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School Authority

Captain of the School

D. D. C. BIGGART (Head of Freeland)

School Prefects

T. C. ASHTON

(Vice-Captain of the School and Head of Ruthven)

N. H. F. WILSON (Head of Nicol)

P. F. P. CRANSTON (Head of Simpson)

D. MACLEOD (Left 67³), P. M. WILSON, G. W. BALFOUR.

M. W. MacEWEN, S. F. H. GREIG, G. C. H. ARCHIBALD.

School Games Captains

Rugby	H. A. R. Cromarty
Cricket	G. W. Balfour
Hockey	M. W. MacEwen
Athletics	D. D. C. Biggart
Fencing	W. M. Thompson
Sailing	W. R. O. Inch
Tennis	R. J. Lawson
Boxing	G. M. J. Ross
Ski-ing	R. J. Macdonald
Swimming	C. M. Thom
Shooting	K. W. Gillanders
Golf	S. S. Eriksen

Editorial Staff of "The Strathallian"

Editor—A. C. Mulhall.

Assistant Editors—R. L. Settles, R. J. Lawson, R. I. Williamson, K. M. Burnett, A. J. Stuart.

Editorial

THE start of a new volume is perhaps an appropriate place to consider the aims of a magazine, particularly since a magazine of this nature appears so late after the events it records. But 'records' is, I think, the right word to use here, because the function of a school magazine must usually be that of chronicler of events. One wouldn't have had to say this if it hadn't been that such a function has been questioned in so many quarters over the past few years. School magazines have been condemned for being stuffy, and for being too factual; they have been accused of wasting print on events which can be of no conceivable interest to anyone; they have been castigated for not containing more articles from pupils, and for the lack, particularly, of 'creative' writing. Because of this, so the argument runs, the magazine does not reflect what the school is really like as a community.

Now it is quite probable that the significant but often intangible changes in the ethos of this School, those changes which make it a different Strathallan from a Strathallan of, say, twenty years ago are not recorded in the past issues of this magazine. Indeed, it is difficult to say just how they could have been. But the thought arises because the editorial of a school magazine, which came to hand recently, had this to say:

To be successful, the chronicle should acquaint its readers with as full a picture as possible. The Old Boy should be in touch with current trends of thought and the activities which express them; the present boy should have the chance to appraise his part in affairs, which are in these pages gathered as it were in miniature . . .

It is true that many school magazines are published principally to keep Old Boys in touch with the school. The Old Strathallians, for example, take up 1150 copies of this magazine. But whether the Old Strathallians would be any the wiser about the School if they were told about 'current trends of thought' is questionable. In so intimate a community as a school, current trends of thought are not that easy to pin down; even 'Wing Forward', a magazine written by the boys for the boys, doesn't manage to do that. The shifts and trends of thought are often imperceptible, bound up with and carried on by personalities (and there are some fifty leaving and being replaced by another fifty every year) very often unknown to Old Strathallians who haven't left in recent years. Anyway, don't all old boys cherish in their memories the picture of a school as it was, a vision prefaced by the remark, 'Ah, now when I was at school . . .?' There was one headmaster I knew who was still being referred



Aerial views of the School taken by K. W. Gillanders.



to by some of his very old boys as 'the new man' twenty five years after his appointment.

For whatever reason then, our picture must largely remain one of facts. Without them recorded, where else is one to go to find out what happened when? The question is one which my predecessor on this magazine used to ask from time to time, and with justification. It was he who set the pattern for the complete record and editorial continuity must remain. 'Wing Forward', which I have had something to do with for the past five years, has changed its format as regularly as its editors. Going through the back issues, one would get a record of creative writing in the School; one would note that those complaints that do get printed never change; but I don't think that one would get a great deal else which was more than ephemeral.

In a sense, then, the magazine has an eye on posterity because it records events which in themselves, incidentally, are clues to the changing face of the community. To those in the community, such is the quick succession of the events that an appraisal of their value and significance when they are captured in print is often worthwhile. But not all events are recorded. I have sometimes been asked why we don't also publish our examination results as well as our cricket or rugby results. Well, every school has its exams, and the importance of them cannot be denied, but the importance of them is, as it were, a constant in the life of a school. The results may be good one year, bad another but in so far as they are results they tell us little about the quality of the school, the education offered and the variety of other pursuits. In this magazine we record academic results which are the outcome of exceptional individual endeavour because they are exceptional, i.e. scholarships, prizes and so on. We could, I suppose, also point out that 'X, against all the predictions of his teachers, scraped together 3 O Levels', but whether X or the teachers would thank us for that is doubtful. However, to come to the point: examination results are important to a school, but they by no means make it. It is a blend of all the activities, games or otherwise, that makes the School what it is, and it is these activities, some important to one individual and not to another, which constitute the ethos of our community here.

School Development Campaign

WORK has now started on the new School Dining Hall, and the building should be completed in just less than a year's time. The Development Campaign's Progress Report for 1968 announced that some £103,000 has been raised already. The Campaign is still open and the Report says that it is not too late to contribute; more money will probably be required to offset the effects of devaluation and the continued rise in building and other costs.

The Second List of Subscribers (to May 1968) is published below.

Strathallan School Development Fund

Second List of Subscribers

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	Stuart, H. L.
	University of Glasgow
	Walker, Mrs. R. G.

Alex S. Gillespie F.R.S.E.

A. S. Gillespie, or 'Gill' as he was affectionately known to most of his colleagues, taught at Strathallan School from 1957 to 1960. A traditionalist in many ways, Gill believed that a good schoolmaster should be able to teach more than his specialist subject yet, on the other hand, his method of teaching Biology as the study of living things in their environment, foreshadowed a lot of what is now claimed as new in the Nuffield Science courses. The necrologist and text-book biologist were anathema to him.

Gill came to Strathallan to teach Geography, Biology, History and English but whatever he taught it always had a characteristic biological flavour because Biology to him was a social science of immense value in general education. He was prepared to teach it to anyone and did so with remarkable success, his enthusiasm and wide knowledge captivating even the most difficult of pupils.

Gill was undoubtedly an excellent teacher, particularly so with the junior boys; a good disciplinarian when occasion demanded but creating the sort of atmosphere in the classroom that encouraged boys to take an active and lively interest in their work.

Gill was interested, from a historical point of view, in the development of biology teaching in the Public Schools and wrote several articles on this subject. The comparatively large and flourishing Biology Department at Strathallan School today is largely due to his efforts in the early days to get Biology recognised as an equal with Physics and Chemistry.

Finally, mention should be made of Gill's life long interest in and, indeed, considerable knowledge of Theology. The cultural fusion of Science, Religion and the Humanities formed the basis of several original articles and also the substance of one or two sermons.

Many people will be greatly saddened to hear of Gill's death, particularly the vast number of former pupils that he loved to keep in touch with, and who were always made most warmly welcome at his home in Aberlady.

Staff Notes

This year we have to record the departure of Mr. K. C. Jackson who has taken up an appointment at Bankhead Academy. His contribution to so many spheres of School activity will be missed.

We welcome to the staff Mr. D. S. Macpherson, who has come to take History and assist with some English, and Mr. R. Downing, who has come to teach science according to Nuffield principles in the lower and middle School.

Over the past year our supply of bachelors on the staff has steadily decreased, Mr. Gray, Mr. Addison, Mr. Ramsden and Mr. Wareham all joining the ranks of the married.

School Notes

The School has now become an official Weather Station for the Meteorological Office. That rain-gauge is tempting providence.

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The road down the brae to Coven Trees has been resurfaced, or perhaps just surfaced. Anyway, it's passable again.

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Work has also started on the new dining-hall. This is a welcome sight since it was feared that the yellow hut with Thain painted on it was the new dining-hall.

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The Great Storm accounted for several trees, particularly in the Monkey Puzzle, and for the 1st XV field stand. Another tree nearly accounted for the cricket pavilion too. What a double that would have been!

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A policy of resting one rugby field a year has been started. This year it was Little Acre's turn. It is rumoured that rugby masters are asking for a similar deal.

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The class-room area has been equipped with an automatic electric bell system, thus replacing the automatic school prefect bell system. The restlessness of the back row in class is still the best indication of the time though.

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The Great Storm was followed by the Great Plague. We thank the School Medical Officer for prescribing a few days extra holiday.

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A new rifle range has been built, and the R.N. Section accommodated in the rear — sorry, the stern — of the building.

Talking of holidays, a half-term holiday was instituted in the Summer Term to replace the old system of 'Leave Out' Sundays. The holiday followed Speech Day which was moved to a Friday.

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A battery of toasters has been installed in the dining-hall and is used by houses on a rota. Apparently the more seniors that stay in bed, the more toast the rest get.

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We congratulate A. J. Fisher (Fitzwilliam) and A. R. Brash (Downing) on their firsts in Part 1A of the Medical Sciences Tripos at Cambridge, and the latter on his being elected an exhibitioner of his college.

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A new cup — The Campbell Award — was instituted this year for the best all-round sportsman in the School. The award was won for the first time by J. S. Houston.

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Those who knew Mr. Giles will be interested to hear that he has recently taken up an appointment as Lecturer in Education at the University of Stirling.

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Photographs this year have come from several sources and we have principally to thank Mr. Hewson, K. W. Gillanders, R. A. L. Craig and R. J. Lawson for allowing us to print photographs taken by them.

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At the end of the year there were 359 boys in the School.

Chapel Notes

The Chapel continues to play its part in the life of the School, and we are all indebted to Mr. Gordon West and the members of the choir for the enrichment of the services by the music.

We have been fortunate in having a notable company of preachers once again this year, including old friends like the Rev. Dr. A. C. Craig, who in his year of office as the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland dedicated the Chapel. The Rev. Alan B. Robson is another old friend of the School who paid us a welcome visit. Among preachers

welcomed for the first time were the Rev. William Lamont, chaplain in the Royal Navy, the Rev. John Gray, of Dunblane Cathedral, the Rev. the Hon. R. D. Buchanan-Smith, and, at the Church of Scotland Confirmation Service, the Rev. John D. Miller, the Chaplain's son.

Confirmation services were held in the Spring Term by the Bishop of St. Andrews for the Episcopalians, and in the Summer Term by the Chaplain for the Church of Scotland. It is a great encouragement to find that parents and Godparents for the former make a point of being present, and with regard to the latter a very large company of parents attended the Church of Scotland Confirmation.

It is pleasant to note that the Chapel has been the place of some weddings, notably those of Miss Ruth Hoare and Mr. Robert Boyd in the Easter vacation, and Miss Patricia Hoare and Mr. Richard Field in the Summer vacation. By the time these notes appear two more weddings will have been celebrated in the Chapel, in both instances of Old Strathallians, the services being conducted by the ministers of the respective brides.

The Chaplain would like to record his thanks for the co-operation and encouragement he has received from the Headmaster and the housemasters.

I.R.N.M.

Speech Day

The re-arrangement, nationally, of the A and O Level timetables has necessitated several changes in our own calendar, and not the least of these has been the moving of Speech Day from a Saturday to a Friday. Friday, 14th June, however, was fairly close to the old date, and we have usually been fortunate enough to have good weather at about that time.

This year our chief guest was Admiral Sir Charles E. Madden, Bart., G.C.B., a former Commander of the Home Fleet and of the N.A.T.O. force, whose many present appointments and interests include the chairmanship of the Sail Training Association. The new Chairman of the Governors, Mr. D. C. Fulton, M.C., B.L., W.S., presided at the prize-giving ceremony. Mr. Fulton, in his welcoming address, referred to the School Development Campaign and was able to give the cheering news that, all being well, the appeal target would be exceeded by a few thousand pounds.

The Headmaster's Annual Report — his 18th, which occasioned the remark that some parentts had heard as many

as fifteen of them—took as its theme the continuing demands of education and said that it was wrong to shield pupils and students from these demands which were essential parts of living. The young must be taught what discipline and order meant if they were to assess what values those qualities had in life.

Sir Charles Madden, after presenting the prizes, addressed us on the theme of leadership. At some time all boys were leaders or followers, and he went on to outline, in an address adorned with illustrations full of wit and point, some of the main qualities which he thought were necessary for leaders to possess. These qualities were robustness, serenity of mind—a quality which was passed on to subordinates in one's command—, determination, care of subordinates, study and stratagem, a spirit of adventure, and a sense of humour.

After the prize-giving ceremony, the School Orchestra gave their annual concert under the direction of Mr. West. The main items in this concert were one of Handel's Organ Concerti and a movement from Schubert's 'Unfinished Symphony'. We have become accustomed to a gay and sparkling performance from the orchestra on Speech Day, and we were not disappointed.

In the afternoon there were the customary items of interest—the Pipe Band, Highland Dancing, demonstrations in the laboratories and an exhibition in the art rooms. In the evening there was the Retreat—as moving as ever—and a Chapel Service an addition to the Speech Day calendar. The Retreat was held at an earlier time than in previous years to enable parents and boys to get away for the half-term which followed.

A.J.S.

Prize Winners - Speech Day 1968

The Smith Cup for the Captain of the School D. D. C. Biggart

Houston Prize for all-round merit D. D. C. Biggart

Governors' Prizes:

English	W. J. S. Grant
Classics	D. G. Brash
French	S. O. H. Lait
History	A. E. M. Laband
Mathematics	D. B. Fraser
Chemistry	D. K. R. Low
Chemistry-Research	D. J. M. Morris
	A. A. Jeffrey

Biology	M. D. Barnes-Graham
Biology Project	D. W. McArthur G. S. Watson
Physics and Physics Essay	J. O. McIntyre
Music	A. G. Balfour
Art	A. D. G. Duncan
Geography Fieldwork	K. T. M. Bell
Economics	J. C. Bell

Essay Prizes :

History	M. J. N. Steele
Art	G. E. Bailey
Economics	E. G. M. Targowski
French	K. B. King

PRIZES AWARDED THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR

V Form O Level Prizes: L. W. Fearn; R. A. L. Craig; J. W. Fawcett.

IVA O Level Prize: N. D. Lane.

Distinction Prizes: C. J. Cotton; D. B. Fraser; N. J. B. Fielding; T. K. Lunan; J. O. McIntyre; M. J. N. Steele; P. F. Waterston, W. J. S. Grant.

Form Prizes: I—A. N. Hartley; II—S. D. Lowden; IIIA—A. R. Watson; IIIB—I. F. S. Day; IIIC—C. K. Gibson; IVB—J. T. Thomson; IVC—A. L. Stirling.

SALVETE

September, 1967

LVI—I. R. B. Forbes (S).

V—K. I. Brown (S); J. B. Massoudi (S).

IIIA—R. H. Green (N); J. G. M. Hendry (R); C. J. Robertson (S); I. W. Sneddon (N); P. R. P. Thomson (N).

IIIB—W. M. Cantlay (R); M. J. Finlay (S); J. M. S. Kirkwood (R); E. G. Mackenzie (R); J. P. Renwick (R); R. W. Ross (S); H. M. S. Russell (R); C. K. Gibson (F).

IIIC—R. G. Dale (N); J. W. Inglis (R); A. W. Lawson (S); G. C. Leslie (R); G. A. Lockhart (F); M. R. P. Macdonald (S); J. W. Macfarlane (R); D. B. McLean (F); J. A. L. Porter (S); D. A. Walker (N); I. T. Watters (R); D. A. S. Whyte (R).

I—Riley House entry. A. W. Adam; S. D. Biggart; A. A. Bird; R. D. Buchanan; A. D. Butchart; F. G. R. Gillanders; A. M. Grant; A. N. Hartley; R. S. F. Leishman; T. S. Ling; I. A. D. Low; J. E. McIntosh; W. D. McIntosh; D. D. Mackenzie; D. R. Nicol; S. A. Moffat; D. W. Peddie; D. E. Reid; H. T. Robertson; K. A. Robertson.

January, 1968

IIIC—D. A. Anderson (F); N. M. Delbarre (N); R. J. H. Mather (N).

April, 1968

IIIA—G. J. Pyle (F).

IIIB—A. J. W. Baker (R); A. J. Bennet (S).

IIIC—C. W. Gray (N); P. J. Holden (F); H. N. Macfarlane (R); I. T. Miller (F); C. D. Reekie (F); I. B. Rennie (R); N. S. Stevenson (F).

I—Riley House entry. C. H. Baxter; W. D. Cameron; P. D. Hunter; W. D. McLenachan; R. K. Shedden.

VALETE**December, 1967****Schol. VI:**

MacLeod, D. (S). Came 63³; IVA; House Prefect 66³; School Prefect 67³; History and Classics Prizes 67; Sec. Debating Soc.; Army and Pre-Service.

The Caffinites, Durham School, Durham.

Tingsabadh, C. (R). Came 64³; IVA; Dux of School; Physics and Physics Essay Prizes; Music Prize 1967; Leader, School Orchestra; Sec. Music Society and Squash; Scholar of the School.

177 Rongmuang 4, Bangkok, Thailand.

Young, A. (N). Came 62³; IIIB; House Prefect 66³; French Essay Prize 66; French Prize 67; Golf 66, 67; Athletics 66; Chairman, Mod. Lang. Soc. and Film Guild; Choir; P.O. (R.N.).

Calle Nilo 71-1, Colonia Cuauhtemoc, Mexico 5 D F, Mexico.

L VI:

Hicks, S. P. (F). Came 64³; IIIC; Highland Dancing, 65-66; Cdt. Army. *Aughalislone, Lisburn, Co' Antrim, N. Ireland.*

Keown, A. R. A. (S). Came 63²; IIIC; Cdt. R.A.F.

Flat 17, Woodlands Estates, 817 Alipore Road, Calcutta, India.

V:

Harrison, G. S. (N). Came 65²; IIIC; A.B. (R.N.).

Greenan Mill, Daby, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbright.

Maxwell, A. J. (R). Came 65³; IIIC; Cdt. Army Section.

3 Princes Road, Brunton Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, 3.

Young, G. H. (F). Came 64³; IIIC; Fencing and Shooting; Pipe Band; Cdt. Army.

Broadlawns, Fernhill, Oxshott, Surrey.

IIIA:

Campbell, P. A. S. (S). Came 65²; IIIA; Inter-Service

Dullan Brae, 14 Abercromby Drive, Bridge of Allan.

March, 1968

L VI:

Lane, N. D. (R). Came 63³; I; Cdt. Army Section.

V:

Smith, D. A. J. (F). Came 64³; Swimming Team 66, 67; Cdt. Army.
Cruachan, 8 Laggan Road, Craigend, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire.

II:

Sim, R. L. M. (Ri). Came 65³.

July, 1968

Schol. VI:

Ashton, T. C. (R). Came 63³; IIIA; House Prefect, 66³; School Prefect, 67³; Vice-Captain of School; House Captain, Ruthven; English Prize, 1967; Army Scholarship to Sandhurst; XI 67,68, Colours; Sec. XI, 68; Athletics; Sec. Mod. Lang. Soc.; Choir; Army U/O.
c/o Mrs. J. Richmond, 666 Preston Road, Clayton-Le-Woods, Chorley, Lancs.

Balfour, G. W. (R). Came 60³; I; House Prefect, 67³; School Prefect, 68¹; XV 66/67; Hockey 68; XI 67,68 Capt.; Treas. Film Guild; Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award; Choir; Flt. Sgt. R.A.F. i.e. Pre-Service.
Glenfriars, Jedburgh, Roxburghshire.

Biggart, D. D. C. (F). Came 61²; I; House Prefect 66²; School Prefect 66³, Head of School and House Captain, Freeland; XV 66/67, 67/68, Half Colours; Athletics, Capt. 66-68; Duke of Edinburgh Award, Silver; Pipe Band; Choir; Sgt. Army Section.
Lindowan, Port Glasgow Road, Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire.

MacEwen, M. W. (F). Came 60³; I; House Prefect, 66³; School Prefect, 68²; Hockey 67, 68, Captain 68; Scottish Schoolboys Hockey 1968; Choir; Orchestra; L. Cpl. Army.
2 Transy Place, Dunfermline, Fife.

McNab, N. (N). Came 63³; IIIA; House Prefect 67²; Exhibitioner; Athletics; V. Capt. Athletics, 68; Chairman, Film Guild; A.B. (R.N.).
1 Sutherland Crescent, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.

Marshall, J. M. (F). Came 61³; Athletics; Sec Y.F.C.; Cdt. Army Section.
Dalreoch, Dunning, Perthshire.

Sproat, J. B. (F). Came 61³; I; Committee, Y.F.C.; Ldg. Cdt. (R.A.F.).
Lennox Plunton, Borgue, Kirkcudbrightshire.

Stuart, A. J. (N). Came 61²; I; Exhibitioner; Golf; Sec. Film Guild 66-68; Assistant Editor 'Strathallian'; A.B. (R.N.).

Wilson, N. H. F. (N). Came 63³; IIIA; House Prefect 66³; School Prefect 67³; Captain of Nicol; Biology Field Study Prize, 67; Fives; Sailing; Squash; Chairman, Science Soc. 66-68; Choir; P.O. (R.N.).
Tullylumb, 11 Kay Park Terrace, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.

Wilson, P. M. (F). Came 63³; IIIA; House Prefect 67³; School Prefect 68¹; Chem'stry Research Prize 66; Biology Prize 67; Sailing; Sec. Science Soc.; Choir; L.S. (R.N.) Pre-Service Instructor.
12 Ralston Road, Bearsden, Glasgow.

U VI:

- Aitken, G. R. (N). Came 61³; I; House Prefect 68²; Athletics; Choir; A.B. (R.N.).
Glenholme, Glen Road, Dunblane, Perthshire.
- Bell, A. D. (S). Came 62³; I; Orchestra; Inter-Schools Debating Team; Sec. Dramatic Soc. and Stamp Club; Flying Scholarship; Flt. Sgt. (R.A.F.).
159 Broomhill Drive, Glasgow, W.1
- Bell, K. T. M. (N). Came 63²; IIIC; Geography Fieldwork Prize. 68; Shooting Team; L. Cpl. Army Section.
P. O. Box 30066, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.
- Carnegie, D. L. (N). Came 65³; V; House Prefect 67³; Economics Prize 67; XV 67/68; Cpl. Army Section.
44, Cairntrodlie, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire.
- Cranston, P. F. P. (S). Came 63³; IIIB; House Prefect 67³; School Prefect 68¹; Captain of Simpson; XV 66-68, Colours; Sgt. Army Section.
33 Cypress Avenue, Whilton, Twickenham, Middlesex.
- Crawford, B. J. F. (F). Came 63³; IIIB; XV 66-68; Hockey 66. 67; Sailing; Choir; Coxswain (R.N.).
97 South Street, Greenock, Renfrewshire.
- Cromarty, H. A. R. (S). Came 63³; IIIC; XV 66-68, Capt. 67/68; Hockey 66-68; Athletics; Cpl. (R.A.F.), Pre-Service.
Ardholme, Kingussie, Inverness-shire.
- Drysdale, A. D. (R). Came 63³; IIIB; House Prefect 67³; Swimming; Cpl. (R.A.F.).
c/o McCallum, 1720 Glasgow Road, Paisley, Renfrewshire.
- Gillanders, C. S. Y. (R). Came 61³; I; Treasurer, Music Soc.; Choir; Orchestra; Dramatics; L. Cpl. Army Section.
Trinity House, Lennoxton, Glasgow.
- Gillanders, K. W. (F). Came 61³; I; House Prefect 67³; Shooting, Capt. 67-68; Sec. Photographic Soc.; Sgt. (R.A.F.).
Abercraig, 91 Dundee Road, West Ferry, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.
- Grant, W. J. S. (N). Came 64³; IIIA; English Prize, 1968; Orchestra; Pipe Band, Drum/Sgt.; L. Cpl. Army Section; Pre-Service Instructor.
41 Manse Road, Bearsden, Glasgow.
- Greig, S. F. H. (S). Came 61²; I; House Prefect 67³; School Prefect 68²; Ski-ing, Capt. 67/68; Sgt. Army Section.
150 Monreith Road East, Cathcart, Glasgow, S.4
- Houston, J. S. (R). Came 63³; IIIC; XV 67/68; Summer Hockey 68; Tennis 68; Squash 68; Athletics 67, 68; Campbell Award; Chairman Stamp Club; Choir; Orchestra; Cpl. Army Section.
13 Fort Street, Dundee.
- Insch, W. R. O. (F). Came 64¹; IIIB; Sailing. 66. 67, 68, Capt. of Sailing 68; L. Cpl. Army Section.
Meron, St. Margaret's Drive, Dunblane, Perthshire.
- Jeffrey, R. A. (S). Came 63³; II; Chemistry Research Prize, 67; Tennis 68; Cdt. Army Section.
10 Braidhills Avenue, Edinburgh, 10
- King, K. B. (N). Came 63³; French Essay Prize, 68; Sec. S. U.; Choir; Orchestra; Dramatics; School Debating Team; A.B. (R.N.).
11 King's Avenue, Morpeth, Northumberland.

