims the Lewington bassoon.

Seismographical disturbances attend the joyful sound
 And decibels uncouneted in the neighbourhood resound.
 Oh turn an ear to listen — it will fade away so soon,
 The last soft wistful whisper of the Lewington bassoon.

N.D.T.

(And to commemorate a sad loss — *Editor*)

Tour of Italy

A COMBINED party of boys from Strathallan and Glenalmond set out for a two week tour of Italy during the Easter holidays. Although the plane left Gatwick two hours late, although the plane itself was unbearably noisy, although the driver of the "luxury coach" was missing at Bologna and although one and a half hours was spent searching for the pensione in Florence, the first day went smoothly. Florence was charming: sun-baked Renaissance statues and palaces, and one's first taste of Italian food enhanced one's enjoyment. An excursion to Pisa, whose leaning tower has no railings on the balconies, proved quite exciting. Next stop Rome with lunch en route at Siena, whose Cathedral and winding streets were charming. The pensione in Florence had been awful but the one at Rome, near St. Peter's, was good. We "did" the sights as quickly as possible but on one excursion outside the city the bus broke down (it was hardly "luxury" and to say that the driver and guide were on about the same level as their vehicle is not being excessively impolite.) We were lucky to see the Pope being cheered and clapped inside (!) St. Peter's and the weather was generally good. By this time we were dying for a cuppa or

some bacon and eggs as the food seemed singularly monotonous. But Vico Equense offered superb dishes and as the ice-cream was better and cheaper there than elsewhere, memories of this Sorrentoesque town will be gastronomical. The weather was becoming rather British now but visits to Pompeii (nearly as good as the "Hell Fire Club"), Vesuvius, Naples, and Sulfatara's bubbling lava were interesting. If anyone got bored there was always dancing with the Welsh girls from another hotel. Then we had a long, slow, laborious journey across the country to Rimini with lunch at charming Assisi. Rimini didn't have much to offer except B.R. employees on holiday and endless rows of deserted hotels but a trip to Venice proved the highlight of the tour. The sun didn't shine (so the canals didn't smell) but the city was enchanting. For once there were no modern buildings to spoil the effect of "other wordliness." The wonderful Doge's Palace, St. Mark's Cathedral and its square, the Rialto and the Grand Canal made one feel as if one was treading on history, something not really experienced anywhere else. The return journey to London was "negotiated" in couchettes and crowded Channel steamer. Thanks should be given to Messrs. Barker, Craig, and Johnson whose guidance and knowledge made the tour the success it was.

A.J.B.

Angling Club

FOR the thirty optimistic members of the Fishing Club, 1965 will be remembered as a season of experiences and surprise. The new members found that weed-clearing was one of their piscatorial duties and even the *hadiest's* enthusiasm was dampened by regular immersion in the pond's chill water. Some malcontents even considered resigning.

There have, however, been other features that have made this a very successful year. Of the forty fish caught in the pond before Speech Day (after which the heavy weed makes it unfishable except for the dry-fly purists) only four have been under the eleven inch limit. The increase in the average weight over last year's figures is a full five ounces, and if this continues one can safely predict that in two seasons time leviathans of two pounds and over will be commonplace.

Mr. Williams has again devoted a great deal of his free time to the Club, not only in his capacity as an administrator and taskmaster, but also as our most frequent contributor to the record-book. Our thanks and congratulations are thus due to him on these accounts.

A.J.M.

ANGLING CLUB OUTING TO LOCH LEVEN

ON the 3rd of July six members of the Angling Club set out for Loch Leven with Mr. Williams to fish as guests of the Strathallan Angling Club. There were seven Old Boys there to meet us, and after being allocated our boats we fished for eight hours with very little success. Fish were caught for the School by Crawford — one, and Mr. Williams, who had two. The Old Boys caught four trout weighing 3 lb. The day was enjoyed by all, in spite of the small baskets, the weather being sunny with short periods of rain.

The evening was passed in the Bridge-end Hotel in Kinross, where the Old Boys entertained us to light refreshments and high tea. A most enjoyable evening was had by everyone present.

(Those who were present:—K. T. M. Bell, B. J. F. Crawford, A. W. S. Fea, W. R. O. Inch, N. C. Ness and R. M. Turner.)

R.M.T.

Astronomical Society

IN the Winter term of 1964 and the following Spring term the Astronomical Society came back into active existence.

This was entirely due to the purchase by the School of a 6-inch reflecting telescope.

The first meetings of the Society were of a very instructional nature and the numbers of people attending dropped. This was rather as expected and left a core of people who were genuinely interested.

Little observational work was done due to the weather and the lack of a permanent place to house the telescope.

The latter of these problems, at least, has been solved and it is hoped that the Society will have an active observational programme by the end of 1965.

G.R.E.

Classical Society

OFFICE-BEARERS

	<i>Winter '64</i>	<i>Spring and Summer '65</i>
President:	R. D. KYLE	M. G. CLARK
Secretary:	M. G. CLARK	P. A. K. LABAND
Treasurer:	—	A. J. GASK

DESPITE the "science-society drain," the Society has flourished and a certain amount of enthusiasm has emanated from younger members.

Lectures covered a wide field: "Roman Education" (R. D. Kyle), "Humour in the Ancient World" (R. I. M. Murray), "Roman Historians" (C. B. H. Anderson), "Medicine in the Ancient World" (P. Cartledge), "Ancient Explorers" (Riddell), and "Pyramids" (A. J. Gask); two films, a "Roman Holiday" and "Classic Holiday" were shown, and M. G. Clark chaired the debate over the part played by the classics in modern education and the session of "Any Questions," (where Mr. Hewson, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Wilkie were on the panel).

Attendance fluctuated between four and forty.

Perhaps the highlight of the session was the showing of slides of ancient buildings and culture on Speech Day, and the spirit behind the play, "Almetus and Alcectic," written by G. C. Archibald and T. F. Hubbard. Amongst the stars were A. E. M. Laband, J. C. Murray, J. M. Blair, Richards, and Keown.

Lastly, our thanks go to Mr. Wilkie for taking members to Glenalmond for discussion, and to both him and Mrs. Wilkie for their hospitality at the reading of "Why So, Socrates?"

M.G.C.

Ballroom Dancing

BALLROOM dancing classes, held during the Christmas and Spring terms, were attended by many boys from both upper and lower Sixth Forms. Under the instruction of Miss Le Mesurier, everybody was taught the basic steps of the waltz, quickstep and samba, and could perform them reasonably well by the Christmas holidays.

The Class was split into two shortly after the beginning of the Christmas term. Six boys who had had lessons previously formed the advanced class. They were taught the dances necessary for the Amateur Ballroom Bronze Medal Test. The other class did not take the Test, but were taught the steps of two or three additional dances during the Spring term. An instruction dance was held with the girls of Seymour Lodge at the end of the Christmas term to which both classes went. It proved to be very enjoyable and beneficial to all concerned, in one way or another.

During the Spring term, the advanced class had several lessons at Seymour Lodge with the girls who kindly offered to partner them in the Bronze Test. The Test itself took place in Glasgow, at the end of the term. All six boys passed, four commended, and two highly commended, and the girls who took the Silver Test also passed.

We extend our thanks to Miss Le Mesurier, to Mr. Fairbairn who organised the classes, and to the girls of Seymour Lodge for acting as such kind hosts to us.

G.A.

Highland Dancing

UNDER the competent guidance of Miss Farquhar, the team, consisting of T. R. Fawcett, E. P. Mackay, G. L. H. Mure and D. D. C. Biggart, won the team dancing at the Edinburgh Band Competition, whilst Mackay and Fawcett came 4th and 5th respectively in the individual event.

On Speech Day, eight people danced on the lawn. This was appreciated by all and our thanks go to Pipe-Major Borland for playing and practising with us.

G.L.H.M.

Debating Society

THE Debating Society has unfortunately never regained the tremendous popularity that it enjoyed about three years ago. General support from the School was sadly lacking and very few people bothered either to forward ideas for motions or to volunteer to speak themselves. The Society meetings lost much of their attendance to other societies despite attempts to avoid this. Much of the Society's support came from N. F. Macmillan, M. G. Clark, D. R. Morrison and R. C. Kyle.

In the Winter term, N. F. Macmillan and D. R. Morrison represented the School at the inter-school's debating competition, organised by the English-Speaking Union, at Perth Academy. The motion was "that this House believes that the interests of the Commonwealth should be secondary in determining Britain's proper place in Europe." Owing partially to the lack of humour on the part of our speakers, we lost. However, not to be discouraged, we are planning to enter again next year and perhaps if we learn from our experience, we shall do better.

A mock election was held sometime at the beginning of the Winter term. M. G. Clark and G. P. Grandison spoke for the Conservatives and D. R. Morrison and A. M. Cumming spoke for Labour; the Scottish Nationalists were not represented. This meeting of the Society had one of the largest attendances of the session. Labour were defeated by about 60 votes. Throughout the year we have seen one or two promising speakers in our small audiences and it is hoped that the future of the Society will be a lot brighter.

D.R.M.

Film Guild

SEVERAL short films, followed by discussion, were shown once again this year. They included documentaries from Germany and Hungary, and the award-winning "We are the Lambeth Boys." It is to be hoped that, as the Guild is self-supporting financially, enough Sixth Formers with an intelligent interest in the cinema as an Art, will join next session to ensure that the Society continues.

W.S.W.

Fly-Tying Club

THE increasing interest in the Club over the last year has been reflected in a considerable growth in membership. Although our potential craftsmen now number about thirty, the output in our end-product, fishing-flies, has not increased proportionally. But as experience is gained there is every reason to expect that an active group of these enthusiasts will carry on this interesting and profitable activity.

A.J.M.

Modern Language Society

THE Society functioned throughout the Winter and Spring terms, and was, on the whole, very well supported. The programme during the year was varied and interesting. Films were obtained from the German Embassy and from the French Institute of Edinburgh on various aspects of modern Continental life, and lectures on various topics were delivered by members of the Society. We are very grateful to Herr Hanspeter Kappeller of Aberdeen University who came down to speak to us on Austria. As with last year, a session for the reading of poetry in various languages was arranged, and though not everybody could understand the precise meaning of the poems, the general atmosphere was appreciated. On one occasion, Mr. Studholme played a selection of his modern French records, and this meeting was marked by the fact that the Chemistry Demonstration Room was packed to overflowing!

It is regrettable that so many Seniors were unwilling to play a leading part in the Society's affairs — in fact most of our Sixth Form support came from Scientists!

Our thanks must go to Mr. Studholme for taking boys in regularly during the winter months to the Franco-Scottish Society in Perth to listen to visiting French lecturers, and for putting so much into the smooth running of the Society. His presence will be missed in future years.

Secretary for the year was M. G. Madjd, and President, R. M. Slater.

R.M.S.

Photographic Society

THE dark-room has undergone several major improvements during the past year. Both woodwork and walls were repainted, and a surface of Formica was put on the work-bench and other working surfaces. A darkproof ventilator was installed in the door, and a new table for print baths was made for us by the School workmen. The result of these improvements is that the room is much cleaner, drier, and more dust-free than it was before.

Numerous pieces of equipment, such as enamel dishes, a dish warmer, a small glazing machine, and a film drying rack, have been purchased, and the Society now has a well-equipped and efficient dark-room.

We are very sorry that Mr. Thomson has left the School, and are deeply indebted to him for his guidance and his keen interest in the Society. We are also obliged to Mr. Shaw for kindly offering to replace Mr. Thomson as President.

R.G.L.

Pipes and Drums

THE Pipe Band has been excellent this year. Not only has the playing been of a high standard, but the general turn-out, execution of drill movements and overall appearance of the Band on parade has been first class.

The Band played at the usual internal functions, and in addition were invited to play at several external engagements: The Civil Defence Field Day at Camperdown Park, Dundee; The Reunion of the Galipoli Veterans at Rossie House, Forgan-derry; Abernethy Gala Day. Every one was able to enjoy these outings thoroughly, being free from the strain of competition conditions.

Only one piper and one drummer were missing from last year's Band, so it was a fairly experienced Band that entered the competitions this year. Because of the high standard a heavy set was chosen for the competition set: "Balmoral Highlanders," "Rose Among the Heather," "Over the Isles to America," "All the Blue Bonnets are O'er the Border."

In the West of Scotland Competition in Glasgow, the Band were placed second, beaten by a narrow margin by Morrison's Academy Band. Five bands entered. Mackie and Rennie were placed first and second respectively, in the Junior Solo Piping competition. This is the first time a Strathallan piper has won the Junior competition.

In the East of Scotland Competition in Edinburgh, the Band again achieved second place, closely beaten by Morrison's Academy Band. Nine bands competed. This was the first time a Strathallan Band had reached a place higher than third in the Edinburgh Competition. The officer inspecting the Band congratulated us on our smart turn-out. Cpl. Fisher was placed fourth in the Senior Drumming Solo Competition.

For the competition band, last year's example was followed and only six pipers and six drummers were selected. On other occasions the Band was enlarged to nine pipers and seven drummers.

The young pipers and drummers are showing promise and should keep up the high standard in the future.

We would like to thank Pipe-Major Sinclair, Drum-Sergeant Wilson and Mr. Henderson, for their hard work and keen interest in the Band.

In the inter-house competition:

Senior piping solo was won by Sgt. G. G. Wallace.

Junior piping solo was won by Ppr. B. C. Young.

Senior drumming solo was won by Cpl. J. A. Fisher.

Junior drumming solo was won by Drm. A. A. Stirling.

B.M.S.B.

Saint Andrew's Night

ONCE again on the 30th November the Gym was filled with dancing figures, and an extremely pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent by all who went.

T. R. Fawcett ran the proceedings which included dancing to Mr. Thomson's excellent Scottish Dance Band, two displays of Highland Dancing, which was particularly good this year, and most promising performances by the Pipes and Drums, which were on excellent form and as deafening as usual in the Gym.

The evening finished with refreshments in the Music Room.

Our thanks go out to all who made the arrangements for the evening and specially to the performers.

One sad thing was noticeable, that not so many boys attending really knew the less ordinary dances, and even "Hamilton House" in one or two sets looked like some very tangled knitting. This must be remedied for next year.

T.C.G.F.

Science Society

THE Society, in its fifth year, has once again been extremely successful. Membership has grown to a hundred, although it must be said that on no occasion did the attendance at a meeting even approach this figure.

Continuing the change of policy fewer films have been shown. Instead, more lectures from members, masters and visitors have been given. The highlights of the year have been the visits of Dr. Ferrier and Dr. Magnus Pyke.

In the Winter term, Lamont was chairman, and on his departure his place was taken by Watson. Caldwell has been secretary, and Cumming and Smith committee members.

C.W.C.

The Scripture Union

THE Scripture Union has been meeting every Sunday and has enjoyed another successful year. It has again been run by Mr. Studholme and the committee has been W. M. Petty and R. I. M. Murray. The programme has been varied and has included talks over a wide range of subjects. Speakers included Mr. Grigsby, Mr. Grainger from Perth Academy and Mr. Frank Chitila from Malawi who spoke on "Science and the Christian Faith," "The Christian Choosing a Career" and "Mission Work in Malawi," respectively. A number of the film-strips were also shown during the year, one of them by Rev. R. B. Gorrie. When nothing else was planned discussion groups were held and these proved valuable, in spite of a tendency to stray from the subject. Perhaps the highlight of the year was a trip into Perth to hear the Gospel Rhythm Group, "The Heralds," an outing which was appreciated by all who went.

Numerically the year began most encouragingly, about sixty members attending the first few meetings. However, this high attendance was not kept up, although all the meetings were reasonably well attended.

Mr. Studholme is leaving at the end of term and we take this opportunity of thanking him for all he has done and in giving him our good wishes for his next post.

R.I.M.M.

Shakespeare Society

THE Society has had another successful year, during which a wide variety of plays has been read. It has continued to broaden its scope by reading modern plays which have indeed provoked the most interesting discussions. The readings of John Whiting's "Penny for a Song," and of "Hamlet" were perhaps the most successful, with "Gentle Jack," by Robert Bolt, a close third.

Once again we wish to thank all those members of Staff and their wives whose hospitality and reading have combined to make this a very successful year.

W. A. Brunton has been succeeded as Secretary by C. A. Willson-White.

W. A. B.

Wing-Forward

WE would like firstly to thank the Bursar's secretaries both for their help and for the use of amenities. Our thanks goes also to our censor, Mr. Johnson, our "ad-men," and our persevering "printing" squad. We hope they will continue with renewed vigour next term.

This year several editions appeared at irregular intervals on paper of varying quality and colour. We saw the emergence of our answer to Eton's big mistake, James Bond, the incorrigible Justin Tyme. In addition, efforts were made to bring the magazine more in line of the picture-dailies by means of "fitba" and "beat" columns (and occasionally some murmurings in the *Daily Worker* vein).

But, in general, a hard time we had of it, stirring people to take up that mighty instrument of little men. What is wrong? One degree under? Too much pop-music? Whatever the evil spirit is that keeps people quick to scoff and slow to write, let's hope it will be exorcised by next term.

M.G.C.

Young Farmers' Club

THE Club has not had as successful a year as was hoped. Films which were ordered were not available, and a trip to the S.U.I. grass plant at Leith had to be cancelled. Following the advice of our chairman, A. M. Cumming, most lectures were given by Club members. This proved to be a success and it is hoped that this policy will be continued.

S.L.M.

Combined Cadet Force

THE Annual Inspection took place on Friday, 11th June, when the G.O.C. in C. Scottish Command, Lieut.-General Sir George Gordon-Lennox inspected the contingent. The general salute, inspection and march-past went extremely well and the General inspected training in the afternoon which included Pre-service field cooking and rescue work, naval boatwork and cliff assault, camouflage and patrol exercises and R.A.F. initiative exercises. The Band played specially well for the march-past. We thought it a very successful visit and were very glad to be hosts to the G.O.C. U/O Cumming was in charge of the parade, as Senior Mr. Morland was also pipe-major and was leading the Band.

Sunshine parade on Speech Day was very nearly rained off but the clouds cleared just in time, and the usual impressive ceremony, of which we are justly proud, took place under the excellent command of U/O Cumming. Detachments were under the command of Cox Sloan, Sgt. Fawcett, Sgt. Caldwell and F/Sgt. Primrose. All cadets on parade were extremely smart.

March 5th was a special R.A.F. day, when we were hosts to a number of Old Boy serving officers. A special exhibition was laid on by the Air Force as well as a fly-past and helicopter lifts. The whole day was under the supervision of Group-Capt. J. W. Allan, and was organised by an Old Boy, Squadron-Leader Eric Smith. The climax of a very successful afternoon came with a most accomplished and informative lecture by Squadron-Leader St. Aubyn on Space. If the forces want to impress us and get recruits, days such as this might well be copied by the other Services.

A short parade in memory of Sir Winston Churchill was held on the Friday after his death, at the request of the Royal Naval Section — a very informal tribute to a “Former Naval Person,” and a tribute coming entirely from the boys, none of whom of course were even alive in 1945.

Both Band Competitions this year placed us second, with which we were very pleased, and which confirmed our own opinions of our Pipes and Drums. In the Edinburgh Competition the dancers did magnificently to win their competition for the first time ever. Cpl. Fisher was fourth in the individual drumming but no other individual came very high, which shows that the teamwork of both Band and dancers was very creditable.



In Memoriam: W.S.C.

Successful Camps were held by all sections. The Army section owe their thanks to the T. & A.F.A. for Orkney and Zetland, and to the Lovat Scouts who helped them greatly in their camp.

Training continued as usual through the year, though next year we are making some experiments with longer periods of training which will take place less frequently than every week, and more inter-service training.

We are very sorry to lose the services of Mr. N. D. Thomson who has organised and created the Pre-Service syllabus, and whose camps at Rothiemurchus have been exciting. We hope to continue the same type of training and hospital visits in his tradition. Also to our great regret F/O R. N. Johnson has decided to put his uniform into moth-balls, and he will no longer be in the Corps, though we should be able to have his help on special days such as Field Days.

We have many outside helpers to thank without whom it would make our training much less interesting, among whom are the R.N.R. Tay Division, H.Q.R.A. Highland District, 51 (H) Signals Regt. T.A., H.Q. Air Cadets, Scotland, and the Civil Defence.

The Naval Section were particularly grateful to get a new boat, the Army Section were specially thankful for calm waters to and from Orkney, and the R.A.F. Section rejoiced in their special day and visiting Germany for Camp.

My thanks are due to all Officers of the Corps who put in a great deal of hard work.

N.C.O.'s i/c:

R.N. Section—U/Officer Cumming.

Army Section and Pipe Major—U/Officer Borland.

R.A.F. Section—W/O Houston. A. G.

Pre-Service—Sgt. Mackay.

Armoury—C.Q.M.S. Bell.

T.C.G.F.

Army Camp, 1965

ONCE again a party from School set off to Stromness in the Orkney Isles for Annual Camp.

The party of about 50 boys and 5 officers met at Aberdeen on April 27th and set off for Kirkwall on the M.V. "St. Ninian". This journey was, fortunately, much smoother than the one encountered last year and very few people were sea sick. On being wakened up the next morning our first impressions of the Island were very favourable. It was a beautiful day with the sun shining brightly. This was in fact a feature of our whole time on the Island, rain falling only on the day of our departure.

When everybody had dressed and disembarked a bus took us across the Island to Stromness and to our Camp. This was Ness Battery, an old war-time artillery battery now used for Camps such as our own. Little time was wasted in unpacking and after breakfast we got straight down to the tasks of the day. The whole Section was split into four groups, each group doing a different exercise every day.

Two of the days were spent on truly military work, one on the range and the other out in the wilds firing blanks and attacking and reattacking the "enemy."