- Lait, S. O. H. (N). Came 65²; IIIA; Exhibitioner; French Prize 68; L. Cpl. Army Section.
The Loaning, Auchenlodment Road, Elderslie, Renfrewshire.
- McArthur, D. W. (S). Came 64³; IIIA; Biology Research Prize, 68; Treasurer, Y.F.C. 67; A.B. (R.N.).
Kintarbert Lodge, Kilberry Road, West Loch, Tarbert, Argyllshire.
- McCallum, W. P. (F). Came 63³; IIIB; L. Cpl. Army Section.
7 Snowdon Place, Stirling.
- MacDonald, C. L. (R). Came 62³; I; House Prefect 67³; Chemistry Prize, 67; Cpl. (R.A.F.).
24 Avenue Tir, Teheran, Iran.
- Michie, J. (R). Came 63²; IIIB; House Prefect, 67³; Treasurer, Science Soc. 67-68; W.O. (R.A.F.).
Masuri Sana, Marley Lane, Haslemere, Surrey.
- Muir, D. H. (F). Came 63³; IIIC; Athletics 64-68; Capt. Squash; Capt. Highland Dancing; Treasurer, Mechanics Club; L. S. (R.N.).
Strouel Lodge, Clynder, Dunbartonshire.
- Mulhall, A. C. (R). Came 61³; I; XV 66/67, Half Colours; Librarian; Orchestra; Editor of 'The Strathallian'; P.O. (R.N.).
Dunbriton, 1 West Chapelton Avenue, Bearsden, Glasgow.
- Ogilvie, D. A. (F). Came 63²; IIIB; House Prefect, 68¹; XV 67/68; XI 67, 68; V. Capt. 68; Cpl. (R.A.F.).
c/o Trinmar Ltd., Guapo, via San Fernando, Trinidad, West Indies.
- Orchard, P. A. (F). Came 60³; I; Editor, Wing Forward; Choir; L. Cpl. Army Section.
34 Inverkeith Terrace, Edinburgh, 3
- Paterson, R. F. (N). Came 63³; IIIC; President, Fly Tying Club; L/S (R.N.).
Heathersett, Alexandra Terrace, Forres, Moray.
- Rennie, W. D. (F). Came 62²; II; Shooting 68; Pipe Band; L. Cpl. Army Section.
Moor of Rannoch Hotel, Rannoch Station, Perthshire.
- Robertson, B. M. (N). Came 63³; IIIC; A.B. (R.N.).
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- Roy, I. A. (R). Came 62³; IIIB; Chairman, Astronomical Soc.; Editor. Wing Forward 66-67; Gunner Sgt. Army Section.
Westhorn, 16 Howard Place, Carlisle.
- Settles, R. L. (N). Came 61³; I; House Prefect, 68¹; XI 67, 68, Colours 68; Orchestra; Assistant Editor 'Strathallian'; Cpl. (R.A.F.).
8 Gearholm, Road, Doonfoot, Ayr.
- Smith, G. W. T. (F). Came 63¹; IIIB; XV 67/68; Hockey 66/68; Athletics; Sec. Y.F.C.; L. Cpl. Army Section.
Barnyards Farm, By Forfar, Angus.
- Taylor, J. D. (S). Came 61³; Hockey 67/68; A.B. (R.N.).
66 Camphill Road, Broughty Ferry, Dundee.
- Thom, C. M. (R). Came 63³; IIIB; Swimming, Capt. 68; Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award; Cpl. Army Section.
K.O.C. 33/22nd St. North, Ahmadi 5, Kuwait, Arabian Gulf.
- Thom, R. D. (R). Came 63³; IIIB; XV 67/68; Swimming; Treasurer, Stamp Club; Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award; L/S (R.N.).
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Thompson, W. M. (R). Came 63³; IIIC; House Prefect, 68¹; XV 67/68; Hockey 67/68; Cricket 67, 68 Colours; Squash; Athletics; Fencing, Capt.; Scottish Sch. Fencing Champion 66, 67; Cpl. Army Section; Pre-Service.
Brook Cottage, Catts Hill, Rotherfield, Sussex.

Thomson, G. M. (S). Came 63³; IIIC; XV 67/68; Sgt. (R.A.F.).
5 Greenhill Avenue, Giffnock, Glasgow.

Watson, G. S. (S). Came 63³; IIIA; House Prefect 68¹; Biology Project Prize, 68; Shooting; L. Cpl. Army Section.
Torridon, 80 Dukeswood Drive, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.

Wilson, D. J. M. (S). Came 63³; IIIC; House Prefect 67³; Flt. Sgt. (R.A.F.).
Baledgarno Farmhouse, Inchtute, Perthshire.

L VI:

Hill, J. F. (N). Came 65¹; IIIC; Squash, 68; Cdt. Army Section.
9 Dene Hill, Chellow Lane, Bradford 9, Yorkshire.

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10 Upper Glenburn Road. Bearsden, nr. Glasgow.

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Aitchison, E. D. (N). Came 66¹; IIIC; Athletics; A.B. (R.N.).
Normandale, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire.

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Dalachy Farm, Aberdour, Fife.

Kunz, H. K. (N). Came 66¹; IIIB; Cdt. Army Section.
Clifton, Drymen Road, Balloch, Dunbartonshire.

Laverock, E. R. (S). Came 62³; I; Cdt. Army Section.
Craigmount, Bonnington Road, Peebles.

Mackay, R. J. (S). Came 66¹; IIIC; Cdt. Army Section.
3 Douglas Drive East, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire.

McNair, D. H. (N). Came 62¹; I; Ski-ing; Sec. S.U.; Orchestra; Choir; A.B. (R.N.).
Stonebyres, 35 Main Road, Elderslie, Renfrewshire.

Pringle, W. (S). Came 65³; IIIC; XI 68; Cdt. R.A.F.
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Taylor, C. D. M. (N). Came 65²; IIIC; A.N. (R.N.)
4 Allanbank Road, Larbert, Stirlingshire.

Wilson, W. D. (S). Came 65³; IIIC; Cdt. Army Section.

IVA:

Kellitt, A. (F). Came 64³; I; Pre-Service.
Woodhouse, Canonbie, Dumfriesshire.

Sharp, C. A. (N). Came 64³; II; Pre-Service.
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IVC:

Simpson, B. (N). Came 67¹; IIIC; Pre-Service.
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II:

Rankin, I. (Ri). Came 65³;

Music Notes

WE were sorry to lose Mr. Jackson at the end of the Spring Term. He took a large part in the music of the School, playing the 'cello in the orchestra, the organ in chapel and generally rehearsing various musical groups. At the end of the year Mr. Wiggins also left us to take up a new appointment. We wish them both well.

The orchestra this year has been a good one, even though the number of violins can rarely have been fewer. It has played particularly well this Summer Term, when it has had so many commitments — 'Orpheus in the Underworld', a recital in St. Giles', and the Speech Day concert. The accompaniment to 'Orpheus in the Underworld' provided many difficulties, but once they were overcome, and this had to be accomplished in a very short time, the Schubert Overture which the orchestra played at St. Giles' seemed like child's play, and they gave a very good account of it. The second orchestra has some very useful players in it and has a much larger complement of players than the School orchestra which is an encouragement for the future.

The choir, as a whole, has not had any very large undertaking this year, although, of course, a substantial proportion of it took part in 'Orpheus in the Underworld'. It did, however, give a good performance of 'Beatus Vir' by Monteverdi in St. Giles', and in September a part of it led the singing and sang

an anthem at the 'Rotary International' Conference at Gleneagles Hotel. Although it did not perform at the Speech Day concert, it sang three anthems at the Speech Day services in Chapel. It has been very lucky this year in having two 'real' tenors, C. S. Y. Gillanders and J. M. Blair, whose singing of solos and duets has been the source of pleasure to many. A. G. Balfour is to be congratulated on the competent way he has replaced Mr. Jackson at the organ in the accompaniment of anthems.

Programmes of concerts given during the year and anthems sung by the choir in chapel are given later in these notes.

INFORMAL CONCERT

Tuesday, 12th December, 1967

7.45 p.m. in the Music Room

1. Orchestra
Gopak *Mussorgsky*
2. Viola Solo
(C. S. Y. Gillanders)
Three Movements from Sonata in G Major *Corelli*
3. Trebles and Altos
Carol of the Huron Indians *arr. R. Hunter*
A Stable in Bethlehem *P. S. Taylor*
4. Second Orchestra
Cherokee Chief *trad. arr. Jurey*
5. Two flutes, 'cello and piano
(K. B. King, J. D. N. Ovenstone, M. G. M. Szwed-
Cousins, A. G. Balfour)
Two movements from Sonata in E minor *Hasse*
6. Orchestra
Allegretto from 'Military' Symphony *Haydn*
7. Bassoon Solo
(A. D. Bell)
Three Movements from Sonata in A minor *Calliard*
8. Modern Jazz Quartet
(D. K. MacDougall, A. G. Balfour, W. J. S. Grant,
A. C. Mulhall)
Greensleeves in Summer, Blue Avant Garde.
9. Semi-Choir
Cowboy Carol *arr. Sargeant*
10. Orchestra
'Emperor' Waltz *Strauss*

**CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA
IN ST. GILES' CATHEDRAL—19th MAY, 1968
MUSIC AT 6 p.m.**

1. Sonata da Camera in G major for viola *Corelli arr. Forbes*
(C. S. Y. Gillanders)
2. Sonata in A minor for bassoon *Galliard*
(A. D. Bell)
3. Two duets for tenors 'O Bone Jesu'. Gaudent in Coelis
Richard Dering
(J. M. Blair, C. S. Y. Gillanders, A. G. Balfour, organ)
4. Sonata in F major for flute with 'cello continuo *Telemann*
(K. B. King, flute, P. S. Hunter, 'cello)
5. 'Beatus Vir' (Psalm 112) for choir and orchestra *Monteverdi*

MUSIC DURING THE SERVICE

Hymns—

All people that on earth do dwell
Soldiers of Christ, arise

Anthem—Almighty and everlasting God *Gibbons*

Voluntary after the service—

Overture in B flat *Schubert*



The Choir and Orchestra in St. Giles.

SPEECH DAY CONCERT PROGRAMME

1. Orchestra
Dance of the Tumblers from "The Snow Maiden"
Rimsky Korsakov
2. Organ and Orchestra
Organ Concerto in F *Handel*
Allegro; Siciliano; Presto. (Organ: A. G. Balfour)
3. Flute, 'Cello and Piano
Sonata in F major *Telemann*
K. B. King (flute), P. J. Hunter ('cello), Mr. M. J. E.
Wareham (piano).
4. Orchestra
1st movement from "Unfinished" Symphony *Schubert*
5. Second Orchestra
(a) Slavic Dance *Beethoven*
(b) Ecossaise *Schubert*
6. Orchestra
"Tritsch Tratsch" Polka *J. Strauss*

NATIONAL ANTHEM**ORCHESTRA**

Violins: Mr. J. Moulard Begbie (leader), J. O. McIntyre, D. H. McNair,
N. J. B. Fielding, J. C. Bell.

Violas: C. S. Y. Gillanders, R. L. Settles, M. M. Norval.

'Cellos: P. J. Hunter, M. G. M. Szwed-Cousins.

Double Bass: A. C. Mulhall.

Flutes: K. B. King, J. D. N. Ovenstone, K. M. Cassels, D. J. C. Mahon.

Oboes: M. W. MacEwen, A. Gray.

Clarinets: G. L. MacEwen, D. K. MacDougall, I. D. R. Prain, N. M.
Heggie.

Bassoon: Mr. D. A. R. Williams, A. D. Bell.

French Horn: J. M. Blair.

Trumpets: R. W. Sproat, J. H. Owen.

Trombones: G. G. Robbie, D. G. Jenkins, R. A. Jenkins.

Timpani: D. J. Sharpe.

Percussion: W. J. S. Grant, D. B. Fraser, J. S. Houston.

SECOND ORCHESTRA

Violins: D. M. Ormerod, J. J. Black, T. S. Ling, P. D. Hunter, S. A.
Moffat, D. H. Pate, A. P. Wray, D. A. G. McIntyre.

Violas: E. M. Upton, H. T. Salt.

'Cello: R. C. Herbert.

Double Bass: J. E. Hamilton.

Flute: D. K. R. Low.

Oboe: R. A. Rodger.

Clarinets: J. I. Ormerod, L. M. Johnston.

Bassoon: A. W. Bethune.

Horn: N. O. Sherington.

Piano: T. K. Lunan.

The following anthems have been sung in the School Chapel during the year: 'Lead me, Lord' (Wesley); Nunc Dimittis in B and in G (Stanford); Sanctus from the 'Harmoniemesse' (Haydn); 'Come, ye thankful people, come' (Williamson); 'Glory to God' (Gretcheninov); 'And the Glory' (Handel); 'Laudate nomen Dominis' (Tye); 'O Clap your hands' (Hewitt-Jones); 'Sleepers Awake' (Mendelssohn); 'Let my prayer come up' (Purcell); 'Almighty and Everlasting God' (Gibbons); 'Praise ye the Lord' (Michael Hurd); Exultate Deo (A. Scarlatti); 'This Joyful Eastertide' (Carol); 'O Bone Jesu' (Dering); 'Rejoice in the Lord' (Purcell); 'Holy, holy, holy' (Schubert); Te Deum (Williamson); and Psalms 1, 93 and 150 (Gelineau).

The following have passed Associated Board Examinations:

A. G. Balfour (piano), Grade VIII (Merit); J. H. R. Parker (theory), Grade V; J. H. Owen (trumpet, Grade IV (Merit); D. H. McNair (violin), Grade IV (Distinction); N. M. Heggie (clarinet), Grade IV; R. W. Sproat (trumpet), Grade IV; R. K. M. Cassels (flute), Grade III; N. S. Drummond (theory), Grade III; J. J. Black (violin), Grade II (Merit); T. S. Ling (violin), Grade II (Merit); H. K. Kunz, D. McLeod, T. K. Lunan, A. W. Bethune, S. A. Moffat (violin), Grade I (Distinction); C. K. Gibson (violin), Grade I; R. A. D. Powrie, R. A. Rodger, A. J. Campbell, W. S. M. Elder, R. H. Green, I. Wright, P. R. P. Thomson, J. M. Baxter, J. M. S Kirkwood, R. W. C. Simpson (theory), Grade I.

Orpheus in the Underworld

OUR readers may be surprised that there is no review of this operetta which was produced during the School year. For a change we thought perhaps the impressions of those more closely involved might be more interesting. The programme and those taking part were as follows:

ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD

A COMIC OPERETTA IN THREE ACTS

From the Original by H. CREMIEUX and L. HALEVY

New Book and Lyrics by PHIL PARK Music by JACQUES OFFENBACH

Music Adapted and Arranged by RONALD HANMER

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Overture

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ACT ONE:

A Landscape Near Thebes

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Interval: 15 minutes

ACT TWO:

Mount Olympus

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Interval: 15 minutes

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ACT THREE:

Scene 1: Pluto's Den

Scene 2: Hades

THE CAST:

<i>Eurydice</i>	Mrs. M. Gray
<i>Calliope</i>	Mrs. T. C. G. Fairbairn
<i>Cupid</i>	I. A. D. Low
<i>Venus</i>	R. A. D. Powrie
<i>Diana</i>	D. R. D. Low
<i>Juno</i>	G. C. H. Lait
<i>Orpheus</i>	C. Y. S. Gillanders
<i>Pluto</i>	J. M. Blair
<i>Jupiter</i>	M. G. M. Szwed-Cousins
<i>Mars</i>	T. C. Ashton
<i>Mercury</i>	D. H. Muir
<i>Vulcan</i>	N. H. F. Wilson
<i>Styx</i>	A. W. Crowe
<i>Bacchus</i>	D. D. C. Biggart

The Four Violin Pupils:

J. J. Black; D. Macdonald; S. A. Moffat; D. E. Reid.

THE CHORUS:

M. W. MacEwen; A. C. Mutch; D. M. S. Robbie; E. G. M. Targowski; P. M. Wilson.

A. G. Balfour; G. W. Balfour; L. W. Fearn; M. G. Harrington; J. S. Houston; P. A. Orchard; A. J. Stuart.

N. R. Baxter; C. A. Campbell; R. A. Epps; C. S. Grant; J. M. S. Kirkwood; A. B. Lawrence; J. D. McKelvie; A. G. Marshall; J. H. R. Parker; J. H. Shedden.

K. M. Cassels; S. R. C. Duncan; W. S. M. Elder; C. K. Gibson; F. G. R. Gillanders; M. G. Gordon; R. C. Herbert; J. C. Hutchinson; J. W. Inglis; G. A. Lockhart; S. D. Lowden; M. D. C. Phillips; A. I. Robson.

Stage Designer: Mr. T. J. Macleod

Costume Designer: Mrs. T. J. Macleod

Hair Styles: Mrs. F. S. McNamara

Stage Manager: P. F. P. Cranston

A.S.M.'s:

I. A. G. Moodie; J. L. Pringle; D. J. M. Wilson;

assisted by —

A. J. Campbell; H. J. A. Chrystal; J. D. Herbert; I. T. Watters.

Electrician: C. L. MacDonald; *assisted by —* A. A. Jeffrey.

Front of House Manager: N. McNab

Choreography: Mrs. R. A. L. Burnet

Musical Director: MR. G. WEST *Stage Director:* MR. R. N. JOHNSON

‘ORPHEUS IN THE UNDERWORLD’

A View From The Brass

I was told it was the biggest mistake of my life and by the first dress rehearsal I was beginning to believe it. The orchestra had now been practising the operetta for over eight weeks. After the initial difficulty of getting the music to sound anything like the real thing, I thought this was going to be good fun all the time. However, after playing with the cast at rehearsals, too, this idea was souring.

Nevertheless, every conversation, every meal, even talking after ‘Lights out’ was taken up with ‘Orpheus’. But at last, after several delays, the first performance was given to the School. This was better than I expected, due mainly to various alterations — scheduled or otherwise — in the script.

The holidays started with all the tunes from the operetta fresh in my mind. They succeeded in haunting me all through the holidays; this was to be an advantage when we started rehearsing again at the beginning of the Summer Term.

Then the first performance was upon us, and for some reason I was slightly nervous. All those cynical remarks from the stage director about the brass section were looming in my mind and I was beginning to wonder whether any of them were true! The first performance went down well, despite a rather unresponsive audience.

The second performance was the best. The audience was very attentive and only missed a few of the jokes. This performance was very enjoyable to play in and ended with a most appropriate curtain call which only proved the friendly atmosphere that an activity such as this brings out. I enjoyed it very

much, although at times I was beginning to have doubts. It will stand out in my school memories as a task well done — by everyone concerned.



The road to hell is paved with amateur musicians . . .

Next follows a contribution from a member of the chorus — a body notorious for its truculence.

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When the first few rehearsals were taking place in the musical director's room, it seemed as if the operetta was to be a light-hearted enjoyable production. By the time we had performed it, for the last time, we were sure it had been. But there were times when we had our doubts.

Frequently rehearsals on the stage were either a complete and utter bore, or else extremely tiring and repetitive. Many was the afternoon when the chorus stood around and did nothing except sing one or maybe two songs. Just after one extract had been perfected it would be changed and we would have to start all over again.

But being back-stage and having to remain silent for long spells with nothing to do can be the most trying. If you had taken some work to try and do in between the times you were on stage, it would often be flung all over the place, or else you would have to leave it in mid-sentence.

During the performances it wasn't really until half way through the second act that you really began to get warmed up. From then until the end we were singing our heads off and making a general racket. This was the most enjoyable part of the performance. By the time the third act was over we were exhausted and glad to clamber into bed, having first taken off the make-up which felt terrible by the third act, when it began to run.



Music is the brandy of the damned.

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The prompter had this to say.

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One would have thought that, after six weeks of rehearsals, those involved with the production of 'Orpheus' would have been bored by every performance. This, however, was not the case and before every performance everyone involved was frantically trying to get the scenery exactly right and check that all the props were in working order. The last few minutes before curtain-up always proved to be the worst: Were the cast all made up ready to come on stage? Had the orchestra finished tuning? Was the conductor ready? Were all the lights ready for the dawn scene which greeted the audience during the overture?

During every performance the stage-hands and stage-managers were avidly watching how the performance was going. Suddenly it would be time to get the chorus on stage again. Care had to be taken that there was not too much noise as the chorus came into the wings. Cue-sheets were checked to see the exact moment of entry and then the chorus was out of the way for a while and everyone could watch the performance again.

The intervals of fifteen minutes were more than adequate for scene changes. Because of the ingenuity of Mr. Macleod, the stage designer, who was helped by the stage manager and assistant stage manager, the scenery was easy to change and stow, and no major problems occurred during the performances.

Any spare time during the interval was used for checking the equipment or for getting a breath of fresh air before going back into the relative discomfort of the wings.

After the performance, scenery had to be put back into place for the next performance. It was all hard work, but the production team were rewarded with a sense of achievement and satisfaction.



They don't look mutinous, do they?

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And finally, a word from the stage director.

I think a tribute must go to all concerned. A school production's success depends upon so many people's working together and doing their jobs efficiently that it is, perhaps, difficult to single any one person out. Mrs. Fairbairn and Mrs. Gray solved a lot of our casting problems when they volunteered to take on their parts and they gave the production a grace and polish which we would not have been able to achieve otherwise. Mr. and Mrs. Macleod both worked extremely hard to provide settings and costumes which were all their own work. A minor item like the lighting took three hours to plan in detail.

However, everyone worked hard for the final effect, though the final effects were sometimes difficult to see at first. The first run through of the minuet looked like a slow-motion film of the Wooden Tops. The chorus at times became mutinous (I didn't know it was going to take up so much time, sir — The production's voluntary until you are in; then it's compulsory — But, sir, I didn't volunteer! — Tough!); the band threatened to make it a silent production as far as anyone on stage was concerned; Cupid and his brother just wouldn't stop pulling faces from the wings at people on the stage, and lines seemed to be hard to memorise.

In the event, though, such was the team-work that we were able to get through by re-shuffling minor parts without any hitches and a minimum of rehearsal. On the first night one minor singing part was changed successfully, at five minutes notice during an interval — and if that isn't the result of concentration and constant team work, what is? To all concerned, my thanks again.

Civics Lectures

UNDER the title "Civics" a course of lectures was arranged for the Sixth Form during the winter of 1967-68. This was a new venture. One evening each week a distinguished person was invited to the School to address the Sixth Form on his own work or other interests. The object of the course was to broaden the boys' knowledge of the way in which the political, administrative and business life of the country is run and so to increase their awareness of those matters of which every educated and responsible citizen should be aware. Attendance was compulsory for the Lower Sixth and optional for the Upper Sixth.

The School is deeply grateful to all those busy gentlemen who gave so generously of their time to come and lecture to the Sixth Form and who thereby did so much to make this new venture a success.

Below is a list of the lectures delivered during the Winter Term, 1967, and the Spring Term, 1968:—

Lecturer	Subject
John Marshall, Esq., C.B.E.	The Place of Farming in the Economy.
Rev. Prof. N. H. G. Robinson, D.D., D.Litt.	Theology and the Theologian in the University today.
John Darling, Esq., F.R.I.C.S.	The Work of a Chartered Surveyor.
W. H. Baxter, Esq.	The Work of a Regional Hospital Board.
Prof. A. E. Ritchie, M.A., B.Sc., M.D., F.R.S.E.	The Human Brain and how it reaches its Decisions.
James M. Roy, Esq.	The Scottish Stock Exchange.
D. A. MacInnes, Esq.	The Role of the Police.
Willis Roxburgh, Esq.	The Problems Facing Industry.
The Rt. Hon. Lord Kilmany, P.C., M.C.	Parliamentary Government.
D. C. Fulton, Esq., M.C., B.L., W.S.	Law and the Lawyer.
Dr. A. J. Pitkeathly, O.B.E., M.B., Ch.B.	The Administration of the National Health Service.
L. Stuart Scott, Esq., M.D., Ch.M., F.R.C.S.E., F.R.C.S.G., and Dr. R. A. Houston, M.B., Ch.B.	A Joint Talk on Careers in the Hospital Service and in General Practice.
Dr. A. S. Caldwell, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	Public Health Work.
Lt. Col. D. G. Moncrieff, M.C.	Red Deer in the Life of Scotland.
Sheriff A. M. Prain, C.B.E.	The Work of the Sheriff Court.
James Whittet, Esq.	The Work of the Chambers of Commerce.
Principal James Drever, M.A., F.R.S.E.	University Entrance Problems.
Dr. T. L. Cottrell, D.Sc.	The Place of a University within the Community.
Prof. T. D. Patten, B.Sc., Ph.D., C.Eng., M.I.Mech.E.	The Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy.
Prof. A. S. Duncan, D.S.C., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Ed.), F.R.C.O.G.	Ethical Problems facing the Doctor.

Climatological Station

A VALUABLE addition to the activities of the Geography Department this year has been the installation of a Climatological Station in the grounds of the School. The School was chosen as a site because the position conveniently filled the gap between

the Perth and Gleneagles Climatological Stations.

Sixth Form Geographers run the station during the term, but it has to be maintained throughout the year daily, for its operation depends on daily observations (at 10 a.m. B.S.T.) for the following elements:

Temperature: Dry Bulb, from these Relative Humidity is calculated. Wet Bulb and minimum air temperatures for the preceding twenty-four hours must also be noted. The Thermograph registers air temperature continuously.

Precipitation: Daily amounts in inches.

Wind: Direction and strength.

Visibility.

State of Ground.

Though the readings are taken daily, as a Climatological Station the School is only required to send in monthly reports of figures and these are recorded. We are not weather forecasters!

The instruments and techniques of the station are a useful teaching model in themselves; furthermore, as an official station, the School has access to the readings of other stations.



The Climatological Station.

Science Project

DURING the past three years a number of boys have worked on a project concerned with the chemical difference between varieties of broad bean. Nearly all of the varieties are unsuitable for canning as the beans turn a brown-black colour during the processing. Though the beans are quite edible, such a colour destroys a main selling point of the vegetable and it is not worthwhile trying to sell such varieties or, therefore, to cultivate them in large quantities. Certain chemical compounds are responsible for this colour change, and the tracking down and study of those compounds responsible has been the object of the boys taking part in the project. Two or three boys each year from the Lower Sixth have been carrying out the work in their spare time under the direction of Mr. P. A. Barker, with much of the finance for the specialised equipment needed being very generously covered by the Royal Society.

What, exactly, does the project entail? The compounds responsible for the curious colour which certain beans turn when they are canned are the leucoanthocyanidins (leuco-anthocyanidins). As the number and nature of the individual leucoanthocyanidins present was previously unknown, the primary object of the research was the isolation and identification of all those present. This, however, presented a problem, as the leucoanthocyanidins are very difficult to extract and are not very stable. Because of this, the seedcoats, where the largest amount of compound occurs, are boiled in an acid/alcohol mixture. This converts the compounds to anthocyanidins, stable red derivatives of leucoanthocyanidins, which are then extracted into the alcohol.

The solutions are then smeared along the bottom of sheets of chromatography paper, which are then hung in a trough so that they just touch a suitable solvent. As the solvent moves up the paper, the different anthocyanidins separate out and appear as red streaks across the papers. The anthocyanidins may then be identified by the ratio of the distance travelled by the solvent against the distance travelled by the compound. This result is the R_f value, and may be more precisely obtained by using sophisticated machines such as the ultra-violet spectrophotometer.

By the application of the above technique, we have discovered and identified two anthocyanidins and hence their parent leucoanthocyanidins. Slight traces of the other anthocyanidins seem to be present, and these are under investigation at the moment.

Early this year, a satisfactory method of extracting leuco-

anthocyanidins was discovered, and we hope, shortly, to be able to determine the exact number present. We have published one paper in the School Science Review in 1966 entitled 'The Chemical Taxonomy of the Broad Bean Plant', and a further paper is being published in that journal this autumn. We have been very fortunate in being able to make use of the facilities of the Biochemistry Department at the University of St. Andrews, and the boys working on the project so far have been C. L. MacDonald and R. A. Jeffrey (1966-67) and A. A. Jeffrey and D. J. M. Morris (1967-68).

D.J.M.M.

Library

THERE have been copious additions to the library this year, and if this present rate of accessions is continued, then it will be soon necessary to increase even further the shelf space. At some time in the future, too, it is hoped that we shall be able to expand through into the next dormitory, but this, of course, will be after the completion of the new dining-hall and the formation of a fifth house.

Many of our new books this year have come through book clubs which produce high quality material such as William Manchester's 'Death of a President'. Another notable addition to the library has been Randolph Churchill's 'Autobiography of Winston Churchill'.

Throughout the year the library has been very well used and we have had a good selection of magazines such as 'Time', 'Paris Match', 'Stern' and 'The New Yorker' (a recent addition) which attracts many 'customers'. Unfortunately, the well-used library often has its darker side. Damage has been done to both books and equipment, and chairs and a step-ladder have had to be repaired.

Assistant librarians this year have been D. G. Brash, G. C. H. Archibald and R. J. Lawson.

A.C.M.

The Great Storm and the Long Power Cut

THE gale blew throughout the night of Sunday, 14th January, until about 6 o'clock on the morning of the 15th. On that morning the first sign that anything was amiss was the lack of electricity. A tree had fallen on a transformer, resulting in the Forgandenny area's being cut off. This had happened, so the

electric clocks showed, at 2.20 a.m. There was, therefore, little hot water to be had, though that wouldn't have worried everybody.

Breakfast had to be eaten by candlelight (without those mint chocolates), and morning chapel was cancelled. The time between breakfast and first period was spent by some viewing the immediate damage. The stand on the 1st XV field was on the 1st XV field; it had been blown down the embankment and lay shattered on Big Acre. About thirty trees had been blown down in the grounds, and several windows had been blown in in the Study Block.

School routine from first period onwards remained normal until the early tea at 4.30. After tea, from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. we were allowed to listen to radios in our common-rooms (big plot to uncover illicit radios!). Then, at 7.30 p.m. there was a fire practice to keep everyone content. After that was over, everyone retired for the night.

The next morning was exactly the same as Monday morning. However, at about 2.15 p.m. the power supply was restored and things returned to normal and the radios to their hiding-places.

K.M.B.

St. Andrew's Night

THE St. Andrew's Night Dance was held, as ever, in the School Gymnasium. This year there were many more junior boys than there have been for some time, and it is hoped that more senior boys will see their way to attending future St. Andrew's Night celebrations. The display of Highland Dancing, led by D. H. Muir, was of a high standard, particularly when one takes into account that the team is quite a young one. Sadly, the remainder of us hardly came up to the standard set by them.

Another feature of St. Andrew's Night is the playing of the Pipe Band. They, too, gave an excellent performance, and they, too, are a very young team.

For the occasion a country dance band was formed. This comprised Mr. K. C. Jackson (Accordion); McNair and McIntyre, J. (Violins); Blair (Piano); Mulhall, A. (Bass); Grant, W. (Drums). One must mention in passing that this was Mr. Jackson's last St. Andrew's Night with us, and his skill and energy will be missed.

A.C.M.

The Two Generations

Cease, youth and age, to disagree:
Find something that you each may see;
Bring hearts together, bring new life,
And end this almost endless strife;
For good in each new age we find
If we can give an open mind;
And there is wealth in much tradition
For youth, which now with grave sedition
Attacks with hate what it inherits;
Likewise the old despise the merits
Of what their sons and daughters do —
Their accusations are not true.
Slowly, the old must be rejected;
Quickly, the young must be accepted.
Though good and bad are found in each;
We must not hasten to impeach,
But know it, that all generations
Excepting none, build noble nations.

T.F.H.

the pavement artist

THE dust rises slowly above the streets, and spirals over the hot concrete. The dry Autumn leaves crackle under foot, disintegrating at the slightest touch.

The city is alive; it moves, it breathes, it belches forth dense clouds of soot. It is a slumbering animal, harmless now, but who knows what will happen when it wakes?

The traffic oozes over the metal bridges, past the old streets of cobblestones, where dirty children play; past public gardens and building sites.

Ha! You cannot deceive me with your green grass and your carefully manicured flowerbeds and greenhouses. To me the deception is so clear, but to others it is disguised by your illusion of grandeur. My sight is not obscured by the city smog.

The shrill call of a starling pierces the stifling atmosphere.

How hot it is!

The figure on the pavement bends. Gnarled fingers move with painful slowness over the paving stone. The chalk outline of a tree forms. The symbol of fertility, youth.

How far gone that seems, now, old man.

Now the tower is added to the picture.

What does that signify?

Hm. Well it's Gothic anyway. Yes, histories of ages past, of royal courts, and magnificent revelries . . .

A wailing siren echoes around the towering buildings.

Stop dreaming, old man. Your shadow is already cast.

The stooping figure continues to scratch at the hard pavement, searching, searching, searching.

What for? Who knows? Does the old man know? If there is a God, does he know?

Fool! Who are you to wonder at such things?

The thin stub of chalk forms a figure on the concrete. It is the figure of a youth, crudely drawn, yet recognisable.

Who is it?

It is I.

You? You?

A scooter honks its horn in derision, and the river chuckles its amusement from the base of the bridge.

You! With your withered face, your weary, sunken eyes, your limping walk. You! An old man and a cripple.

The traffic laughs deep in its throat.

The wind is freshening now; evening is closing in. Dusk descends swiftly, obscuring the silent derricks and cranes, leaving only a silhouette in the sky.

And still the hand scratches at the pavement. A figure seems to appear miraculously on the grey surface.

Not another self portrait old fool? Ha, ha,

No.

The air is still where the parapet of the bridge affords shelter. The dockyards are silent, except for the chime of a clock.

Hurry up, old man, it is going to rain.

Nearly finished.

The old man raises his tired body to face the cool breeze. He shivers and points at the picture.

There!

It is the picture of a girl. Her face is flushed, her eyes gleaming with a fire that is reflected within her heart.

And who is that my old friend?

There is no sound except for the ripple of the wavelets against the bridge.

The old man is staring down at the river, towards the pale moon. There is a face encircled by the yellow disc. It is the face on the pavement.

Well, who is it? Answer me, old man.

Someone I knew a long, long time ago.

Speak up, old man. Stop mumbling.

The old man turns away. He hesitates.

It's nothing. Doesn't matter.

He walks away, clutching the precious chalk to his tattered overcoat. A raindrop falls. The sound of his footsteps fades, swallowed by the night, enveloped in the veil of drizzle.

Only the picture remains. Soon the rain will erase it too.

A.G.H.

Life in Nicol Common - Room

ANYONE for a game of T.T.? — Yeah, sure. — Hey, Thick, can I borrow your bat? — I got here first. — Go back to your common-room. — Who's got a ball? — I'm allowed into this common-room. — Anybody got a pack of cards? — After you with the 'Express' Pluto. — Push off mate, there's a queue. — For the last time whose got a . . . ball in here? — I have. — Get off our radiators. Go back to your own common-room. — Anyone want to buy some lines-bumf? — How much? — After you with the 'Express'. — I've just told somebody else that there's a big queue. — Anyone want the 'Scotsman' or the 'Telegraph'? — Any decent scandals? — Go back to your own common-room you fat pig. — This ball is too light. — Any fags in here? — There's one over there. — Hey, you, go and see Settles. — You'll be lucky. — I've got a decent ball. — Lay off that piano. There's enough noise in here as it is. — Watch where you're throwing that knife. — Lay off that piano! — You're not supposed to chuck fruit at the bin. — Oh, shut up, Sukie! — If you can't sing don't bother and if you play another note on that piano I'll kill you. — Fag wanted. — Lines bumf being sold cheap. — Okay. You can stay in this common-room.

— There's the 'Express' Herman. — It's not worth playing T.T. any longer. The ball's useless. Anyway, there's only a minute to tea. — A minute! — That's right.

Suddenly there was nobody left in the Nicol Junior Common-Room. Boy, that is no place for a quiet, peace-loving, law-abiding mouse!

A.J.C.

Village at Sunset

When the sky turns a hue,
A tint ne'er seen by me or you,
When the sun begins to set,
Silhouetted fishing nets
Drape the quay
Left till morning.

The fair ground, which in the day
Is so busy by the way
Of tourists and holiday-makers,
Is closed up now;
No more trippers.
Left till morning.

Shops and kiosks by the pier,
Round the corner, over there,
Are closed Ice Cream vans.
The balloon man
Has left his stall;
Left till morning.

All the townsfolk are asleep
Lost in slumber, fast asleep.
Only the cat on the orchard wall
Is left to hear the owl's night call.
All the village is asleep
And left till morning.

If you saw them leave the sky,
You would give a hearty sigh;
All those colours fade away
Left to come tomorrow's day;
Left till morning.

P.H.

Getting up in the morning — a dreadful experience

TAKING the last bend at one hundred miles per hour I was being baulked by the Japanese man in the black car in front of me. I let him take the corner; then I increased my speed, changed gear and drove past him and flashed over the finishing line. Glee! Bliss! I had won. Hooray! A bell rang. What can that be? A lot of banging . . . in the middle of a race? My race? Stop it! Oh NO!

Once again I have been sharply and brutally awoken by that bell. Again I am shaken back into reality. Reluctantly I open my eyes. Oh! The glare! Again I open my eyes and this time I bravely keep them open.

I lie on my back and stare at the ceiling. I try to go back to sleep but there is too much noise. Ah, it is lovely in that bed!

My conscience gives me a brutal prod reminding me that I have to go and fag for X. Slowly, I raise myself to a sitting position and survey the turmoil. Porky is already dressed and so is Vulture. I cannot understand them. It is as if they don't like sleeping. I look in envy at the fourth-formers who do not have to get up for another ten minutes. Stiffly I clamber down my ladder and stand on someone's face. He groans, for he is very funny.

Another five minutes and I am dressed. I stagger out of the dorm. and stagger into X's dorm. I try not to disturb him and I tiptoe to his bed, carefully pick up his shoes, make sure he's asleep and tiptoe back to the door. Whew! Made it!

'Lawson!' someone grumbles.

'Yeah?' I reply.

'You're late aren't you?' he grumbles, still with his eyes shut.

'Well, er, I slept in'.

'As usual'.

Hastily I make my exit. I run down to grumble's, I mean X's study and grab his shoe-cleaning kit. Within two minutes, there is a dazzling pair of shoes in my hands. Then I grab his filthy mug, run it under the tap, and shove it back in his study.

I run back up to X's dorm. and throw him his shoes. Then I run down to the dining-hall and have my breakfast. After breakfast I lie on my bed and try to get to sleep. Big Y invades my slumber by announcing that there will be a drawer inspection.

Again I slowly climb down and tidy up my drawer, hiding

the cigarettes of course. Y reluctantly clears it as all right. Then I have to make my bed, rush down and clean my own shoes, and then run to chapel.

Yes, getting up in the morning, for me at least, is a dreadful experience.

A.W.L.

Reflections

In the shade of solemn, granite rocks,
There lies a deep and grimly-silent pool,
Attended to by countless tiny streams
That help to keep its murky waters cool;
Veiled by softly-nodding weeping willows;
Scented with the fragrance of wild thyme;
Invaded by vast hordes of anxious bees,
Which hum to one another as they climb
And sip the yellow pollen from the cups
Of crimson petals. What peace is there!
What quiet beauty rests amongst the flowers,
Where Pan once sat, and played upon his pipes
The songs of gods, princes, castles and towers!
Where Venus bathed, surrounded by her Nymphs,
And plaited orchids in her golden hair,
While trees bowed down in homage at her feet,
And fann'd her face with delicate care!

There is a perfume in the warmed air —
The scent of mint still lingers on the breeze:
Upon the perfumed bed of purple lavender,
The young child sits and stares up at the trees,
Where thrushes sit and sing their sparkled song;

There is no night in this enchanted place —
Only the turquoise sky is present here,
With its sail-like clouds of billowing, white lace
And the menthol freshness of the atmosphere;

There is no sadness here, nor greed, nor lust,
Nor fear of Death, nor soul-consuming hate;
We are content to eat the lotus fruit,
We are content to serve but one god — Fate.

A.G.H.

Strathallan Societies

A COMPARISON with past editions of 'The Strathallian' will show the rise and fall of societies which are, in part, a barometer of the enthusiasms current in any school year, and this year is no exception. The enthusiasms may be those of a master or those of boys. The Music Society, for example, has carried through yet another year's ambitious programme arranged mainly by boys. It is a pity that attendance at some of the concerts and recitals has not been greater, but then classical music is not to the taste of all.

The advent of at least one new society is recorded — the Art Society. It could be said that the wave of enthusiasm for art, fostered by Mr. Macleod, made the formation of a society dealing with art inevitable. It is creditable, though, that the society has not restricted its interests to painting alone, and we hope that it is here to stay. On the other hand the Dramatic Society, along with some others, has no report to make this year. In fact the Dramatic Society had a busy enough year being involved in a production of 'Orpheus in the Underworld'. Not all members of the society got a chance to be in this production since to be able to sing was a necessary qualification, but we were at least fortunate to have some who knew about acting and an almost complete stage crew from the outset.

Another absentee from these pages is, regrettably, the Sixth Form Society. This society never seems to have really gained enough impetus to carry on. Perhaps its membership was too large, so that too wide a variety of interests had to be catered for; perhaps some of its functions were taken over by the course of Civics Lectures which is reported elsewhere; perhaps its committee was too inactive. For whatever the reason, the society seems to be in decline at the moment. One would like, and hope, to see it re-appear.

Art Society

At the end of October the Art Society was revived; the total membership was 44, later 50. Owing to the operetta production of the Easter Term, attendance at meetings was not inspiring, and it was found that in the Summer Term a number of journeys to leading Scottish art galleries proved more popular.

The few meetings which we have had have been quite successful and were thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended them. Mr. Macleod, our Patron, opened the first meeting with a detailed scientific analysis of a painting which is thought to be

a self-portrait of Rubens. Mr. Young, the Honorary President, entertained members in his house with a collection of antique china and glass, each item of which had an interesting tale to tell. A spontaneous discussion followed, with Hubbard, MacDougall and D. H. McNair as the Panel. At the beginning of the Spring Term Mr. Macleod gave a demonstration of the techniques involved in landscape painting. At another meeting Mr. Fairbairn gave a very informative and light-hearted talk about silhouettes.

Finally the committee, especially the two Vice-Presidents, J. M. Blair and D. M. S. Robbie, must be praised for their patience and zeal, even when most of them were involved in the Orpheus production; words of appreciation must also go to Mr. Macleod and Mr. Young, who have always shown an active interest in this new society.

OFFICE BEARERS 1967-68: —

President: T. F. Hubbard.

Vice-Presidents: J. M. Blair (Secretary);
D. M. S. Robbie (Chairman).

H.B.R.

Astronomical Society

It would be untrue to say that the society has not enjoyed a profitable year, although the emphasis has shifted somewhat from individual observations with the School telescope to excursions.

At the beginning of the year the society lost some of the momentum that could have been expected at the beginning of a new School year. This was partly due to low funds, and partly due to the fact that the telescope was out of action. However, we made up for this in the Spring Term when several outings were made.

On February 10th a party of twelve, for example, visited the Observatory at St. Andrew's University. Here we were shown a large quantity of complex instruments — a collection which we envied very much.

Mr. N. G. Matthews visited the society to deliver a lecture on 'The Analysis of Starlight', a lecture which was high-powered, but enjoyed by all. It was at about this time too that the telescope mount was returned after repair. The repair was found to be imperfect, but nevertheless the telescope was still usable.

The annual visit to Dundee Observatory was again very

successful, particularly as the night was crystal clear. The Observatory is well worth a visit from anyone living in the area, but find out the opening hours first to avoid disappointment.

We shall return next year with two objects in mind: first, expansion of the society, and, second, the taking of time-exposures of star-fields through the School telescope. Finally, we are indebted to all the masters (in particular The Chaplain) who have helped us during the past year.

R.A.L.C.

Debating Society

WE are happy to report that this year debating has flourished and there have been more internal and external debates than there have been for many years. However, we did not do so well in the Inter-Schools Debating Competition, being eliminated in the first round. In that debate we were supporting the result of the Hamilton by-election, and had warned the School's most rabid Scottish Nationalist not to be too wild and Gaelic. In the end, the advice mis-fired because he was criticised for not seeming to believe in his cause.

Later, we went to Dundee High School for what we hope was the first of many debates with them. On the subject 'This House believes Britain's worst enemies are the British', the School were the proposers and its representatives, Archibald and King, scraped home.

Our other external debate was one with the neighbouring girls' school on the motion 'This House thinks that students protest too much'. The debate was very well-attended (as might be predicted) and the girls won the motion by a large majority. We hope to have a return debate soon.

One of our internal debates had a novel touch about it, too. Here we debated with Mrs. Burnet and Mrs. Pedgrift and failed to persuade the house that the woman's place was in the home. We have also debated such things as politics, immigration control and God.

There has been no lack of speakers this year. The faithful and enthusiastic ones were always ready to take on a job; the veterans D. MacLeod, King and Szwed-Cousins, and the more youthful Fielding and M. J. N. Steele together with A. D. Bell and Hubbard formed an admirable pool from which to draw. Some debates were also interesting enough to draw main speakers who have not been among our regulars. In the debate on God, for example, Drysdale and Stuart propagated their views on the

subject and the representatives of the Scripture Union, McNair and D. Robbie, successfully opposed them. But of these speakers, only McNair had spoken before.

G.C.H.A.

Film Guild

THE programme for the session was particularly ambitious, and because of this it failed to satisfy a good number of members. Every fortnight two or three films of outstanding merit were shown. These varied from such vicious testimonies to the futility of war as "Requiem for 200,000" and "Night and Fog", to satirical Yugoslavian cartoons and the light-hearted "Six-sided Triangle", which parodied the filming techniques of various European countries.

Owing to lack of money only four feature films could be shown: — "On the Waterfront", with Marlon Brando, a powerful film about New York dock disputes; "Viva Zapata", also with Brando; the stimulating spy-thriller "Quiller Memorandum", with Alec Guinness and George Segal; and finally Bardot and Moreau in the bawdy "Viva Maria".

The Guild owes its thanks to Mr. Clayton for his expert guidance, and also to the School for providing a new projector. The Chairman for the session was N. McNab and the secretary, A. J. Stuart, both of whom have served the Guild as chief office-bearers for three years. The Treasurer was G. W. Balfour.

N. McN.

Highland Dancing

WITH the same participants as last year, we looked forward to a very successful year. An extremely energetic performance was given on St. Andrew's Night and I think the dancers thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

We still have our main performances to look forward to, later on this term, and because we still have the same team as last year we have high hopes of giving a more polished display.

Miss Farquhar has showed her usual enthusiasm and we are greatly indebted to her.

D.H.M.

Mechanics Club

THIS is a club which has hitherto been unreported. It was started about a year ago, and since its inception the membership has been raised to 65 so that it could finance the purchase of a better old crock. A 1937 Wolseley was duly bought, and proved



One of the old Cocks.

to be very successful, as it is a very easy machine to have mechanical access to.

Apart from its nuisance value, this car has been useful as an instructional model for pre-service classes, and after stripping it down and coping with some rust in the cylinder block we were able to restore it to working order.

At the end of the term a further car was very generously donated to us by a parent. The club is now on its feet and we believe that it will go from strength to strength, since there is a wide following in the School.

D.H.M.

Music Society 1967-68

OFFICE BEARERS 1967-68: —

Chairman: J. M. Blair.

Secretary: T. F. Hubbard.

Vice-Secretary: T. G. Orchard.

Treasurer: C. S. Y. Gillanders.

THE Music Society has had a very successful second year. The visits of distinguished personalities is ample evidence of this. In November Miss Gloria and Marika de Pettes gave us yet another excellent violin and piano recital. In the following month the school was honoured with the presence of David Wilde, the well known pianist from the South of England. He gave a packed-full music room an evening not to be forgotten. In March a large audience gave the Edinburgh Wind Quintet well-deserved acclaim. In June, Norman Beedie, a young and talented pianist who gained great success at the Stirling Festival, gave a moving rendering of three works. Mr. Michael Lester-Cribb followed a fortnight later with some very powerful and unusual interpretations on the piano. Mr. West and Mr. Begbie gave a first-class recital and the former gave an organ recital in the Chapel to round off the School year.

The members themselves have not been idle. A. G. Balfour (piano), J. M. Blair (horn and piano), K. M. Cassels (flute), K. B. King (flute), N. J. B. Fielding (violin), C. S. Y. Gillanders (viola), P. J. Hunter (cello), D. H. McNair (violin), D. K. MacDougall (clarinet) and J. H. R. Parker (piano), have all performed in ensemble on several occasions, and most of them were involved in an excellent Speech Day recital directed by our chairman.

Time was still found for programmes of recorded music, both classical and pop, and several specialists have delivered interesting lectures on diverse topics: J. M. Blair on brass instruments, T. F. Hubbard on Delibes, and M. G. M. Szwed-Cousins on Verdi.