The other two day's training were of a less military nature and allowed us to see some of the natural beauty of the Islands. Everyone spent one night on the neighbouring Island of Hoy, sleeping in the Youth Hostel there. This had not been possible the previous year because of bad weather but this year conditions were perfect. The day was spent walking around the northern half of the Island having our characteristic packed lunch overlooking the world-famous "Old Man of Hoy," a huge pillar of rock protruding 350 feet straight out of the sea. After lunch we continued our climb to the top of what are the highest perpendicular cliffs in Great Britain at St. John's Head — 1,058 feet. Nobody ventured too near the edge of these cliffs but the view from the top was most spectacular. After reaching the top, the descent started and eventually we arrived back at the Hostel. There we cooked our own meal and there we drank, in true army fashion, cupful after cupful of tea. During the evening a true Orkney character, Mr. Moar, visited us. He had lived on this small Island of Hoy for many years and was the local Justice of the Peace, Town Clerk, Hostel Caretaker, Postman, Landowner and Ferryman. We spent a very pleasant evening talking to him of his experiences on the Island and his seal hunting adventures. When he left after we had signed the visitor's book we all went to bed amused by this true character. In the morning after breakfast we went by boat back to Camp and the next group arrived on the Island. This, to my mind, was the best day of the Camp.

The final day's exercise was walking to Skara Brae where a prehistoric village is situated. Everyone looked round this before continuing further up the Island and camping overnight. The tents were pitched on a rather damp spur beside a loch and the food cooked on small stoves. At about 8 o'clock in the evening the other officers came and offered Lieutenant Rymer and the other people who had done the walk more blankets. These were bravely refused, the group saying they wanted to use only what they had carried. During the evening by the loch some of the boys watched a hockey match between two

local girls' teams while others borrowed a boat and went out on the loch with it. A good evening was spent there and by the time people went to bed they were too tired to notice the discomfort of the sleeping bags. Next morning a lorry picked up the party and brought them back to camp to start the next day's chores.

All the cooking, lighting of fires and general maintenance of the Camp was carried out by small fatigue parties, each boy staying in Camp to do these duties for one day. This was probably the best lesson taught to us at Camp and drove home the importance of everyone pulling his weight and helping out. Special mention must go to Mr. Henderson for his untiring work. He not only arranged the work in the kitchens but also woke us up to the drone of the bagpipes and gave us early morning P.T. He never seemed to tire although most boys found it difficult to keep up with his hectic pace.

On Sunday morning we all went to church in Stromness, marching down to the sound of Under-Officer Borland's pipes. In the afternoon a trip was arranged taking us to those parts of the Island which we had not seen. The trip included visiting such places as Scapa Flow, the Churchill Barriers and Maes Howe which is an ancient burial place plundered by the Norsemen in the 12th Century.

Every evening we were allowed into Stromness and on Saturday a bus took those who wanted to Kirkwall. Many friends were made during these evenings, and a few hearts were broken when we set out on the "St. Ola" on the Monday bound for Scrabster. We travelled by bus from Scrabster to Thurso where we spent six hours doing nothing in a town which was having a public holiday. We were all glad to get on the train at 5 p.m. and after changing at Inverness we arrived at Perth at 4.30 a.m. We all got to bed by 5.30 and then had to get up for a final parade at 9 a.m.

Everyone will agree that this Camp was good fun. Our thanks go to Lieutenant Rymer, who, we hope, as a sailor, enjoyed our Army Camp, to Capt. Grigsby, Lt. Williams, Mr. Henderson and to Major Fairbairn for arranging a Camp with a difference.

T.N.W.T.

R.N. Section

Under-Officer—A. M. Cumming

Coxswain—A. J. Sloan

P.O.—J. D. S. Robertson, J. S. Donald

L.S.—D. S. Macfarlane, C. A. Willson-White, R. A. Balfour, W. D. Wilson, C. D. Ferguson, D. R. Morrison, R. G. Lawson, R. C. Paton, G. G. Wallace.

THE Section has again increased in size and our complement totalled an exceptional fifty-eight by the end of the Summer, but normally the number is limited to forty-five. Sub.-Lieut. Shaw has joined the Section; this enabled the Section to be divided into two watches providing an element of competition between the classes.

The year has been far from uneventful. The long awaited boat — an R.N.S.A. fourteen-foot dinghy to replace the cutter — has arrived and has been sailed successfully on the pond. We have had two “cliff exercises” which were successful assaults and retreats in the two quarries near the School. One evening we had a “Marine night exercise,” around the School grounds, to capture various “shore bases.”

Though the emphasis has been on practical work and rightly so, the instruction has still been given at a reasonably high standard and the candidates have been, on the whole, co-operative. Twelve cadets passed Advanced Proficiency, sixteen cadets passed Proficiency and twenty-four cadets passed the O.S. exam. The drill as well has been good, especially on the General Inspection and Sunset Parade. This has mainly been due to the efforts of the G.I. and a new C.P.O.

This year we were unable to have one camp for the whole Section and as usual there were a variety of camps. There have been more chances of cruises than in the past and often these opportunities for sea time have not been taken. However, cadets have been to Navigation, Aviation, Quarter master, Leadership and Arduous Training Courses. Twenty cadets went to Plymouth, others to the Dartmouth Training Squadron and the rest on cruises to Norway, Portugal and Gibraltar.

For the first time in several years the Section provided the Under-Officer in charge of the General Inspection. Finally, Sub-Lieutenant Rymer is to be congratulated on his promotion to Lieutenant.

A.M.C.

R.N. Camp — Polduch

BECAUSE of bad weather conditions, the initial plan of an 110 mile hike across Scotland was cancelled (much to the relief of all concerned) and so, after checking in at R.N.A.S Condor at Arbroath, L/S's R. Lawson and Willson-White went with a party of ten members of the Fleet Air Arm to Polduch, a Home Air Command Craft in Glen Nevis. The following five days were spent on enjoyable walks in fine weather around the Glen Nevis area. The walks were not too strenuous and visits were made to Fort William in the evening. A little excitement was added when the party had to take part in the rescue of a

Birmingham student involved in an accident on Ben Nevis. Unfortunately he died before he was brought down the mountain.

A very enjoyable and entertaining week. Well worth spending a week of the holidays at this Camp.

C.A.W-W, R.G.L.

“H.M.S. Raleigh”

THE Junior Naval Camp this year was held at H.M.S. Raleigh, an establishment for the training of newly signed-up ratings. It is situated across the estuary from Plymouth and access to it from the Plymouth direction is by ferry. On the Friday night we arrived there after a long and tiring journey, and, after a meal, we were shown to our quarters and introduced to the cadets from Liverpool College, who were to be our companions in all the activities of the coming week.

On the Saturday morning we were introduced to “Raleigh” by the Captain and the Lieutenant-Commander, who was to be our host during our stay. After drill on the parade ground in the morning, we spent the afternoon “pulling” on the estuary. Usually games were organised for the evenings and these proved to be quite popular.

The Sunday was left free to the cadets and most of them took a trip into Plymouth, relaxing before the early morning road run promised for the next morning. There was to be another of these later on in the week.

The Monday was spent on a Motor Fishing Vessel, and cadets were instructed in steering and in how to give orders to the helmsman. Altogether we went to sea three times. On the Wednesday the day was spent on board the frigate H.M.S. Wizard. After scrubbing the decks and performing other such tasks, cadets were left to go around the ship on their own. A particularly well-frequented place was the Navigation Room and cadets soon learned the basic techniques.

The next occasion on which we took to sea was, strangely enough, with the Royal Marines in two of their Dukw's. After being lectured on them in the morning, cadets were already familiar with their construction when they were given control of them, and those privileged enough to have licences had a short drive on land.

Other events included a morning touring around H.M.S. Fisgard, an establishment for the training of artificers, an afternoon on the shooting range (firing Lanchesters from the hip, a

highly dangerous exercise!) and tea with the officers on the evening before our departure.

And so, summing up the Camp, most cadets would agree that it was a strenuous one but on the other hand that it was both enjoyable and interesting.

P.A.K.L., T.H.F.P.

R.A.F. Section, 1964-65

THIS year has seen a further increase in the numbers of the Section to the unprecedented figure of fifty. There have also been three different Warrant Officers in charge of the Section: Franklin, Macmillan and Houston.

During the year training has continued steadily and gradually. As the Section is comparatively junior the onus has been on basic and proficiency training; eleven cadets passed this in February and a further eleven passed it at the end of July. As a result of this only five have taken their Advanced Proficiency, all of whom passed it. This situation will probably be reversed next year.

During the Summer we were largely occupied with preparation for the General Inspection and the Sunset Parade. The turn-out, standard of drill and training attained in the former were of a reasonably high standard but could have been better in one or two cases.

The Shooting Team, under the able hand of Sgt. Davidson, has again done well. Although not as good as last year, they came eighth in the Assegai Trophy and were, for the third year running, the first School in Scotland.

Cadets have continued to do gliding at Arbroath and all five who undertook courses this year gained their 'A' and 'B' licences. An increasing number of cadets are also attempting to fly.

Last Summer holidays, Siedlé and A. G. Houston undertook the Junior Wings Course and during the Easter holidays Primrose completed his Flying Scholarship, gaining his private pilot's licence. The latter is also to be congratulated on gaining a Scholarship to Cranwell. Houston has been awarded a Flying Scholarship and will go to Skegness during the Summer. Young, Davidson and Watson obtained recommendations from Biggin Hill but failed to get Scholarships this year as did Clinton and Galbraith who also attempted the tests.

This year we were very lucky as regards the Camps and Field Days we were given. The former included R.A.F. Gütersloh and R.A.F. Waddington whilst the latter consisted of Leuchars, Turnhouse, the usual venues, and R.A.F. Acklington.

N.C.O.'s at the end of the year :

W.O. A. G. HOUSTON
Flt./Sgt. I. S. PRIMROSE

Sergeants :

J. P. GALBRAITH
B. C. YOUNG
J. F. DAVIDSON
C. W. CLINTON

Corporals :

C. D. WATSON
N. F. M. POTT
J. S. HUNTER

N.C.O.'s who left during the year :

W.O. FRANKLIN
Sergeant KEECH
W.O. MACMILLAN

A.G.H.

R.A.F. Annual Camp, 1965

R.A.F. WADDINGTON, a bomber station equipped with Vulcans, is situated six miles south of Lincoln. A few of these aircraft are kept constantly on the alert (Q.R.A.), loaded with nuclear bombs. Q.R.A. stands for "Quick Reaction Alert," whereby aircraft can be in the air within three minutes of a warning, ready to disperse to their predetermined targets.

On the first day of the Camp all cadets were, quite naturally, given a talk on security. There were many secrets on the Station and all were asked to keep their mouths shut if they saw anything unusual. Special permission had to be obtained for cameras. Cadets were issued with security tags which were pinned on their uniforms. These tags indicated security privileges. Needless to say cadets had none, and so it was necessary for them to be escorted into all security areas. The R.A.F. Police there had a number of excellently trained Alsations. These roamed the Station grounds at night and guarded aircraft on Q.R.A. Later in the week a demonstration of the ability of the dogs was given to us. Everyone was soon convinced of their value.

During the afternoon of the first day most of the Section went on a tour of the Station in an R.A.F. bus. This gave the cadets a chance to see the size of a fully operational station; to watch Vulcans taking off and landing; to see a few Vulcans on

Q.R.A. in their dispersal areas; and to see the conventional bomb dump. It was possible to see the nuclear bomb dump in the distance. This was heavily enshrouded by fences, walls and high earth banks.

All members of the Section were allowed to get into a Vulcan aircraft which was being repaired in a hangar. Either a Vulcan pilot or navigator, acting as a cadet liaison officer, would show cadets round the aircraft. Any questions asked were answered as far as the technicians were allowed (or able). Most parts of the aircraft were open for scrutiny, including the cockpit, the crew space, bomb bay, and the electronics section in the tail of the aircraft. The aircraft was very large, and sturdy enough to withstand the weight of inquisitive cadets scrambling over the top of the fuselage and wings.

A Vulcan pilot, confined to Operations Block on Q.R.A., filled in some of his time by giving a lecture to the whole Section on the type of life he led. This proved extremely interesting and he gave a good idea of what is involved.

The week was crammed with many other activities. These included a lecture on Passive Defence (how to live if one should survive a nuclear war); once round the assault course; a visit to the swimming pool at Cranwell; .303 shooting, and flying. Everyone was able to get at least two flights in a Chipmunk training aircraft. Four of the N.C.O.'s were fortunate enough to fly as a sixth crew member in a Vulcan during a routine high-level trip.

Altogether the Camp was well organised and was a success. The liaison officers spared no effort to see that everyone enjoyed themselves, and to them the Section must be grateful for such a full programme.

J.F.D.

R.A.F. Gütersloh, Germany, April 1965

THE ten selected cadets of the Section gathered on the night of Tuesday, 6th April, in London and spent the night at R.A.F. Hendon, the oldest R.A.F. Station in the Country. On Wednesday, 7th April, we alighted from our chartered DC4 Sky-master at R.A.F. Wildenrath in Germany. From Wildenrath we travelled by coach for four hours along the German autobahns to R.A.F. Gütersloh, our destination.

On the Thursday morning our first visit was to the Station 'met' briefing, this was crowded, with four or five nationalities being represented. This was due to the crisis caused by the

West German Parliament meeting in Berlin so all the NATO Battle Flights at Gütersloh were at 'readiness' state. The afternoon was spent looking around the operations blocks of the fighter reconnaissance squadrons. Their main function is to provide intelligence obtained from detailed photographs of selected targets.

The whole of Friday was spent on a tour to places of interest. The first visit and the highlight of the day was a visit to the Möhne Dam (of Dam Busters fame). This was followed by our first visit to a German town—Arnsberg, a small town in the middle of the hills; this had some very interesting cafés and shops where a pleasant hour or two was spent.

On Saturday morning we went in civilian clothes on a shopping visit to Bielefeld, the main shopping centre of Westphalia, a town about the size of Dundee with some huge department stores. In the afternoon we watched a demonstration fire to show the efficiency of the Station's crack fire squad. A fire was started by igniting over three hundred gallons of waste oil over an area of about 2,500 square feet and the flames reached up to about 15 feet. To our amazement they had the fire well under control within half a minute of the fire tender's arrival. The tender uses and distributes about 5,000 gallons of foam per minute.

On Sunday morning we attended the Station Presbyterian Church and after an early lunch we went on another tour of places of interest, starting with the cave dwellings of Echterstein and then the enormous statue of Herman Denkmold, one of Germany's ancient war heroes — his sword alone was 22 feet long.

Monday morning was spent on the 25-yard range firing the .303 and later some of us had the chance to fire a demonstration 30 m.m. Aden gun. We were told that it fires over 20 rounds per second, so a nervous twitch and four or five rounds fly off at about 15/- each. In the afternoon we paid a visit to the operations block of No. 18 Helicopter Squadron where everyone had a flight in a Wessex.

On Tuesday morning we attended another 'met' briefing, less crowded this time as all the fuss had blown over. The rest of the morning was spent at the Technical Wing where all the aircraft maintenance and camera loading is done. Some people also visited the armoury and air traffic control. Throughout the afternoon we were out on a ground exercise during which several parties, each comprising an N.C.O. and two cadets, were deposited at various points along a road. A map and map reference for rendezvous with a radio vehicle was given, but the initial position was unknown. To add to our difficulties

they had R.A.F. fighter reconnaissance Hunters, Belgian Sabres and Wessex helicopters out looking for us and we had to avoid being seen by them. The majority of parties avoided the Hunters and Sabres but several were spotted by the helicopters. When each party arrived at its rendezvous there was a radio vehicle from which the N.C.O. reported their progress back to H.Q. The exercise, although tiring, proved to be a successful end to the Camp.

The following morning at 4.45 we were wakened by the orderly corporal and by 5.30 we were on the road back to Wildenrath for the return flight. However it turned out that our early awakening was unnecessary as the disorganisation of B.U.A. meant we had a three-hour stay at Wildenrath, but finally we did arrive back in the U.K. after a most enjoyable Camp.
B.C.Y.

Visit of Group-Captain J. W. Allan, D.S.O., D.F.C., A.F.C.

DURING the Spring term an additional Field Day was organised with the assistance of Squadron Leader Smith and Flying Officer Grierson, Strathallians serving with the Royal Air Force.

The contingent paraded on Little Acre and Group Captain Allan arrived by helicopter for the inspection. Gr. Cpt. Allan is the officer in charge of all officer recruitment for the Royal Air Force. During the inspection there was a fly-past. In the first formation were four Lightning Mk. III's of No. 74 Squadron ("The Tigers"), from R.A.F. Leuchars. They were followed by a formation containing a Javelin, Hunter, Meteor and Canberra. Finally came a Chipmunk and Whirlwind II helicopter. The helicopter landed on the Riley Pitch and gave many trips to members from all three Sections.

The previous day an R.A.F. Mobile Display Unit had arrived. In a matter of hours they had transformed the Corps Palace. Round all the walls were screens on which were photographs depicting the selection, training and work of R.A.F. officers. An ejector-seat and models of the aircraft in service were also on display. In front of the main School building was the forward section of a Hunter fuselage, showing the layout of the controls in the cockpit of the aircraft. Beside the Hunter was its power unit, a cut-away model of an Avon engine.

During the afternoon excellent lectures were given by Sqn. Ldr. Smith on fighter reconnaissance, F/O Grierson on the 'V' Force and Grp. Cpt. Allan on the R.A.F.

In the evening we had another excellent lecture by Sqn. Ldr. St. Aubyn from the Imperial College of Air Warfare. So ended a very successful day during which boys were able to get a brief look at some of the tasks undertaken in a career with the Royal Air Force. I.S.P.

R.A.F. Acklington

THE party, represented by all three sections of the C.C.F., arrived at R.A.F. Acklington, situated about 30 miles north of Newcastle, after a quick journey down by train.

We were told at the introductory talk that the Station's primary role was the training of pilots in Jet Provosts (J.P.s for short) with a secondary role of providing a base for a flight of 202 Squadron's rescue helicopters. A film on the training of pilots, navigators and electronic officers followed. This was not only most interesting to those who intended to join the service, but also to the outsiders, and showed us, as future taxpayers, that our money was being well spent.

The control tower, the heart of the Station, was very busy when we visited it. At first many of the army cadets were baffled by what was going on; it was, however, very clearly explained to us. This was followed by a visit to the technical side of the Station, and here we were taken around the maintenance hangar. The controls of the J.P. were explained to us, and we were told that it was one of the simpler aircraft to fly—I would hate to see the most complex.

In the evening many of us ended up in the Airmen's Club, which met with our approval. It consisted of a bar (not that we were interested in it!), two billiard rooms, two television rooms, a soft drinks and snacks counter, plus a juke box. It was the schoolboy's idea of an ideal common room, if it could be called such. After a most enjoyable evening we returned to our billets.

I think the food deserves special mention. Many seem to be of the opinion that if you have to cook for large numbers it is an excuse for poor food with little variety. Acklington disproved this. The food was first rate and worthy of any hotel; apart from this there was plenty of it.

After an 8 o'clock breakfast the next day we were marched to the Safety Section. Army and R.A.F. drill are bad mixers as was soon found out. After being shown all the pilot's gear—I still wonder how he manages to get into his cockpit with it all on—we were shown the safety equipment. The safety of the men clearly ranked as the first consideration in the R.A.F. It

was the contents of the survival pack which left us amazed. Everything from a sewing kit to fishing gear was included, apart from the actual rations. The Sergeant who was lecturing us on the equipment was so confident that the parachutes he packed were safe that he told us if on unpacking one of them we found any guide ropes entangled we could keep it. No one did. Pity, I wouldn't have minded a parachute.

We visited the helicopter flight of Whirlwinds, modified with Gnome engines, and after a short but interesting demonstration on the various types of lifts employed by a hovering helicopter, we were all given a short flight. One of the crew explained the principle of helicopter flight, and then told us some of his experiences. It appeared a most interesting and worthwhile life.

After an early lunch we were taken to a mock-up of a J.P.; it was this mock-up which the student pilots used to practise their checks before take-off. Also the principle of the Martin Baker ejector seat was explained to us.

The visit was ended by a most valuable and realistic film on survival at sea. The full effect of the film was achieved because of this realism, and it was an eye opener to many of us.

The visit ended only too soon. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it, and the Army, I suspect, were slightly envious of the conditions at R.A.F. camps. On behalf of all who visited R.A.F. Acklington, I would like to thank Mr. Wormald and all the men at Acklington who did so much to make our visit a success.

R.C.G.D.

Pre-Service

THIS year has seen a continued expansion in the scope and variety of Pre-Service activities. It has also seen in the persons of R. D. Anderson, R. M. Turner, and R. A. Lamb the first return as instructors of boys who were themselves in Pre-Service. The Civil Defence assistance in providing instructors and loaning equipment has further increased, while the growing experience of our own instructors has helped to improve both the instruction itself, and also the competence of supervision of the various schemes.

Two series of First Aid Classes were conducted in the course of the year, one by Miss A. Speakman in the Winter term, and the other by the Rev. J. M. Forbes, Crieff, in the Spring. A total of 24 Junior First Aid Certificates were obtained in the ensuing exams. In the Summer Term, a Demonstration Section was formed, which under C. A. H. Greig showed ever-increasing skill in stretcher lowering and other rescue exercises.

The other activities were as last year organised on a house basis, and the items contributing to the Pre-Service Cup were the Drill, Public Speaking, Entertainment, and Obstacles Competitions, all of which produced considerable élan from the competitors. The first was adjudicated by Mr. Grigsby, and the second and third by Mr. Studholme. The Pre-Service Cup was won by Ruthven, with Freeland a close second.

Drill, Light Rescue, Map-reading, Knots, Miniature Range Shooting, and internal Combustion Engine continue to form the main basis of instructional material, while the interest of camping instruction has been heightened by such schemes as Reliance in which sections make their own lunch up Drumfinn. Wherever possible the emphasis is on team-work.

The Rope and Wall Obstacles in the valley have produced both comic and serious moments, while further downstream the Outdoor Cooking Range has twice been in action, first on Field Day in November, and again on General Inspection Day. These two excellent lunches would not have been possible without the expert assistance of the Civil Defence, W.V.S., and Mrs. Wilkie. The Civil Defence also ran a short Signals Course at the beginning of the Summer term which culminated in a successful exercise in the Loch Freuchie area on Field Day by a Nicol section.

The weekly visits to Wards 1 and 2 of Bridge of Earn Hospital have continued unbroken throughout the year, and seem to make a big impression on boys and patients alike. The strain which the boys sometime encounter is more than offset by the cheering effect which the visits have on the old folk, and it is to be hoped that future generations of Pre-Service will continue to make the effort of sympathy on which the success of these visits depends. The Hospital Visiting Scheme was reported in October by the *Perthshire Advertiser*, *Courier*, and *Glasgow Herald*. An innovation this year were the very successful Hospital Concerts which were given at the end of the Winter and Summer terms, though here we have to admit the assistance given by seniors. The proceeds from the repeat of the Christmas Concert at School, augmented by a Chapel Collection were used to buy presents for each of the old people, these being cheerily distributed by Santa Claus alias D. R. Morrison. As ever, I have to thank my colleagues on the Staff for driving the minibuses down to the Hospital with the boys Friday by Friday.

Pre-Service again undertook the Collection in Forgandenny Parish for Poppy Day, and also for the Churchill Memorial Fund. Field Day took the form of a devil-hunt in the Ochils from which everyone returned to the inaugural lunch on the Cooking Range.



The Summer term week-end hikes to Lochmill Farm, Newburgh, and to Knowehead Farm have again been popular, and a record number of 39 boys have taken part. The adverse weather which they so often encountered did not succeed in damping spirits. Visits to the fire station and telephone exchange were also enjoyed, and in October, we were able to return a compliment by assisting the Civil Defence with a week-end exercise in Perth.

The following were instructors in the course of the year:— E. P. Mackay, T. W. Burt, G. R. Eadie, R. J. Elder, P. G. McCallum, A. J. McIntosh, A. G. Dodd, C. A. H. Greig (3 terms), R. D. Anderson, R. M. Turner, R. A. Lamb, R. G. Lawson, J. W. B. Anderson (2 terms), and I. K. Lamont, G. D. Watson, B. A. A. Robertson, J. D. Holland, J. S. Hunter, R. A. Taylor (1 term).

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N.D.T.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

THE number of boys attracted to the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme now appears to have settled to a level in the School, as it has in the country as a whole, both with regard to new entrants, and also with regard to those continuing beyond the

Bronze stage. It is pleasant to be able to record the presentation of two Gold and six Silver Awards since the last report appeared in this magazine, the highlight being the presentation of Gold Award Certificates to R. A. Lamb and R. G. Lawson at the Reception at Holyrood House for that purpose on Friday, 2nd July, 1965. These are the 4th and 5th boys in the School to win Gold Awards since the Scheme started here in 1959, and Lamb, who we hear conversed with the Duke, is the first boy here to complete all three stages. It is also the first time that Gold Award winners will be returning to School the following term, and I hope that they will encourage and assist younger boys.

Our facilities for training and testing are now such that any boy with the necessary aptitude and keenness can be given the adult assistance which is so vital to the operation of the Scheme. Two series of First Aid Classes have been run in Pre-Service in the course of the year, one of which was also available to Corps personnel. The first was conducted by Miss A. Speakman, and the second by the Rev. J. M. Forbes of Crieff. We are grateful to the lecturers, to Dr. Mackenzie who examined them, and to all the other masters who have carried out the various pursuits tests.



*Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Winners:
R. A. Lamb (left) and R. G. Lawson*

A record number of expeditions have taken place this year, both at week-ends in the Summer term, and from camp at Rothiemurchus.

Awards for 1964 were presented by the Headmaster in the Dining Hall on 14th December, 1964, as follows:—

Silver: R. D. Kyle, R. A. Lamb and I. C. Ross (the last two in absentia).

Bronze: T. C. Ashton, G. W. Balfour, D. D. C. Biggart, J. A. E. Fleming, A. W. Gardner, S. F. H. Greig, A. G. Macmillan, J. T. Moffat, M. C. Ness, R. J. S. Smith, R. D. Thom, and R. M. Turner.

The following awards for 1965 have already been presented by the Headmaster on 19th June and 26th July:—

Gold: R. A. Lamb and R. G. Lawson.

Silver: R. D. Anderson, D. D. C. Biggart, and A. W. Gardner.

Bronze: G. H. Young.

N.D.T.

Rothiemurchus, 1965

FIVE instructors and fourteen boys made up this year's party to the Rothiemurchus Hut in the Cairngorms. As in the previous year we had the use of a three-ton lorry supplied by the Army as well as a Thomas stretcher, karabiners, slings, and ice-axes supplied by the R.A.F. Mountain Rescue Team, Leuchars.

Because of the abundance of instructors this year there was much greater scope for activities such as gully climbing, river crossing, stretcher lowering, abseiling and of course mountain climbing. During the Camp there were, as usual, Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions with Anderson, Burt, Lamb and Turner participating at Gold level and Ashton, Biggart and Chapman at Silver.

A notable event of the Camp was the "Case of the missing instructors." Two instructors (Graham Wilson and Mike Skinsley) stayed out to negotiate a gully which they planned to use the following day for instruction. By 11 p.m. there was no sign of them at the hut so the remaining instructors (Bill Bailey, Bill Wilson and Mr. Thomson) set out to look for them. No more was heard until one in the morning when the two missing instructors returned. The search party did not arrive back till over five hours later.

We went to the pictures at Aviemore twice, despite Mr. Thomson's determined efforts to shake us out of the back of the lorry. I am sorry to report that no new record was set up

for travelling down the 2½ mile long forestry track to the main road. We did, however come into competition for right-of-way with the branch of a tree, a contest which proved to be to the detriment of both parties.

One group consisting of McIntosh, McKay, Samples, and Bill Bailey succeeded in climbing four of the five highest peaks in Scotland in one day. Despite a blizzard latterly, they managed to climb Cairngorm (4,084 ft.), Ben Macdhui (4,296 ft.), Cairn Toul (4,241 ft.), and Braeriach (4,248 ft.) in eleven hours.

A visit to see the Ospreys, which were nesting at Loch Garten was enjoyed by those who went, as were the antics of Graham Wilson who also appeared to have nested in the top of a pine tree!

The compositions seemed to turn a few stomachs and the smoke from the wood fire seemed to blind a few eyes — otherwise complaints were kept to a decent minimum.

On behalf of all those who attended I would like to thank Col. Grant for his co-operation, Mr. Fairbairn for arranging the Camp from the Corps. side and Mr. Thomson for running it.

Those who attended were: — R. D. Anderson, T. C. Ashton, D. D. C. Biggart, T. W. Burt, J. B. S. Chapman, R. J. Elder, C. A. H. Greig, R. A. Lamb, E. P. MacKay, A. J. McIntosh, P. G. McCallum, W. P. M. Samples, L. S. W. Tseng, R. M. Turner.

Instructors: — W. Bailey, M. Skinsley, Mr. Thomson, Cpl. W. Wilson (R.A.F. Leuchars), G. Wilson.

R.D.A.

HOUSE NOTES

Freeland House Report, 1964-65

WE are sorry to say good-bye to Mr. R. C. Studholme who returns to his native New Zealand after five years as House Tutor in Freeland, and thank him for his enthusiastic help.

The House Captain for the Winter term, 1964, was J. R. N. Keech, who was also Vice-Captain of School, and for the last two terms has been B. M. S. Borland.

School Offices held by Freeland boys have included the following: School Captain (Summer term only), U.O. o/c C.C.F., Pipe-Major, Capt. of Boxing—B. M. S. Borland; Vice-Captain of School and Captain of Fives (Winter term only)—J. R. N. Keech; Captain of Fencing—B. C. Young; Captain of Highland Dancing and Captain of Sailing—T. R. Fawcett; Editor of Wing Forward, The Strathallian, and School Librarian—M. G. Clark.

J. R. N. Keech and I. K. R. Lamont left at the end of the Christmas term 1964. The former has a place at Fitzwilliam for 1966, and the latter is going up to Edinburgh this October. I. S. Primrose was awarded an R.A.F. Scholarship to Cranwell.

On Speech Day Borland was awarded the Smith Cup, J. F. Davidson the Chemistry Prize, and M. G. Clark won prizes for History, English, Latin and Latin Essay. Clark later won a distinction prize and Alpine another Latin Essay Prize.

First XV Colours were held by J. R. N. Keech, I. K. R. Lamont, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, and G. L. H. Mure, who all took part in the match against Oundle at the end of the Christmas term. Freeland won the Boxing Cup and shared the Senior Rugger Cup with Simpson. Five members of the House took part in the Oxford Hockey Festival and J. S. Hunter was chosen for the Swifts World Tour. Only Primrose held first XI Cricket Colours, but there is promise among the Juniors and two very enjoyable rounds of Junior House Matches resulted in Freeland being placed second. Freeland was as usual well represented in the Pipe Band, School Sailing, and the School Highland Dancing Team. In swimming, Pott again broke the School Breast Stroke Record, and the Freeland Senior Relay Team its School Record. Freeland was to the fore in the end of term entertainments, and Borland will be missed for his singing and acting, and Morrison for his acting and stage management.

House Captains:

J. R. N. KEECH (Winter), B. M. S. BORLAND (Spring & Summer)

School Prefects:

I. K. R. LAMONT (Winter), J. S. HUNTER (Appointed June '65)

House Prefects:

A. G. DODD, G. ALPINE, N. F. M. POTT, D. C. P. GRAHAM, M. G. CLARK, B. C. YOUNG (Appointed January '65); G. L. H. MURE, K. C. TINDAL, I. S. PRIMROSE (Appointed July '65).

House Captains of Sport:

Rugger: I. K. R. LAMONT & A. G. DODD	Athletics: D. R. MORRISON
Boxing & Cross-country: B. M. S. BORLAND	Cricket & Shooting: I. S. PRIMROSE
Hockey: J. S. HUNTER	Swimming: N. F. M. POTT
Sailing: T. R. FAWCETT	Tennis: R. J. GEMMELL
Music: G. P. GRANDISON	Librarian: M. G. CLARK

Nicol House Report, 1964-65

IN the world of sport this has been a very successful year for the House; team-work has been very good and it was due to sustained and hard effort by all concerned that we won the Hockey and Athletics Cups. The former has not before had the name of Nicol on it, so we were specially pleased to gain it for

the first time. In the Athletics everything depended on our winning the tug-of-war against a heavy Freeland team, and by magnificent efforts and good timing from the coach we did it in two pulls. This year Double standards for outstanding performance had been introduced and we were well up in the standards; the finalists did extremely well and took us to a well-deserved victory. Illness prevented A. G. Houston from running in the cross-country, which was very bad luck, for otherwise the whole team did excellently. The results of the Senior Cricket Competition were, frankly, disappointing, as we had a strong team on paper and four members of the XI. The Juniors, however, did much to dispel this disappointment, for they won five out of their six matches well, though the sixth was a sound thrashing from Freeland in the first round. We also won the Junior and Minor rugger cups, the Shooting, Sailing, Music, Senior Piping and Senior Victor Ludorum Cups, the last two being the individual efforts of G. G. Wallace and R. A. Taylor. The House Clock is in good company. Those returning have a lot to live up to. C. D. Ferguson, R. M. G. McNaught and D. A. Scott were awarded their House Colours.

A. G. Houston, D. A. Scott and A. J. Sloan were regular members of the XV, W. B. Melville, Scott and Sloan of the 1st Hockey XI, and Melville, Sloan, A. R. Spence and T. N. W. Trusdale of the 1st XI. School captains of sports were: A. J. Sloan (cricket), R. A. Taylor (athletics, track), W. B. Melville (fives), C. D. Ferguson (shooting), A. G. Houston (cross-country) and D. A. Scott (golf and summer hockey). The House is making a very solid contribution to the sport of the School — another challenge for those returning to keep up. Members of the House are also playing a large part in all the fields of School activities, having six members in the Orchestra, several in the Junior Orchestra, and prominent members of the C.C.F., Band, Pre-Service, Dramatic and Science Societies. R. D. Anderson, King and A. R. Sharpe acted in “A Midsummer-Night’s Dream.”

Nine of our leavers this year hope to go to a university, the furthest-flung being Witwatersrand. We wish them every success not only in getting there but in gaining good degrees. We have three “Oxbridge” candidates in the VIth Form. Slater not only won prizes on Speech Day but also gained a Distinctions Prize. We have had thirty-one members of the VIth Form in the House during the year, and the only snag has been the space in the Study-Block with this enormous number.

Any former member of the House would be amazed at the transformation of the Dungeon dormitory, which took place in

the Easter holidays. The double bunks have gone and an elegant Regency-striped paper adorns the panels of the wall. The fireplaces have been removed and the mouldings completed, making a very pleasant and imposing room. We still call it the Dungeon — perhaps the striped wall-paper makes some of the inhabitants think of barred windows!

In most respects this has been a very good year for the House, and it will be up to those coming back to School to keep up the standard where we have done well and improve on any lack of success and failure we have had. We wish all the very best in the future to the Leavers, and hope they will keep in touch.

I was delighted to hear of the engagement of Hugh Galt who was House Captain when I first joined the House as House Tutor, and we wish him and his fiancée every happiness.

T.C.G.F.

House Captain:

A. J. SLOAN

School Prefects:

A. G. HOUSTON, W. B. MELVILLE

House Prefects:

B. A. A. ROBERTSON (left Winter '64), A. J. McINTOSH,

R. C. PATON, T. N. W. TRUSDALE, W. D. WILSON

House Captains of Sports:

Rugby: A. J. SLOAN

Cricket: A. J. SLOAN

Hockey: D. A. SCOTT

Athletics: R. A. TAYLOR

Boxing: A. G. HOUSTON

Gives: W. B. MELVILLE

Cross-country: A. G. HOUSTON

Sailing: J. D. S. ROBERTSON

Swimming: J. D. S. ROBERTSON

Tennis: M. M. STUART

Shooting: C. D. FERGUSON

Music: W. B. MELVILLE

Ruthven House Report, 1964-65

THIS was not a year for the record books, for there were more disappointments than moments of excitement or pride. There have been individual successes, but it was July before any cup was won by a team.

The seniors have rightly been particularly concerned with examination work, and their sporting results have been very disappointing. However, led by the ever-diligent trio of Madjd, Mackay and Drysdale, they set an excellent example in work and few fails are expected among the "A Level" candidates. It is to be regretted that the "O Level" candidates, with a few notable exceptions, completely ignored their lead until the final frantic weeks.

Our disappointments started with rugger, where the Junior and Minor trophies might have come our way but for bad luck (and not bad play) at crucial moments. Despite having ten of the Boxing finalists, of whom Williamson, Wingate, McDonald and W. M. Thompson won medals, we had insufficient points to win the Cup. In the Cross-country races, the Junior and Middle Teams did particularly well, with Sutherland and A. Y. Lawson nearly winning medals, but again we were narrowly beaten overall. The Swimming Sports also provided keen competition, and one further victory would have altered the result in our favour. Here we have great promise for future years, with R. D. Thom (junior medalist), C. M. Thom and A. D. Drysdale comprising three-quarters of the School team, and G. W. Balfour (middle medalist) and Sinclair also being prominent.

Further disappointments came in music and athletics. The Music Competition itself was won, due to the effort of many boys who gave us a lead in the Choir and instrumentalists sections, but we were not awarded the Cup as we had insufficient numbers in the School Choir and Orchestras. Three individuals must be congratulated here — Burnett on winning the Music Prize, Petty on being the first boy to play the organ at a Chapel Service, and A. G. Balfour on being appointed pianist to the Senior Orchestra. In Athletics a tremendous effort was made by many individuals, Black (middle victor Ludorum), R. G. Lawson and R. C. G. Drysdale being very strong, and it says much for the training that we gained the greatest number of standards. We would have won the Cup itself had it not been that the tug-of-war was surprisingly (and without warning) declared to be an athletic event and given points.

Our tennis was particularly strong, with three regular members of the School team, and in the competition our three pairs hardly lost a game. For the second year Burt was the losing singles finalist. We decisively won the Senior Cricket Cup again, with Mackenzie proving to be a very good captain: as seven of the team had played for the 1st XI, most of them regularly, we were most anxious to do well.

Other points worth noting include the gaining of the Pre-Service Cup, R. G. Lawson's Gold Award of the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme, T. W. Burt's Gold Award and Queen's Scout Badge, W. M. Thompson's fencing successes, twenty-one Royal Life-Saving Institution awards (Burt and Michie gaining the top ones), and P. A. K. Laband's prize for the best "O Level" results. A total of over £140 has been contributed to OXFAM by members of the House in the last three years and Smart, Lawson and Willson-White must be thanked for their work in the past two years. The last two were due to spend

part of their Summer climbing Mount Ararat in search of the Ark!

Finally, it is interesting to note that there are now sons of ten Strathallians in the House. Also that there are eleven sets of brothers, eight further boys have had brothers in Ruthven, and ten more have younger brothers due to come shortly. Another statistic is that more than one third of the House live overseas.

M. I. M. Dawson left us at Easter for a year of farming before going to the Royal College of Agriculture at Cirencester. We now bid farewell to M. G. Madjd, I. T. Carruthers, R. C. G. Drysdale, T. Gibson, R. M. Henderson, A. Y. Lawson, E. P. MacKay, A. D. Moore, W. M. Petty and E. A. V. Smart who hope to qualify for university, to R. A. Balfour who is joining the Fleet Air Arm, to G. I. M. Brown, D. F. Carswell, T. Carswell and J. D. Holland who are starting engineering training, To A. S. McInroy, planning to become a banker, to I. R. Browne, B. Hannah and M. B. N. Paterson going to continue study elsewhere, and to S. L. Mackenzie, whose departure to take up dairying will mean that for the first time in eleven years there is no Mackenzie in the House — until M. T. comes up from Riley in a year's time!

P.T.M.

Heads of House:

M. I. M. DAWSON (also School Captain), M. G. MADJD (Summer)

School Prefect:

R. C. G. DRYSDALE

House Prefects:

E. P. MACKAY, W. M. PETTY, J. H. S. BLACK, I. T. CARRUTHERS, R. G. LAWSON, E. A. V. SMART, C. A. WILLSON-WHITE, D. F. CARSWELL, R. M. HENDERSON, S. L. MACKENZIE

House Captains of Sport:

Cross-country:	Rugby: M. I. M. DAWSON
C. A. WILLSON-WHITE	Cricket: S. L. MACKENZIE
Fives: E. P. MACKAY	Hockey: M. I. M. DAWSON
Music: W. M. PETTY	S. L. MACKENZIE
Sailing: W. M. PETTY	Athletics: R. C. G. DRYSDALE
Shooting: E. P. MACKAY	J. H. S. BLACK
Swimming: E. P. MACKAY	Boxing: M. I. M. DAWSON
Tennis: A. Y. LAWSON	

House Colours are held by:

M. I. M. DAWSON, R. G. LAWSON, I. T. CARRUTHERS, J. H. S. BLACK, D. F. CARSWELL, S. L. MACKENZIE, E. P. MACKAY, I. R. BROWNE, A. Y. LAWSON, A. S. McINROY

Simpson House Report, 1964-65

It has been a younger House this year with many leavers in 1964 and few in 1965. A. M. Cumming has been House Captain, and he hands over to D. M. R. Bell. N. F. Macmillan and J. P. Galbraith have been School Prefects during the year. R. M. Lyszkowski, D. Franklin, D. M. R. Bell, J. W. B. Anderson, J. S. Donald, C. A. H. Greig and C. W. Caldwell were House Prefects. G. R. Eadie and D. I. Jeffrey each won two School prizes and R. M. Lyszkowski one. R. A. Lamb won the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Cumming was School Captain of Swimming, Galbraith of Tennis and Macmillan of Hockey. Macmillan was the Senior and A. R. Brash the Middle Cross-country champion. R. I. Kirkby won the Tennis Singles Cup. The House won the Fives, Ski-ing, Cross-country and Swimming Cups this year.

We lose with great regret the services of Mr. Thomson, who has been a very popular House Tutor since he came to Strathallan five years ago. His place is taken next term by Mr. Addison.

Among the year's new boys are brothers of T. A. F. Jenkins, J. W. B. Anderson, A. R. Brash and K. L. Robertson. The brothers of L. W. Bell and D. I. Jeffrey came up from Riley House. Next term the House will contain three unrelated Bells and a platoon of assorted Wilsons. Also among the year's new boys was — not the brother of I. W. L. Brown, who left nearly two years ago, but I. W. L. Brown himself, relinquishing the rank of Old Strathallian for a term and a half to play in the House rugger matches.

D.E.Y.

GAMES SECTION

Rugby Retrospect, 1964-65

THE prospects for this season appeared to be quite promising. This promise was only partly fulfilled. Six Old Colours returned to form the nucleus of the team and by and large they all improved on their previous year's form. The newcomers to the team took rather too long to settle down and as a result although there was no real weak link after the first few matches a certain lack of teamwork hampered early season play. The other factor which cropped up time and time again was a lack of consistency. Not only did this occur in whole matches but dangerous lapses appeared in nearly every match. As a result there were some disappointing results. This lack of consistency is found at all levels and must be avoided in future as what might be very good seasons can easily become mediocre.

Good wins were recorded over Merchiston, Glasgow Academy and Oundle whom we played on a short Christmas tour. The second fixture versus Ratchiffe was cancelled due to frost. The full results which appear elsewhere show that two thirds of the matches were won, which despite the disappointments is respectable by any standards.

Dawson captained the side by example and at times his play was outstanding although he was prone to misuse his kicking and his excellent break was not used enough. Mure partnered him very ably and is to captain the XV next season. The remainder of the backs were sound in defence but lacked imagination and aggression and many promising movements failed owing to bad passing.