Thanks must go to Mr. Wareham, our Hon. President, and Mr. West, the Patron, and our new Secretary, T. G. Orchard, who have all given invaluable help in the organisation. The master of ceremonies, Chairman J. M. Blair has proved to be the best administrator the society has had. In one year he has improved it from a struggling young institution to one of the most successful societies in the School.

Finally, the committee and the members would like to express their hearty appreciation for the trouble which both Miss Miller and Miss Watson have taken to provide refreshments for us on Sunday evenings.

T.F.H.

Photographic Society

THE Society had a very inactive year; the maximum number of members being twelve in the Winter Term. This was mainly due to a long spell of dirty water making it virtually impossible to make good clear prints.

However the darkroom is now in the process of being enlarged by combining it with the next door office. When this work — which is being done by the members — is completed, it is hoped that more people will be encouraged to join the society. In one corner of the new darkroom there will be lighting facilities which will be a side-line for members to experiment in.

The two remaining stumbling blocks to better pictures — dirty water and a vintage enlarger — can be overcome at a price. Thus the quality of future photographs depends solely on the number of members.

K.W.G.

Science Society

Chairman: N. H. F. Wilson

Secretary: P. M. Wilson

Treasurer: J. Michie

IN its eighth year, the Science Society has been extremely successfully and efficiently managed. There were over 100 members and the attendance has never been better, proving the society to be very popular.

There was an even distribution of films and lectures this year. However, the topics chosen tended to have a Biology/Chemistry slant rather than Physics, since our secretary was not a Physics enthusiast.

The year began in the rugged locality of Kindrogan Field Centre, Blairgowrie. The fittest members of the society were able to venture on a nature ramble ending on top of a mountainous crag. The majority of us completed the course but our secretary had to be extracted from a hazardous bog.

We had five visiting lecturers throughout the year and they were all well appreciated. The topics discussed included use of X-rays, Drugs Useful and Otherwise, Lapland, Dermatology, and perhaps the most entertaining subject, Science and Eating, given by the well-known Dr. Magnus Pyke. The other speakers were Dr. W. G. Ferrier, Dr. I. H. Stevenson, A. S. Gillespie, Esq., F.R.S.E., former science master at Strathallan, and Dr. Wm. B. McKenna. President of the Strathallan Club, 1966.

Three lectures were expertly given by members of the society: — P. M. Wilson on Sewage Disposal, N. H. F. Wilson, our Chairman, on Stickleback Behaviour, and K. W. Gillanders on Electronics.

The range of films was much better this year. The most outstanding films included 'Rival World' featuring man versus insect, 'Advance into the Unknown' concerning the training of astronauts and 'Twilight Forests' dealing with arboreal commerce.

We would like to thank Mr. P. A. Barker for his helpful assistance throughout the year. We hope the society will continue to be a success in future years.

P.M.W.

The Scripture Union 1967-68

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1968-69: —

President: Mr. P. E. Grigsby, M.A.

Secretary: K. B. King; Co-Secretary: D. H. McNair

Committee: D. M. Holmes, I. D. Lewis, D. M. S. Robbie, J. F. Fawcett

FOR the first time in the last few years our average attendance has gone into double figures and we are proud to record that, at the time of writing, it stands at just under twenty.

Although enthusiasm has never flagged in the group it has never been greater than in the last few years. This year two people went to Gean House and three to the ski-camp at Aviemore.

We have tried to maintain our usual weekly meeting and among the various attractions we have held two meetings with Trinity College, Glenalmond, which proved to be very successful and enjoyable. Among our speakers we have been very pleased to welcome Mr. C. A. W. Sanders (Loretto), Mr. C. E. Hughes (Hurst Grange), the Rev. R. M. King (Bo'ness Old Kirk), A. M. Watt (Edinburgh University), and Mr. R. G. Easton (Melville College). As always Rev. G. M. Martin, and Rev. R. B. Gorrie have paid delightful visits.

From within the School, we have been very grateful for the interest of the Chaplain and Mr. D. S. Macpherson who both gave talks to the group. Mr. D. S. Macpherson's talk to the group about his United Nations work in Nepal was immensely enjoyed by everyone present.

Apart from these activities, some of the group did some tape-recording of plays for Mr. and Mrs. K. C. Jackson which

proved to be very amusing and my thanks go to all those who took part. There was a debate at the end of the Spring Term. The motion: "This House Believes in God". D. H. McNair and D. M. S. Robbie successfully defended!

This term we took a group of 11 boys to hear the Rev. Lesley Grange, a missionary, who lectured to us on his work in India. This lecture proved so enjoyable that we are trying to get him to come to the School again next term.

I would like to thank all those who have helped me when things were difficult and I would especially like to thank McNair, Holmes and Lewis for their help.

Finally, though, our thanks must go to Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby for the constant use of their house that we have had and the refreshments they have so willingly provided the senior group

K.B.K.

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Having read a report of endless praises about the activities of members and friends of S.U. we have probably noticed how little the Secretary has spoken of himself. It seems only right for me to thank him, on behalf of myself and the members, for the endless amount of hard and honest work he has put into the running of the group.

D.H.McN.

Stamp Club

THE club continued to function throughout the year, although visits were mainly confined to trips to the meetings of the Perth Philatelic Society, to whom we are affiliated. There was also a trip to the Scottish Philatelic Societies' Congress in Bridge of Allan, which was enjoyed by all. A display was arranged for Speech Day.

OFFICE HOLDERS:—

Chairman: J. S. Houston.

Secretary: A. D. Bell.

Treasurer: R. D. Thom.

Committee: J. F. Fawcett; A. D. G. Duncan; D. J. M. Morris.

A.D.B.

Young Farmers' Club

THE membership this year decreased to 57. This did not mean that there was a general lack of interest, because attendances were still quite high.

During the two terms the club has had a wide range of speakers, both from outside and within the School. Mr. J. S. Stevenson, Mr. D. Armstrong and Mr. D. Cameron came to lecture to us from outside clubs; we were addressed by Mr. Fraser, the editor of the 'Farming News' and Miss Rowand, the East Area Organiser, and our own lecturers included C. L. MacDonald and Mr. Grigsby.

Our other meetings mainly consisted of films, but we had one outside visit, our annual one to the Aberdeen Angus Bull Sales at Perth.

J.M.M.



A member of the Biology Department.

Wing Forward

THERE were four issues this year including, on Speech Day, the biggest edition ever.

In the Winter Term an edition was published for half-term.

For the first time the front page contained a full page photograph, although we decided later that green was not the best colour for photographs. The outstanding articles in this issue were "Nepal and the Tibetan Refugees" by D. S. Macpherson, Esq., and a report on Expo '67 by P. A. Webster.

In the Spring Term an edition was scheduled for the end of term and with the term ending three days early, the whole magazine was printed and sold within 24 hours. For this edition a food poll was taken and this proved to be very successful. One of the main articles in this issue was a survey on "Tortures through the Ages" by P. M. Wilson.

In the Summer Term we had two editions, the first our usual "Speech Day Special". This contained a 10 page literary supplement as well as several articles taken from "Spirit", Merchiston's equivalent to WF. They printed some of our past articles. We hope that this exchange system will continue. Among articles in this edition was an interesting interview with Ted Dexter.

In the second edition, after the G.C.E. exams, there was an article written by Bobby Brown, the Scottish Team Manager.

Throughout the year the editor was P. A. Orchard and the editorial staff consisted of I. R. B. Forbes, H. J. A. Chrystal, T. G. Orchard and J. M. Blair.

P.A.O.

Combined Cadet Force

WE were very glad to welcome three new Officers to the Contingent in September. Fg. Off. Newbury, a former Contingent Commander himself, is attached to the Army Section, Lieut. Pearson has taken over the care of the Pre-Service, and Sub-Lieut. Downing is 2 i/c of the Naval Section. They have added a great deal already by their enthusiasm, and fitness!

The activities of all sections on Field Day were very varied, and some Army cadets walked much further than they should have, I am afraid, because of bad Map Reading.

The scarlatina bug at the end of the Easter Term caused the cancellation of the Army Proficiency Certificate exam, amongst other things, but the other sections have had their exams, with very satisfactory results.

A small Arduous Training Camp was held at Plas Heulog, Llanfairfechan, in the Easter holidays. The Foot and Mouth epidemic very nearly put a stop to it, but restrictions were just

lifted in time, though our own little infection prevented a couple of cadets from going. Those who did go thoroughly enjoyed a strenuous week. No comments were forthcoming on the Officers' driving of a military vehicle.

The Naval Section have now got their own small launch, which has had a great deal of use on the Tay, and the School has purchased two canoes for CCF training. It is hoped that we shall build some more.

The Annual Inspection, this year a Ministry of Defence one, was carried out on the 7th June, by Lt. Col. W. G. Watt, probably the first Old Strathallian to do so. The weather was ideal, the Band on excellent form, and Flt. Lt. Wormald's barley-sugars worked again, resulting in a very steady parade. A Fly-Past of Chipmunks arrived exactly on time, just as the Inspecting Officer stepped off the dais to carry out his inspection. The marching after the parade was slightly disappointing but the displays of training in the afternoon were excellent.

The Retreat completed the Speech Day programme with about 150 cadets on parade. Cox Crawford was in charge and detachments were under the command of P.O. Mulhall, Sgts. Greig and Roy, Flt. Sgt. Bell and P/M Mitchell. Cadet Sproat is to be congratulated particularly on his bugling; Cadet King completed a busy day as Naval Piper.

The Band have performed particularly well at all School functions. The pipers are young and experience should serve them well in competitions over the next two years. They have a high potential.

The miniature range hut was removed during the year, and another almost identical, but on solid brick foundations, has replaced it. The alterations prevented considerable shooting in the Easter Term. The Link trainer has given up the ghost finally, alas.

The Army has been undergoing series of amalgamations and cuts, with the result that supplies of Black Watch bonnets and cap badges will soon be exhausted. The Army section will probably move into Glengarries with the Brigade cap badge.

Our thanks for assistance with training go out warmly to H.M.S. Unicorn, the Perth-based Army Training Team and H.Q. Air Cadets Scotland.

U/Officer Ashton has been in charge of the Contingent this year and our best wishes go with him for his time at Sandhurst.

T.C.G.F.

R. N. Section

Coxswain — B. J. Crawford
P.O.—A. C. Mulhall, I. R. Prain

THE strength of the section this year was fifty-two cadets.

Sub. Lieut. Downing joined the section in September.

The emphasis was this year on practical training and, if the standard of drill was not as high as formerly, this was undoubtedly due to the fact that there was a larger intake from the Inter-Service in January.

The section however came up to scratch on General Inspection and even more so at Sunset Parade thanks to the splendid efforts of C.G.I. Jeffreys and C.P.O. Machar.

The visiting officer for General Inspection was Lt. Col. Watt and in the afternoon he watched the section sailing on the Tay from a pinnace escorted by the Section's Motor Boat. The boats involved included the Sailing Club dinghies and whalers from H.M.S. Unicorn. The Inspecting Officer returned the salute of the party mustered at the Sailing Club.

On Field Day the section visited H.M.S. Unicorn where an interesting day's training was laid on by the officers and N.C.O.s. All cadets had an active day gaining experience of both power and sailing craft. In the afternoon Sub. Lieut. Holt and C.P.O. Murray organised a demonstration using inflatable life-rafts at Dundee Corporation Swimming Baths. This exercise proved both exciting and good fun as the section took to the water.

In November, the Staff Officer, Dundee, Lieut. Commander Rosling, inspected the section and gave a most interesting talk on Navigation to the senior cadets. This was his farewell visit to the School before taking up an overseas appointment. He has been succeeded by Lieut. Commander Berger who has visited the school recently.

Owing to the re-organisation of the School time-table all camps will now be held during the summer holidays. This year Sub. Lieut. Downing is taking one third of the section to Loch Ewe Boom Defence Shore Establishment where various opportunities exist for every type of sea training. Several senior cadets are going on courses to R.N.A.S. Arbroath and H.M.S. Collingwood while Lieut. Macleod is taking a party on a week's cruise on the Firth of Clyde.

Undoubtedly the most important event of the year has been the acquisition of the new 16 foot motor boat by the section.

This boat has already proved its value on the Tay where it has been since Easter. Several cadets each Sunday afternoon throughout the Summer Term have enjoyed taking the boat on extensive trials so that it is now possible to think of taking it further afield next year. Lieut. Commander Duncan of Perth Sea Cadets kindly allowed our boat to be moored at their headquarters. An operation which involved basically the complete section was the moving of the boat to its winter berth at Coven Trees.

The section will miss the Senior Cadets who have left leaving the average age of the section much younger than formerly. R.N. promotions for September 1968.

P.O. Prain to Coxswain.

L.S. Roy to P.O.

A.B.S./Mahon, Chalmers, Fawcett, Gray, Walker to L.S.

T.J.M.



The new boat.

R.A.F. Section

THE section's numbers were slightly down this year, but it is still large, with 61 cadets, and the competition to get in is still very keen. At the beginning of the year 44 boys applied for the 22 places available.

Field Day in October was spent with the section split into two parties. One party, consisting of the senior members and under Flying Officer Barker made the long trip to Prestwick, while the other party, accompanied by Flight Lieutenant Wormald went to R.A.F. Turnhouse for some Air Experience Flying, and everyone managed to get a flight in the dual-control Chipmunks.

The section's shooting was disappointing this year, in that our first team did not do particularly well in the First Division, coming 7th. However, our second and third teams made up for this and came 1st and 2nd in the 5th and 7th Divisions respectively.

Flt. Sgt. Bell and Cpl. Craig are to be congratulated on their being awarded Flying Scholarships which will enable them to fly solo and obtain a private pilot's licence during the coming holidays. Gliding has remained very popular (including in the Army Section, two of whose members have obtained their A and B licences). Nearly a quarter of the section are now in the possession of A and B licences.

27 cadets have their Advanced Proficiency Certificate and 34 their Ordinary Proficiency, which reflects on the keenness of the cadets and the instruction by the N.C.O.'s from the section and the visiting liaison N.C.O.'s.

General Inspection this year marked the visit of an Old Strathallian, Lt. Col. Watt as inspecting officer, and we hope that we impressed him favourably; certainly Sqdn. Ldr. McGlashan, the R.A.F. Schools Liaison Officer was pleased with our turn-out.

Annual Camp this year will be at R.A.F. Fairford in Gloucestershire. The unit is a Support Command base, and the camp starts on the last day of term.

N.C.O.'s. —

Warrant Officer — J. Michie.

Flt. Sgts. — G. W. Balfour, D. J. M. Wilson, A. D. Bell.

Sgts. — K. W. Gillanders, G. M. Thomson, D. B. Fraser.

Cpls. — D. G. Brash, H. A. R. Cromarty, A. D. Drysdale, C. L. MacDonald, I. Moodie, D. Ogilvie, G. M. J. Ross, R. L. Settles, D. M. Robbie, A. L. Wearmouth, R. A. L. Craig, D. G. Jenkins.

J.M.

Pipes and Drums

THE Band was largely the same as last year's, with some newcomers. Seven pipers and six drummers made up the Competition Band, who, by the Summer Term, were playing well together.

However, at the two competitions, we failed to achieve the success we expected. Playing well at Glasgow and perhaps even better at Edinburgh, we were placed third and seventh respectively. Next year it is hoped the added experience gained from this year as well as the obvious enthusiasm and skill shown by the Band will result in rather more success. Youth is on our side!

Our other engagements included playing at Craigclowan School Fete in Perth, and at Abernethy Gala Day. Both occasions were greatly enjoyed by the Band. We also played at the School Speech Day in the afternoon and at The Retreat, and at General Inspection. I think that it can fairly be said that on these occasions our visitors enjoyed the playing.

The winners of the School individual competitions were:

Senior Piping: Pipe-Major B. D. Mitchell (Freeland).

Junior Piping: N. Munro (Freeland).

Senior Drumming: W. J. S. Grant (Nicol).

Junior Drumming: R. J. H. Mather (Nicol).

C. W. Gray, who joined the Band this year, played extremely well in the Junior Competition at Glasgow.

Our thanks go to Pipe Major Sinclair, Drum Major Wilson and Mr. Henderson for their helpful and patient tuition.

W.J.S.G.

House Reports — 1968

FREELAND

WE congratulate Mr. R. C. Studholme on his marriage last December, and Mr. J. L. R. Williams on his in August this year.

We welcome Mr. D. S. Macpherson, who was educated at Sedbergh and Pembroke College, Cambridge, as our new House Tutor. He came to us fresh from V.S.O. in Nepal.

School Offices have been held by the following: School Captain and Captain of Athletics — D. D. C. Biggart; School Prefect and Secretary of the Science Society — P. M. Wilson; School Prefect and Captain of Hockey — M. W. MacEwen; Cox

of the Naval Section—B. J. F. Crawford; Vice Captain of Cricket—D. A. Ogilvie; Captain of Shooting—K. W. Gillanders; Captain of Cross Country Running and Secretary of the Young Farmers' Club—J. M. Marshall; Captain of Squash and Captain of Highland Dancing—D. H. Muir; Captain of Sailing and Angling—W. R. O. Inch; Secretary of Golf—J. T. Moffat; Pipe Major—B. D. Mitchell; Editor of *Wing Forward*—P. A. Orchard; Chairman of the Music Society—J. M. Blair.

On Speech Day D. D. C. Biggart was awarded the Smith Cup as Captain of the School, and the Houston Prize for General Merit, the only other Freeland Speech Day prize winner being A. D. G. Duncan, who won the Art Prize.

Freeland were well represented in the First XV particularly by B. J. F. Crawford, D. D. C. Biggart and P. D. C. Warburton with G. W. T. Smith, D. A. Ogilvie and C. T. Perry also playing quite frequently, but the House was not successful in the Senior House Matches. Unfortunately Crawford was temporarily injured in the first match against Nicol, and it was only in the match against Ruthven that the team played with real spirit and conviction. This was an excellent match. Freeland won the Minor Rugby, the Pre-service Cup, the Shooting Cup, the Squash Cup and had a share in the Music Cup. A. M. Paul, D. A. Ogilvie, C. T. Perry and D. D. C. Biggart played Hockey for the First XI as well as MacEwen who also played for the Scottish Schoolboys. Freeland shared the Hockey Cup with Ruthven. Several members of the House played prominent parts in Orpheus including J. M. Blair as Pluto, Szwed-Cousins, Biggart and Muir. Ogilvie, Moodie, Perry and Warburton played cricket regularly for the First XI, and the House won the Senior Cricket for the first time for years. B. D. Mitchell and Munro won cups for Piping, Findlay (assisted by B. J. F. Crawford) won the Junior Helmsman Trophy at the Perth Sailing Club Competition, B. D. Mitchell shared the Middle Victor Ludorum for swimming, while D. E. Mitchell won the Junior Victor Ludorum for Swimming. On Sports Day C. D. Reekie won the Junior Victor Ludorum and D. H. Muir raised the School High Jump record to 5 feet 10 inches.

W. R. O. Inch is the first member of the House to apply for V.S.O. and he is hoping to go to Papua.

House Colours were awarded to B. J. F. Crawford, D. H. Muir, D. A. Ogilvie, M. W. MacEwen and G. W. T. Smith.

House Prefects:

B. J. F. CRAWFORD (appointed September '67), K. W. GILLANDERS (appointed September '67), J. M. MARSHALL (appointed September '67), D. A. OGILVIE (appointed January '68), and I. A. G. MOODIE (appointed June '68).

House Captains of Sport:

Rugger: B. J. F. CRAWFORD

Hockey: M. W. MacEWEN

Cricket: D. A. OGILVIE

Athletics: D. D. C. BIGGART

Music: M. W. MacEWEN and
J. M. BLAIR

Swimming: W. D. RENNIE

Shooting: K. W. GILLANDERS

Boxing: I. A. G. MOODIE

Sailing: W. R. O. INSCH

Ski-ing: B. J. F. CRAWFORD

Tennis and Squash: D. H. MUIR

Cross Country:

J. M. MARSHALL

NICOL

THE House had a very successful year under N. H. F. Wilson, finishing the Summer Term in grand style by a clear victory on Sports Day. We have had some outstanding individual performers, but our main successes have been in competitions where a combined effort by a lot of boys has been required, and the hard practice and the many attempts at standards that were put into swimming and athletics in particular, brought their reward. The captains of Swimming, Athletics and Boxing are specially to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and encouragement to try. Through the year we won the Junior Rugby, Boxing, Sailing, Swimming and Athletics cups, sharing the Cross-country with Simpson and the Goal-kicking with Freeland. The last-mentioned was of a very poor standard as only 7 out of our 30 kicks went over the bar. Much practice is required here. Carmichael, Scott and Walker, D. A., are to be congratulated on being winning boxing finalists, and McNab, Roy, McIntyre, J. O., Sharpe and Fraser on outstanding performances in the Cross-country. Reid was equal Middle Victor Ludorum in the Swimming, and McNab the Senior Victor Ludorum in the Athletics after many fine performances. Sharpe too had many star events.

All three Senior rugger matches were very close and good games, though we came out on top only against Freeland. Our minor team was slaughtered by Ruthven and Freeland but oddly enough beat Simpson, and even this was a better record than last year. Our hockey XI was weak and much hit by injuries. The Senior Cricket was disappointing and only McKenzie's bowling saved us further embarrassment. The Junior XI, well captained by Steele, C. D., lost only to Simpson. In the Ruthven match Steele made 40 runs and took the last three wickets in a hat-trick. Once again we were beaten in Ski-ing by Riley, though we did remember all our boots this time. There is no cup yet for junior Squash, but informal matches were held, and Scroggie, McLean, Wright, Fraser and Thomson made up our team and did not lose a single game. Seventeen members of the house gained Life Saving awards.

We have had good representation in the Orchestra and the House Orchestra came equal first in that part of the Music Competition. King deserves special mention for his flute solos at Speech Day, in St. Giles Cathedral and in the competition, as does McNair for his vigorous practising and his violin solo. In 'Orpheus in the Underworld' Wilson and Black had small parts and Fearn and Stuart were in the chorus. They were joined by Mrs. Fairbairn who played the part of Calliope. Gillanders, her 'son Orpheus', will be glad to hear that she is not so imperious at home. Many parents were kind enough to say that they enjoyed her performance. Stuart, A. J., is possibly the only boy who has sung in the choir at the weddings of all three of the Headmaster's daughters. He is also to be congratulated on beating the Headmaster in the Masters' Golf match. His father has given the teams very generous hospitality on these occasions. Gray, C. W., did outstandingly to get into the Pipe Band in his first term in the School, and Grant and Mather won the Senior and Junior Drumming cups respectively.

Regular members of School first teams have included in the XV Ross, McIntyre and Carnegie; in the Hockey XI McIntyre and Sharpe; in the XI Settles and McKenzie and in Athletics McNab, Sharpe, Roy, Ross and McBride. Wilson, Prain, Mahon, Sharpe, Hill, McLachlan, Fawcett, Nicol, Stuart and McKenzie have also represented the School in minor sports from tennis to shooting.

On Speech Day the following members of the House got prizes: Lait (French), McIntyre (Physics), Grant (English), Bell (Geography Fieldwork), and Steele, M. J. N. (History Essay), a remarkable achievement for a boy in the Vth Form. Other academic prizes through the year went to McIntyre J. O., Sharp, C., Grant, King, Fearn, Day, Stirling, and Thomson, J. T.

I hope that this report has not degenerated too much into a mere list of names, but many individuals have worked hard. 52 distinctions were awarded to the House in the Summer Term, of which 26 went to members of form IVB, a noble achievement, especially on behalf of Thomson and Fraser.

We have had an author in our midst, who has had a paper published in the Scientific Newsletter of Aberdeen University. As a result of his experience with Nicol boys, N. H. F. Wilson started trying to graft extra heads on 'planarians', apparently with great success, if all the mysterious lights and dishes in his study are anything to go by. For the uninitiated they are a class of ciliated flatworm, which thrive in the School Pond.

Twenty boys are leaving the House this term. I hope they will keep in touch with us; those who go to the University should

please try to let us know their successes and even failures, partly as a guide for future candidates. I wish all Leavers every success and happiness in the future, in the confident knowledge that the number of smokers in the House has been decimated.

House Captain: N. H. F. WILSON

House Prefects:

A. YOUNG (left December), N. McNAB, D. L. CARNEGIE, G. M. J. ROSS, J. O. McINTYRE, R. L. SETTLES, G. R. AITKEN.

House Captains of Sport:

Rugby, Boxing and Athletics (Field): ROSS	Sailing, Swimming and Choir: WILSON
Cricket, Tennis and Orchestra: SETTLES	Shooting: FAWCETT
Hockey: McINTYRE	Squash: SHARPE
Cross-Country and Athletics (Track): McNAB	Ski-ing: MAHON
	Golf: STUART

The following were awarded their House Colours:
McINTYRE, J. O., McNAB, PRAIN, SETTLES, SHARPE, D., ROY.