The forwards played well and supplied a very fair share of the ball to their backs. Dodd hooked well and was ably assisted by Madjd and Tindal. Houston was only once out-jumped in the line-outs and with Cumming provided a powerful second row. Keech was badly missed after Christmas. He developed into a fine No. 8 forward and was always a danger to the opposition. The weakness of the forwards lay in loose play which, although it improved greatly during the season lacked confidence and imagination at times.

The 2nd XV had plenty of talent and ability but effort and enthusiasm were not always one hundred per cent. As with the 1st XV matches were lost which should have been won. McInroy was a sound and keen full-back and I. R. Browne was outstanding at stand-off half. If those returning are prepared to work really hard they could provide a sound basis for the coming season.

The Colts who had some very good players were handicapped by bad weaknesses in some positions and at times appeared to lack real determination. However some of them will be useful next season and could develop into very good players.

F.S.M.

October 3rd—v. Old Boys—Home—Won 9-6 (6-0)

Despite several late withdrawals the Old Boys produced their customary strong team. Play was never outstanding, but there were several bright spots. Keech dropped an opportunist goal from the 25-yard line after a few minutes of play; this boosted the School's morale, and the Old Boys were at times hard pressed in defence. The final minutes of the first half gave Galbraith an opportunity to kick a penalty goal, putting the School further ahead.

The second half, despite a penetrating break by Carswell leading to a try by Hunter, saw a reversal of the position and in the last twenty minutes the Old Boys were constantly on the attack. A break from a set scrum gave Brown a well deserved try, and this was closely followed by a second from Duncan. Neither was converted.

Team: J. P. Galbraith, J. D. S. Robertson, J. H. S. Black, J. S. Hunter, D. F. Carswell, M. I. M. Dawson, A. J. Sloan, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Dodd, B. M. S. Borland, A. G. Houston, A. M. Cumming, J. R. N. Keech, I. K. Lamont, N. F. Macmillan.

October 8th—v. Keil School—Away—Won 11-3 (5-3)

The game began in torrential rain, and the School started badly, giving away a penalty in front of the posts in the first few minutes. Keil's three point lead was the signal for retaliation. Most of the School's ensuing moves were basically sound but were dogged by fumbling and other elementary mistakes. A quick sprint by Carswell resulted in a try in the corner, converted by Galbraith to give us a two-point lead at half-time.

Play improved gradually during the second half, and only hard tackling and determined defensive play by Keil kept the score down. Black, receiving the ball from a quick heel, caught the defence on the wrong foot and scored an impressive try. In the final minutes Lamont followed up a kick ahead and made a neat touch-down.

Team: J. P. Galbraith, D. F. Carswell, J. S. Hunter, J. H. S. Black, J. D. S. Robertson, M. I. M. Dawson, A. J. Sloan, B. M. S. Borland, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, A. M. Cumming, A. G. Houston, I. K. Lamont, J. R. N. Keech, N. F. Macmillan

October 13th—v. Perth Academy—Home—Won 22-0 (8-0)

A damp pitch and a wet ball were important factors in the fumbling of the opening minutes. However, the School soon settled down and showed their superior ball control and speed. Scott, new to the wing, proved himself by scoring an excellent try after a mid-field break by Black, who converted. Play then became mainly confined to the centre of the field until Carswell, with customary speed, dodged his way to a try in the corner.

The second half saw a further improvement in play. Fitness in the School's pack became more and more obvious as play progressed, and Scott scored a second try following some fiery scrummaging. More forward play followed, finally resulting in a try by Gemmell, another new member of the team. Once more in the attack, after a spell on the defensive, Carswell scooped up a loose ball and weaved his way to yet another try, which was converted by Galbraith. In the closing minutes Houston scored a push-over try.

Team: J. P. Galbraith, D. F. Carswell, J. S. Hunter, J. H. S. Black, D. A. Scott, M. I. M. Dawson, A. J. Sloan, B. M. S. Borland, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, R. J. Gemmell, A. G. Houston, I. K. Lamont, J. R. N. Keech, N. F. Macmillan.

October 17th—v. Edinburgh Academy—Away—Drawn 0-0 (0-0)

Perhaps the hottest day of the season—conditions were perfect, with no wind and a dry ball. The Academy produced a fiery and awesome pack which almost scored from the kick-off. The School rallied but gave away a penalty on the twenty-five from which the Academy only narrowly failed to score. A series of penalties frustrated all the School's attempts to score, and the Academy were unlucky to be unable to score from them.

Play brightened somewhat in the second half with much less fumbling. The Academy line was crossed but the try was disallowed. With the School again in the attack Keech narrowly failed to drop a goal from the ten-yard line. The game finished almost as it had started, with a penalty to the Academy. Again they failed to score, and the final result was felt by both sides to be unsatisfactory.

Team: J. P. Galbraith, D. R. Carswell, J. S. Hunter, J. H. S. Black, D. A. Scott, M. I. M. Dawson, A. J. Sloan, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Dodd, M. G. Madjd, A. G. Houston, R. J. Gemmell, I. K. Lamont, J. R. N. Keech, N. F. Macmillan.

October 20th—v. Trinity College, Glenalmond—Away—Lost 0-14 (0-5)

The pitch was wet, and occasional showers did nothing to help an already muddy ball. The packs were well matched, with Houston's customary dominance of the line-outs, but Glenalmond was very strong in the centre and most of their scoring came from here. Play seemed fairly equal in the first quarter with determined play on both sides. The School were in an attacking position several times in the first half, but each time the movement broke down. Mure, the new scrum-half, gave Dawson excellent service. A break by the Glenalmond centres shortly before half-time gave them a lead they never lost.

As conditions worsened the game became harder, with play swinging from one end of the field to the other. Glenalmond had two good breaks using an extra man in the line and scored each time. A few minutes from the end Lamont was carried off. The pack continued to play manfully, but were unable to prevent Glenalmond from scoring again. The better side won, but the School were unlucky to lose by so wide a margin.

Team: J. P. Galbraith, J. H. S. Black, J. S. Hunter, A. J. Sloan, D. F. Carswell, M. I. M. Dawson, G. L. H. Mure, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Dodd, M. G. Madjd, A. G. Houston, R. J. Gemmell, I. K. Lamont, J. R. N. Keech, N. F. Macmillan.

October 28th—v. Dollar Academy—Away—Lost 3-6 (0-3)

In slightly damp conditions Dollar kicked off and went straight into the attack. Dollar stayed in the School half for most of the first half of the match, and it was only good kicking by Dawson and Sloan which relieved the pressure. During one of the School's few excursions into the Dollar half, bad passing by the backs and poor falling led to Dollar's first try. After this the School improved and for the last few minutes of the half began to press the Dollar line. A good break by Black nearly resulted in a try in the right corner but the ball was thrown forward over the line.

In the second half the School were much more in the game, but intelligent kicks ahead by Black and Dawson were not utilised. Nevertheless it was Dollar who scored. From a loose scrum near the School line Dollar had the ball out, and with the overlap they went on to score. The School pressure eventually resulted in a try by Keech after Black's kick had been well backed up. The easy conversion was missed. On the whole this was not a good game for the School. The forwards played well, but the backs lacked penetration but credit must be given to a good Dollar side.

Team: A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott, J. H. S. Black, D. F. Carswell, J. P. Galbraith, M. I. M. Dawson, I. T. Carruthers, M. G. Madjd, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Houston, R. J. Gemmell, I. K. Lamont, J. R. N. Keech, N. F. Macmillan.

October 31st—v. Monmouth School—Home—Lost 3-8 (3-3)

For the first time the School worked as a unit for the whole game. The visitors started weakly but found their true form. Monmouth dropped a fine goal after ten minutes, but this was soon countered by a penalty goal from Black. From then on play was hard, both teams attacking and defending brilliantly. Monmouth were outstanding in the way they flung the ball about — what they lost in accuracy they gained in surprise and the ball was seldom still, giving our scrum hard work backing up. Sloan, now playing full-back, defended soundly while Carswell, now in the centre, linked an agile attack. In the last moments, after a splendid spell of passing, Monmouth broke through the School defence to score a further five points and win a fine game.

Team: A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott, J. H. S. Black, D. F. Carswell, J. P. Galbraith, M. I. M. Dawson, I. T. Carruthers, M. G. Madjd, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Houston, R. J. Gemmell, I. K. Lamont, J. R. N. Keech, N. F. Macmillan.

November 3rd—v. Morrison's Academy—Away—Won 14-9

The ball has never been thrown about so much in a School match. It was apparently an experiment which to a large extent worked as far as the score was concerned, but which made for scrappy play on the whole, and the few ensuing mistakes accounted for the unnecessarily high score against the School. Black scored a neat try in the corner after a perfectly executed three-quarter movement. This seemed to inspire Morrison's who fought well in the scrum and defended extremely ably in the backs, picking on any loose mistakes. Later in the first half Keech, in a break from the School twenty-five, scored a fine try and calmly converted it. Galbraith on the right wing scored two further tries. Although the scoring was high, play was not as co-ordinated as it might have been.

Team: A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott, D. F. Carswell, J. H. S. Black, J. P. Galbraith, M. I. M. Dawson, G. L. H. Mure, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Dodd, M. G. Madjd, A. M. Cumming, A. G. Houston, I. K. Lamont, J. R. N. Keech, N. F. Macmillan.

November 7th—v. Merchiston Castle School—Home—Won 6-0 (3-0)

Merchiston kicked off and immediately gained the advantage by keeping the game in the School half. The heavier Merchiston pack gave their three-quarters much of the ball, and it was only the School's dour defence which stopped Merchiston scoring. In fact the visitors could have been ahead for three penalties were missed, one of them relatively easy. The first time the School looked like scoring was from a short line-out when a good move by Macmillan and Keech was halted near the line. Shortly afterwards Dawson received the ball near the half-way line, made a brilliant break and went over for an unconverted try.

In the second half the School pack began to dominate the scrums and line-outs, with Houston outjumping all opposition in the latter. The three-quarters saw more of the ball but lacked the little bit of finish which results in tries. The next score came when Galbraith picked up the loose ball near the Merchiston twenty-five and weaved his way through for a try near the posts. The closing minutes were fast and furious and excellent rugger was played by both sides.

Team: A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott, J. H. S. Black, D. F. Carswell, J. P. Galbraith, M. I. M. Dawson, G. L. H. Mure, M. G. Madjd, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Houston, A. M. Cumming, I. K. Lamont, J. R. N. Keech, N. F. Macmillan.

November 14th—v. West of Scotland Colts—Home—Lost 3-6 (0-6)

The game was played in rain and a strong wind. Play was not expected to be inspiring and was mainly confined to the side opposite the stand, although all the scoring was on the stand side. The first was the conversion, by West, of a penalty resulting from a back not being ten yards from the line-out. The second score came from a good movement by the West forwards, linking with their backs. This attack was temporarily halted near the School line, but from the resultant loose scrum the West scrum-half went over near the corner.

In the second half the game was more open, with the West backs getting more of the ball but finding it hard to pierce the strong School defence. In the last few minutes a good dribbling movement by Galbraith and Lamont led to the latter going over for an unconverted try. This was not a good game for the School and the absence of Dawson was noticeable, for the team did not play with any of the fire of the previous match.

Team: A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott, J. H. S. Black, D. F. Carswell, J. P. Galbraith, I. T. Carruthers, G. L. H. Mure, M. G. Madjd, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Houston, A. M. Cumming, I. K. Lamont, J. R. N. Keech, B. A. A. Robertson.

November 28th—v. Gordonstoun—Home—Won 15-5 (6-5)

At the start of the match the ground had a hard crust but it did not affect play. From the kick-off the School attacked, but it was not until ten minutes after the start that Dawson broke blind and sent Galbraith over for a try in the corner. After that Gordonstoun came more into the game but for a time neither side scored. Then a kick for touch by Galbraith was charged down by a Gordonstoun centre who went over for a try. The brilliant conversion made the score 5-3 to Gordonstoun. This put some life into the School and they again took the lead with a penalty kicked by Keech.

The second half started like the first with the School pack dominating the tight and giving the backs much of the ball. A good diagonal run by Scott from right to left resulted in an unconverted try. The School kept up the pressure and from a kick ahead by Carswell, Galbraith went over. Despite being 12-5 in arrears Gordonstoun still looked dangerous, especially when they executed their "up-and-unders," but it was the School who scored again. Sloan came into the line, made the extra man and Galbraith went over in the corner.

Team: A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott, J. H. S. Black, D. F. Carswell, J. P. Galbraith, M. I. M. Dawson, G. L. H. Mure, M. G. Madjd, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Houston, A. M. Cumming, I. K. Lamont, J. R. N. Keech, D. M. R. Bell.

*1st XV v. Gordonstoun***December 9th—v. Glasgow Academy—Home—Won 11-0 (8-0)**

Glasgow kicked off but the School soon went into the attack when a good kick ahead was well followed up. From a loose scrum near the Glasgow line Mure went over and Keech converted. From then on for most of the first half the sides were evenly matched and neither team could penetrate the other's defence even with high kicks and grubbers. Five minutes before half-time Carswell broke from the twenty-five and went over for an excellent try.

The second half was fast and furious and both defences were severely tested. Eventually the School scored when Sloan gathered the ball from a maul near the visitors' line and went over. After this there was no more scoring, but the good standard of play was maintained to the last minute.

Team: A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott, J. H. S. Black, D. F. Carswell, J. P. Galbraith, M. I. M. Dawson, G. L. H. Mure, M. G. Madjd, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Houston, A. M. Cumming, I. K. Lamont, J. R. N. Keech, D. M. R. Bell.

December 17th—v. Oundle—Away—Won 8-3 (0-3)

Oundle kicked off on a hard ground and immediately began to press the School line. Strathallan were slow, and seemed to be feeling the effects of the journey. When Oundle scored following a quick heel there was little retaliation. But as the first half wore on more cohesion was apparent and the School began to come back into the game. Shortly before half-time a break by Dawson took him to within five yards of the line, but the score was still 0-3 at half-time.

Immediately after the re-start Keech kicked a penalty from thirty yards. There followed a period in which the School came close to scoring on innumerable occasions, and eventually Galbraith dribbled over the line and scored, Keech converting. A dangerous run by the Oundle left-wing, the home team's only attacking move in this half, nearly brought a score, but Sloan saved the day. The game finished with School still attacking strongly and playing good, open rugby.

Team: A. J. Sloan, J. P. Galbraith, D. F. Carswell, J. H. S. Black, D. A. Scott, M. I. M. Dawson, G. L. H. Mure, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Dodd, M. G. Madjd, A. M. Cumming, A. G. Houston, I. K. Lamont, J. R. N. Keech, N. F. Macmillan.

February 13th—v. Kelvinside Academy—Away—Lost 5-6 (5-6)

The School kicked off with the wind behind them and went into the attack. This pressure did not last long and Kelvinside were soon in the School half. After five minutes the home team scored from a loose maul near the School line. The School so far had not played with much fire, and handling, falling and passing were all below standard. Things did not change until Kelvinside kicked a penalty after fifteen minutes. From the kick-off the School went into the attack and a good movement which included backs and forwards resulted in Macmillan going over in the left corner. Dawson converted.

In the second half there was little wind and the game turned into a stalemate as play drifted from end to end. The School nearly scored twice; Brown went over but the try was disallowed, and Dawson only narrowly failed with a drop at goal.

Team: A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott, J. H. S. Black, D. F. Carswell, J. P. Galbraith, M. I. M. Dawson, G. L. H. Mure, M. G. Madjd, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Houston, A. M. Cumming, D. M. R. Bell, I. W. L. Brown, N. F. Macmillan.

February 17th—v. Scottish Wayfarers—Home—Won 14-12 (8-6)

From the kick-off Wayfarers went into the attack and soon scored. This try was followed by another several minutes later. After this the School backs saw more of the ball as Dodd won more strikes. From a scrum near the visitors' line Mure went over and Brown converted. Continued pressure from the School was rewarded when Brown kicked a penalty from near the touch-line.

The second half saw open rugby from both sides with play fluctuating from end to end. Dawson put the School further ahead with a dropped goal from thirty yards but Wayfarers soon closed up the gap when they too dropped a goal. From the kick-off good following up by Houston and Brown resulted in a try by Galbraith. The open play continued and Wayfarers obtained a well-deserved try just before the end.

Team: A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott, J. H. S. Black, D. F. Carswell, J. P. Galbraith, M. I. M. Dawson, G. L. H. Mure, M. G. Madjd, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Houston, A. M. Cumming, D. M. R. Bell, I. W. L. Brown, N. F. Macmillan.

February 23rd—v. Edinburgh Wanderers Colts—Home—Won 9-3 (3-3)

Play was mostly scrappy for the first quarter and the only score came from a penalty for Wanderers. The rest of the half was also relatively uninspiring, but Black levelled the score with a good break.

The second half was better from the spectators' point of view. Halfway through Brown kicked a penalty, after this Wanderers pressed the School line for some time but the home defence held out. In the dying minutes the School came more into the picture and Sloan scored from a break by Galbraith.

Team: A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott, J. H. S. Black, D. F. Carswell, J. P. Galbraith, M. I. M. Dawson, G. L. H. Mure, M. G. Madjd, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Houston, A. M. Cumming, D. M. R. Bell, I. W. L. Brown, N. F. Macmillan.

February 27th—v. George Watson's College—Away—Lost 3-11 (3-3)

The School held a territorial advantage for the first few minutes with kicks down the line. The opening score came when Dawson dropped a goal forty yards following a scrum. After that Watson's came more to the game and their continuous pressure was rewarded with a try.

The second half was even territorially, until after twenty minutes Watson's scored after a loose maul on the left wing. The School tried to counter-attack by moving the ball down the line but the backs never worried a strong home defence. Watson's got their last score when their No. 8 went over after a scrum a few feet from the line. The try was converted.

Team: A. J. Sloan, D. A. Scott, J. H. S. Black, D. F. Carswell, J. P. Galbraith, M. I. M. Dawson, G. L. H. Mure, M. G. Madjd, A. G. Dodd, K. C. Tindal, A. G. Houston, A. M. Cumming, D. M. R. Bell, I. W. L. Brown, N. F. Macmillan.

COLTS RUGBY 1964-65

Team: I. B. Mackenzie, N. D. Riach, H. A. R. Cromarty, R. M. Wallace, J. D. C. Mackay, C. J. W. Mauchline, A. F. Spence, R. M. M. Lang (Capt.), J. Muir, J. M. Stewart, A. C. Mulhall, A. L. McGeachy, A. R. A. Keown, A. D. F. Mills, D. A. Ogilvie.

Record: Keil School won, Fettes lost, Perth Academy won, Loretto lost, Rannoch lost, Merchiston lost.

Despite some good individuals this was a poor side which failed to knit together into a workmanlike team. The forwards were too easily overawed by the greater size of opposing packs, while the three-quarters, although good in attack, often allowed opponents to wander through them at will. The team put up an inexcusable display against Loretto when, after leading by 13 pts. to 6, they eventually lost by 13 pts. to 24. Any chance the team had to prove its true worth was lost when bad weather in the second term caused most games to be cancelled. For there is undoubtedly talent in the side. Mauchline and Spence made an efficient half-back combination while Cromarty and Riach were outstanding among the backs. Of the forwards Muir, Mills, Lang and Mulhall are promising. There are several others who should also do well in the senior sides, and there is no cause to fear for the future.

D.J.W.

JUNIOR COLTS RUGBY 1964-65

This year's team was very disappointing. For the first time in the last eight years they lost more matches than they won and also scored less points than their opponents. The forwards were rather light and the three-quarters seemed to lack penetration; this was to be expected as some threes had to be made because the ones with which the season started were rather small. As usual the team played with a great deal of spirit which should benefit them in the future.

Results: Played 7, won 3, lost 4, points for 55, against 76.

E.W.

Strathallan 2nd XV—Played 8, won 5, lost 3

Strathallan 3rd XV—Played 4, won 3, lost 1

Strathallan 4th XV—Played 4, won 1, lost 3

Strathallan 5th XV—Played 1, lost 1

Strathallan 6th XV—Played 1, won 1

Strathallan Under-13½ XV—Played 8, won 6, lost 2

Senior House Matches—Winners: Simpson & Freeland

Junior House Matches—Winner: Nicol

Hockey Report 1965

WE started the season with high hopes and individual players of high potential. However, despite a good start, it was not long before we ran into difficulties with players being unfit or otherwise unavailable for important matches and improvisation remained the order of the day. The impossibility of finding adequate practice time was not offset by the sterling efforts of individuals, and lack of teamwork prevailed throughout the season. On the credit side a record number of over 300 boys were playing hockey, two new pitches being commissioned on the Mudflats and proving most useful.

Both N. F. Macmillan and I. W. L. Brown were selected for the Scottish Schoolboys' Hockey XI. This XI played with great determination in the opening game of the International Tournament and was leading a really excellent English Schoolboys' side by 3-0 until within 20 minutes of the final whistle. The final score was 5-4 to England. In the final drawn match against Wales, Macmillan, who had been playing left half, replaced Brown at centre half for Scotland, Brown having been injured in the second half of the opening match against England.

The Summer XI played some attractive Hockey and Little Acre was in better condition than ever before. However, the team work, which has usually been one of the distinctive features of Strathallan Hockey was not always present. There is no lack of individual talent in the School but this will only come to fruition if players learn to play together. Next year the old sticks rule returns in all its rigour.

During the Summer holidays J. S. Hunter will be touring Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the U.S.A. with 15 other boys (2 from Canada, 1 each from Ireland and Wales, and the rest from England.) The Organiser of the Oxford Festival, the Reverend M. Martin-Harvey, and D. C. L. Prior, Oxford, and D. R. Sabberton, Cambridge, will also be in the party. This trip is being financed partly by the boys concerned and partly by the Swifts Sports Trust.

The Swifts Sports Trust was founded with the principal object of encouraging "especially by means of the inter-change of tours, such athletic team games as are played for educational purposes in schools, colleges, and other establishments by school-boys, schoolgirls and students in Great Britain, Northern Ireland and overseas." The initial figure for the fund is £50,000, the trustees hoping to support such activities as cricket, hockey, swimming, athletics, etc. The Rev. M. Martin-Harvey, St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate, Kent, is one of the trustees of this most worthwhile trust.

P.R.S.

FIRST XI MATCHES, 1965**March 9th—v. Perth Academy—Away—Won 4-0**

In spite of only a few days' practice we faced up to this, our first match, with a team that was already beginning to develop well. By half-time we were 3-0 up with two good goals by Sloan, both with the reverse stick, and a short corner scored by Brown. We continued to press after half time, but only Mackenzie scored to make the final result a 4-0 victory. The defence had been very sound, particularly Hunter's dropping back to cover the full backs in the circle; the attack, completely different from that of the previous year, had made a good start.

Team: R. J. Gemmell, N. F. Macmillan (capt.), W. B. Melville, J. S. Hunter, I. W. L. Brown, D. A. Scott, D. F. Carswell, S. L. Mackenzie, A. J. Sloan, M. I. M. Dawson, R. J. Elder.

March 13th—v. Aberdeen Grammar School—Home—Won 3-0

We had never beaten Aberdeen Grammar before, but after a very robust game we came off with a 3-0 win. Again the forwards had shown considerable perseverance with goals by Brown, Elder and Mackenzie, and the defence had held firm. We probably had not matched our opponents' stick work but our positional play was superior.

Team: R. J. Gemmell, N. F. Macmillan (capt.), W. B. Melville, J. S. Hunter, I. W. L. Brown, D. A. Scott, D. F. Carswell, S. L. Mackenzie, A. J. Sloan, M. I. M. Dawson, R. J. Elder.

March 16th—v. Fettes—Away—Drawn 1-1

There was an extremely strong wind blowing against us when we started at Fettes. After ten minutes the full backs and goalkeeper let in a rather "soft" goal. Fettes at this time had considerably more vigour in their play. The standard of play in the second half was rather indifferent until Brown put in a short corner with ten minutes playing time left. The game burst into life and both sides missed chances before the final whistle gave a fair result to the game.

Team: R. J. Gemmell, N. F. Macmillan (capt.), W. B. Melville, J. S. Hunter, I. W. L. Brown, D. A. Scott, D. F. Carswell, S. L. Mackenzie, A. J. Sloan, M. I. M. Dawson, R. J. Elder.

March 20th—v. Loretto—Home—Lost 3-2

After ten minutes play Elder came in from the left wing to put us ahead, but immediately Loretto retaliated with a similar goal. Sloan scored before half time to give Strathallan the lead. Loretto, however, were not at all disconcerted, even when Strathallan nearly scored again, and produced the two best goals of the match in the second half. This keenly contested game was Strathallan's first defeat ever on the Garden Pitch.

Team: R. J. Gemmell, N. F. Macmillan, W. B. Melville, J. S. Hunter, I. W. L. Brown, D. A. Scott, D. F. Carswell, Riach, A. J. Sloan, M. I. M. Dawson, R. J. Elder.

March 27th—v. Gordonstoun—Away—Lost 3-0

The day after the end of term we played a very good Gordonstoun side whose teamwork was much superior to our own. We lost 3-0 after being 1-0 down at half time. The whole team, as it had done previously and continued to do at Oxford, played hard but was just not good enough to dominate the play.

eam: R. J. Gemmell, N. F. Macmillan, P. G. McCallum, J. S. Hunter, I. W. L. Brown, D. A. Scott, D. F. Carswell, S. L. Mackenzie, M. I. M. Dawson, K. C. Tindal, R. J. Elder.

First XI Colours were awarded or re-awarded to I. W. L. Brown, M. I. M. Dawson, D. F. Carswell, S. L. Mackenzie, A. J. Sloan, W. B. Melville, R. J. Elder, K. J. Tindal, J. S. Hunter and R. J. Gemmell.

Second XI Results

March 9—v. Perth Academy Second XI—Won 9-0
March 13—v. Aberdeen Grammar School Second XI—Won 8-2
March 9—v. Perth Academy Second XI—Won 9-0
March 16—v. Lendrick Muir First XI—Home—Lost 1-2
March 20—v. Loretto Second XI—Away—Drawn 1-1

Colts XI Results

March 13—v. Morgan Academy—Home—Won 2-0
March 16—v. Fettes—Away—Lost 1-2
March 20—v. Loretto—Away—Won 3-1

Under 14½ XI Results

March 13—v. Morgan Academy—Home—Won 6-0
March 16—v. Fettes—Away—Lost 1-5
March 20—v. Loretto—Away—Lost 0-6

The following matches were cancelled on account of bad weather:

First XI v. Picts
Colts XI v. Grove Academy
Under 14½ XI v. Stobswell First XI
Under 14½ XI v. Grove Academy

OXFORD HOCKEY FESTIVAL, 1965

A STRENUOUS programme of five matches in four days against highly proficient sides awaited us at Oxford. We lost all five matches: — 2-5 v. Rugby; 0-1 v. Whitgift; 2-5 v. Marlborough; 2-5 v. Campbell College; 1-3 v. St. Edward's.

Throughout the Festival the team played hard urged on by the fervent support and pointed advice of Messrs. Spurgin, Stewart and Searle. Somehow, however, this had to compensate for a lack of excellence in some aspects of our game and never completely did so. Our team-work was not particularly good and the forwards often lacked sharpness and bite in and around the circle. Nevertheless the team to a large extent fulfilled its potential and produced some fine hockey, notably an inspired first half against Marlborough.

N.F.M.

SUMMER HOCKEY

POTENTIALLY the XI was a strong side, but at times co-ordination seemed to be lacking. This proved our undoing against Grove Academy F.P. and Morgan Academy F.P. All School matches were deservedly won, though by small margins. The most

exciting games were those against Whitecraigs and the Strathallian Club. This was a very welcome new fixture, and the Club's XI was captained by J. F. Dyet. The School played well but were unable to penetrate the Club's Goal guarded by D. R. Anderson. This was deemed by the XI to be the best game of a most enjoyable Summer season.

Summer XI Results

May 8—v. Ruthrieston Ramblers—Home—Won 3-0
 May 15—v. Dunfermline Carnagie—Home—Draw 1-1
 May 22—v. Morgan Academy F.P.—Home—Lost 1-5
 May 29—v. Whitecraigs—Home—Lost 0-1
 June 5—v. Strathallian Club—Home—Lost 0-1
 June 12—v. Blairgowrie H.C.—Home—Won 6-0
 June 22—v. Glenalmond—Away—Won 1-0
 June 26—v. Grove Academy F.P.—Home—Lost 1-7
 July 3—v. Edinburgh Academy—Home—Won 3-2
 2nd XI v. Edinburgh Acad. 2nd XI—Home—Won 4-2

The following were among those who played for the Summer XI:
 Goalkeepers—Cumming, McNaught, Gemmell and Mulhall.

Full Backs—D. M. R. Bell, P. G. McCallum and G. I. M. Brown.

Halves—Hunter, Mure and D. A. Scott (Captain).

Forwards—D. F. Carswell, Tindal, Riach, Elder, Black, Gibson, G. W. T. Smith and Melville.

Summer Hockey Colours were awarded or re-awarded to Mure, McCallum, Bell and Riach. D.A.S.

Hockey House Matches

First Round (Spring Term):

Freeland drew with Ruthven 2-2; Nicol beat Simpson 2-1

Second Round (Summer Term):

Nicol beat Freeland 2-1; Simpson beat Ruthven 2-0

Third Round (Summer Term):

Nicol drew with Ruthven 1-1; Freeland beat Simpson 2-1

Nicol won the Cup.

CRICKET, 1965

Cricket Retrospect

LIKE many other schools we suffered from a wetter than average Scottish summer which made this a most frustrating season for cricket. The beginning was particularly depressing with three matches completely ruined early on, and the wickets, when playable, were generally so wet that they gave no encouragement to either batsmen or bowlers and lessened the enjoyment of the game considerably.

Judging from results however, our young and largely inexperienced side have had a fair season. Of the school matches

completed we won four—the Glenalmond game producing the most exciting finish seen at Strathallan for years—drew two, and lost only to Fettes.

An attractive addition to the fixture list was the visit of Mr. K. Frost's XI. Mr. Frost is a former captain of the School XI. It was unfortunate that the only available date clashed with G.C.E. exams., but it is hoped to remedy this in future years. I think it is fair to say that our cricket has been less inspired than in recent years. Generally speaking, the batsmen were struggling to find their form for the greater part of the summer, and although the wet wickets restricted stroke play, there was no excuse for the large number of full tosses and half volleys which went unpunished. Melville did his best to take command when he was at the wicket and was well supported by Trusdale on a number of occasions. Spence, in his first season, looked most promising and batted with assurance, and both Gibson and Primrose tried hard but lacked aggression. Sloan, who set a fine example in the field, had a disappointing season with the bat and only recovered his form with the arrival of the harder wickets at the end of term.

The bowling was adequate. The opening attack was not as accurate or as hostile as one would have wished, although Mackenzie bowled extremely well at times, and very often it was left to the spinners to provide the penetration. Turner was the best of these—and the unluckiest—and improved more and more as he gained confidence.

Next season we shall once more be on the look-out for opening bowlers. At present it seems likely that the change of emphasis from speed to spin will continue. Lastly, we hope to see more enterprising stroke play from the batsmen and, given better weather, this should come.

H.C.A.

1st XI record

Played 15; Won 4; Lost 3; Drawn 6; Abandoned 2.

AVERAGES

Batting	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
T. Gibson	8	3	208	51*	41.6
A. F. Spence	10	6	121	37*	30.2
T. N. W. Trusdale	10	3	192	56*	27.4
W. B. Melville ...	10	2	188	46*	23.5
W. M. Thompson	3	2	21	17*	21.0
I. S. Primrose	13	1	144	35	12.0
S. L. Mackenzie ...	7	—	80	30	11.4
C. J. W. Mauchline	8	1	79	20*	11.3
A. J. Sloan	10	2	77	20	9.5
J. W. B. Anderson	4	1	23	15*	7.7
I. R. Browne	6	1	33	17*	6.6
A. D. Turner	4	2	12	10	6.0
R. J. Elder	2	—	7	4	3.5

Also batted: R. M. M. Lang 22*, A. R. Sharpe 9, R. J. H. Neil 0.

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
A. J. Sloan	8	3	19	4	4.7
S. L. Mackenzie ...	125.2	45	251	23	10.9
A. D. Turner	160	47	389	27	14.4
W. B. Melville	66	14	187	11	17.0
T. Gibson	25	6	58	3	19.3
R. J. Elder	51.1	9	137	7	19.6
A. F. Spence	7	2	20	1	20.0
I. S. Primrose	26.1	10	62	1	62.0
A. S. McIlroy	16	1	65	1	65.0
W. M. Thompson ..	2	0	9	0	—

1st XI MATCH REPORTS

Saturday, May 8th—School v. Crieff C.C.—Home

Crieff won the toss and elected to bat on a wet wicket. McIlroy had Watters l.b.w. in the second over with the score at two. Dewhurst and Donaldson then set about the bowling hitting five 6's and six 4's in their partnership of 89. Crieff declared after several breaks for rain leaving the School two hours to get the runs.

"The Perthshire Advertiser" summed up the School batting: "The Strathallan batsmen were sadly out of touch and never looked like making the runs." Melville was dropped four times in an undefeated forty-six.

Crieff

J. H. Dewhurst, c Browne, b Melville	38
N. Watters, lbw McInroy	0
G. Donaldson, c Trusdale, b Melville	53
W. Sinclair, b Turner	14
H. Laing, b Turner	1
G. Searle, not out	22
W. Alston, not out	2
Extras	3

Total for 5 wkts. (dec.) 133

Strathallan

I. S. Primrose, b Sinclair	12
A. J. Sloan, b Murphy	3
W. B. Melville, not out	46
T. N. W. Trusdale, b Murphy ..	15
I. R. Browne, c Watters, b Donaldson	3
C. J. W. Mauchline, c Sinclair, b Thompson	7
A. F. Spence, not out	0
Extras	2

Total for 5 wkts. 88

A. S. McInroy, A. R. Sharpe, J. W. B. Anderson and A. D. Turner did not bat.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Primrose	5	1	22	0
McInroy ...	4	0	20	1
Melville ...	13	1	53	2
Turner	12	6	35	2

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Murphy	13	4	16	2
Sinclair	14	3	31	1
Ewing ...	3	2	5	0
Donaldson	5	0	25	1
Dewhurst	1	0	9	0
Thompson	1	1	0	1

Match drawn.

Saturday, May 15th—School v. Edinburgh Academy—Away

Edinburgh won the toss and elected to bat on the dry wicket. Elder struck the first blow bowling the home skipper in his second over. Crerar and Black then took command, and it was not until Crerar lifted his head and swung at Turner that another wicket fell. Turner then took three more quick wickets, Spence taking a good catch in the slips. At lunch the Academy were 102 for 6.

Willis and Black then hit a further 47 runs before the former was caught at the wicket. Burtt lasted an over before being out to a good return catch by Sloan, who also claimed the last two batsmen, leaving Edinburgh all out for 170 runs.

The School were left to chase the runs in 180 mins. The home attack was consistent in length and direction, and as a result only 15 runs were scored in the hour before tea, without loss. After tea the runs came more freely, but the wickets fell as the batsmen tried to force the wrong balls. Melville hit 14 in 10 minutes before skying one to mid-on. Trusdale kept one end up, but lost a succession of partners until Mauchline arrived at the wicket. Mauchline was then hit by a lifting ball, and Trusdale, not realising that the ball was not dead walked down the wicket, and was thus unfortunately run out. Mauchline aided by Spence kept the bowling at a safe distance, and thus forced a draw.

Edinburgh Academy

J. A. Crerar, b Turner	51
J. G. Fleming, b Elder	6
P. W. Black, not out	82
Wm. Sutherland, c Spence, b Turner	1
K. M. F. Paton, lbw, b Turner	0
C. W. Kemp, run out	0
N. D. Jackson, c Trusdale, b Turner	2
R. W. Willis, c Trusdale, b Sloan	16
J. L. Burt, c and b Sloan	0
D. W. J. Moffat, c Trusdale, b Sloan	5
D. J. Murby, c Melville, b Sloan	2
Extras	5

Total 170

Strathallan

I. S. Primrose, c and b Black	13
A. J. Sloan, c Moffat, b Sutherland	20
W. B. Melville, c Crerar, b Burtt	14
T. N. W. Trusdale, run out	31
I. R. Browne, c Willis, b Moffat	4
S. L. Mackenzie, b Kemp	6
C. J. W. Mauchline, not out	20
A. F. Spence, not out	4
Extras	6

Total for 6 wks. 117

A. S. McInroy, R. J. Elder and A. D. Turner did not bat.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Elder	8	2	23	1	Burtt	19	8	22	1
McInroy	12	1	45	0	Murby	14	8	10	0
Turner	18	4	43	4	Sutherland	14	4	28	1
Melville	16	3	29	0	Black	9	4	23	1
Mackenzie	7	0	12	0	Moffat	5	2	10	1
Sloan	6	3	13	4					

Match drawn.

Saturday, May 22nd—School v. Morrison's Academy—Away

Cancelled due to rain.

Wednesday, May 26th—School v. Merchiston Castle—Home

The sky was overcast and it had been raining all morning. The sun appeared momentarily and the match was immediately "on." However, two overs later it began to pour again and play was stopped.

Strathallan

J. S. Primrose, c Hogg, b Smith	0
A. J. Sloan, not out	0
W. B. Melville, not out	1
Extras	0

Total for 1 wkt. 1

Match drawn.

T. N. W. Trusdale, S. L. Mackenzie, I. R. Browne, C. J. W. Mauchline, A. F. Spence, A. S. McInroy, R. J. Elder and A. D. Turner did not bat.
J. A. Smith 1 for 1.

Saturday, May 29th—School v. Daniel Stewart's—Away

Strathallan won the toss and chose to bat. We got off to a terrible start, the first four batsmen being back in the pavilion for a mere 24 runs. Mackenzie and Mauchline settled down to a constructive partnership, both scoring steadily. However, with the change of bowling to a spin attack both fell to Lothian. Then followed an extremely entertaining partnership between Anderson and Browne. Both hit the ball hard and also ran many good quick singles. At tea Sloan was able to declare with the score 98 for 7 leaving Stewart's two hours to get the runs.

Mackenzie was however on top form and bowled devastatingly. He had the first two batsmen back in the pavilion for 9 runs. Both D. J. McLean and Barclay showed some resistance but they were removed by McKenzie and Turner respectively. These two proceeded to shoot the opposition out until Skinner and Bruce came together. They both batted sensibly and delayed the result until five minutes before the end when Turner held a good catch in the slips off Mackenzie.

Mackenzie's 7 for 19 represented some good bowling, the Stewart's batsmen never mastering his out-swingers, this being evident from the three catches taken in the air behind the wicket.

Strathallan					Stewart's				
I. S. Primrose, b Johnstone	.....	4			G. K. M. Low, b Mackenzie	...	2		
A. J. Sloan, c Bruce, b Johnstone	.....	6			D. F. McLean, lbw Mackenzie	.....	0		
W. B. Melville, c and b Skinner	.....	5			D. J. MacLean, c and b Mackenzie	.....	13		
T. N. W. Trusdale, b Johnstone	.....	0			R. G. Barclay, b Turner	.....	14		
C. J. W. Mauchline, lbw Lothian	.....	15			M. P. West, b Mackenzie	.....	4		
C. J. W. Mauchline, lbw Lothian	.....	26			B. J. Skinner, c Trusdale, b Mackenzie	.....	0		
I. R. Browne, not out	.....	17			N. Lothian, b Turner	.....	1		
A. F. Spence, b Lothian	.....	2			C. A. Johnstone, c Spence, b Mackenzie	.....	11		
I. W. B. Anderson, not out	.....	15			D. R. Sparen, b Turner	.....	0		
Extras	.....	8			A. N. Bruce, not out	.....	11		
Total for 7 wkts. (dec.)	.....	98			T. P. W. C. Skinner, c Turner, b Mackenzie	.....	10		
R. J. Elder and A. D. Turner did not bat.					Extras	.....	10		
					Total	.....	76		
					Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.				
Johnstone	19	7	28	3	Mackenzie	17	9	19	7
Lothian	8	1	18	3	Elder	9	2	25	0
B. J. Skinner	12	4	17	0	Turner	8	2	22	3
T. P. W. C. Skinner	7	0	27	1					

Won by 22 runs.

Tuesday, June 1st—School v. Fettes—Home

Strathallan won the toss and decided to bat on a damp, but firm wicket, which dried out later. Fettes however took the initiative by good fielding and steady, hostile bowling. The two openers were dismissed after an hour. Melville and Trusdale were even slower in scoring. After two hours batting, Strathallan had made 30 runs for 4 wickets. Mauchline, a strong leg-side player, succeeded in scoring three fours but eventually fell to Brown, the leg-spinner.

Elder and Anderson both fell, trying to hit runs, and the end looked near. However Spence and Turner played sensibly and gained valuable time and hit some fine shots. The latter was eventually out l.b.w.,

misjudging his off-drive. Thus Strathallan were all out for 108 runs, which reflected the high standard of the Fettes bowling and fielding.

Elder claimed Brown's wicket with the first ball of the innings, but then Fettes played some fine cricket, Handley in particular was striking the ball well. He seemed well set until Sloan threw down the stumps from mid-wicket to run him out. Parslow, intent on hitting a six, was soon bowled by Melville, and Russell, who had scored completely in boundaries, met with a similar fate.

Fettes had the game well in hand, and Coles hit the winning runs, after just over an hour's batting.

Strathallan

I. S. Primrose, b Temple	5
A. J. Sloan b Russell	6
W. B. Melville, lbw Brown	24
T. N. W. Trusdale, c McGlashin, b Russell	11
S. L. Mackenzie, b Russell	0
C. J. W. Mauchline, c Parslow, b Brown	13
I. R. Browne, lbw Temple	4
R. J. Elder, b Brown	3
A. F. Spence, not out	13
J. W. B. Anderson, b Brown	4
A. D. Turner, lbw Smith	10
Extras	15

Total 108

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.

Russell	15.4	5	24	3
Foot	16	9	10	0
Temple	16	10	15	2
Chatwin	8	4	10	0
Smith	5.1	1	15	1
Brown	8	2	19	4

Fettes

K. W. W. Brown, lbw Elder	0
A. V. Coles, not out	34
J. R. Handley, run out	29
J. L. Parslow, b Melville	4
A. A. Russell, b Melville	36
D. J. L. Hardie, not out	0
Extras	7

Total for 4 wkts. 110

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.

Elder	5	1	15	1
Mackenzie	6.1	1	25	0
Melville	7	1	37	2
Turner	5	1	26	0

Lost by 6 wickets.

Saturday, June 5th—School v. Old Boys—Home

Strathallan won the toss and decided to bat on a wet wicket. The opening bowlers, Fleming and Davidson, soon settled down on a good length and the scoring rate was slow. The openers were back in the Pavilion with the total at 12, Primrose being brilliantly caught in the gully off a perfectly respectable shot. Mauchline was soon out and then followed a slow partnership between Trusdale and Melville. They batted for three-quarters of an hour to add 21. On a change of attack to the spinners Trusdale was bowled round his legs and Fleming, still bowling at the other end, had Melville finally caught at second slip. All praise must go to Spence for his innings of 27 not out. He went in with the score at 39 for 6 and survived various head high balls from Fleming. There was however no one to settle down with him and the School were dismissed for 90. Fleming bowled extremely well for his five wickets on a pitch which did not help him a great deal.