T.C.G.F.

RUTHVEN

THIS has been a year of solid achievement, despite some sporting disappointments. Ashton has been an excellent Head of House, and we wish him every success at the R.M.A., Sandhurst. He was well supported by the other prefects.

On the whole work has gone well, although the Fifth-Formers were rather slow to realise the importance of the O level year. Prizes were won by Laband (History), Fraser (Mathematics), D. K. R. Low (Chemistry), Jeffrey (Chemistry Research) and A. G. Balfour (Music). Tingsabadh goes to Cambridge this year, having been accepted by virtually every faculty except Oriental Languages!

Our sporting record has been quite good, but all too often we failed to take advantage of a winning position. The Rugby Cup should have been ours, but big-match nerves lost us half of it. Our cricketers, not expected to win, did not capitalise on the situation when they were given a real chance. We should certainly have taken the Tennis Cup, but we let a forced change in the team upset confidence. (R. J. Lawson won the individual trophy) However, we did well to share the Hockey Cup. We lost our chance of the Swimming Cup through disqualifications (again perhaps over-tension), but it was most unfortunate that

R. D. Thom was unfit, as the Thoms have dominated School swimming, and they deserved their reward. Our athletics team depended too heavily on a few individuals, and one hopes that next year there will be a more determined effort to gain standards. Ashton has been selected to hurl his javelin for the Scottish Schoolboys Athletics Team. (Perhaps the Gunners will be able to cut down their expenditure on rockets) We won the Ski-ing Cup and with a young team the future is rosy. Main is the Dundee Ski Club Junior Champion. Golf has a keen following, and Eriksen won the Individual Cup. In addition, Williamson won the Perthshire Boys' Championship. School Captains were: G. W. Balfour (Cricket); Lawson (Tennis); C. M. Thom (Swimming); Eriksen (Golf). Last but not least, Houston was the first winner of the new Campbell Award for the School's outstanding sportsman, with full colours in Rugby, Hockey, Athletics and Tennis — a first-class achievement.

We have flourished in many other activities, notably music, where we were joint winners of the Cup. A. G. Balfour has frequently accompanied Chapel services, and several boys had leading parts in 'Orpheus', with Gillanders in the title role. A. C. Mulhall has been in charge of the School library and is also Editor of this magazine.

In the Summer Term we welcomed Hermann Wiegand from West Germany, who has been an excellent ambassador for his country.

This year we lose thirteen seniors, most of whom have made a substantial contribution to the School, and they will be missed; but it is encouraging to note that many of our nineteen new boys have already begun to make their mark.

Finally, with our largest ever Sixth Form next year, we shall be claiming Nicol's study-cramming record.

Head of House: T. C. ASHTON

School Prefect: G. W. BALFOUR

House Prefects:

A. D. DRYSDALE, J. MICHIE, C. L. MacDONALD, W. M. THOMPSON, A. J. MUIRHEAD, D. B. FRASER

Captains of Games, etc.:

Rugby: G. W. BALFOUR

Hockey: G. W. BALFOUR

Cricket: G. W. BALFOUR

Athletics: J. S. HOUSTON

Boxing: W. M. THOMPSON

Cross-country: A. J. MUIRHEAD

Sailing: A. C. MULHALL

Shooting: J. S. HOUSTON
 Ski-ing: R. J. MacDONALD
 Squash: W. M. THOMPSON
 Swimming: C. M. THOM
 Tennis: R. J. LAWSON
 Music: A. G. BALFOUR

House Colours:

W. M. THOMPSON, G. W. BALFOUR, T. C. ASHTON, J. S.
 HOUSTON, A. C. MULHALL, S. S. ERIKSEN, D. K. R. LOW
 D A.R.W.

SIMPSON

WE have had two successive house captains this year, first D. MacLeod, leaving from the fourth-year sixth in December, with still nearly two years to fill in before starting at Oxford, and P. F. P. Cranston (brother of 'Dave' who is getting married these holidays) for the last two terms. We have also released Mr. Addison, to marry Sister, the former Ann Speakman, and move out to Pitkeathly to live. He is replaced as house tutor by Mr. Pedgrift, who is getting a house built for himself with a splendid view over the hills. S. F. H. Greig and G. C. H. Archibald had a term as school prefects, the latter being our next School Captain. House prefects were D. J. M. Wilson, D. G. Brash, H. A. R. Cromarty, G. S. Watson and G. M. Thomson. Cromarty was School Captain of Rugger, though he missed most of the season as the result of an argument with the Mechanics Club car. Greig captained the School skiers. Archibald captained the 2nd Cricket XI and made a century for them and, while we are on the subject of cricket, we have a lot of promising juniors in the house, including R. C. Fergie who took nine junior Glasgow Academy wickets for no runs, inexcusably letting the tenth get away. C. P. Lear was Middle Victor Ludorum.

We shared the Senior Rugger Cup, won the Cross-country, the junior rugger and the junior cricket cups. We also unexpectedly won the tennis cup, the Headmaster expecting to hand the cup to a Lawson but not that one. We seem to have come second in more than half the cups we did not win, but certainly not the Music Cup where we used to be strong.

To turn to work, which should have come first, we won two Biology prizes, two Economics prizes, two Latin prizes, a Chemistry prize and an Art prize. On the other hand I am expecting to see most of our fifth formers going round the course again unless they are a lot luckier than they deserve to be. Not working is fearfully infectious.

New boys this year include brothers of D. M. S. Robbie

and M. Laidlaw, and a 17-year-old cousin of Madjd, J. B. Massoudi. The rugger has also been strengthened by another 17-year-old new boy, I. R. B. Forbes.

Final odds and ends: — One of G. E. Bailey's paintings has been used as the cover of an L.P. record, A. D. Bell has won a flying scholarship, Archibald and Brash were School librarians and M. D. Barns Graham, Senior Science librarian.

Oh yes — and last year's house captain, Alan Brash, must have learnt some Chemistry from the Third Form in his last two terms here because he got a 'First' in his Cambridge part I. Finally none of us will ever be able to forget the unearthly sound of the house choir chopping up Haydn into several different keys at once.

D.E.Y.



No, we are not giving the game up.

RUGBY— 1967-68

THIS has been another poor season at 1st XV level in terms of results. Below the 1st XV however, the results of all teams can seldom have been better and the standard of play generally has been satisfactory and there have been some good House Matches at all levels. In the same way that one expects to see better 1st

XV's in the coming years because of the present standard in the lower School, it was not altogether surprising that the poor teams of past years did not produce a good 1st XV this year.

This year's 1st XV was not a bad team; it was certainly an improvement on the previous year, but the lack of experience together with the lack of rugby skills and thinking were very apparent at times. Probably the most important point of all was that the correct mental approach to the game was lacking. It must be remembered however that the fixture list exerts tremendous demands on the 1st XV and for a team which is not well consolidated early in the season this can have demoralising effects. There were several very good performances notably against Fettes and Merchiston. Both matches were lost but there was some good rugby played. The last game of the season against Kelvinside Academy was particularly pleasing and ten of that XV will be available next season.

The second XV enjoyed a good season although they also lost one or two matches unnecessarily. They were of a similar standard to the 1st XV for most of the year and it is significant that no combination of players on the first game produced a really dominant team.

Perhaps the greatest improvement has been at the 3rd XV level where, after failing to win a match last season, they lost only to Fettes this year. The 5th and 6th XV's have maintained their unbeaten record and their standard of rugby and interest in the game has been high.

The Colts have also done well this season. They were not an outstanding side from the point of view of individual players, but they have played well as a team and produced good results. Their final match of the season when they held a superior Glengalmond team to a draw was a particularly good performance.

The U14½ have been the most successful team this season. Their standard of rugger has been very high at times. It is particularly pleasing to see more three-quarter material than usual whilst some of the forwards look extremely promising. They must realise that it is much harder to realise outstanding talent than average talent, and they will have to work hard if they are to eventually produce the same results this year. Perhaps their best result was 32-0 in the last match of the season against Glengalmond.

Thanks are due to all those who have been involved with this season's activities, not only the Coaches but also the groundstaff and the catering staff who at times are faced with what must be very trying circumstances.

Colours were awarded to the following: —

Full: G. M. J. ROSS
B. J. F. CRAWFORD
J. S. HOUSTON
A. W. CROWE
P. F. CRANSTON

1st XV RESULTS

Sept. 26	v.	Perth Academy	6 - 3	Won
Sept. 28	v.	Strathallian XV	3 - 35	Lost
Oct. 3	v.	Keil School	13 - 9	Won
Oct. 10	v.	Fettes College	0 - 15	Lost
Oct. 14	v.	The Edinburgh Academy	3 - 33	Lost
Oct. 17	v.	Trinity College, Glenalmond	6 - 9	Lost
Oct. 21	v.	Loretto	3 - 14	Lost
Oct. 31	v.	Edinburgh Wanderers Colts	3 - 26	Lost
Nov. 4	v.	Merchiston Castle School	5 - 12	Lost
Nov. 11	v.	West of Scotland Colts	16 - 0	Won
Nov. 14	v.	Morrison's Academy	14 - 9	Won
Nov. 18	v.	Gordonstoun	0 - 5	Lost
Nov. 23	v.	Dollar Academy	0 - 5	Lost
Nov. 28	v.	Panmure	3 - 18	Lost
Dec. 2	v.	Aberdeen Grammar School	9 - 9	Drawn
Dec. 6	v.	Glasgow Academy	3 - 16	Lost
Jan. 27	v.	Daniel Stewart's College	6 - 18	Lost
Feb. 6	v.	Scottish Wayfarers	Cancelled	
Feb. 10	v.	Kelvinside Academy	11 - 6	Won
Feb. 24	v.	George Watson's College	Cancelled	

Points

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Against
2nd XV	12	11	1	0	143	72
3rd XV	8	7	1	0	86	50
4th XV	3	2	1	0	36	17
5th XV	1	1	0	0	11	3
6th XV	1	1	0	0	8	0
U15½	11	5	4	2	90	57
U14½	11	8	1	2	138	55
U13½ 1st	8	4	2	2	63	58
U13½ 2nd	1	1	0	0	6	3

House Matches:

Senior: Simpson and Ruthven.
Minor: Freeland.
Junior: Simpson.

26th September—v. Perth Academy—Away—Won 6-3.

Accompanied by a brisk breeze, steady driving rain had been falling for most of the day, and these conditions did not change for the game. There was even a little standing water on the fast-draining Academy pitch and so, alas, the tactics which were really required for the conditions were not those that had been practised in the mostly dry weather that we had been experiencing since the beginning of term.

The School scrum had, though, been drilled so that they quickly ensured superiority forward. This enabled us to gain a great deal of territorial advantage without the backs being able to press that advantage home tactically. With a ball which had rapidly come to resemble a large bar of soap this was understandable enough — indeed it was one of those rare occasions when, one felt, much was to be gained from letting the opposition have the ball and make the mistakes.

The first half, therefore, contained much in the way of undistinguished rugby, and the only points to be scored came from a kick ahead by Thomson, which was followed up by Biggart, who scored in the corner. The attempt at goal was not successful.

In the second half, the School made sufficient mistakes — mainly due to poor covering, falling and tackling — to lose the upper hand. So it was that the Academy were able to equalise when one of their centres hacked a loose ball over the line. This try was not converted either.

Five minutes from the end, School were given a chance to draw ahead when they were awarded a penalty 15 yards out and in front of the posts when an Academy centre went off-side during a ruck. Cromarty elected to try to drop a goal from this position but sliced the kick badly. Fortunately we were given another chance shortly after, this time 35 to 40 yards out and in mid-field. G. W. T. Smith kicked the goal, the ball just dropping over the bar. At the end of the game, Academy were again attacking with vigour.

One of the most encouraging sights after last season was the rucking of the forwards which was much more purposeful.

There was not, however, sufficient kicking to the pack, principally by means of the up-and-under, and this must have lessened the opportunities to score from second-phase attacks.

Team: D. H. Muir; J. S. Houston; H. A. R. Cromarty; G. W. T. Smith; D. D. C. Biggart; G. M. Thomson; P. F. P. Cranston; G. M. J. Ross; A. W. Crowe; A. J. Muirhead; I. R. B. Forbes; A. C. Mulhall; G. C. H. Archibald; D. A. J. Smith; D. K. R. Low.

28th September—v. Old Strathallian Club—Home—Lost 3-35.

This fixture had been moved from the traditional Saturday to a Thursday, thus enabling several Old Strathallians who hitherto have not been able to appear because of club commitments to play. We therefore expected a star-studded side, entertaining rugby, and a probable thrashing. Our expectations on all three counts were fulfilled.

The Old Boys kicked off, and rushed straight into the attack. From a scrum, A. Pate dashed round the blind side to open the scoring. Five minutes later, D. A. Scott broke on our twenty-five yards line to score in the corner. A period of midfield play followed before a cleverly placed grub kick from Dawson at stand-off swung the play back to the School goal line. All the time W. Pate had been serving Dawson with an enormously long pass, which ensured that the School back row never got within sniffing distance of him, but now, just when another of those passes was to be expected, Pate nipped round the scrum himself to score.

His brother obliged with the conversion, the only one of the game! Just before half-time, Carswell scored in the corner, and that was 14-0.

After half-time, G. W. T. Smith had two chances to reduce the leeway; he was successful only with his second one. It was soon after this that experience and superiority began to tell. The Old Boys began to play that kind of sparkling rugby which leaves school defences reeling. No fewer than seven tries were scored—three by Carswell, and two each by D. R. Anderson and Parker. Since three of these came from fairly long runs, it might justifiably be said that the old fault of tackling and covering, particularly amongst the backs, had not yet been eradicated, but then, again, a tight defence is very often not forthcoming when the result is pretty well foregone. One hoped, however, that it was not going to be an augury for the future.

Team: D. H. Muir; D. D. C. Biggart; H. A. R. Cromarty; G. W. T. Smith; J. S. Houston; G. M. Thomson; G. W. Balfour; G. M. J. Ross; A. W. Crowe; A. J. Muirhead; I. R. B. Forbes; A. C. Mulhall; G. C. H. Archibald; J. O. McIntyre; D. K. R. Low.

3rd October—v. Keil School—Home—Won 13-9.

The School lost an opportunity to take an early lead when G. W. T. Smith missed a penalty in the early minutes of the game. Keil quickly recovered and pressed the School back to their own goal-line. It was here that some fumbling between the halves led to an opportunist try by Keil. The conversion attempt was unsuccessful.

The School were, however, able to recover equally quickly, and a break from Cranston at scrum-half led to his scoring a try, which Smith converted from a wide angle. Soon the game swung once more into our half and some four minutes after we had taken the lead we lost it again, through giving away a penalty on the twenty-five yard line and right in front of the posts. Play continued to swing from end to end, mainly due to the strong cross-wind which was not used intelligently. After twenty minutes Smith kicked a long penalty goal, and a couple of minutes before half-time, Forbes picked up a loose ball near the Keil line and barged his way through to score near the posts. Smith also kicked this goal and at half-time the score was 13-6.

The second half saw a great deal of undistinguished rugby. Keil managed to keep the School on the defensive, but poor finishing by the Keil backs made the prospects of their scoring remote. In the end they did kick a penalty goal in the dying minutes of the game.

The School's tackling and covering were again poor, and the pack, which had shown up fairly well in the two previous matches, seemed tired and allowed Keil to win too many heels against the head.

Team: S. P. Hicks; R. D. Thom; H. A. R. Cromarty; G. W. T. Smith; J. S. Houston; D. A. Ogilvie; P. F. P. Cranston; A. J. Muirhead; D. M. S. Robbie; G. M. J. Ross; I. R. B. Forbes; A. W. Crowe; G. C. H. Archibald; J. O. McIntyre; D. K. R. Low.

10 October—v. Fettes—Home—Lost 0-15.

This was the first of our matches against the Edinburgh schools, and it was approached with some trepidation since our previous form had not been of the kind to boost confidence for this difficult fixture.

Conditions were well nigh perfect for rugby. The sun shone; there was no wind; the pitch was firm. One would, therefore, have expected to watch a good, open game of rugby. Such was not to be the case. For

the first 25 minutes of play, the backs saw very little of the ball and line-outs and rucks too often ended in indeterminate mauls. Certainly Fettes pressed hard during this time, but improved tackling and covering from the School kept them in check. Then it looked as if the School might make a more positive impression upon the game, but a heavier Fettes pack wore them down and it was only a matter of time before a score came. The try in fact came a few minutes before half-time when a Fettes player went over in the corner after a quick heel from a ruck, a back movement to the left which was almost broken down, and a switch back along the line to the right. At half-time—which came after 42 minutes—the score was 3-0 to Fettes. (It transpired afterwards that the captains had asked for more than the usual 30 minutes each way.)

The second half began with an almost immediate score by Fettes, and after that they were able to do very much as they pleased. Unfortunately, from the spectators' point of view, the half backs seemed to be off form, and the ball was too often dropped for there to be any sparkling three-quarter play. Nor were the School backs any better in this respect. In the event, Fettes added three more tries in the half, and several attempts at dropped goals just went wide.

Team: C. T. Perry; R. D. Thom; G. W. T. Smith; H. A. R. Cromarty; J. S. Houston; D. A. Ogilvie; P. F. P. Cranston; G. M. J. Ross; A. W. Crowe; A. J. Muirhead; B. J. F. Crawford; D. L. Carnegie; W. M. Thompson; J. O. McIntyre; I. D. R. Prain.

14th October—v. The Edinburgh Academy—Home—Lost—3-33.

This game will be memorable for the fine attacking rugby which the Academy gave on a soft, greasy pitch which did not really favour open rugby. From the start, the School never really looked like winning, and poor covering and tackling, and an inclination, in the second half, to give up in the face of a continually switched direction of attack ensured that our opponents ran up a large score.

The Academy kicked off against a slight cross-wind. Some early pressure came from the School, but it was the Academy who scored first—a fine try made by their centres. Encouraged by this early breakthrough the Academy entertained the crowd with a series of sparkling movements, mainly because of the superior possession they gained from the line-outs and scrums. The ball, though, was becoming rather difficult to handle and all these movements came to nothing. The next score came from a penalty awarded against the School centres on their own twenty-five. This made the score 8-0. Two further tries were added to this before half time.

The second half was a dismal display by the School. There was, however, some fine play by the Academy, and in particular from their back row and scrum half. They revelled in freedom that they will seldom meet as tackle after tackle was missed, and the covering defence went to pieces.

The match ended on an ironic note when, after a good break by Ross, Perry dived over under the posts only to be called back for a forward pass!

Team: D. A. Ogilvie; J. S. Houston; G. W. T. Smith; H. A. R. Cromarty; R. D. Thom; C. T. Perry; P. F. P. Cranston; I. D. R. Prain; J. O. McIntyre; W. M. Thompson; D. L. Carnegie; B. J. F. Crawford; G. M. J. Ross; A. W. Crowe; A. J. Muirhead.

17th October—v. Glenalmond—Home—Lost 6-9.

In the worst conditions seen at Strathallan at this time of the year for a long time, the School lost their third match in succession. A glance at the score suggests a close game, but the School pressure was too sporadic. Glenalmond were by far the superior side on the day, and but for an improved spirit in the School side (this match always has an extra edge) the score might have been greater. If the School could produce the same fire and vigour with which they sought to secure the winning points in the last ten minutes of the game, they would have been quite formidable.

The match could not have begun much better, for, after only five minutes play, Perry converted a long penalty goal, following an off-side infringement by Glenalmond. This seemed to bring a new urgency to the School side. They seemed to sense that they could win this game, and the cohesion, so sadly lacking in previous games, began to show itself. Then an injury to Perry, which caused him to come off, left us with fourteen men, and the side went onto the defensive.

This, in its turn, resulted in errors, and from one of these in front of the posts Glenalmond equalised, and then went all out for more points. Grimly the School held out but two tries in as many minutes just before half-time brought back ominous memories of the previous game.

The School went on to the attack in the second half and a penalty goal resulted, but then, instead of going immediately for more points, the side seemed uncertain. Glenalmond regained the initiative, but much improved marking kept them out.

Team: D. A. Ogilvie; J. S. Houston; G. W. T. Smith; H. A. R. Cromarty; D. D. C. Biggart; C. T. Perry; P. F. P. Cranston; N. H. F. Wilson; D. B. Fraser; D. K. R. Low; D. L. Carnegie; B. J. F. Crawford; G. M. J. Ross; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead.

21st October—v. Loretto—Home—Lost 3-14.

On a bright, sunny day, the School kicked off against a stiff breeze. Both sides played hard, open rugby, and though they trailed by eight points to three at half-time, the School could feel satisfied with their display. Their line had only been crossed once, and they had done the majority of the attacking.

But in the second half, with the elements in their favour, things started to go wrong. The handling became ragged, the tackling deteriorated, and Loretto, taking full advantage of this, scored twice more. The reasons for this slump were elusive. Their fourth big match in ten days may be the best explanation for the poor kicking for touch which the backs indulged in.

The School's points came from a long penalty goal kicked by Smith.

Team: G. M. Thomson; D. D. C. Biggart; H. A. R. Cromarty; G. W. T. Smith; J. S. Houston; D. A. Ogilvie; P. F. P. Cranston; D. L. Carnegie; J. O. McIntyre; D. K. R. Low; A. W. Crowe; B. J. F. Crawford; G. M. J. Ross; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead.

31st October—v. Edinburgh Wanderers Colts—Home—Lost 3-26.

To come across a club side when our own form was so poor was perhaps unfortunate. In the event teamwork came only with difficulty and the strain of several matches in quick succession certainly showed itself.

Again there was some poor tackling, but inexperience accounted for mistakes as well.

The Colts had strong backs and gaining superior possession both from the tight and the loose. To try and stem this massive advantage, the School reverted to defensive kicking, but since too many kicks did not reach touch, they provided yet another means by which the Colts could attack.

Our only points came once again through Smith—a penalty goal.

Team: G. M. Thomson; D. D. C. Biggart; S. P. Hicks; G. W. T. Smith; R. D. Thom; D. A. Ogilvie; P. F. P. Cranston; D. K. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; D. L. Carnegie; A. W. Crowe; B. J. F. Crawford; G. M. J. Ross; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead.

4th November—v. Merchiston—Away—Lost 5-12.

Our first visit to Edinburgh this season was marked by bitterly cold weather and an encouragingly good display of rugby from the Strathallan side. Merchiston retained their unbeaten record, but they were made to fight for it.

The School went on to the attack early, although it was immediately obvious that this was no ordinary side that they were up against. Extremely sound defence coupled with long attacking kicks pushed the School back into their own twenty-five, and Merchiston were superior in the line-outs.

But there was a great improvement in the half-backs. Cromarty was playing his first game of the season at stand-off, and, with Cranston playing at his best, they proved an excellent link between scrum and backs. Two defensive errors in loose mauls near the School line gave Merchiston six points.

Cromarty then helped to narrow the gap with a lovely try from the Merchiston twenty-five. He ran right through the Merchiston backs and scored under the posts. Smith converted. There was now only one point separating the two sides, and although we tried to score again, in fact a Merchiston drop goal was the next score. After this two long attempts at goal by Smith just failed and on half-time Merchiston scored their third try.

The second half was played hard by both sides, but we were not able to penetrate the Merchiston defence to make up the lee-way.

Team: G. M. Thomson; D. D. C. Biggart; S. P. Hicks; G. W. T. Smith; J. S. Houston; H. A. R. Cromarty; P. F. P. Cranston; D. K. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; D. L. Carnegie; B. J. F. Crawford; A. W. Crowe; G. M. J. Ross; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead.

11th November—v. West of Scotland Colts—Home—Won 16-0.

After the fine display at Merchiston things continued to go well with the side and the earlier set-backs could be forgotten. The School dominated the first half, in which they scored all their points, but in the second were unable to increase their lead, mainly due to an improved defence on the part of the Colts.

On a firm pitch, on a bright, clear afternoon, the School gave a fine display of open and attacking rugby. Biggart, with a good run, opened the scoring with a try in the corner. A few minutes later, the forwards, running and passing well, broke through the Colts' defence, and Muirhead scored; this, too, being in the corner. Smith did well to convert from the acute angle.

After these two scores the ball was moved freely about the back division, and from a tight scrum Hicks made it 11-0. Almost immediately after this Cromarty jinked his way through the whole of the opposing side and scored between the posts.

The West of Scotland Colts tried to mount an attack but the School defence coped easily with them.

Team: G. M. Thomson; D. D. C. Biggart; J. S. Houston; G. W. T. Smith; S. P. Hicks; H. A. R. Cromarty; P. F. P. Cranston; D. K. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; D. L. Carnegie; B. J. F. Crawford; A. W. Crowe; G. M. J. Ross; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead.