The School had no answer to the Old Boys' batting and runs came quickly. Cook was out caught on the boundary attempting to hit a six. Harvey-Walker, who batted very well playing some sweetly turned off-drives, was also out trying to hit a six. He tried for the six to reach his 50, mistimed the ball which went straight up and was easily caught by the wicket-keeper halfway down the wicket. Turner got the

wicket of Johnston when the latter left the ball and saw it hit his stumps. The Taylor-Galt combination was thus left to hit up the few runs needed for victory.

This was a sad defeat for the School but it must be realised that the Old Boys' had a very strong side indeed.

Strathallan		Old Boys	
I. S. Primrose, c Cook, b Davidson	7	A. J. Harvey-Walker, c Truedale, b Spence	46
T. Gibson, lbw Fleming	5	A. S. Cook, c Mackenzie, b Gibson	25
W. B. Melville, c Johnston, b Fleming	12	A. G. Johnston, b Turner	5
C. J. W. Mauchline, b Fleming	2	H. Galt, not out	13
T. N. W. Trusdale, b Harvey-Walker	13	T. R. Taylor, not out	2
A. J. Sloan, c Johnstone, b Pate	10	Extras	2
S. L. Mackenzie, c Davidson, b Fleming	0	Total for 3 wks. 93	
A. F. Spence, not out	27	W. S. Pate, M. I. M. Dawson, G. W. Balfour, D. R. Anderson, J. J. W. Davidson and A. J. Fleming did not bat.	
I. R. Browne, c Johnston, b Pate	0		
J. W. B. Anderson, b Fleming	4		
A. D. Turner, b Pate	1		
Extras	9		
Total	90		

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.					Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.				
Fleming ...	19	8	27	5	Mackenzie	4	0	17	0
Davidson	11	3	26	1	Primrose	2	0	14	0
Harvey-Walker	12	4	21	1	Turner	6	0	30	1
Pate	3.1	2	2	3	Gibson	4	0	20	1
Dawson	1	0	5	0	Spence	1	0	4	1
					Sloan	.2	0	6	0

Lost by 7 wickets.

Wednesday, June 9th—School v. Dollar Academy—Home

It was a hot, sunny day — excellent for cricket. Dollar batted first and lost their opener to the second ball. Seven more overs passed before the first run was scored, and it was an hour and a half before Greig was dismissed. The remaining wickets fell to the combined spin attack of Turner and Melville. Moodie remained not out to the last, batting for 125 minutes and for the last hour with the aid of a runner.

Gibson and Primrose started well, the latter opening his shoulders more than usual. Gibson batted very soundly, and after Primrose's dismissal, he and Spence had no difficulty in hitting off the runs, the innings lasting just 55 minutes.

Dollar		Strathallan	
I. R. Grant, c Trusdale, b Mackenzie	0	I. S. Primrose, run out	29
G. A. S. Moodie, not out	25	T. Gibson, not out	28
D. D. Greig, b Turner	18	A. F. Spence, not out	20
J. Hope, lbw Turner	1	Extras	2
D. F. Hope, run out	5	Total for 1 wkt. 79	
W. Halkerston, b Turner	0	W. B. Melville, T. N. W. Trusdale, A. J. Sloan, C. J. W. Mauchline, S. L. Mackenzie, I. R.	
A. E. M. Watt, b Turner	12		
C. Pollock, b Turner	2		

G. V. Heron, b Turner	2	Browne, J. W. B. Anderson and A.
I. Scott, b Melville	5	D. Turner did not bat.
K. Smith, b Melville	0	
Extras	8	

Total 78

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Mackenzie	9	6	10	1	Hulkerston	7	1	22	0
Primrose	7	4	5	0	Smith	6	0	24	0
Turner	19	7	35	6	Greig	3.5	0	14	0
Gibson	11	5	11	0	Heron	2	0	12	0
Melville	7	4	9	2	Scott	1	0	5	0

Won by 9 wickets.

Saturday, June 12th—School v. Loretto—Away

Having chosen to bat on a damp wicket, Loretto were soon in trouble. Scoring was difficult and Mackenzie and Turner were soon among the wickets, both bowling to a length. The fielding was hostile, Mackenzie being outstanding at cover, and Loretto slumped to 22 for 4. But Haigh played sensibly and took the score to 42 at lunch without further loss. He was out immediately after lunch and a collapse ensued. Strathallan looked well on top when nine wickets were down for 64. However, over-confidence and missed chances allowed Francis to score an invaluable 30, while Henderson held up one end for nearly an hour.

Strathallan were left with 105 minutes to make the runs and began cautiously against very accurate bowling, scoring only five in the first half-hour. It was drizzling by now and difficult to force the pace. Primrose was out trying to move the score along a little faster. Spence soon went and Melville, after a promising start, followed. Gibson was still there, but he too was out attempting to force the bowling. Time was now short, and wickets were sacrificed in a desperate attempt to score runs. When stumps were drawn the match had swung to Loretto's advantage, but our last pair must take credit for this lengthy rear-guard action.

Loretto

M. B. Marar, c Spence, b Mackenzie	6
W. J. Watt, b Turner	6
A. J. Lawson, c Trusdale, b Turner	3
T. R. C. Crisp, b Turner	3
S. H. Haigh, c Turner, b Mackenzie	24
I. McDonald, b Mackenzie	4
I. McPhail, c Thomson, b Mackenzie	5
J. C. A. Scobie, run out	0
J. M. Hannah, c Mackenzie, b Turner	4
A. H. Francis, c and b Primrose	30
J. N. Henderson, not out	0
Extras	5

Total 90

Strathallan

I. S. Primrose, b Scouce	6
T. Gibson, c and b Scouce	14
A. F. Spence, lbw Scouce	2
W. B. Melville, c Hannah, b Scouce	9
S. L. Mackenzie, b Francis	5
J. W. B. Anderson, c and b Scouce	0
A. J. Sloan, c Marar, b Scouce	0
T. N. W. Trusdale, c Haigh, b Francis	1
C. J. W. Mauchline, lbw Scouce	9
W. M. Thompson, not out	1
A. D. Turner, not out	1
Extras	3

Total for 9 wkts. 51

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Mackenzie	30	15	29	4	Francis	20	7	22	2
Primrose ...	4.1	0	6	1	Hannah	6	4	2	0
Turner	25	13	32	4	Scouce ...	16	5	21	7
Melville ...	7	3	17	0	Henderson	3	0	3	0
Thompson	1	0	1	0					

Match drawn.

Wednesday, June 16th—School v. Glasgow Academy—Home

Strathallan chose to bat on a hard, true wicket, and Primrose immediately began to look for runs. He was finally caught at the wicket, and Melville came in to continue in similar vein. He too was caught behind. Meanwhile Gibson, who had started slowly, was by now scoring freely, and he was unlucky not to reach his fifty. Spence and Trusdale now began to score all round the wicket, adding forty in just over twenty minutes before Sloan declared.

The Academy had no answer to Mackenzie, even Neilson's innings including three 4's edged off the outswingers, and only Hopkins batted with any confidence. Mackenzie's figures speak for themselves. What they do not show was some extraordinary unorthodox slip-catching, effective as it happened, but not designed to inspire confidence.

Strathallan					Academy				
I. S. Primrose, c McBean, b Neilson	14				E. M. Elder, c Trusdale, b Mackenzie	0			
T. Gibson, c McBean, b Farrelly	48				R. A. S. Jones, lbw Mackenzie	8			
W. B. Melville, c McBean, b Farrelly	22				I. W. B. Neilson, b Turner	24			
A. F. Spence, not out	37				L. J. McBean, c Spence, b Mackenzie	0			
T. N. W. Trusdale, not out	16				R. W. Cordiner, c Thompson, b Mackenzie	2			
Extras	7				J. H. Winning, c Sloan, b Mackenzie	1			
Total for 3 wkts. (decl.)	144				A. S. Buchan, c Trusdale, b Mackenzie	0			
A. J. Sloan, C. J. W. Mauchline, S. L. Mackenzie, J. W. B. Anderson, W. M. Thompson and A. D. Turner did not bat.					P. R. W. Farrelly, b Turner	1			
					L. L. Monaghan, not out	7			
					R. M. Hopkins, b Mackenzie	21			
					J. W. Hardie, b Mackenzie	0			
					Extras	5			
					Total	69			

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Hopkins ...	16	3	47	0	Mackenzie	14.5	5	29	8
Neilson ...	8	0	17	1	Primrose	5	4	3	0
Farrelly ...	16	2	51	2	Turner ...	10	2	24	2
Jones	5	0	22	0	Thompson	1	0	8	0

Won by 75 runs.

Wednesday, June 23rd—School v. Forfarshire—Home

It had rained intermittently for most of the day, but was dry when the match started. However, after three uneventful overs, it poured with rain and no further play was possible.

Strathallan

I. S. Primrose, not out	8
T. Gibson, not out	0

Total for 0 wkt. 8

A. F. Spence, W. B. Melville, T. N. W. Trusdale, A. J. Sloan, S. L. Mackenzie, C. J. W. Mauchline, J. W. B. Anderson, W. M. Thompson and A. D. Turner did not bat.

Match drawn.

Wednesday, June 30th—School v. Perthshire—Home

The School were without several regular players due to the demands of the examiners, and Primrose led the side. Winning the toss, he chose to bat on a wicket which was very fast and very true. The opening bats, finding the ball coming through at a uniform height, batted confidently but were unable to make much headway against bowling which was considerably faster than any seen this season at the School. Although wickets fell regularly, the School emerged with considerable credit, Wallace and Sharpe in particular batting doggedly against good length bowling but not being afraid to hit the bad one.

From the start of the Perthshire innings the batsmen were in command. There was a hint of a breakthrough when three wickets were down for 36, but Mr. Searle and Preen gained complete ascendancy over the bowling and scored freely to give Perthshire an early victory.

Strathallan

I. S. Primrose, c Stewart, b Preen	8
T. Gibson, c Searle, b Saunders	11
A. F. Spence, c Searle, b Davidson	6
S. L. Mackenzie, lbw Davidson	13
C. J. W. Mauchline, b	
McPherson	12
R. M. Wallace, c McClelland, b	
McPherson	23
R. J. H. Neil, b McPherson	0
A. R. Sharpe, c and b McPherson	9
W. M. Thompson, b McClelland	3
R. J. Elder, c and b McPherson	4
A. D. Turner, not out	0
Extras	7

Total 96

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.

Preen	6	4	5	1
Saunders	9	2	14	1
Reid	5	2	9	0
Davidson	6	1	9	2
Stewart	4	0	12	0
Williams	6	3	7	0
McPherson	9.5	1	22	5
McClelland	4	1	11	1

Lost by 7 wickets.

Perthshire

A. J. Stewart, b Elder	15
J. M. Robertson, b Mackenzie	13
C. G. Nicol, b Turner	6
G. W. Searle, not out	24
A. Preen, not out	30
Extras	9

Total for 3 wkts. 97

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.

Elder	6.1	0	20	1
Mackenzie	11	1	41	1
Turner	7	1	23	1
Primrose	2	1	4	0

Tuesday, July 6th—Strathallan 'A' XI v. K. Frost's XI—Home

Mr. Frost, a former captain of the School XI, brought a distinguished XI up to play the School, including several past or present internationals. As several of the 1st XI were not available for this match, five masters were included in the home side.

The feature of the match was a delightful century from Barr, who gave all those watching this essentially exhibition match an object lesson in the art of treating a ball on its merits. The good ball was treated with respect, the bad one punished unmercifully. Barr was well supported by Robertson, and the score reached 84 before the latter was finely caught by Laband, a substitute, at deep mid-off, off a towering mis-hit. Unfortunately for the spectators, but perhaps not so for the toiling fielders, few of the other visitors lived up to expectations, but Barr was still in full flow and only gave one chance before being well held by Sharpe under the sight-screen.

The School were left to make 175 in 135 minutes, a fair declaration in view of the extremely fast outfield. Mr. Stewart hit the first ball firmly for four, but was caught behind in the same over. However Mr. Searle and Sloan took command, the former aggressive, the latter more cautious. Then Mr. Searle was caught on the square-leg boundary, and thereafter wickets fell regularly, neither masters nor boys being able to enhance their reputations. The one exception here was Lang, who batted very sensibly in defence, although in the event he did little but postpone the end.

K. Frost's XI			Strathallan		
D. Barr, c Sharpe, b Stewart	104		Mr. A. J. Stewart, c Jones, b Whitehouse		4
D. Robertson, c sub, b Williams	30		Mr. G. W. Searle, c Aruthur, b Frost		25
J. Spencer, lbw Williams	0		A. J. Sloan, b Barr		37
A. Jones, lbw Addison	7		S. L. Mackenzie, c Gibb, b Frost		1
D. Arthur, b Addison	5		C. J. W. Mauchline, c Jones, b Frost		4
E. Thomson, b Addison	19		Mr. H. C. Addison, run out		0
J. Miller, b Addison	0		A. R. Sharpe, b Frost		2
C. E. Allardyce, c Johnson, b Addison	3		R. M. Wallace, b Barr		0
I. Gibb, b Stewart	0		R. M. M. Lang, not out		1
K. Frost, not out	0		Mr. R. N. Johnson, b Thomson		0
P. Whitehouse did not bat.			Mr. D. A. R. Williams, c Thomson, b Allardyce		0
Extras	6		Extras		5
Total for 9 wkts. (dec.)	174		Total		79

Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.					Overs Mdns. Runs Wkts.				
Williams	18	1	69	2	Whitehouse	10	3	17	1
Mackenzie	6	0	28	0	Thomson	8	2	15	1
Addison	14.2	2	54	5	Millar	1	0	11	0
Stewart	3	0	17	2	Barr	4	1	5	2
					Frost	7	0	24	4
					Allardyce	3.3	2	2	1

Lost by 95 runs.

Tuesday, July 13th—School v. Kirkcaldy C.C.—Home

On a dull, overcast day the School won the toss, and batted first. Primrose and Sloan were both soon out, mis-timing their shots on the slow wicket. Gibson and Trusdale then began to attack the bowling, and the score rose quickly, aided by rather scrappy fielding. Rain forced the players off the field, and with further showers in the offing Sloan declared. However, soon after play was resumed, the rain came again and the match was abandoned.

Strathallan

I. S. Primrose, b Tuckerman	3
T. Gibson, not out	51
A. J. Sloan, c Mackenzie, b Fisher	5
T. N. W. Trusdale, not out	30
Extras	12

Total for 2 wks. (dec.) 101

Kirkcaldy

J. P. Robertson, not out	0
M. J. Mackenzie, not out	8

Total for 0 wks. 8

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Tuckerman	8	2	14	1	Elder	1	1	0	0
Fulton	4	1	3	0	Primrose	1	0	8	0
Fisher	10	1	25	1					
Gray	3	2	7	0					
Cowie	7	1	19	0					
Alexander	3	0	10	0					
Watters	2	0	12	0					

W. B. Melville, I. R. Browne, A. R. Sharpe, R. M. M. Lang, R. J. Elder, S. C. M. McLean and P. A. K. Laband did not bat.

Match drawn.

Saturday, July 17th—School v. Trinity College, Glenalmond—Home

Glenalmond won the toss and batted first on a perfect wicket. The batsmen started shakily, and after twenty minutes Elder brought one back sharply to dismiss Emslie. It was unfortunate that about this time one or two chances were missed in the slips, for otherwise the School's fielding was particularly good. Begg and Cowan now became confident and then aggressive, but a change of bowling brought results, Gibson claiming two quick wickets with his off-breaks. Wilson and Cowan then added 63 runs before Cowan was brilliantly caught by Browne, who made a good twenty-five yards from the off to take the ball at mid-on. Wilson batted defiantly before being caught behind off a full-toss. The remaining batsmen offered little resistance, and accurate bowling, plus another excellent catch by Browne, brought the innings to a close half an hour before tea.

With rather more than a run a minute needed, Strathallan began slowly, but both Primrose and Gibson began to assume command and gave the side the best start of the season, putting on 76 before Primrose was run out. At this stage we were still behind the clock, but Melville and Gibson continued to keep the score moving, so that when Gibson was out, 105 were needed in the hour. Trusdale struck form immediately and his driving on the off in particular brought him many runs. With twenty minutes to go, and 54 still needed, Melville was bowled and Sloan came in to join Trusdale in a final onslaught in which both took every chance of a run. Even so, the last over began with 14 still needed, and few would have thought a win possible; but amid great cheering from all round the ground Trusdale proceeded to hit the first four balls to the boundary to give us victory in a grand game of cricket.

Glenalmond

D. J. Cowan, c Browne, b Melville	78
D. R. A. Emslie, lbw Elder	14
G. A. M. Begg, c and b Gibson	21
N. W. Jenner, b Gibson	6

Strathallan

I. S. Primrose, run out	35
T. Gibson, c Halstead, b Harding-Edgar	41
W. B. Melville, b Nuttall	32
T. N. W. Trusdale, not out	56

G. H. W. Wilson, c Trusdale, b Turner	32	A. J. Sloan, not out	18
C. B. Macmillan, c Browne, b Melville	8	Extras	3
A. V. N. Sharpe-Paul, b Turner	2	Total for 3 wks.	185
J. R. C. Logie, b Melville	2	S. L. Mackenzie, A. F. Spence,	
A. G. Halstead, b Melville	6	C. J. W. Mauchline, I. R. Browne,	
J. G. K. Harding-Edgar, b Mackenzie	1	R. J. Elder, and A. D. Turner did not bat.	
A. M. Nuttall, not out	0		
Extras	12		

	Total	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Jenner	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
	182					9	3	27	0	
Mackenzie	17.2	4	42	1	Halstead	10	3	26	0	
Elder	6	1	19	1	Sharp-Paul	4	1	17	0	
Turner	30	8	59	2	Nuttall	6	1	21	1	
Gibson	10	1	27	2	Harding-Edgar	8	0	38	1	
Melville	9	0	23	4	Macmillan	12.4	2	53	0	

Won by 7 wickets.

Tuesday, July 20th—Strathallan/Glenalmond XI v. Oxford U. Authentics—Home

Batting first on a perfect wicket, the Authentics immediately lost Stevens, caught at the wicket off the first ball. However, Evans dispelled any ideas of a collapse, and attacked the bowling viciously, so much so that Greenstock only scored 15 of the 47 on the board before he too was caught at the wicket. There followed a quick stand of 52 before Docker was caught in the boundary, and lunch was taken with the total 142 for 3, Evans 96 not out. After lunch it was all Evans. He was dropped twice, the ball coming out of the sun, but continued to hit out, scoring two 6's and sixteen 4's in his 137 not out.

The Schools, set to make 219 in 170 minutes, seemed to have a difficult task, particularly when three wickets fell for only 27. The bowling was tight, and Trusdale in particular was pinned down, batting minutes in all. But McMillan and Melville both began to score faster. However, after a good stand both were out, Sloan soon went, and eventually Emslie and Turner were left to hold out for twenty minutes, which they did admirably.

Authentics		Strathallan/Glenalmond	
J. Stevens, c Emslie, b Mackenzie	0	D. J. Cowan, b Gradwell	8
J. Q. Greenstock, c Emslie, b Melville	15	T. Gibson, c Scott, b Aldridge	1
A. R. Evans, not out	137	G. A. M. Begg, b Aldridge	14
N. Goodeve-Docker, c Trusdale, b Melville	35	W. B. Melville, c Evans, b Saunders	60
P. R. J. Scott, c Sloan, b Melville	4	T. N. W. Trusdale, c Saunders, b Evans	1
P. Burnett, c Sloan, b Turner	15	C. B. McMillan, c Scott, b Saunders	51
M. Roberts, not out	10	A. J. Sloan, c Scott, b Gradwell	2
Extras	2	S. L. Mackenzie, b Scott	13
Total for 5 wks. (dec.)	218	N. W. Jenner, c Docker, b Greenstock	1
M. Heppel, J. Saunders, P. Gradwell, and A. D. Aldridge did not bat.		D. R. A. Emslie, not out	4
		A. D. Turner, not out	4
		Extras	16

Total for 9 wks. 175

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Mackenzie	2	0	20	1	Scott	11	3	27	1
Jenner	3	1	19	0	Aldridge	13	4	24	2
Turner	26	1	69	1	Gradwell	11	4	17	2
Melville	14	1	54	3	Saunders	20	6	54	2
Gibson	5	0	23	0	Evans	6	1	33	1
McMillan	6	1	31	0	Greenstock	2	1	4	1

Match drawn.

Thursday, July 22nd—School v. Ayrshire Wanderers—Home

Winning the toss, Ayrshire batted first on a fairly damp wicket and runs came steadily, until with the total at 12 Elder brought one back sharply to bowl Gibson, who offered no stroke. McHarg soon went, but then Scott and Reid took the score to 87 before the latter was caught in the deep. Thereafter wickets fell fairly regularly, good fielding playing its part, and Ayrshire were all out for 170, leaving the School three hours.

It was immediately clear that McHarg and Rowe would be difficult to force, and the School never got on terms with the clock. Mackenzie and Melville both batted soundly, but could not keep the score moving. Lang and Thompson were left to make 50 in the last half-hour, and to their credit they tried to get them, but the task proved too great.

Ayrshire					Strathallan				
I. W. Reid, c Lang, b Melville	43				S. L. Mackenzie, b McHarg	30			
D. Gibson, b Elder	10				I. R. Browne, run out	5			
A. McHarg, c Melville, b Elder	1				W. B. Melville, c Gibson, b				
J. Scott, lbw Turner	33				McHarg	23			
D. Howie, c Sloan, b Turner	33				T. N. W. Trusdale, c Howie,				
G. Reid, b Elder	2				b Cran	19			
D. Rome, run out	5				A. F. Spence, c Cran, b				
A. Magowan, run out	18				Lockhart	10			
A. Lockhart, run out	12				A. J. Sloan, run out	9			
G. Scott, not out	0				C. J. W. Mauchline, c				
I. Cran, b Mackenzie	0				Magowan, b Cran	1			
Extras	15				R. M. M. Lang, not out	22			
Total	170				W. M. Thompson, not out	17			
					Extras	15			

Total for 7 wkts. 151

R. J. Elder and A. D. Turner did not bat.

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.		Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.
Elder	16	2	35	3	McHarg	14	3	28	2
Mackenzie	9	4	27	1	Rome	11	3	30	0
Turner	20	3	60	2	G. Reid	4	1	12	0
Melville	7	2	19	1	Magowan	7	3	13	0
Spence	6	2	16	0	Lockhart	6	2	14	1
					Cran	4	0	12	2
					I. W. Reid	5	1	27	0

Match drawn.

SECOND XI RESULTS

May 8th—v. St. Salvator's College—Lost

May 15th—v. Edinburgh Academy—Won

May 22nd—v. Dundee High School—Won

May 29th—v. Daniel Stewart's College—Won

June 9th—v. Dollar Academy—Won

July 17th—v. Trinity College, Glenalmond—Lost

SENIOR COLTS CRICKET

IN a season badly affected by rain the Colts acquitted themselves quite well. Two matches were cancelled and one ruined by the weather, but between the showers we had some good, if occasionally somewhat negative cricket, with a grand-stand finish at Glenalmond. Last over, scores level, last man facing. True to form, No. 11 missed the ball, so did the wicket-keeper, and four byes gave us the match.

Our batting was always suspect, but this could have been lack of practice rather than lack of ability. One felt that, given more time and better conditions, Cromarty, Eriksen, G. M. Thomson and others could all make a lot of runs. The bowling was steady, but too much depended on Ashton, who fortunately was usually reliable and never gave much away. MacLeod could well have made more use of his own leg-breaks. He only bowled seven overs but even so he had five wickets. W. M. Thompson was the most promising all-rounder, and he has already had a few games with the 1st XI.

D.A.R.W.

The following played:—D. MacLeod (Capt.), T. C. Ashton, P. le P. Barnett, H. A. R. Cromarty, S. S. Eriksen, W. P. McCallum, J. O. McIntyre, C. J. J. Park, R. L. Settles, W. C. Stewart, W. M. Thompson, A. W. S. Thomson, G. M. Thomson.

RESULTS

Played 7, Won 5, Drawn 1, Lost 1

School v. Queen Victoria School—Won by 20 runs—Strathallan 51; Queen Victoria 31 (Ashton 5 for 15, Eriksen 5 for 14).

School v. Perth Academy—Won by 8 wickets—Perth 65; Strathallan 66 for 2 (W. M. Thompson 35 not out).

School v. Fettes—Lost by 7 wickets—Strathallan 66; Fettes 67 for 3.

School v. Dollar—Won by 66 runs—Strathallan 97 for 8 dec. (Cromarty 32); Dollar 31.

School v. Glasgow Academy—Won by 7 wickets—Glasgow 32 (Ashton 8 for 19); Strathallan 33 for 3.

School v. Loretto—Drawn—Strathallan 14 for 1. Rain stopped play.

School v. Glenalmond—Won by 1 wicket—Glenalmond 138 (W. M. Thompson 6 for 50); Strathallan 142 for 9 (W. M. Thompson 62).

JUNIOR COLTS CRICKET

DESPITE defeat at the hands of Glenalmond this has been a very good season. There was an enormous amount of talent in the age group and even more important was the fact that the team were prepared to listen and to work hard. There were so many good individuals that it would be unfair to single out any but special mention must be made of Gray both for his batting and

his captaincy. He showed a real understanding of the game and his handling of the team was extremely mature for a boy of his age. The outstanding performance was obviously the Fettes game and it was a great pity that in a year when we were strong the weather prevented us from playing either Merchiston or Loretto. I hope that the members of the team will go on working and listening; if they do so there need be no fears for the School's senior cricket in years to come.

G.W.S.

The following have played for the XI: — Gray (Capt.), Hill, Moodie, McArthur, Ross, Pringle, Jenkins, Taylor, Wearmouth, McKenzie, Harrington and Ovenstone.

Results

School v. Queen Victoria School—Away—Won.

School v. Perth Academy—Away—Won.

School v. Dundee High School—Away—Won.

School v. Fettes—Home—Won. Strathallan 149 for 3 dec. (Gray 58 not out, Ross 53); Fettes 65.

School v. Glenalmond—Home—Lost. Glenalmond 104; Strathallan 65.

JUNIOR XI RESULTS

May 22nd—v. Drumtochty Castle—Home—Lost by 15 runs.

Strathallan 35; Drumtochty Castle 50.

May 26th—v. Lathallan—Away—Match drawn (Rain stopped play).

Lathallan 1 for no wicket; Strathallan did not bat.

June 9th—v. Ardvreck—Away—Won by 6 wickets.

Ardvreck 45; Strathallan 63 for 4.

June 12th—v. Belmont House—Home—Won by 58 runs.

Strathallan 79 for 6 dec.; Belmont House 21.

June 16th—v. Croftinloan—Away—Lost by 2 wickets.

Strathallan 31; Croftinloan 40 for 8.

July 1st—v. Dalhousie—Away—Won by 9 wickets.

Dalhousie 9; Strathallan 48 for 4 wickets.

July 6th—v. Ardvreck—Home—Won by 22 runs.

Strathallan 56 for 9 dec.; Ardvreck 24.

July 10th—v. Craigflower—Home—Won by 2 wickets.

Craigflower 63; Strathallan 72 for 8.

CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES

Senior—Winners: Ruthven

Junior—Winners: Nicol

Athletics, 1964-65

WE faced the season with a somewhat weaker team than in previous years, our time at times containing more than its regular quota of middles. We were fortunate to have Mr. Whyte, international and S.A.A. Champion, as assistant to Mr.

Henderson in coaching. With his able help, and new jumping pits and throwing circles, field performances were considerably improved.

Our annual meeting at Dunblane was unfortunately rained off, but this was compensated by a new fixture against Rannoch who produced some particularly outstanding performers. Although points may not reflect it, our general standard of match performance was high considering the material available. Black was prominent in field events, Taylor in sprints.

Black attended the S.S.A.C. at Goldenacre and is to be congratulated on coming second in the Middle Javelin.

With standards and sports over, it is encouraging to note fresh talent emerging from the junior half of the School — one feels however that still more practice is necessary in certain field events.

R.A.T.

School v. Glenalmond—Away—25th May, 1965

Senior

<i>Event</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Time/ Distance</i>
100 yards	G	Taylor	G	Willson-White	11 sec.
440 yards	G	Willson-White	Taylor	McIntosh	24 sec.
220 yards	G	G	G	McIntosh	57.7 sec.
880 yards	G	G	Gemmell	Gloag	2m. 17.9 s.
One Mile	G	Lawson	G	Houston	5 m. 12.8 s.
Long Jump	G	G	Willson-White	Macfarlane	17 ft. 2 in.
High Jump	G	G	Drysdale	Clinton	5 ft.
Shot	G	G	Cumming	Graham	47 ft. 8½ in.
Javelin	G	G	Jeffrey	Lyszkowski	137 ft.
Relay	G	Strathallan			48.9 sec.

Middle

100 yards	G	Black	Riach	G	11.4 sec.
220 yards	G	G	McGeachy	Aitken	25.9 sec.
440 yards	G	Houston	G	Lyburn	59.5 sec.
880 yards	G	Ross	G	Rogers	2 m. 23.8 s.
Long Jump	G	Lawson	Riach	G	17 ft. 7 in.
High Jump	Johnston	Riach	G	G	5 ft. 1 in.
Shot	G	Lawson	Black	G	39 ft. 7 in.
Discus	Lawson	G	Black	G (disqu.)	157 ft 5½ in
Javelin	G	Black	G	Bosshardt	120 ft. 4 in.
Relay	G	Strathallan			

Result—Lost. Glenalmond 114 pts.; Strathallan 77.

School v. Fettes—Home—June 1st, 1965

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Time/ Distance
100 yards	F	Taylor	F	Drysdale	10.7 sec.
220 yards	F	Taylor	F	Tindal	24.1 sec.
440 yards	F	Willson-White	F	McIntosh	53.8 sec.
880 yards	F	Ross	F	Gloag	2 m. 24.6 s.
One Mile	F	F	Houston	Stuart	5 m. 6.8 s.
High Jump	F	Robertson	Drysdale	and F = 3rd	5 ft. 3 in.
Long Jump	F	Lawson	F	Black	19 ft 11½ in
Shot	F	Cumming	Black	F	41 ft. 3 in.
Discus	F	F	Black	Lawson	102 ft 1½ in
Javelin	Black	F	Jeffrey	F	137 ft 6½ in
Relay	F	Strathallan			

Result—Lost. Fettes 62 pts.; Strathallan 44.

School v. Rannoch

Event	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Time/ Distance
100 yards	Taylor	R	Drysdale	R	10.9 sec.
220 yards	R	Taylor	R	McIntosh	23.4 sec.
440 yards	R	R	Willson-White	McIntosh	51.2 sec.
880 yards	R	R	Gemmell	Ross	2 m. 12.4 s.
One Mile	R	R	Lawson	Houston	—
Long Jump	R	Lawson	Black	R	20 ft. 1½ in.
High Jump	R	Robertson	and Drysdale = 2nd	R	5 ft. 1 in.
Discus	R	R	Cumming	R	40 ft. 11 in.
Shot	R	Lawson	Lawson	Carruthers	124 ft 4½ in
Javelin	R	R	Black	Jeffrey	156 ft 4½ in
Relay	R	Strathallan			

Result—Lost. Rannoch 74 pts.; Strathallan 44.

SCHOOL SPORTS, 26th JULY, 1965

Senior

Event	First	Time or Distance
100 yards	... Taylor (N)	10.9 sec.
220 yards	... Taylor (N)	24.7 sec.
440 yards	... Taylor (N)	55.4 sec.
880 yards	... Carswell (R)	2 m. 5.8 s.
One Mile	... Lawson (R)	4 m. 56 s.
High Jump	... Scott (N)	5 ft. 1 in.
Long Jump	... Scott (N)	18 ft. 1½ in.
Discus	... Carruthers (R)	100 ft. 9½ in.
Javelin	... Jeffrey (S)	136 ft.
Shot	... Cumming (S)	36 ft. 11½ in.
Relay	... Ruthven	48.4 sec.
Fug-of-War	... Nicol	

Middle

100 yards	...	Black (R)	.....	*10.7 sec.
220 yards	...	Black (R)	.....	25.3 sec.
440 yards	...	Houston (N)	.....	56.5 sec.
880 yards	...	Ross (N)	.....	2 m. 10.5 s.
One Mile	...	Brash (S)	.....	4m. 58.3 s.
High Jump	...	Robertson (S)	.....	5 ft. 2 in.
Long Jump	...	Lawson (R)	.....	†20 ft. 3 in.
Discus	...	Black (R)	.....	127 ft. 7 in.
Javelin	...	Black (R)	.....	129 ft 11½ in.
Shot	...	Black (R)	.....	39 ft. 8½ in.
Relay	...	Ruthven	.....	49.1 sec.

Junior

100 yards	...	Ness (N)	.....	11.3 sec.
220 yards	...	Paton (N)	.....	26.8 sec.
440 yards	...	Paton (N)	.....	61.3 sec.
880 yards	...	Cromarty (S)	.....	2 m. 18.3 s.
High Jump	...	Cromarty (S)	.....	4 ft. 11 in.
Long Jump	...	Ross (N)	.....	15 ft. 9 in.
Discus	...	Wilson (N)	.....	108 ft. 6 in.
Javelin	...	Thompson (R)	.....	†129 ft. 1 in.
Shot	...	Cromarty (S)	.....	35 ft. 10½ in.
Relay	...	Nicol	.....	52.7 sec.

Riley

330 yards	...	Burnett	.....	48.4 sec.
High Jump	...	Burnett	.....	4 ft. 2 in.
Long Jump	...	Angus	.....	14 ft. 1 in.
Relay	...	Big Dorm.	.....	58 sec.

* equals record † new record

House Competition—1st Nicol, 2nd Ruthven.

Victor Ludorum

Senior—R. A. Taylor (N); Middle—J. H. S. Black (R);

Junior—H. A. R. Cromarty (S)

Boxing, 1964-65

AGAIN the boxing was crushed into one term, training, preliminary bouts and finals occupying two evenings a week for the Winter term. If possible the general standard of boxing was even lower this year than in previous years. Only rarely did we see any semblance of style or even basic technique. As usual there was plenty of spirit and courage displayed and many of the bouts were very tough, but this was not boxing.

With the present system, from the very start the boxing is on an inter-house basis where the idea is to win, not to learn how to box. The boys only receive two or three coaching lessons in the art before they are plunged into the preliminary bouts. The few boys that have some idea have been taught boxing at their prep. school.

One solution to this problem would be to form a small boxing club for the few people who are genuinely interested in boxing. They could receive tuition and perhaps enter into competition with other schools.

Mr. Henderson organised the boxing, and acted as referee and judge in the preliminary bouts leading up to the finals.

The finals were held on the 10th December. Even in the finals very little style was displayed. R. J. S. Smith, with a controlled style and obvious mastery of the basic techniques, was an exception to this.

The Headmaster, who presented the prizes, Mr. Wormald and Mr. MacLellan were the judges. Mr. Henderson acted as referee. B. M. S. Borland was Master of Ceremonies.

The results were as follows:

<i>Weight</i>	<i>Winner</i>	<i>Runner-up</i>
Mosquito:	Williamson	Hubbard
Fly-weight:	Roger, R. J.	Brown, P. G.
Bantam-weight:	Moodie, J.	Mackie
Feather-weight:	Moffat	Muirhead
Light-weight:	McIntyre	Smith, R. J. S.
Light-welter:	Paton	McArthur
Welter-weight:	Wingate	Low
Light-middle:	Carver	Ashton
Middle-weight:	MacDonald	Thom, R. D.
Light-heavy:	Thompson	Beattie
Heavy 'A':	Biggart	Ross
Heavy 'B':	Cromarty	Mulhall

The results of the Inter-House Competition were:—

1st Freeland, 84; 2nd Simpson, 74; 3rd Ruthven, 70; 4th Nicol, 62.

B.M.S.B.

Cross-Country, 1965

SCHOOL cross-country training did not begin until mid-February, due mainly to rugby commitments. In fact some did not start until a week before the first match on March 6th. This match was at home against Heriot's. They had two particularly fine teams and completely outclassed us. Only Houston (3rd Open) and Barnett (2nd Junior) challenged Heriot's domination. On March 10th a team of eight tackled St. Andrews University 'B' team. Although we were again beaten, everyone ran better

than previously. On March 13th we produced our best performance of the season in the S.S.A.A. Cross-country championships at Motherwell. Over a very tough course the Seniors in particular did very well. These were the positions: —

Over 17

28th—Houston, A. G.
61st—Stuart, M. M.
79th—Paton, R. C.
85th—McIntosh, A. J.
86th—Robertson, J. D. S.
87th—Balfour, R. A.
(169 runners)

Over 15

87th—Brash, A. R.
104th—Fleming, J. A. E.
115th—Ross, A. D.
127th—Barnett, P. le P.
130th—Muir, J.
(195 runners)

A team weakened by 'flu ran against Rannoch on March 16th. We were well beaten, and all credit must go to Rannoch who ran a superb tactical race. In the Junior event A. R. Brash did well, coming 2nd.

On 22nd March the Inter-House competition was run in very cold and wet conditions. A very close contest ensued, and Simpson took the Cup after a fine performance by their Captain, Macmillan. The results were as follows: —

Junior

1st—Ross (N)
2nd—Roger (N)
3rd—Robbie (S)
4th—Robertson (S)
5th—Muirhead (R)
6th—McIntyre (N)

Team Winners:

Nicol

Middle

1st—Brash (S)
2nd—Sutherland (R)
3rd—Ross (S)
4th—Anderson (S)
5th—Barnett (R)
6th—Lawson (R)

Team Winners:

Ruthven

Senior

1st—Macmillan (S)
2nd—Lawson (R)
3rd—Brown (S)
4th—Galbraith (S)
5th—Stuart (N)
6th—Paton (N)

Team Winners:

Simpson

Although all the matches were lost, the runners always ran to the best of their ability, and there was no lack of courage. With only three members of the team leaving, next year's results should be better.

Colours were awarded to A. Y. Lawson and M. M. Stuart.

A.G.H.

Fencing, 1964-65

THE CLUB, as usual under the helpful instruction of Mr. Henderson, enjoyed a more successful season than in previous years although the number of victories in school matches was not high. Three of last year's team returned and the fourth place was profitably filled by W. M. Thompson.

A more technical approach was adopted by the Club this season, especially by the team, whose variety of attack gained many valuable hits in school matches. As usual Maître Fethers made several visits throughout the season.



I. R. Browne, W. M. Thompson, R. M. Henderson and B. C. Young entered for the Scottish Schoolboys' Foil Championships (Carswell unable to attend because of illness). Out of the preliminary pools, Browne and Thompson qualified for the junior competition and Young qualified for the senior competition. From there Thompson went on to come second in the junior competition.

In the School competitions, D. F. Carswell achieved a well-deserved victory in the senior foil with Young coming second and Browne third. In the junior foil Richards came first, Townson second and G. H. Young third. Because of the time factor there was no sabre competition this year.

Next year, it is hoped, the Club will acquire a presentation foil for the senior competition, and so we can look forward to more enthusiastic fencing in the coming years.

The match results are as follows:—

Results

- 27th October—**School v. Dollar Academy** (Novices Match)
Foil (max. 4 wins): Mure, G. L. H., 1; Lamb 2. Anderson 1.
Ainslie 1.
- 2nd February—**School v. Dollar Academy**
Foil (max. 4 wins): Carswell 3; Browne 0; Henderson 0; Young 3.
- *16th February—**School v. Beith High School**
Foil (max. 4 wins): Carswell 2; Browne 1; Thompson, W. M., 4;
Young 4.
- *28th February—**School v. St. Joseph's College**
Foil (max. 4 wins): Carswell 3; Browne 3; Thompson 4; Young 3.
- *10th March—**School v. Dollar Academy**
Foil (max. 4 wins): Carswell 3; Browne 0; Thompson 2; Young 2.
- *11th March—**School v. Merchiston Castle School**
Foil (max. 4 wins): Carswell 4; Browne 0; Thompson 0; Young 0.
- *These matches counted in the Thistle Shield Competition in which the team came 3rd.

B.C.Y.

Fives, 1964-65

THERE were two matches in the Spring term. The first was against Edinburgh University at home when we lost rather heavily. The margin would probably not have been so great if three out of the four members of the School team had not played in Senior House rugger matches immediately beforehand.

The second match was held away against Glenalmond. Because the match was arranged over the telephone only at break, we were somewhat unprepared. Unfortunately it was discovered later that both I. W. L. Brown and Mackenzie were injured and the School was soundly beaten. One junior pair also played.

The annual match against the Old Boys on Founder's Day was lost.

W. B. Melville took over the captaincy from J. R. N. Keech at the beginning of the Spring term.

The Fives Cup this year went to Simpson.

Results

School v. Edinburgh University—Lost 40-90

1st Pair: I. W. L. Browne and W. B. Melville, lost 21-45.

2nd Pair: G. L. H. Mure and S. L. Mackenzie, lost 19-45.

School v. Glenalmond: Senior match, lost 58-121; Junior match lost 8-60

1st Pair: G. L. H. Mure and W. B. Melville, lost 47-61.

2nd Pair: E. P. McKay and C. D. Ferguson, lost 11-60.

Junior Pair: A. F. Spence and J. P. F. Davie.

School v. Old Boys—Lost 54-79

1st Pair: G. L. H. Mure and E. P. McKay, lost 22-35.

2nd Pair: R. I. Kirby and C. D. Ferguson, won 16-14.

3rd Pair: J. S. Hunter and D. C. P. Graham, lost 16-30.

W.B.M.

Golf, 1965

OWING to the construction of a six-hole golf course over the Mudflats, the sport has greatly increased in popularity compared with past years.



Ideas were put forward in the latter half of the Spring term, when the course was planned by the Headmaster, Mr. Burnet and Mr. Johnson. During the Easter holidays the Mudflats were gang-mown, while during term it was the boys who were responsible for the up-keep, under the watchful eye of Mr. Johnson to whom we owe a great deal of thanks for all he has done.

Two medals and a knock-out competition were held during the Summer term with keen interest and enthusiasm being shown in all three. The one school match was played against Glenalmond, and we narrowly lost 7-5.

Members subscribe 7/6 per annum to cover the cost of maintaining the course.

D.A.S.

Sailing, 1965

THE CLUB purchased another Enterprise at the beginning of the Summer term and sold two Cadets. We now have five Enterprises and two Cadets. The boat maintenance was under the capable supervision of MacFarlane this year.

I regret to report that the bumper season forecast by last year's Captain has not materialised. Although we had four of last year's team we lost all our five matches.

The first was the Perth S.C. Team Racing Weekend, and as last year we were drawn against Perth S.C., and again met defeat. Our next match was at home against Fettes. Unfortunately there was little or no wind, and after a postponed start there was only time for one race, in which we were beaten by $5\frac{1}{4}$ pts. We visited Loretto on June 1st and had a most enjoyable day's sailing in the sea. We lost, but by only $1\frac{1}{4}$ pts. A week later Donald and Graham went to Loch Earn for the Midland Schools races in which they came fourth. Several matches had to be cancelled, and our final match against Royal Tay Y.C. Cadets was held in the late evening in a very light wind. Here we suffered our worst defeat, our opponents taking the first three places in both races.

In the Schools Races at Clynder in August last year, Atherton, Donald and Fawcett came 14th out of 40 schools. The team for this year is: Fawcett, Donald and Robertson.

Colours were re-awarded to Donald and Robertson, and awarded to MacFarlane and Graham.

T.R.F.

Shooting, 1964-65

TROUBLE with the rifles at the beginning of the season led to lack of practice which set us back at the start of the annual Perthshire League. As the season progressed, however, more promising results were obtained and most of the matches which were lost were very close indeed.