14th November—v. Morrison's Academy—Home—Won 14-9.

This match saw a continuation of the improved form of the team, although at one stage it looked as if Morrison's would snatch victory from their grasp. The early play was dominated by the School and, after giving away an early penalty goal, they fought back and led at half time through a goal and a penalty goal. However, a slump mid-way through the second half, when Morrison's pressed hard, gave away two tries, which put Morrison's in the lead. Ten minutes from time Hicks scored in the corner, and in the closing minutes Cromarty settled the issue when he broke from the twenty-five.

Team: G. M. Thomson; D. D. C. Biggart; J. S. Houston; G. W. T. Smith; S. P. Hicks; H. A. R. Cromarty; P. F. P. Cranston; D. K. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; D. L. Carnegie; B. J. F. Crawford; A. W. Crowe; D. M. S. Robbie; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead.

18th November—v. Gordonstoun—Away—Lost 0-5.

The biennial long journey north was made full of hope and good spirits after two successive victories and the fine display against Merchiston. The team was confident, perhaps almost too confident, and this was a partial cause of defeat. Even so, the School were slightly unlucky to lose—they had the upper hand for most of the game, but one defensive error let Gordonstoun through, and one of their halves ran seventy-five yards to score.

Once again conditions were favourable; the ground was firm and there was no wind. The School were slow to get going, and almost immediately, Gordonstoun, who had an extraordinarily heavy scrum, began to show a marked superiority in the tight. They gained possession from the majority of set scrums, and also from line-outs. This seemed to unsettle Cranston, and for once his service was erratic. Gordonstoun mounted several attacks without getting near to scoring, thanks to good defence.

The second half was quite different. The School backs were given a much greater chance to run with the ball, and they, too, went close to scoring on several occasions. It was from one of these attacks that the ball went loose on the Gordonstoun twenty-five, was picked up by one of the Gordonstoun halves, and without a defence in anything like the right position was able to score easily.

In the remaining ten minutes we tried hard to equalise, but in vain.

Team: G. M. Thomson; D. D. C. Biggart; J. S. Houston; G. W. T. Smith; S. P. Hicks; H. A. R. Cromarty; P. F. P. Cranston; D. K. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; D. L. Carnegie; D. M. S. Robbie; A. W. Crowe; G. M. J. Ross; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead.

23rd November—v. Dollar Academy—Home—Lost 0-5.

A dull day and a muddy pitch greeted Dollar. The School kicked off, and immediately pressed in a fashion that suggested that they were keen to atone for their defeat in the previous match. But the tactics of using the touch line did not serve them fully, as many kicks went astray, enabling Dollar to recover. The School forwards, however, retained the upper hand, and gave their backs plenty of good ball. The Dollar defence remained close, though, and thus, despite many scoring opportunities — including two attempts at goal by Smith — the School, after twenty minutes, had nothing to show for all their effort.

Then Dollar, in one of their rare bursts took the lead when their centres broke loose to score between the posts. Their full-back made no mistake with the conversion.

After this the game became ragged and although the School defence was sound enough — Muirhead, Hicks and Biggart particularly tackling well — little inspiration seemed to be left for attack.

Team: G. M. Thomson; D. D. C. Biggart; J. S. Houston; G. W. T. Smith; H. A. R. Cromarty; G. W. Balfour; D. K. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; D. L. Carnegie; A. C. Mulhall; A. W. Crowe; G. M. J. Ross; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead.

28th November—v. Panmure—Home—Lost 3-18.

On a bright clear day the School kicked off against a stiff breeze. Early play was scrappy, and after only five minutes, indecision on the part of the forwards led to Panmure's getting a scrum right on the School line. Then, with apparently little effort, they pushed the School back over the line to score a push-over try.

There followed a series of needless penalties, but a good break by Ross and Muirhead put the School on to the attack. Then after 15 minutes they were awarded a penalty in front of the posts and Smith scored.

For a time after this Panmure were pinned back into their own half by some inspired play.

In the second half, age and experience began to tell. Panmure won several heels against the head, and their backs had plenty of possession. Against this sort of rugby from a club, only an experienced and mature school side has a great deal of chance, and by and large, we were not able to cope with it.

Team: G. M. Thomson; D. D. C. Biggart; D. H. Muir; G. W. T. Smith; S. P. Hicks; H. A. R. Cromarty; P. F. P. Cranston; D. K. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; D. L. Carnegie; A. W. Crowe; A. C. Mulhall; G. M. J. Ross; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead.

2nd December—v. Aberdeen Grammar School—Home—Drawn 9-9.

This match was played in the morning so that boys could go to watch the All Blacks match at Murrayfield in the afternoon.

The School could not have started in a more encouraging fashion. Within three minutes they were 6-0 up, thanks to tries by Biggart, after a good run from the twenty-five, and McIntyre, who scored his first-ever try. Crowe failed to convert either of these.

To their credit Aberdeen fought back, but their play was scrappy, and they lacked any definite strategy. However, they narrowed the margin, when one of their forwards barged through a line-out. Then, a

minute later, they equalised with a penalty goal from thirty yards out. This seemed to upset the School, and Aberdeen spent most of the remaining time in the first half pressing inside the School twenty-five.

The second half was a dull affair, marked by scrappy play, and a lack of positive thinking by both sides. Ross scored a try from a loose maul, and the Aberdeen winger equalised three minutes from time with a try in the corner.

Team: G. M. Thomson; D. D. C. Biggart; D. H. Muir; S. P. Hicks; R. D. Thom; P. D. C. Warburton; P. F. P. Cranston; D. K. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; D. L. Carnegie; A. W. Crowe; A. C. Mulhall; G. M. J. Ross; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead

6th December—v. Glasgow Academy—Away—Lost 3-16.

On a bright afternoon, Ross, deputising for Cromarty after his 'car crash', won the toss, and the School kicked off with an awkward sun at their backs.

Glasgow Academy started in promising fashion, with some slick handling, and were rewarded with a try in the corner. Strathallan, however, came back into the picture with some good old-fashioned foot-rushes in which Forbes was prominent. This, together with determined play in the loose, put the School into the Academy twenty-five, and Warburton equalised with a drop-goal, the only other score in the first half.

After half time however, fortunes changed dramatically. Glasgow Academy added two goals and a try, eventually finishing worthy winners.

Team: G. M. Thomson; D. D. C. Biggart; J. L. Pringle; R. D. Thom; A. L. Wearmouth; P. D. C. Warburton; P. F. P. Cranston; N. H. F. Wilson; J. O. McIntyre; D. L. Carnegie; A. W. Crowe; A. C. Mulhall; G. M. J. Ross; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead.

27th January—v. Daniel Stewart's—Away—Lost 6-18.

In good conditions, Stewart's won the toss and played with the sun at their backs for the first half. At first play tended to be scrappy, but gradually Stewart's began to gain a superiority which they never really looked like relinquishing. All the School's points came from kicks—a penalty goal by Perry and a drop-goal by Warburton.

Although we gained a considerable advantage from the line-outs, the ball never moved out down the line, and so any chances the School had of crossing the opposition's line were frittered away.

Team: C. T. Perry; D. D. C. Biggart; D. J. C. Sharpe; G. W. T. Smith; J. S. Houston; P. D. C. Warburton; P. F. P. Cranston; G. M. J. Ross; J. O. McIntyre; D. K. R. Low; A. W. Crowe; A. C. Mulhall; D. M. S. Robbie; I. R. B. Forbes; J. L. Pringle.

February 10th—v. Kelvinside Academy—Home—Won 11-6.

The final match, as it turned out, for the School this season was played on a fairly heavy pitch.

Perry opened the scoring with a penalty goal kicked from 35 yards in the ninth minute of the game, and from then on the School was right on top. The opening exchanges had been fairly even, but the lead added fire to the pack, and they dominated the loose play; it was from a loose maul that the second score came. Forbes picked up a loose ball and charged over near the posts. Perry converted.

After half-time slackness in the defence allowed Kelvinside to narrow the deficit, but a good run by Roy restored the balance with a try in the corner. In the dying moments Kelvinside again narrowed the deficit, but to no avail, for when the final whistle blew, the School was pressing hard on their line.

Good running by the backs and determined play by the forwards — play which led to plenty of good possession — was the basis of this win. It was a promising note to end the season on, especially as eight of the side are coming back next year.

Team: C. T. Perry; D. D. C. Biggart; G. W. T. Smith; J. S. Houston; E. C. Roy; P. D. C. Warburton; P. F. P. Cranston; G. M. J. Ross; J. O. McIntyre; D. M. S. Robbie; A. C. Mulhall; A. W. Crowe; B. J. F. Crawford; I. R. B. Forbes; J. L. Pringle.

HOCKEY — 1968

THERE were only four First XI matches. Of the two home fixtures one was won and one drawn, while the two away fixtures, which incidentally produced better hockey, were both lost. It was not a distinguished season, and yet the XI responded well to the demands made upon it. Two of the most experienced players were not able to play in any match, and there were other injuries as well. M. W. MacEwen, J. O. McIntyre and J. S. Houston were given Schoolboy Final Trials and MacEwen was selected as right back, in which position he played against England, Ireland and Wales for the Scottish Schoolboys XI.

FIRST XI MATCHES, 1968

Tuesday, March 8th—Strathallan v. Perth Academy—Won 6-0.

From the beginning of the match Strathallan looked dangerous in attack, but the Perth defence at this stage appeared quite sound. However, after about a quarter of an hour of play J. S. Houston, on the right wing, scored the first goal. A few minutes later, with a good switch of direction, he scored a second. The third goal was scored by G. W. Balfour at inside-right, following a roll in. Just before half-time Ogilvie scored the only goal resulting from seven penalty corners.

In the second half there was no score for nearly twenty minutes. Then Ogilvie scored two further goals in quick succession receiving passes first from Balfour and then from W. M. Thompson on the left wing.

Team: A. C. Mutch; A. M. Paul; D. D. C. Biggart; J. O. McIntyre; M. W. MacEwen (Capt.); J. D. Taylor; J. S. Houston; G. W. Balfour; D. A. Ogilvie; D. J. C. Sharpe; W. M. Thompson.

Saturday, 9th March—Strathallan v. Aberdeen Grammar School—Away —Lost 0-2.

Within three minutes the School was one goal down and not long after two goals down. Both goals followed some indecisive play by the defence, but there was no doubt about the quality of the experienced Grammar School Team, who had already had a highly successful season.

A really high standard of play was maintained for the rest of the first half, but there was to be no further score.

In the second half the quality of the game deteriorated sharply and was marred by sudden wintry showers. The pace remained fast and the Strathallan marking and centering was if anything slightly better than that of Grammar School. Had it not been the School might well have been overwhelmed by an excellent side containing several very fine players.

Team: A. C. Mutch; A. M. Paul; C. T. Perry; J. O. McIntyre; M. W. MacEwen; (Capt.); D. D. C. Biggart; J. S. Houston; G. W. Balfour; D. A. Ogilvie; D. J. C. Sharpe; W. M. Thompson.

Tuesday, 12th March—Strathallan v. Masters' XI—Won 4-0.

Thursday, 14th March—Strathallan v. Gordonstoun—Drawn 1-1.

This was a good fast game, but both sides lacked finishing power. Within two minutes Gordonstoun were one goal up; Strathallan cleared across their goal, the ball was intercepted on the edge of the circle, and the shot went home.

Strathallan quickly retaliated. A good centre from Houston on the right wing was stopped by Pennie and Thompson took a fierce shot which gave the Gordonstoun goalkeeper no chance.

After this the game settled down to a series of attacks and counter attacks. Several of the Strathallan attacks initiated by the half backs involved some good passing movements, but, after several opportunities of scoring had been missed, it began to appear unlikely that Strathallan would score again.

The Gordonstoun counter attacks were mostly led by the inside-left, Kennedy. Frequently he ran with the ball more than half the length of the field only to be robbed on the edge of the circle. The Strathallan defence was sound, but there were occasions when the Strathallan goal was seriously threatened, as the Gordonstoun forwards looked dangerous, though they did not fulfil their potential.

Team: A. C. Mutch; A. M. Paul; C. T. Perry; J. O. McIntyre; M. W. MacEwen (Capt.); D. J. C. Sharpe; J. S. Houston; G. W. Balfour; D. A. Ogilvie; D. N. F. Pennie; W. M. Thompson

Saturday, 16th March—Strathallan v. Loretto—Away—Lost 1-3.

Conditions were pretty bleak at New Field, Musselburgh, when play opened at 11 a.m. on the morning of the Calcutta Cup Match. After about twenty-five minutes Loretto scored as a result of a misunderstanding. Strathallan counter-attacked and pressure was rewarded when Thompson scored from a centre from Houston who had intercepted an attempted Loretto clearance.

In the second half the Strathallan half-backs continued to dominate play, and provided the forwards with good service. The Strathallan attack, however, faded out in the circle as chance after chance was missed, although there was no lack of keenness. Eventually, Watters, the Loretto Captain, a Scottish Schoolboy International, scored an excellent goal from a short corner. Immediately from the bully Loretto mounted a fresh attack which led to another well taken goal. Thereafter Strathallan had more of the ball than Loretto, but no further score took place.

Team: A. C. Mutch; A. M. Paul; J. D. Taylor; J. O. McIntyre; M. W. MacEwen (Capt.); D. J. C. Sharpe; J. S. Houston; G. W. Balfour; D. A. Ogilvie; I. A. G. Moodie; W. M. Thompson.

Colours were held by A. C. Mutch, A. M. Paul, J. O. McIntyre, D. J. C. Sharpe, J. S. Houston and M. W. MacEwen.

Second XI Results

Tuesday, March 5th—v. Perth Academy—Home—Won 8-0.
 Saturday, March 9th—v. Aberdeen Grammar School—Away—Won 4-1.
 Tuesday, March 12th—v. Lendrick Muir—Home—Won 3-2.

Under 15½ Results

Saturday, March 9th—v. Aberdeen Grammar School—Away—Won 6-0.
 Thursday, March 14th—v. Gordonstoun—Home—Drawn 1-1.

Under 14½ Results

Tuesday, March 5th—v. Perth Academy—Home—Won 8-0.

Under 13½ Match

Tuesday, March 12th—v. Craigflower—Won 6-0.

The Second XI, Under 15½, and Under 14½ matches against Loretto had first to be postponed because of bad weather, and then cancelled to prevent the spread of scarlatina. All the Fettes matches had to be canceled for the same reason.

The House matches were not played until the summer term and produced some exciting games, resulting in the cup being shared between Freeland and Ruthven. The scores were as follows:

First Round:

Simpson beat Nicol 2-1, Freeland beat Ruthven 3-0.

Second Round:

Ruthven beat Simpson 1-0, Freeland drew with Nicol 0-0.

Third Round:

Ruthven beat Nicol 1-0, Freeland drew with Simpson 1-1.

The Cup for League Hockey was won by Simpson.

Summer Hockey

THREE full sized pitches and the Minipitch were available during the Summer Term and a great deal of pleasure they provided. To judge by the improved standard of some of the junior players a great deal of effort must have been expended and some valuable lessons learnt. As for the First XI, it continued to improve throughout the term. Often in the past, when the ground becomes rather dry and bumpy, the standard of play has dropped and less attempt to play constructive hockey has been made. Under MacEwen's leadership, however, the XI continued to work away at their passing endeavouring to improve in speed and accuracy, and though the School has produced more robust play previously, I do not think any previous Summer XI has exceeded this one in skill.

Mutch played in goal, Paul at right-back and Cromarty at left-back except against Edinburgh Academy. G. W. T. Smith was the regular right half, and MacEwen played in every game at centre-half, and Sharpe at left-half. The forwards were more subject to change. R. I. Williamson played at inside-right in every game except against Edinburgh Academy. J. S. Houston, A. Gray and D. N. F. Pennie played on the right-wing. Centre-forward in the first half of the season was D. N. F. Pennie, who then made way for Ovenstone. In the first half of the season Ovenstone was inside-left, but when McIntyre took up regular summer hockey McIntyre took over from him. J. M. Burnett started the season on the left-wing, but subsequently made way for J. D. Taylor, when it became apparent that there would be no room for the latter in the defence.

The results of the matches follow but perhaps some of them call for comment. The match again Glenalmond could easily have been lost, as Glenalmond moved the ball quite quickly and were fast and fit. The score of 4-1 to the School against Ruthrieston was perhaps a little flattering, but Morgan Academy and Edinburgh Northern were lucky to get away with a win and draw respectively. The most gratifying win by the School was the victory over Grove F.P. First XI. Edinburgh Academy were perhaps a little lucky, and the Morgan goal came off the last hit of the game.

Summer XI Colours were awarded to Pennie and Williamson who scored seven goals each, and to Ovenstone who scored four. G. W. T. Smith was also awarded colours, as he had not won them the previous term because of injury.

SUMMER XI RESULTS

Saturday, May 11th—v. J. S. Hunter's XI—Won 8-1.

Goals were scored as follows: Ovenstone 3, Cromarty 2, Pennie 1, Burnett 1, and Williamson 1.

Tuesday, May 14th—v. Glenalmond—Won 2-1.

Both goals were scored by Pennie.

Saturday, May 18th—v. Ruthrieston Strollers—Won 4-1.

Goals were scored as follows: Williamson 2, Houston 1, Pennie 1.

Saturday, May 25th—v. Whitecraigs—Won 5-2.

Goals were scored as follows: Pennie 2, Williamson 1, Cromarty 1, Gray 1.

Saturday, June 1st—v. Edinburgh Academy—Away—Lost 0-1.

Sunday, June 9th—v. Morgan Academy F.P.—Lost 1-2.

McIntyre scored the goal.

Saturday, June 22nd—v. Strathallian Club—Won 5-2.

Goals were scored as follows: Williamson 3, Pennie 1, and Taylor 1.

Sunday, June 30th—v. Grove Academy F.P.—Won 5-3.

Goals were scored as follows: Taylor 2, McIntyre 1, Cromarty 1, Ovenstone 1.

Saturday, July 6th—v. Edinburgh Northern—Drawn 1-1.

The goal was scored by Taylor.

P.R.S.

CRICKET — 1968

IN retrospect it would be easy to dismiss 1968 as only a fair season — of the eight school matches played, we won 4, drew 2, and lost 2 — but the dividing line between a good and an indifferent season is sometimes very fine, and I think this was the case this year. The results of three of the matches, Merchiston apart, might easily have been more favourable had we accepted the chances that went a-begging in the field at crucial points. Never has the truth of the adage 'you hold your catches and you win your matches' been more apparent.

The 2nd XI, though short of bowling, had a respectable season and only lost one game against Merchiston. Five of the nine games were drawn, and perhaps a more attacking approach on one or two occasions might have been worthwhile. Archibald had the distinction of being the only century maker of the season, scoring 102 not out against Glenalmond. The U14½ XI, unbeaten until their last game, proved to be a workmanlike and useful side, with a number of keen players who should do well in the future. The innovation of a 2nd game this season has been a success, and the 3rd XI which came into being last year, is now well established with a fixture list of three. I hope that there will be sufficient of the keen, but not so proficient cricketers to support this XI in future years.

Returning to the 1st XI season. The batting was disappointing, a department of the game which, unfortunately, has not been strong in the last few years. The most consistent batsman was Eriksen, who produced a most timely unbeaten 50 against Fettes and, although Thompson, Moodie and Balfour all had their moments, they did not come often enough to inspire confidence. These four together amassed the bulk of the runs scored, so it is painfully obvious how fragile the remainder of the batting was. The disaster of the season came at Merchiston, and what a degrading exhibition that was! All that need be said here is that when faced with the job of getting 138 runs, the batsmen failed completely to appreciate what was required of them, and this, together with a distressing lack of determination, contributed to an overwhelming defeat.

The bowling on the other hand was good, by and large. McKenzie was the most aggressive, and bowled very well on a number of occasions, but not always with the luck he deserved. Ashton, after a slow start, began to click about mid-season, and his accurate seamers brought him considerable success. Of the spinners, Eriksen bowled his medium pace off-spinners to good effect, on the slow, but helpful wickets early on, and it was largely due to him that we beat Edinburgh Academy so decisively. Ogilvie did not recapture his form of last year, but it was difficult for him to do so with the limited amount of bowling he was asked to do.

The XI undoubtedly had its shortcomings, but there has been a very good spirit prevailing, and a refreshing keenness, both of which have counted for a lot, and Balfour must take credit for fostering these.

1st XI AVERAGES 1968

Batting	Inns	N.O.	Hgst.	Total	Aver.	Cat.
I. A. G. Moodie	10	4	72*	185	30.83	1
W. Pringle	5	2	46*	70	23.33	0
S. S. Eriksen	12	2	55	226	22.60	2
W. M. Thompson	13	1	58	195	16.25	2
G. W. Balfour	13	1	35	138	11.50	4
T. C. Ashton	6	3	18*	33	11.00	5
J. F. Hill	5	2	14	28	9.33	1
R. L. Settles	10	2	16	63	7.98	7
P. D. C. Warburton	7	1	23	33	5.50	3
D. A. Ogilvie	9	1	9	40	5.00	6
C. T. Perry	7	0	11	25	3.57	2
N. D. McKenzie	5	0	11	11	2.20	5

Also batted: G. M. Thomson 2; B. J. Picken 10*.

Bowling	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Aver.
T. C. Ashton	111.1	25	251	26	9.65
S. S. Eriksen	79.2	30	175	17	10.29
N. D. McKenzie	136	42	314	24	13.08
C. T. Perry	118.5	35	271	17	15.94
W. Pringle	19	0	51	3	17.00
D. A. Ogilvie	52	7	133	7	19.00
W. M. Thompson	11	1	30	1	30.00
J. F. Hill	19	0	51	0	—

1st XI Record — Played 13, Won 4, Lost 5, Drawn 2.

May 2nd—v. H. C. Addison's XI—Home.

There was no play in this match owing to rain. Several masters were very relieved.

May 4th—v. Crieff—Home.

Again, no play because of rain.

May 8th—v. Dundee University 2nd XI—Home.

Scottish afternoons in May are not usually very charitable; this one was no exception, but, after having the two opening games cancelled one was glad to see at least a start being made on some cricket.

Dundee University batted first on a soft wicket and none of their batsmen looked particularly skilled, but they could probably be forgiven in such miserable weather. The bowling was fairly aimable—much as one might expect at this time of the year—and Perry in particular lacked some accuracy. The strange field which he bowled to, however, hardly encouraged that. McKenzie bowled with a deal more skill, Ashton with a fair amount of straightness, and Eriksen extracted enough movement. With Dundee out for 67, there seemed a fair chance of winning, lack of batting practice or no lack of batting practice.

There then followed a remarkable collapse. The first two wickets went fairly cheaply, but three medium pace bowlers had been tried and had only succeeded in removing Thompson and Settles. At this point Rhodes was brought on to bowl slow left arm from the Chapel end. Balfour, who up to this point, had batted solidly, swished across the line of a ball pitched up to him and was leg before. Moodie, with similar aggressive intentions, smartly dispatched a long hop into the hands of deep mid-wicket. Ogilvie was out to an indeterminate prod, and the remainder of the batsmen were, for the most part, quite unseemly in their haste to get back to the relative warmth of the pavilion. Only Eriksen played Rhodes with any confidence. The ball was turning very slowly; it was possible to play back all the time; even Eriksen succumbed in the end.

Dundee University 2nd XI

J. Rickarby, b McKenzie	1
R. Newitt, c and b McKenzie	3
R. Hardisty, c Hill b Ashton ...	13
D. Shelton, c Ashton b McKenzie	9
R. Bugler, c Perry b Ashton ...	10
N. Sharp, hit wkt. b Eriksen ...	0
J. Christie, b McKenzie	22
B. Norton, b Eriksen	1
O. Koefmann, not out	2
Extras	6

Total..... 67

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	6	2	12	0
McKenzie	11	4	18	5
Ashton	6	0	13	2
Eriksen	6	1	22	3

Strathallan

W. M. Thompson, b Newitt ...	6
G. Balfour, lbw b Rhodes	7
R. Settles, lbw b Christie	3
S. S. Eriksen, st. Koefmann b	
J. Moodie, c Newitt b Rhodes	8
Rhodes	19
D. A. Ogilvie, c Rhodes b	
Shelton	0
C. T. Perry, c Sharp b Rhodes	0
N. McKenzie, c Rickarby b	
Rhodes	0
J. Hill, lbw b Hardisty	1
T. C. Ashton, b Hardisty	1
P. Warburton, not out	0
Extras	4

Total..... 49

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Newitt	11	5	13	1
Christie	12	8	7	1
Shelton	3	0	8	1
Rhodes	11.2	7	7	5
Hardisty	9	1	18	2

May 11th—v. Edinburgh Academy—Home.

Edinburgh Academy won the toss and decided to bat, but from the very start allowed the School attack to keep them on the defensive.

Perth Academy			O.	M.	R.	W.
A. Forbes, b Perry	0	Perry	7	3	7	1
I. Grant, run out	13	McKenzie	5	0	9	1
I. Coull, b McKenzie	5	Ashton	6	2	6	2
M. Hoggan, run out	1	Eriksen	5	3	2	3
J. Walker, b Ashton	2					
M. Rawlinson, c Settles b Eriksen	0	Strathallan				
J. MacEwan, c Settles b Eriksen	0	W Thompson, not out				24
A. Evans, st Warburton b Eriksen	0	G. Balfour, not out				8
D. Cross, c McKenzie b Ashton	2	Total for no wkt.				
B. Malcolm, run out	0		O.	M.	R.	W.
D. Kerr, not out	1	Malcolm	4	1	10	0
Extras	7	Walker	3	0	9	0
		Hoggan	1	0	5	0
		Evans	2	0	8	0
Total	31					

May 18th—v. Morrison's Academy—Home.

Except for the soft wicket, conditions were ideal for cricket and put into bat the School should have made a respectable total. This was not to be the case. Balfour, opening with Thompson, was bowled with only one run on the board, and Eriksen was out soon after. Thompson and Moodie rectified matters to some extent before Thompson was caught close in on the leg side. Moodie continued to bat well and his innings was the only one worth watching during the afternoon. Most of his runs came on the leg side where he is stronger. The remainder of the bowling was inept by comparison and some very wayward bowling was regarded with deep suspicion. Fortunately Hill was able to stay with Moodie. Eventually Hill too was out playing back to one half volley too many.

Morrison's were given two hours in which to score 118 runs, but after their poor start this was never on. McKenzie bowled Oates, and Perry picked up three wickets—not, let it be added, all off good balls. From this point the innings went quickly into a decline.

Strathallan		Morrison's Academy			
W. M. Thompson, c McKerracher b Millar	18	R. Oates, b McKenzie	0		
G. W. Balfour, b McRorie	0	D. Sutherland, c McKenzie b Perry	2		
S. S. Eriksen, c Hall b McRorie	6	J. J. Austin, c Ogilvie b Perry	0		
I. A. G. Moodie, not out	72	N. Sutherland, b Perry	11		
R. L. Settles, b Millar	0	G. Philips, b McKenzie	0		
D. A. Ogilvie, c Sutherland b Millar	0	I. McInnes, b Eriksen	17		
J. F. Hill, b McRorie	9	D. Millar, b Eriksen	1		
P. D. C. Warburton, b Millar	0	J. Hall, run out	0		
C. T. Perry, c and b McRorie	0	G. McKerracher, c Settles b Ogilvie	4		
T. C. Ashton, not out	9	L. C. Kennard, c Perry b Ogilvie	2		
Extras	3	J. McRorie, not out	0		
Total for 8 wks. dec.		Extras	3		
		Total			
	O.	M.	R.	W.	
McRorie	23	6	47	4	
Millar	21	9	43	4	
	O.	M.	R.	W.	

Austin	2	0	14	0	Perry	7	1	15	3
Sutherland	2	0	10	0	McKenzie	6	3	4	2
					Eriksen	9	6	10	2
					Ashton	2	2	0	0
					Hill	4	1	6	0
					Ogilvie	4	2	2	2

May 21st—v. Daniel Stewart's—Home.

This was a frustrating game. It started half an hour late because Stewart's were late in arriving, and after some slow batting by them we were set to score 101 runs to win in 70 minutes.

The pattern for Stewart's innings was set by McAra, who batted for 70 minutes and could only score ten runs. McLean was the only batsman to show any confidence, and the longer he batted the more convincing he looked. Finally, McKenzie and Ashton demolished the tail, reducing the visiting side from 83 for 2 to 100 for 9, five wickets falling while the score remained at 100.

After losing Thompson quickly, the School made no effort to go for victory and used their innings as batting practice. Eriksen looked very assured during his innings.

Daniel Stewart's

McLean, c Balfour b Ashton	53
McAra, run out	10
Rennie, st Warburton b Thompson	6
Dakers, lbw b McKenzie	3
Ewen, b Ashton	2
Rees, c Balfour b Ashton	12
Vallance, lbw b McKenzie	0
Robertson, lbw b McKenzie	0
West, not out	0
Currie, c Settles b McKenzie	0
Extras	14

Total for 9 wks. dec. 100

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	8	3	19	0
Ashton	10	4	10	3
McKenzie	9.5	2	19	4
Eriksen	10	3	14	0
Ogilvie	6	1	17	0
Thompson	4	1	7	1

Strathallan

W. M. Thompson, b Rennie	3
G. W. Balfour, b West	8
S. S. Eriksen, c Kerr b Currie	27
I. A. G. Moodie, lbw b West	4
R. L. Settles, not out	12
D. A. Ogilvie, not out	7
T. C. Ashton, J. F. Hill, C. T. Perry, N. D. McKenzie and P. D. C. Warburton did not bat.	
Extras	5

Total for 4 wks. 66

	O.	M.	R.	W.
West	12	0	31	2
Rennie	8	2	18	1
Currie	3	0	12	1

May 25th—v. Merchiston—Away.

Merchiston, put into bat on a damp wicket on a cool, windy day, were soon in trouble against our opening attack, McKenzie and Perry, who both claimed an early wicket. Ashton, brought on half an hour before lunch, got an early wicket and then took another two. At lunch the score was 46 for 5. Another wicket soon after lunch with no further runs scored put Merchiston further into trouble, but following this, Swan and Roy got their heads down and started a recovery which, though it was slow, was nevertheless vital. At tea, when Merchiston declared, Swan had made 65 very useful runs in a sensible and sound innings.

R. Reid, b Pringle	4	P. D. C. Warburton, not out	1
M. Gill, not out	17	T. C. Ashton did not bat.	
Extras	4	Extras	1

Total for 7 wks, dec. 160

Total for 8 wks. 117

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	14	7	15	1	Chalmers	13	4	16	3
McKenzie	26	9	48	2	Pratt	7	3	6	1
Ashton	12	4	37	1	Gill	21	4	43	4
Eriksen	4	0	15	0	McConachie				
Ogilvie	11	1	25	2		17	2	40	0
Thompson	2	0	6	0	Todd	2	0	11	0
Pringle	4	0	10	1					

June 4th—v. Dollar Academy—Away.

The Dollar captain won the toss and chose to bat on an easy-paced wicket. Perry captured a wicket with his first ball, having one of the opening bats caught in the slips by Moodie. The fourth ball of the same over disposed of the first-wicket down batsman, and after that Dollar put up very little resistance and were all out for 35.

Thompson and Balfour opened for the School, the latter being bowled when the total was 3. Eriksen was out next ball. Thompson and Moodie then saw the School to a safer position.

Dollar

Strathallan

M. Strachan, c Moodie b Perry	0	W. M. Thompson, c Watson, b Bryson	15
G. Hay, b Perry	5	G. W. Balfour, b Bryson	2
D. Gourlay, b Perry	0	S. S. Eriksen, lbw b Bryson	0
R. Watson, c Ogilvie b Perry	4	I. A. G. Moodie, not out	20
N. Bryson, b Ashton	10	R. L. Settles, not out	0
J. Duck, b Ashton	4	D. Ogilvie, W. Pringle, P. Warburton, C. Perry, T. C. Ashton, N. D. McKenzie did not bat.	
N. Watson, b Perry	1		
G. Shaw, run out	0		
K. Murray, b Ashton	3		
R. Mathieson, c Warburton b Perry	0		
R. Sweet, not out	2		
Extras	6		

Total..... 35

Total for 3 wks. 37

	O.	M.	R.	W.		O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	11	5	16	6	Bryson	8	4	11	3
McKenzie	3	2	1	0	Duck	4	1	7	0
Ashton	7.2	2	12	3	Shaw	3	2	5	0
					Watson	2	1	3	0
					Mathieson	4	0	5	0

June 6th—v. C. B. E. Somerville's XI—Home.

C. B. E. Somerville won the toss and chose to bat. His side produced some attractive and attacking batting. They took all the runs that were available and soon had scored 160 for four wickets, whereupon the innings was declared closed.

Thompson, opening for the School, was at his most fluent. Most of his runs came from drives on both sides of the wicket and square cuts.

Unfortunately, even at his most fluent, Thompson sometimes get too much left hand into his drives. The result is an uppish shot in the direction of deep mid-off, and it was there that he was very well taken. The run chase was not helped, however, by Balfour, who prodded around ineffectually, and with Eriksen going almost immediately too, much was left to Moodie. Settles and Ogilvie contributed little, and Pringle played a reasonable little innings of promise before close of play. It was a match where we should have got closer to the other side's total.

C. B. E. Somerville's XI

G. W. Dawson, b Pringle	47
A. J. MacNab, b Ashton	19
R. E. C. Barr, c Settles b McKenzie	41
A. B. Wren, lbw b Pringle	11
F. A. Orr, not out	13
T. B. Robertson, not out	19
Extras	10

Total for 4 wks, dec. 160

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	6	0	31	0
McKenzie	15	3	51	1
Ashton	10	0	30	1
Eriksen	4	0	24	0
Pringle	5	0	14	2

Strathallan

W. M. Thompson, c Barr b Lawrence	58
G. W. Balfour, c Martin b Maw	1
S. S. Eriksen, c Martin b Dalziel	0
I. A. Moodie, not out	42
R. L. Settles, b Robertson	2
D. A. Ogilvie, c Martin b Robertson	4
W. Pringle, not out	18
P. D. C. Warburton, C. T. Perry, J. F. Hill, T. C. Ashton and N. D. McKenzie did not bat.	
Extras	1

Total for 5 wks. 126

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Dalziel	7	1	23	1
Maw	8	2	27	1
Lawrence	6	3	18	1
Robertson	11	4	22	2
Rennie	6	1	35	0

June 8th—v. Loretto—Cancelled.**June 19th—v. Perthshire—Home.**

The match started late, and Perthshire, winning the toss, decided to bat. The wicket was hard, and about as fast as we were to see it during the season, but the light was indifferent even so early in the evening.

Perthshire used their usual attacking tactics, trying to score off nearly every ball. It is difficult to bowl a good line against this sort of batting, but Ashton had the necessary experience which the other two bowlers lacked. He was able to hold the score down, and Perthshire declared with their score at 102.

The School were given 90 minutes in which to get these runs, but since they have never, during the season, mastered the art of the quick single, and since the bowling was accurate, they played defensively. Balfour was caught at the wicket down the leg side and then the spinners were brought on.

Howe, bowling leg-breaks from the Scout Wood end had Thompson caught at cover in his first over. The stroke was made with aggressive intentions, but Thompson didn't get over the ball. Eriksen was bowled by the same bowler shortly afterwards, and wickets started to fall with some regularity. By now the light was worsening considerably and at half past nine an appeal against the light was allowed.

Perthshire

S. I. McGregor, c and b Ashton	27
D. C. Duigan, b McKenzie	2
B. F. Munro, b Ashton	23
J. S. Symon, c Hill b Ashton	6
F. Stewart, ret. hurt	10
J. S. Gow, run out	2
A. R. Bowman, not out	15
D. G. Howe, c Warburton b Ashton	5
D. S. Stewart, b Ashton	2
Extras	10

Total for 7 wks. dec. 102

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	5	0	16	0
McKenzie	8	0	35	1
Ashton	10	0	30	5
Pringle	4	0	8	0
Ogilvie	2	0	3	0

Strathallan

W. M. Thompson, c Duigan b Howe	14
G. W. Balfour, c Gow b Wilson	1
S. S. Eriksen, b Howe	11
R. L. Settles, c Munro b Howe	10
D. A. Ogilvie, c and b Stewart	4
W. Pringle, c Gow b Howe	0
J. Hill, not out	2
P. D. C. Warburton, st Gow b Bowman	0
C. T. Perry, not out	0
N. D. McKenzie and T. C. Ashton did not bat.	
Extras	4

Total for 7 wks. 46

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Wilson	7	3	6	1
Napier	6	1	12	0
D. Stewart	7	3	12	1
Howe	7	4	9	4
Bowman	2	2	0	1
Symon	2	1	3	0

June 22nd—v. Old Strathallians—Home.

The Old Strathallians, for this match, were, it was said, without an adequate pace attack. The arrangement may have been fortuitous, but the move to put spin on as soon as the School went in to bat first was a good one, in view of the weakness that some of the batsmen have shown when facing spin. Turner quickly had Thompson caught at the wicket. Balfour and Eriksen took the score to 34 before there was a minor collapse, Eriksen and Moodie going at 34 and 36. Settles followed them at 47, and then Ogilvie and Balfour put on twenty more runs. Balfour was eventually bowled by Turner after he had made 35 valuable runs and held the innings together. Ogilvie was then out—for his highest score of the season for the XI—and it was left to Pringle and Warburton to salvage the innings.

Pringle batted admirably for his 46 in an hour, and was timing the ball well. (Much of his batting is in the classical left-hander mould, and his leaving at the end of term has left a gap which will not be easy to fill.) Warburton ably supported him in an innings of much promise. He is one of the few bats to use his feet to the spinners, although he is sometimes left stranded when he does it to the wrong ball. These two put on 48 for the seventh wicket and some more runs were scrambled together before the School were all out for 151.

The Old Strathallians started well before Anderson was bowled by one which probably left him a little. Cook, however, continued to bat well, and we were treated to some vintage Pate at the other end. Cook left at 46, just when he appeared to be well set, and I. Smith, always a quick scorer and even quicker runner between the wickets came in. Pate and Smith gave a good exhibition of fast running between the wickets, until Smith called for a run off a ball which had been pushed away backward of square. The return hit the stumps and that was 68 for 3. J. L. R. Parker didn't quite get to the pitch of a ball from Ashton and

was caught at first slip, and Pate, who all the time had been batting very well was bowled by Ashton. This made the score 88 for 5, and D. G. McKenzie's apparent lack of form suggested that the batting was coming to an end. In fact it was Mauchline who went first, caught off one that lifted slightly, and McKenzie was just starting to time his shots a little better when he too was bowled by Ashton.

It was now the turn of Balfour, Sen., to salvage the situation. The fine ovation he got on coming out to bat was a good start. Balfour, Jun., putting him down, very charitably, behind the wicket helped too. Sharpe, at the other end, batted for 15 minutes without scoring, and it was at this period that it looked as though the Old Strathallians were trying to hold out for a draw. Sharpe was eventually bowled with the score at 93, and then Dr. Balfour and Stewart decided to change the course of the game. They were helped in this when the spinners were put on, too.

At first, the change of bowling seemed to work. Balfour was caught half way back to the long-on boundary, but Stewart, with the score at 123 for 9 continued to flail at the bowling. Eriksen was hit for an enormous six up the hill over long-off. Turner took some judicious singles. In the last over, Ogilvie bowled four outside the off stump, all of which Stewart swished violently at without ever looking like connecting. The last ball, inadvertently, was put on middle and leg, and was a half-volley as well. It disappeared into the rhododendrons by the Chapel, and the Old Strathallians won a match which at one time they appeared to have lost.

Strathallan

W. M. Thompson, c Balfour b Turner	0
G. W. Balfour, b Turner	35
S. S. Eriksen, st Balfour b Turner	6
I. A. Moodie, b Turner	2
R. L. Settles, c Parker b Pate ..	9
D. A. Ogilvie, lbw b Smith ..	9
W. Pringle, not out	46
P. D. C. Warburton, b Smith ..	23
C. T. Perry, lbw b Turner	11
T. C. Ashton, lbw b Turner ..	1
N. D. McKenzie, c Pate b McKenzie	0
Extras	9

Total..... 151

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Turner	31	15	48	6
Smith	15	3	43	2
Pate	12	4	32	1
McKenzie	6.5	0	18	1

Old Strathallians

J. W. B. Anderson, b McKenzie ..	7
A. Cook, c and b Ashton	28
W. S. Pate, b Ashton	31
I. Smith, run out	14
J. L. Parker, c Perry b Ashton ..	0
D. G. McKenzie, b Ashton ..	7
C. Mauchline, c Balfour b McKenzie	0
A. R. Sharpe, b Ashton	0
G. W. Balfour, c Pringle b Ogilvie	11
D. M. Stewart, not out	45
A. D. Turner, not out	4
Extras	7

Total for 9 wkts. 154

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	4	1	11	0
McKenzie	13	0	41	2
Ashton	15	3	44	5
Pringle	4	0	14	0
Ogilvie	4	0	17	1
Eriksen	2	0	19	0

June 26th—v. Forfarshire—Home.

This was never a match in which bad light looked like stopping play; in fact the light was good the whole time. The School batted first, and Thompson, suffering from lack of form, was soon out. Balfour and Eriksen carried the scoring along fairly quickly, and Balfour particularly

was beginning to look a better bat than he had done all season. Eriksen, too, batted well, although he was dropped three times in his 49. Hill never looked in touch, and Warburton was stumped going down the wicket again. Perry opened his scoring with a six, but did little else. It was now a matter of using up time as well as scoring runs, and Picken defended ably with Ashton. The innings was declared closed at 117.

The Forfarshire opening pair put on seventy in very quick time. Coupar was driving the ball well, and a slightly over-pitched ball from McKenzie was put on to the Chapel lawn. At the other end Smith was scoring a lot of his runs cutting, and the field was never really set to block this shot. For most of the innings, in fact, there were two slips where even one might have been too many. Ashton soon came off and Perry, coming on at the Scout Wood end was hit for six first ball. He was bowling round the wicket off a shortened run, and although a wicket which started to green up later helped him, his direction and length were never good enough to quieten the batsmen more than momentarily.

Strathallan		Forfarshire	
W. M. Thompson, c and b		A. J. Coupar, run out	50
Robertson	2	T. M. Smith, b Perry	21
G. W. Balfour, c Wood b Finlayson	15	E. C. Reoch, not out	14
S. S. Eriksen, c Coupar b Harrow	49	A. P. Stark, b Perry	2
J. F. Hill, b Wood	14	A. K. Harrow, b Eriksen	5
P. D. C. Warburton, st Steele b Harrow	7	K. Wood, not out	24
C. T. Perry, lbw b Robertson	11	Extras	4
G. M. Thomson, b Finlayson	2	Total for 4 wks.	119
B. J. Picken, not out	10	O.	M.
T. C. Ashton, not out	4	Ashton	3
N. D. McKenzie and A. D. G. Duncan did not bat.		McKenzie	5
Extras	3	Perry	7.5
Total for 7 wks. dec.	117	Eriksen	5
		R.	0
		W.	0
			43
			2
			25
			1

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Walton	8	1	32	0
Robertson	9	3	11	2
Finlayson	11	3	18	2
Wood	5	1	17	1
Murray	4	0	17	0
Harrow	5	1	20	2

July 6th—v. Glenalmond—Away.

Strathallan won the toss and decided to bat first on a wicket that had had a lot of rain on it. The occasion marked the return to form of Thompson, and he and Balfour gave the side a good start, putting on 42 for the first wicket. Thompson was out first and the innings was given body in another good partnership when Eriksen joined Balfour. Balfour was out at 60 and Eriksen at 88. Moodie followed shortly after. After that the batsmen were dismissed cheaply and it was left to McKenzie and Ashton to score 22 for the last wicket.

Glenalmond made a fair start, although the lack of a long-leg and a

CRICKET HOUSE MATCHES

Senior — Winners: Freeland

Junior — Winners: Simpson

THIRD XI**v. Merchiston**—Merchiston 185-9 (dec.) (Aitchison 3-33); Strathallan 19.**v. Fettes**—Strathallan 39; Fettes 40-6.**v. Glenalmond**—Glenalmond 42 (C. L. MacDonald 6-8); Strathallan 43-5.

Total lack of match experience produced violent nervousness, particularly in the match against Merchiston who were, anyway, a much better, more experienced side. By the time of our match with Glenalmond things were going better. On the whole this was not too disastrous a first season for a young side.

J.F.C.

SENIOR COLTS

Played 7; Won 3; Drawn 2; Lost 2.

v. Perth Academy—Strathallan 76 (Carmichael 22); Perth Academy 20 (Walker 8-9).**v. Morrison's**—Strathallan 79 (Carmichael 21); Morrison's 38 (MacLeod 4-13).**v. Merchiston**—Strathallan 71-8 (dec.) (Steele 35 not out); Merchiston 73-3.**v. Fettes**—Fettes 88 (Walker 4-17); Strathallan 64-7.**v. Dollar**—Strathallan 75 (Rutherford 25); Dollar 55-9 (Walker 5-10).**v. Glasgow Academy**—Strathallan 91-6 (dec.) (Gordon 35); Glasgow Academy 53 (Walker 5-18).**v. Glenalmond**—Strathallan 85; Glenalmond 87-5.

This was a promising but disappointing side. At no time was there a completely convincing innings played by any player of our side, and in the majority of matches the last six scored more than the first five batsmen. There was an inability to recognise the bad ball as such, and no one developed the sense of pacing an innings.

The attack was generally better than our opponents' attack. Walker bowled well throughout the season, and should develop into a more than useful medium fast bowler. McLeod was steady but lacked hostility.

Steele put a lot of thought into the captaincy and was particularly aware of the value of attack when in the field. He is also a useful leg-break bowler.

N.F.P.

JUNIOR COLTS

Played 6; Won 3; Drawn 2; Lost 1.

- v. **Perth Academy**—Strathallan 88 (MacKenzie 43); Perth Academy 16 (MacKenzie 4-3).
- v. **Dundee High School**—Strathallan 79 (Whyte 49). Dundee High School 45-9 (Thomson 4-14).
- v. **Merchiston**—Merchiston 113 (MacKenzie 6-29); Strathallan 116-6 (C. Hill 50 not out, MacKenzie 48).
- v. **Fettes**—Strathallan 127-5 (dec.) (Whyte 83 not out); Fettes 55-8 (Whyte 5-12).
- v. **Glasgow Academy**—Glasgow Academy 4 (Fergie 9-0); Strathallan 5-2.
- v. **Glenalmond**—Strathallan 37; Glenalmond 41-5.

JUNIOR XI CRICKET

- v. **Drumtochty Castle**—Away—Won by 24 runs.
Drumtochty 15; Strathallan 39.
- v. **Dalhousie**—Home—Won by 70 runs.
Strathallan 107 for 8 dec.; Dalhousie 37.
- v. **Belmont House**—Away—Won by 146 runs.
Strathallan 180; Belmont 34.
- v. **Croftinloan**—Home—Won by 57 runs.
Strathallan 116 for 4 dec.; Croftinloan 59.
- v. **Craigflower**—Away—Won by 5 runs.
Strathallan 108; Craigflower 103.
- v. **Ardvreck**—Home—Won by 96 runs.
Strathallan 115 for 4 dec.; Ardvreck 19.

Played 6; Won 6; Drawn 0; Lost 0.

Runs for:—665 for the loss of 46 wickets @ 14.47 per wicket.
against:—267 for the loss of 60 wickets @ 4.45 per wicket.

JUNIOR 2nd XI

- v. **Craigflower 2nd XI**—Home—Won by 16 runs.
Strathallan 67; Craigflower 51.
- v. **Ardvreck 2nd XI**—Away—Won by 11 runs.
Strathallan 81; Ardvreck 70.

Athletics

ATHLETICS always depends on the weather, and this was brought home to us forcibly at the beginning of our season this year. Our first match, versus Glenalmond, had to be postponed because of flooding to the track. Since the waterlogged conditions lasted for some time, training too was hampered to a certain extent. Eventually, three matches—against Loretto, Glenalmond and Fettes, were squeezed into the space of ten days, and not unnaturally performances were somewhat disappointing.

However, from that point it was possible to have more intensive training, and just before half-term we went to Dunblane to the Six Schools Baton Relay Competition, and this we won. The final fixture was again Rannoch whom we beat fairly convincingly at Rannoch. Best performers of the season were Muir's 5' 9" in the High Jump at Fettes, a height he was to beat on Sports Day, and Sharpe's 4 min. 35.1 sec. Mile at Fettes.

The results of Sports Day follow.