As far as schools go, we had a good win over Fettes, though a challenge from Edinburgh Academy was met without success.

Several shots entered the Perthshire Open Summer Meeting, and though only the second time we have done so, it was probably the most significant event of the season. Special ammunition was bought and by the end of the day many of the boys had won prizes.

Nicol won the Inter-House Cup narrowly beating Freeland.

Colours were re-awarded to C. D. Ferguson, B. C. Young, I. S. Primrose, J. F. Davidson.

Colours were awarded to J. Steven, R. K. Taylor, L. S. W. Tseng, A. N. H. Guthrie and G. Alpine.

C.D.F.

Ski Club, 1965

THE major move this year as regards ski-ing was the formation of a Ski Club as such in the School. This was found to be necessary, mainly on financial grounds, and the funds made available were a useful stabilisation to School ski-ing. The Club is the first school ski club to be a member of the newly-formed N.S.F.G.B. Club membership figures this year reached forty.

The season was one of the best on record for ski-ing at Glenshee and a total of seventy people were transported to and from the slopes over the Spring term. This meant that the School bus went up parctically every Sunday. Unfortunately, there was no snow locally in ski-able quantity.

It was also a most successful season for racing, although practice was limited and some races planned were not run. The first ever Inter-House race was held on Feburary 28th in good conditions to the right of Butchart's Corrie. The course, a giant slalom of twenty gates, was set by Greig. The teams of three from each House had to run the course twice. The Cup was won by Simpson with 90.4 points followed by Freeland and Ruthven (100.6 and 104.2 points respectively).

This year the Scottish Schools' Race was run successfully on the prescribed date. The School did very well to come second out of a field of twelve schools. To come second to the Speyside Red Devils from Kingussie is no disgrace in these days of increasing competition. The School's team of six comprised: C. A. H. Greig, G. D. Watson, J. C. Bosshardt, S. F. H. Greig, D. H. MacNair and W. P. M. Samples. These were 1st, 9th, 10th, 27th and 47th respectively in the overall results in a field of about eighty runners.

Next year the team should again set its sights high for only one member is leaving. There are also a number of promising, and more important, keen skiers coming up through the School.

We will be very sorry to lose Mr. Studholme next season after running School ski-ing so enthusiastically and efficiently for three years. It is entirely due to him that the record for Sunday trips was so good this season.

C.A.H.G.

Swimming, 1965

At last the new filtration and heating system has been installed, with the result that after a few weeks of experiment -- too much chlorine or too much heat -- people could swim and train in pleasantly warm and clean water throughout the term.

This did not, however, mean we were going to win all our competitions, at least not yet. Against Loretto we did better than previously, and N. F. M. Pott won the open 100 yards breaststroke, and the under-15s won the 4 x 50 freestyle relay. The Old Boys, however, beat us for the first time in five years. Although we were 32nd out of forty-four schools in the Bath Cup relay, our time was the second best we have swam. I feel confident that now with swimming all the year round our standard will rise considerably. To quote J. G. M. McKinlay in 1960: "As three of the team who went to London will be at the School for three more years, it is hoped they will one day secure the Cup for Strathallan." Well, they didn't, but I should like to repeat what he said, changing "three of the team" to "four of the team." The team was: C. M. Thom, R. D. Thom, A. D. Drysdale, A. M. Cumming, with P. F. P. Cranston as first reserve.

The swimming sports were very thrilling, with Simpson retaining the Cup for the third successive year. Ruthven were second.

The results of the sports were:

Junior

50 yards Breaststroke—1st, R. D. Thom and Rennie (38.6 sec.)*
 50 yards Backstroke—1st, C. M. Thom; 2nd, R. D. Thom (34.7 sec.)
 50 yards Freestyle—1st, C. M. Thom; 2nd, R. D. Thom (28.8 sec.)*
 100 yards Freestyle—1st, C. M. Thom; 2nd, R. D. Thom (62.3 sec.)*

Middle

75 yards Breaststroke—1st, Keown; 2nd, Robertson (61 sec.)
 75 yards Backstroke—1st, Paul; 2nd, Balfour (57.1* in heats) 58 7 s.
 75 yards Freestyle—1st, Balfour; 2nd, Keown (50.1 sec.)
 200 yards Freestyle—1st, Balfour; 2nd, Keown (2 min. 40.3 sec.)

Senior

100 yards Breaststroke—1st, Pott; 2nd, Mure (76.1 sec.)*
 100 yards Backstroke—1st, Cumming; 2nd, Robertson (80.7 sec.)
 100 yards Freestyle—1st, Cumming; 2nd, MacFarlane (60.0 sec.)*
 400 yards Freestyle—1st, Cumming; 2nd, Pott (5 min. 2.4 sec.)*

Relays

Junior 3 x 50 yards Medley—Ruthven (1 min. 47.4 sec.)*
 Middle 3 x 75 yards Medley—Nicol (2 min. 57.8 sec.)
 Senior 3 x 100 yards Medley—Freeland (4 min. 5.6 sec.)
 Open 6 x 50 yards Freestyle—Simpson (3 min. 0.8 sec.)*

***Record**

Junior Champion—R. D. Thom (R)

Middle Champion—G. Balfour (R)

Senior Champion—A. M. Cumming (S)

It is hoped that next year there will be a new points system, and that the distance of the medley relays will be reduced to 50 yards, with a Butterfly leg added. This would eventually lead to an individual butterfly event and an open individual medley relay.

Mr. Henderson has again organised the life-saving classes four nights a week. Mr. McNamara is to be thanked for trying to raise the general standard of swimming in the School and for giving up a great deal of his time to train and coach the team.

Swimming colours were re-awarded to N. F. M. Pott. Half-colours were awarded to C. D. Thom, R. D. Thom and A. D. Drysdale. A.M.C.

Tennis, 1964-65

THIS season has seen a marked improvement in the standard of tennis throughout the School. Much is due to the efforts of our coach, Mr. Woodcroft, and Mr. Giles who have managed to make us play a more aggressive game.

Some of this aggression has been seen in the later School matches. We won only four, but the results in the others were close.

The Inter-House Cup was won by Ruthven. Kirkby won the Open Singles, beating Burt 8-6, 5-7, 6-2 in the final.

Team: 1st pair—R. J. Gemmell* and R. I. Kirkby*; 2nd pair—J. P. Galbraith* and A. Y. Lawson*; 3rd pair—T. W. Burt* and A. W. Logan. I. T. Carruthers played in three matches.

* Colours

J.P.G.



"Adieu!"

STRATHALLIAN CLUB

1965

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Our President

GORDON LOWDEN was one of the many boys who, over the years, came to Strathallan from abroad. He arrived at Forgandenny from Siam in 1935, at the tender age of eight, and during the ensuing nine years, he took a most prominent part in the activities of the school. In addition to his scholastic ability he played cricket and rugby for the 1st XI and 1st XV, and culminated a most successful period at Strathallan as captain of the school in 1943/44.

His continued success was soon apparent at St. John's College, Cambridge, where he was awarded his "Blue" for rugby in 1945, and graduated M.A. in 1949, rather later than normal due to a period of two years spent in Naval Service.



The President, 1964-65

After a period as a chartered accountant apprentice in Dundee he studied for the LLB at St. Andrew's University, and completed both classes in 1953.

Gordon is now lecturer in accountancy at the University of St. Andrews and a partner in his firm, and when time allows he takes an active interest in golf and in winter is an ardent touch line supporter of his local rugby team. In spite of his many activities he manages to find time to devote himself to his wife and family of two boys and a girl.

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

THE Thirty-first Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Station Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 5th December, 1964, and the chair was taken by the President, Dr. L. Stuart Scott. The President welcomed the members attending the meeting and the meeting then dealt with the formal business of admission of new members, consideration of the Council's report and the annual Accounts (which had been circulated) and the appointment of Office-Bearers. The meeting also agreed to give some financial support to an Old Strathallian Rugby Touring Team.

Following the Meeting, the Club's Annual Dinner was held in the Hotel Banqueting Hall and was attended by 130 members and guests. The arrangements for the Dinner were made by Dr. T. Philp, Convener of the Dinner Committee and the Members of the Committee are to be congratulated on the success of the evening. An excellent meal was provided by the Hotel and all arrangements went smoothly.

After dinner, the President presented the Golf and Angling trophies which had been competed for during the season.

The Principal guest was Professor C. M. Fleming, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Glasgow University who proposed the principal toast of the Club and the School. Professor Fleming recalled that during the War, he had surveyed Strathallan as a possible crash hospital. He referred to the fact that there were at present six Old Strathallians in the Faculty of Medicine at Glasgow University who were all doing well. In the course of his speech, the Professor made a plea for closer relations between Schools and Universities and gave an account of medical interest and development in East Africa, a subject in which he takes a keen interest.

The reply on behalf of the Club was given by the President who referred briefly to the Club activities during the year. He referred to the proposed Rugby touring team which was being arranged to play a match in London on the morning of the

Calcutta Cup game. He hoped that this venture would be a success and that it would be supported by all old Strathallians.

As a departure from the usual procedure, the reply on behalf of the School was given by Mr. Burnet, the Second Master. The Headmaster, in introducing Mr. Burnet, referred to the fact that he had been Second Master for seven years and had been in charge during his, the Headmaster's, sabbatical term. Mr. Burnet gave an interesting account of the School's achievements during the year and his speech was well received by the members and their guests.

The toast of the Guests was proposed by J. Douglas Glen, one of the Club's most enthusiastic supporters and the reply was given in an amusing speech by Wallace Barr, B.S.C., M.B., M.R.C.O.G., F.R.C.S.G. Dr. Barr is one of Glasgow's leading Gynaecologists.

London Branch Notes

THE activities of the Branch have been fairly quiet this year and mainly revolved round the Annual Dinner. This was held on the evening before the Calcutta Cup and we were very pleased to have as our guests a team of Rugger Playing Strathallians who had driven from Scotland. Unfortunately the President and Head Master were unable to attend but a very pleasant evening was spent by all and it was refreshing to see so many newcomers on the London scene. We were also very glad to see the Rugger team win their match, even after a late night!

Michael Dawson continued as Chairman and David Anderson as Secretary. Dr. Kenneth Hunter was elected Treasurer and newcomers to the Committee are Bill Roy and Donald Sinclair.

The Secretary plans to publish and circulate a list of known members in the London and Home County areas but he feels that there must be a large number of Strathallians here who are unknown to the Club. He would also like anyone coming to London to contact him either by letter or phone, at the following address:

DAVID ANDERSON,
FARM COTTAGE,
NEAR WAKES COLNE, ESSEX.

Telephone: London, Mincing Lane 9491.

Angling Section

Captain: Wm. M. Nairn Vice-Captain: Jas. P. W. Park

Hon. Secretary: John Hall

As we write the season is not yet over but results are even now better than last and conditions have been more pleasurable. The innovation of an early meeting on the Tay was well supported and will be repeated for the benefit of those who are prepared to bear the rigours of the Scottish winter. Competitions have also been fished on Lochs Awe, Leven and Vennachar, on the last of which we met our old friends the Phoenix Angling Club, the result being that next year they will issue the Challenge.

News of Old Strathallians

John C. Atherton (1960-64) has completed the first year of a B.Sc. Course with honours in Chemistry at Glasgow University.

Bruce Benson (1954-59), who is a qualified Electrical Engineer, helps to run a Sailing Club in Helensburgh, also a Water and Snow Ski-ing Club and he tells us that he competes successfully in these sports himself.

Brian S. T. Bruce (1938-42) is now Sales Manager, Sheet Products, Plastics Division, I.C.I. Limited.

Thomas J. Dodd (1935-38). Lieutenant Colonel Dodd recently attended an Associate Course at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The course is conducted twice each year for high rank Military Personnel of the U.S. and Allied Nations and we understand that it is quite an honour to be selected. We congratulate Lieut. Col. Dodd on his successful graduation in December.

W. M. Duncan (1940-47) has returned to U.K. after nine years in the West Indies. He has recently joined Messrs. Crosfields & Calthorp as Mill Manager in Glasgow.

W. R. Galloway (1958-60) Johannesburg, S. Africa, has completed his first year of a B.Sc. in Mathematics at Witwatersrand University.

T. W. Higginson (1953-58) married Ann Curthoys and has son Huw Gareth. He is under a long term contract to the Royal Shakespeare Co., Stratford-on-Avon.

R. I. M. Kerr (1951-58) gained his B.Sc. (Aero Engineering) first year and is now working in Aerodynamic Research at Bristol Siddeley Engines Ltd., General Performance Dept. He has also been commissioned in the R.A.F.V.R.

Peter G. Lawson (1954-61) gained his B.A.(Hons) in Natural Science and is presently at Oxford studying for D.Phil. in Nuclear Physics. His address is now Sorgenfri, Links Road, Leven.

James Norman Ledingham (1926-29), T.D., D.L., M.A., L.L.B., has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant for County of Sutherland and is Chairman of Sutherland T.A.

Dr. Jason McCarroll is in general practice in Nassau and is married with two sons. With Ron Philip he took part as an extra in the film "Thunderball".

Donald McColl, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., F.F.Ph. (Hons.) (1930-37) is the company Medical Officer to B.M.K. Carpet Manufacturers, Kilmarnock, and resides at Newton Mearns, with his wife and three children.

Keith Manson (1958-64) has successfully passed his examinations at Grenoble University, France, and is about to read Modern Languages at St. Andrews University.

I. A. Marnoch is now with the Eastern Bank Ltd., Doha, Qatar, Arabian Gulf.

Hugh G. Morton (1957-61) has completed his fourth year in Medicine at St. Andrews (Queen's College, Dundee).

John L. W. Parker (1956-61) is at the end of his fourth year course in M.B., Ch.B., at Glasgow University. He plays Rugby and Cricket for Kelvinside Accies.

G. William Pate (1939-45) who holds the degrees of B.Sc., A.M.I.E.E., has been appointed Development Manager, Engineering, Fibreglass Ltd., St. Helens, Lancs.

N. D. L. Paterson (1955-61) has gained a Diploma in Hotel Management and is at present working in the Ivanhoe Hotel. In October he is joining the Union-Castle Line as a Purser/Catering Officer, where we wish him every success.

Raymond Phillip, M.A., B.Sc., S.M., opened the London Office of Arthur D. Little, Inc., Industrial Consultants, Cambridge, Massachusetts, U.S.A., and is now a member of their Operations Research Staff.

R. S. Peters (1957-62) is at present at Cambridge University on a Natural Science Tripos Course. He has gained 2nd class honours in the Natural Science Tripos, Part. 1. He is in the Sailing Crew for the University and College.

Alex. D. Ritchie (1951-54) was recently appointed Honorary President of the Bellahouston Harriers Athletic Club.

Stuart R. Roselle (1954-60) is in the fourth year of a course in Mechanical Engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in U.S.A.

C. Perry Roselle (1953-1959) is serving as a 2nd. Lieut. in the U.S. Army.

Ronald Smith (1955-62) has been commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Artillery.

B. A. Wingate (1956-62) having completed a course on Operational Conversion Unit on Canberra jet has been posted to 249 Squadron, R.A.F., Cyprus.

ENGAGEMENTS

BROWN—A. M. (1957-60), 14 Kingsborough Gardens, to Miss E. R. Whale.

GALT—Hugh (1953-61), 35 Spottiswoode Street, Edinburgh, 9, to Miss Monica Margaret Boffey, Altringham, Cheshire.

MARRIAGES

ANDERSON—David (1952-56), Farm Cottage, Golden Square, nr. Wakes Colne, Essex, to Miss Veronica Jane Stevens, on 3rd April, 1965.

BLANCHE—William Davidson (1953-57), 20 Darnley Road, Glasgow, S.1, to Miss Doreen Stewart McLean, at Wellington Church, on 5th April, 1965.

BUDGE—A. (1955-58), Bukit Benut Estate, Klung, Johore, Malasia, to Miss A. Hendrie, at St. Andrews Church, on 14th August, 1965.

INGLIS—Ewing, J. M. (1948-54), 21 Thornwood Avenue, Glasgow, W.1, to Miss Molly Cook, 56 Bellvue Crescent, Bellshill, at Bellshill, on 6th July, 1965.

MAQUIRE—John Mitchell, M.B., Ch.B., D(obst.)RCOG. (1947-51), 44 Forfar Avenue, Glasgow, S.W.2, to Miss Seona Duncan, at Renfrew, on 3rd November, 1964.

RITCHIE—Alex. D. (1951-54), Strathpark, 2 Cavendish Drive, Newton Mearns, to Miss Evelyn E. Begg, 110 Munro Road, Glasgow, W.3, on 20th November, 1964.

(The marriage of Mr. J. A. D. McIntyre with Miss C. Hannay took place on 26th September, 1962, not 1963, as stated in our last edition. We apologise for this error.—Editor.)

BIRTHS

BENSON—Richard (1952-57), on 27th June, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Benson, 29 McGregor Drive, Dumbarton, a son, Alan.

BIRSS—Dr. Ian R. (1946-49), on 28th December, 1964, to Dr. and Mrs. I. R. Birss, 17 Dunbar Terrace, Thurso, a son, Colin Ian.

BROWN—William Robert, B.Sc., (1952-55), on 12th July, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown, 14 Wentworth Drive, Wirral, Cheshire, a son, Douglas Graeme.

McGREGOR—A. J. (1934-37), on 26th October, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McGregor, 8 Merchison Park, Edinburgh, 10, a son, Malcolm Buchanan.

ROME—George Kenneth (1945-49), on 18th January, 1965, to Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Rome, 34 Colquhoun Drive, Bearsden, a son, Kenneth Andrew.

WILSON—Andrew R. (1952-55), on 18th October, 1964, to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wilson, a daughter, Catriona Aimée Robertson.

Robert Birrell Clark

It was with profound shock that Strathallians at St. Andrews University learned of the untimely death of their friend and colleague R.B. (Bob) Clark, who was fatally injured in a climbing accident in the Cairngorms on March 8th, 1965.

Bob graduated from St. Andrews with his B.Sc., in 1960 and then won his L.D.S., R.C.P.S. (Glasgow) on 10th October, 1964 and his B.D.S. (Dundee) on 15th January, 1965. He was doing his six months as House Surgeon under Professor Hitchin before commencing his service with the Royal Navy. He was working for a Fellowship which he hoped to get eventually.

His cheerful outlook on life and his consideration for his fellows are but two of the outstanding qualities for which we shall remember Bob. We can only express here a measure of our sadness at his passing and extend our deepest sympathies to his relatives.

We are, etc.—

CIVIS UNIVERSITATIS SANCTI ANDREI

Stephen A. M. Fraser

STEPHEN FRASER who attended Strathallan from 1951 to 1954 died tragically on 9th September, 1965, at his home 16 Drakies Avenue, Inverness, as a result of a shotgun accident. A popular young man in the Inverness area, Stephen assisted his father in his grocer's shop in Grant Street, Inverness.

He was a keen sportsman and in particular an accomplished and enthusiastic angler.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLUB

100 Piccadilly, London, W.1.

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The Club was founded in 1909 with the object of establishing on inexpensive lines a meeting place for the Old Boys of Public Schools.

Premises.—100, Piccadilly is situated opposite the Green Park and in addition to its full range of Club Rooms has thirty-two bedrooms for the use of Members.

Old Boys Meetings.—Private rooms, free of charge, are provided for the committee meetings of Old Boys and Societies.

Club and Private Dinners.—Old Boys and Club Dinners can be held in the Club and arrangements can be made for Members to hold private luncheons and dinners.

Ladies' Annexe.—This adjoins the Club and has a separate entrance in White Horse Street. There is a Drawing Room, Dining Room and Cocktail Bar wherer lady guests can be entertained.

Mothers, wives, daughters and sisters of Members can become associate members, and use the Annexe and entertain guests in their own right.

Squash.—Under reciprocal arrangements, Members use the courts of the Naval and Military Club, 94, Piccadilly. The Club competes in the Bath Club Cup Competition. while a series of other matches is also organised.

Membership.—There is no entrance fee and the present rates of subscription are as follows:—

Town Members	...	...	...	...	25 guineas
Country Members	...	...	...	...	11 guineas
Overseas Members	...	...	...	...	3 guineas
Junior Members (aged 18-25)	...	...	...	...	5 guineas

(Where a Member has joined the Club under the age of 25, he may continue as a full Town Member until the age of 27 at a Special Subscription of fifteen guineas.)

Associate Lady Members	6 guineas
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Full details and application forms for Membership can be obtained from the Secretary.

CHAPEL FUND ACCOUNTS

From 1st August, 1958, to 31st July, 1965

RECEIPTS				PAYMENTS			
Donations	...	...	£9,589 17 6	Payments out of Chapel Collections, Charities, etc.	...	£1,116 4 8	
Payments Under Covenant	...	...	7,561 4 0	Sundry Payments	...	253 0 2	
Income Tax Recovered	...	...	4,403 7 7	Balance to Chapel Fund A/c.	...	26,006 6 7	
Fête—Net Proceeds	...	...	2,880 13 8				
Jumble Sale—Net Proceeds	...	...	300 0 0				
Chapel Collections	...	...	1,991 15 4				
Interest Received	...	...	648 13 4				
			<u>£27,375 11 5</u>			<u>£27,375 11 5</u>	

Balance Sheet as at 31st July, 1965

LIABILITIES				ASSETS			
Strathallan School:				Cash at Bank:			
Amount advanced by School towards cost of Chapel	...	£7,026 10 6		In Current Account	...	£59 12 5	
Chapel Fund A/c.:				In Savings Account	...	18 14 8	
Balance as at 1st August, 1958	...	£705 16 1				<u>£78 7 1</u>	
Add: Surplus from Receipts and Payments A/c.	...	26,006 6 7		Chapel Furnishings	...	276 4 9	
		<u>26,712 2 8</u>		Chapel Building:			
				Payments to Contractors	...	33,384 1 4	
		<u>£33,738 13 2</u>				<u>£33,738 13 2</u>	

A. GRANT LAWSON, Bursar.