Event	Class	1st	2nd	Time or Distance
Long Jump	Riley	Duncan, S.R.C.	Wallace, A. T. A.	12' 6"
Long Jump	Junior	Black (N)	Lockhart (F)	16' 2"
Long Jump	Middle	Lear (S)	Downs (S)	18' 0"
Long Jump	Senior	Muir (F)	Houston (R)	19' 4½"
Discus	Junior	Gall (S)	Fraser (N)	98' 7"
Discus	Middle	Ross (N)	Mackie (S)	134' 3½"
Discus	Senior	Cromarty (S)	Robbie (S)	112' 10"
Javelin	Junior	Scott (N)	Reekie (F)	121' 9"
Javelin	Middle	Downs (S)	McBride (N)	135' 7"
Javelin	Senior	Ashton (R)	McKenzie (N)	158' 9½"
Shot	Junior	Reekie (F)	Black (N)	35' 0"
Shot	Middle	Perry (F)	Downs (S)	41' 7"
Shot	Senior	Biggart (F)	Cromarty (S)	31' 1"
Relay	Riley	Glencoe	Big Dorm	58.8
Relay	Junior	Nicol	Simpson	51.9
Relay	Middle	Simpson	Nicol	48.6
Relay	Senior	Freeland	Nicol	47.6
100 yds.	Riley	Hamilton	Wallace	12.9
100 yds.	Junior	Whyte (R)	Lockhart (F)	11.5
100 yds.	Middle	Lear (S)	McLachlan (N)	10.9
100 yds.	Senior	Houston (R)	McNab (N)	10.6
220 yds.	Junior	Walker (S)	Scott (N)	26.4
220 yds.	Middle	Lear (S)	McLachlan (N)	24.4
220 yds.	Senior	Houston (R)	McNab (N)	23.8
330 yds.	Riley	Wallace	Hamilton	46.6
440 yds.	Junior	Fraser (N)	Reekie (F)	59.5
440 yds.	Middle	Sharpe (N)	McLachlan (N)	53.9
440 yds.	Senior	McNab (N)	Biggart (F)	53.8
880 yds.	Junior	Whyte (R)	Reekie (F)	2 min. 19.6
880 yds.	Middle	Sharpe (N)	Waterson (R)	2 min. 5.6
880 yds.	Senior	McNab (N)	Roy (N)	2 min. 11.9
1 mile	Middle	Sharpe (N)	Waterson (R)	4 min. 35.3
1 mile	Senior	McNab (N)	Biggart (F)	4 min. 55.7
High Jump	Riley	Duncan, C. W.	Wallace, A. T. A.	4' 3"
High Jump	Junior	Green (N)	Reekie (F)	4' 9"
High Jump	Middle	Holmes (S)	Lear (S)	5' 8"
High Jump	Senior	Muir (F)	Smith (F)	5' 10"

Winning House: Nicol

Victores Ludorum

Senior: N. McNab

Middle: C. P. Lear

Junior: C. D. Reekie

Badminton

It was decided that there was to be no subscription for membership of the club this year. The number of members rose to 40 as a direct result of this, but few people were keen enough to play.

Again there have been hindrances to playing at all, although Mr. Henderson has kindly allowed us to use the gymnasium when it is available. With better facilities and more time for play the obvious skill displayed by many of the members could be put to greater use.

Next year it is hoped to have some games against outside opposition. D. J. C. Sharpe held the office of secretary during the year and I. A. G. Moodie was president.

I.A.G.M.

Boxing

THIS year there were a number of good bouts in some of the middle-weight and light-weight classes. But, as was to be expected, there were those bouts in which one opponent was too strong for the other, and consequently the fight had to be stopped. A mention here should be made to the pluckiness with which everyone went into their fights, no matter how much the odds were against them.

The preliminary bouts were well organised and were successfully completed well before the 7th February, the day of the final bouts. As regards the points situation at this stage in the competition, Nicol were in the lead. This lead was due not only to the number of fights won by the Nicol boxers in the preliminary bouts, but also to the large excess of numbers that Nicol has over the other houses. The number of finalists was better distributed, Ruthven having six, Simpson seven, Freeland three and Nicol six.

As usual the finals produced some excellent, hard-fought and keen contests. Those not considered favourites fought hard and, at times, looked as though they would win. Only three bouts were stopped before time.

The finals ended with Nicol holding on to their lead over the remaining three houses.

Mr. Burnet, in the absence of the Headmaster, kindly presented the prizes. Mr. Henderson was again Referee and G. M. J. Ross was Master of Ceremonies.

The results of the finals were as follows:

Division	Winner	Runner-up
Flyweight	Inglis (R)	Sharp (N)
Bantamweight	Walker (N)	Campbell (N)
Featherweight	McQueen (R)	Waterston ((R)
Lightweight	Finlay (S)	Dods (R)
Light Welterweight	Wallace (S)	McLean (F)
Welterweight	Smith (R)	Scott (N)
Light Middleweight	Carmichael (N)	Russell (R)
Middleweight	Mitchell (F)	Fielding (F)
Light Heavyweight	MacLeod (S)	Walker (S)
Heavyweight 'A'	Mackie (S)	Gall (N)
Heavyweight 'B'	McArthur (S)	Robbie (S)

G.M.J.R.

Cross Country

THIS has ceased to function as a sport in the School, but we understand that plans are afoot to resuscitate it on a large scale. The results of the annual cross-country races follow.

Senior: P. M. Wilson (F)

Middle: D. J. C. Sharpe (N)

Junior: H. G. Fraser (N)

1st — Simpson; 2nd — Nicol.

Fencing

AS in previous years the club has been run under the very able and enthusiastic guidance of Mr. Henderson. We have about twenty members — for us a record — which is a measure of the enthusiasm in the School nowadays for fencing.

This year the team — Thompson, Young, G. M. (until Christmas), Warburton, Nielsen and Wearmouth — did better than expected in the Thistle Shield Competition, although latterly the standard of fencing did fall a little due to the imminence of examinations. Most of the nine matches that we had were fought in connection with the Thistle Shield, although some were friendlies.

Our first match was against St. Joseph's College. The performances of Young and Thompson, who both managed four wins each, was good, and with Warburton and Mitchell backing up adequately with two wins each, we won by a comfortable 12 points to 4. Our next match, which was against Kingussie, was an easy win (20-5), with good performances all round.

On 23rd November we fenced Perth Boys' Club whose team

consisted, rather strangely, of 3 boys and one girl. Perhaps our sword-play was inspired; we certainly won this match quite easily.

After this Ainslie Park beat us easily, but we beat St. Joseph's again, scraped home against Dollar and lost to Merchiston.

The outlook for the team is a good one. Only Thompson of the present side is leaving, and Mr. Henderson will be having to look for a large gym if there are any more recruits. Colours were awarded to W. M. Thompson, G. H. Young, P. D. C. Warburton, A. L. Wearmouth.

Results of the matches were as follows: —

v. St. Joseph's

W. M. Thompson 4-0
G. H. Young 4-0
P. D. C. Warburton 2-2
B. D. Mitchell 2-2

v. Kingussie

W. M. Thompson 5-0
G. H. Young 5-0
P. D. C. Warburton 3-2
B. D. Mitchell 4-1
D. E. Mitchell 3-2

v. Perth Boys' Club

W. M. Thompson 4-0
G. H. Young 4-0
P. D. C. Warburton 3-1
B. D. Mitchell 4-0

v. Ainslie Park

W. M. Thompson 4-0
G. H. Young 1-3
P. D. C. Warburton 2-2
B. D. Mitchell 0-4

v. Dollar Academy

W. M. Thompson 3-1
P. D. C. Warburton 2-2
J. F. Nielsen 1-3
A. L. Wearmouth 3-1

v. Merchiston

W. M. Thompson 2-2
P. D. C. Warburton 2-1
J. F. Nielsen 0-3
A. L. Wearmouth 1-2

v. St. Joseph's

W. M. Thompson 3-0
P. D. C. Warburton 2-1
J. F. Nielsen 2-0
A. L. Wearmouth 2-0

v. Ainslie Park

W. M. Thompson 4-0
P. D. C. Warburton 0-4
J. F. Nielsen 0-4
A. L. Wearmouth 2-2

W.M.T.

Fly-Tying and Fishing

THE Fly-Tying Club was not well supported during the winter, although a small band of enthusiasts has kept things going. We were fortunate to get instruction from Mr. King Watson. He gave up a lot of his spare time to come, and we are very grateful to him.

During the summer we were able to experiment with our own productions, and besides the local fishing there was the annual outing to Loch Leven. There, fishing was better than

usual, and was made a lot easier since the boats were equipped with outboard motors.

The rainbow in the pond have provided good sport, and the one over 2 lb. has been caught.

R.F.P.

Golf

THE School Course was used well during the year, and membership of the School Golf Club was again over the hundred mark, and this despite the raising of the subscription.

Alterations to the course this year have included the building of a new third tee, the turf of which came from the site of the new dining-hall, the continuing work on the new second green, which has now been cleared but still needs a great deal of top soil on it, and the introduction of a seventh tee to ease congestion at certain times during the day. Apart from this the drainage 'bunker' on the slope above the sixth green has been extended, and alterations are in hand around the first green too.



Taking a few divots.

Of necessity, though, alterations must be slow because of lack of labour, equipment and the time in which to do the digging. We hope to do much during the coming winter.

At the beginning of term S. S. Eriksen was elected captain of the club, J. T. Moffat vice-captain, and A. J. Stuart was appointed secretary. Four monthly medals were played, and they also served as qualifying rounds for the Club Championship, which was won by S. S. Eriksen. J. T. Moffat won the singles handicap competition.

Outside the School some of our members have distinguished themselves. Moffat was unlucky to be removed from the final stages of the Scottish Boys at North Berwick, Williamson won the Perthshire Boys over the Princes at Gleneagles, and Ovenstone came fifth in the Fife Boys during the term.

We had three matches scheduled during the Summer Term. The match against Perth Academy was called off at the last moment. We thought we had a reasonable chance against Glenalmond this year, but succumbed meekly, losing 9 of our matches. For the second year running Williamson and Ovenstone managed to win their singles. However, victory did follow against the staff, whom we beat 7-1, Mr. Addison being the only winner for the masters. The match was played over Leven, and the day was an overwhelming success. We have to thank Mr. Stuart for looking after the arrangements for this match and for his generosity.

Next term we hope to take a team of four to a stroke play competition for local schools which is being arranged by Glenalmond over their course.

A.J.S.

Sailing

DURING the winter months the boats were maintained under Prain's direction and were ready for the beginning of the season.

The first fixture was the Perth Sailing Club's Team Racing Weekend. Sailing exceptionally well the team beat the hosts, Perth Sailing Club, and Glenalmond, although we were, in turn, narrowly beaten by Forfar S.C. Unfortunately, because of high winds Sunday's racing was cancelled and we were therefore given second place, our best ever position in this event.

The Young Helmsman's Race was, for the third year running, won by a Strathallan boy: this time, D. M. Findlay.

For the first time the School entered a team for the Stewart Cup, a schools' race for Graduate class dinghies on the Forth. We are grateful to Forbes for lending us his Graduate for this event. However, in light conditions and having to handle an unfamiliar craft, the team could only finish sixth out of eleven.

A home match against Fettes was arranged and the team, sailing well, had no trouble in beating them. A triangular fixture was also arranged against Glenalmond and Rannoch. The team had already beaten Glenalmond at the Team Racing Weekend and we were surprisingly beaten this time. We came second.

Another first-time event for us was the Forfar Team Racing Weekend. This was to be a week-end haunted by breakdowns and damages. Sailing conditions were also difficult and we only managed to beat Stonehaven S.C. thus coming fifth in the event.

The house sailing competition was held on the last Thursday of term and was won by Nicol.

At Mudhook this year the School will be represented by Insch, Crawford and Prain.

We would like to thank Mr. Gray and other members of the staff who have given up so much of their time this year to run the club and help to make the season an enjoyable one.

I.D.R.P.

Shooting

For the first time for many years the School did not enter the county winter shooting competition, the Perthshire League. Over the past few years the standard of shooting had fallen and with the introduction of hard targets, results and enthusiasm declined. Furthermore, the long Christmas holiday meant that two targets had to be shot each week without fail.

Instead only national and inter-school postal matches were shot. It is hoped that next year more inter-school matches will be arranged. The results in these competitions were as follows: 65th in the Stanlifforth Cup; lost to Cheltenham in the Cheltenham Cup; 41st, 59th and 32nd in the NSRA Junior Winter Competition; lost to Edinburgh Academy.

Halfway through the Spring Term the range was dismantled and it was not until after the first week of the Summer Term that the new hut was completed. This meant that a number of matches had to be cancelled. However, the new hut will make shooting more comfortable, especially in the dead of winter.

The RAF section of the CCF entered the Scottish Winter CCF competition: the A team came 7th in the 1st Division; the B team won the 5th, and the C team came 2nd in the 7th. The rebuilding of the shooting range prevented the section entering for the Assegai Trophy.

The Shooting Eight were K. W. G. Gillanders (capt.), W. D. Rennie, G. H. Young, J. F. Fawcett, G. S. Watson, A. A. Chalmers and P. Nicol, plus K. T. M. Bell or A. D. Targowski.

Shooting colours were re-awarded to K. W. Gillanders and awarded to J. F. Fawcett, W. D. Rennie and A. A. Chalmers for the 1967-68 season.

During the summer J. F. Fawcett took over as Captain of Shooting.

K.W.G.

Ski Club

THE membership of the Club was in the eighties, ensuring that the forty seats in the weekly buses to Glenshee were filled, at least until the last two weeks of the term. Generally, with the greater number of trips, the standard of ski-ing in the Club has improved considerably.

Much emphasis was placed this season on improving the standard of the racing team. In this connection we are most grateful to C. A. H. Greig for the time he devoted to coaching the team and to Major Greig for the generous donation of a day's professional race-training in Glenshee for the team. Our first match was against Dundee Ski Club Juniors and although our team of 8 was again beaten, the losing margin was smaller than in the previous year. A. G. R. Main did particularly well in being the overall winner.

The House Race was held on March 25th, fortunately just after a reasonable fall of snow. The course was a giant slalom of 22 gates set by C. A. H. Greig. There were not many surprises in the results, the order being Ruthven, Simpson, Freeland with Riley again beating Nicol. In the first three individual places were D. K. R. Low, R. J. Macdonald and A. G. R. Main, all of Ruthven.

The following week a party consisting of nine racing-squad members and three masters, acting as chauffeurs, spent a week-end in the Cairngorms as guests of Major Greig, to whom once again we convey our sincere thanks. We travelled up on the Friday night, racing against Gordonstoun on Saturday afternoon and spending the rest of the available time on free ski-ing until

early Sunday afternoon. Although one of the cars broke down on Friday night, the week-end was very successful. The team did very well to win their match against Gordonstoun raced over a challenging course on the White Lady set by Pierre Meugnier of Cairdsport Ski School.

The final event of the season was the annual School's race. The team consisted of S. F. H. Greig, A. G. R. Main, R. J. Macdonald, D. K. R. Low and K. M. Burnett, with M. W. H. Cran as gatewatcher and first reserve. Our hopes in the race were finally pinned on Burnett, running number 99, who, following the retirement of two previous members of the team needed to finish in order to give us a team placing. Much to the team's relief he not only finished but finished very well. Main showed considerable skill and promise in finishing third against fierce competition from the Speyside schools. His third place won him the Dundee Ski Club Junior Championship to add to the trophy he gained for being the first junior to finish in the Gulabin Slalom earlier in the season. The school finished an improved fourth though slightly disappointed at having been beaten for third place by Gordonstoun.

Thanks go to Mr. Clayton for all the time he has devoted to running the Club, also to Messrs. Mole, Macpherson and Newbury for their assistance during the term.

We also express our gratitude to Messrs. Hendersons Ltd. for their generous donation to the Ski Club's funds and to Mr. Main who very kindly made his caravan available during the Easter vacation to boys wanting to participate in the national training programme held in the Cairngorms.

Finally ski news of an Old Strathallian and former Captain of the Club. C. A. H. Greig, now at Dundee University, has been having success in Scottish senior races with notable results in finishing 2nd in the British Universities Championship and 3rd in the Scottish Ski Club Championships.

S.F.H.G.

RACING RESULTS

1) House Race

Individual Placings

1) D. K. R. Low (R)	24.5" + 24.0"
2) R. J. Macdonald (R)	27.5" + 25.85"
3) A. G. R. Main (R)	30.3" + 23.9"
4) M. W. H. Cran (S)	30.5" + 29.0"
5) S. F. H. Greig (S)	26.45" + 33.7"
6) C. J. Robertson (S)	35.6" + 29.5"
7) D. M. Findlay (F)	34.5" + 30.9"
8) D. J. Butchart (Ri)	29.4" + 42.0"
9) K. M. Burnett (R)	39.9" + 31.5"
10) D. R. D. Low (Ri)	39.6" + 32.2"

Team Placings

1)	Ruthven	109½ pts
2)	Simpson	91 pts.
3)	Freeland	77 pts.
4)	Riley	63½ pts.
5)	Nicol	47 pts.

2) Strathallan v. Gordonstoun

<i>School</i>			<i>Gordonstoun</i>		
1)	Main	28.4"	3)	Kagan	30.6"
2)	Macdonald	28.6"	4)	Saunders (1)	31.6"
5=)	Burnett	33.8"	5=)	Osburne	33.8"
8)	Findlay	36.4"	7)	Saunders (2)	34.4"
<i>Totals</i>		127.2"			130.4"

3) Scottish Schools Ski Race

1)	Kingussie	109.8"
2)	Grantown	115.6"
3)	Gordonstoun	119.6"
4)	Strathallan	126.4"

Individual Placings

3rd	Main	35.2"
24th	Burnett	44.5"
28th	Macdonald	46.7"

Squash

THIS is the second year that the squash courts have been functioning. They have retained their popularity, especially with the new boys, some of whom are showing considerable promise. On the other hand one or two of last year's promising seniors have not been so keen as they were, so there has been a great amount of mediocre play.

We travelled up with the rugby XV to Gordonstoun to play our first inter-school match. We had to play only two hours after the end of a very long bus journey so our performance did not, perhaps match our best standards and we were beaten. However, we gained an immense amount of experience from the match because the Gordonstoun styles of play were vastly different from our own.

We thank Mr. Addison and Mr. Mole for their coaching and for putting up with a lot of unskilled beginners.

The results of competitions within the School are as follows: —

House Competition: Freeland.

Senior Championship: D. H. Mui.

Junior Championship: C. G. Scroggie.

D.M.M.

Swimming

BAD luck plagued us during the season, for we had potentially one of the best swimming teams that the School has had for many years. With a few days of our going to swim in the Bath Cup competition though, C. M. Thom, the captain of swimming, fell ill with tonsillitis and was not allowed to swim. Both our entry in the Bath Cup, and a fixture at Whitgift School had then to be cancelled. Our match with Loretto had to be cancelled because Loretto were in quarantine, and the match with Glenalmond proved difficult to arrange. Another projected match against Barnard Castle did not materialise.

Our thanks go to Mr. Newbury who trained the team six days a week, and who trained the other swimmers to such a degree that the idea of swimming's being an easy option was soon lost. Butterfly was introduced, and was even included in the swimming sports at the end of term.

The School team would have been: C. M. Thom (capt.); R. D. Thom; P. F. P. Cranston; B. Mitchell; A. L. Wearmouth; A. G. Balfour.

The results of the sports were as follows:

100 yards Freestyle

Senior: 1. Thom, C. M. (R); 2. Cranston (S).
Middle: 1. Edwards (N); 2. Mitchell, B. (F).
Junior: 1. Mitchell, D. (F); 2. Sneddon (N).

100 yards Breast-stroke

Senior: 1. Chalmers, A. G. (F); 2. Rennie (F).
Middle: 1. Pringle (S); 2. Reid (N).
Junior (50 yards): 1. Lockhart (F); 2. Mitchell (F).

100 yards Backstroke

Senior: 1. Balfour A. G. (R); 2. Thom, C. M. (R).
Middle: 1. Heggie (S); 2. Mitchell, B. (F).
Junior (50 yards): 1. Mitchell, D. (F); 2. Sharp (N).

50 yards Butterfly

Senior: 1. Cranston (S); 2. Wearmouth (F).
Middle: 1. Pickering (S); 2. Robertson (R).
Junior (25 yards): 1. Young (R); 2. Robbie (S).

Relays

Senior: 4 by 50 yards Freestyle: 1. Nicol; 2. Simpson.
Middle: 4 by 50 yards Freestyle: 1. Nicol; 2. Simpson.
Junior: 4 by 50 yards Freestyle: 1. Simpson; 2. Freeland.
Senior: 4 by 50 yards Medley: 1. Freeland; 2. Simpson.
Middle: 4 by 50 yards Medley: 1. Nicol; 2. Freeland.
Junior: 4 by 25 yards Medley: 1. Simpson; 2. Freeland.
Senior: 8 by 50 yards: 1. Ruthven; 2. Nicol.

Swimming Cup: Nicol.

Mr. Henderson once more took the classes for the Royal Life Saving Award Examination. The classes were well attended and the examination was held in Perth at the end of the Summer Term. The examination was much more difficult than it has been on previous occasions, but the results were as good as usual. Amongst other awards, 6 Instructors Certificates, 3 Bronze Crosses and a bar to a Bronze Cross were gained.

C.M.T.

Tennis

THIS has been probably the best season the School Tennis VI has ever enjoyed. The standard of play throughout the School has been much higher than in previous years and, hopefully, it will continue to rise in the forthcoming years. Much of the improvement has been due to the work of Mr. Burnet, the master in charge of tennis, and the weekly coaching sessions from Mr. Woodcraft, a tennis professional from Dundee.

The tennis VI only lost twice in nine matches, these being against a very strong Glasgow Academy team and a strong Morrison's team. Both matches, however, were very close and hard fought. The results for the season were:

- v. **Gordonstoun**—Won 6-3.
- v. **The Edinburgh Academy**—Won 6-3.
- v. **Daniel Stewart's**—Won 8-1.
- v. **Merchiston**—Won 8-1.
- v. **Fettes**—Won 5-4.
- v. **Glasgow Academy**—Lost 3-6.
- v. **Morrison's**—Lost 4-5.
- v. **Old Strathallians**—Won 8-1.
- v. **Gordonstoun**—Won 5-4.

The matches against Kelvinside Academy, Loretto and Glenalmond were cancelled.

The team was:

- 1st pair—C. L. McLachlan and R. J. Lawson.
 - 2nd pair—A. E. M. Laband and J. S. Houston.
 - 3rd pair—R. A. Jeffrey and D. B. Fraser.
- G. S. Watson and D. G. Jenkins also played.

The first pair won 24 out of their 27 matches and this record may be bettered next season by them since both are returning. Laband and Houston had a very good season winning most of their matches, and Jeffrey and Fraser played steadily all season, giving a few opposing first pairs some close matches.

In the house matches, Ruthven, with four members of the School team, were just beaten by Simpson, who went on to win the cup.

In the singles championship, McLachlan beat Houston, and Lawson beat Laband in the semi-finals. In the final Lawson beat McLachlan 6-1, 6-2, 6-0.

End of season colours were awarded to J. S. Houston, R. A. Jeffrey, and D. B. Fraser. Colours were re-awarded to McLachlan and Laband.

R.J.L.

Occasionals

CLIMATIC conditions permitted play in the six of the nine fixtures arranged for the Summer Term. Of the six we won four and drew two. In the process we scored 1020 runs at the rate of 32.9 per wicket whilst our opponents made 764 at the rate of 14.1 per wicket. Our best performance with the bat was undoubtedly our 193 for 4 declared against West Lothian at Boghall. It was during this match that Mr. Mole, with 306 runs to his credit the most prolific scorer this season, made his highest score for the occasionals — 75. Mr. Addison, with 210 runs (including two half-centuries) and ten wickets (including 5 for 11 against Grange C.C.) has been a leading force in the side. Old Strathallians who have played for us this season are P. M. Hamilton, I. M. Smith, W. S. Pate, D. J. S. Currie, J. L. R. Parker and D. M. Stewart. Whilst of those still at school N. D. McKenzie has played for us and G. W. Balfour against us. On our tour of Somerset and Dorset we shall have the services of T. C. Ashton, G. W. Balfour, S. S. Eriksen and C. T. Perry.

Anyone wishing to play during the term is asked to contact Mr. Williams at the School. Mr. Johnson is once again arranging the tour.

J.F.C.



The President.

STRATHALLIAN CLUB

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Our President

J. HARRY ALLEN was at Strathallan between 1928 and 1933 and insists that he had no particular achievements apart from being one of the first members of Simpson House. Since leaving School, Harry has made a considerable impression on the business world, particularly in the East Fife area of Scotland. As Chairman and Managing Director of the 100 year old family business, "The Allen Lithographic Co. Ltd.", Harry has taken this firm into the front rank of Colour Printers in the country. He has served as President of the Society of Master Printers of Scotland and on most of the Federation Committees and City of Guilds of London Consultative Committees, and has recently been appointed by the Minister of Labour to serve on the Printing and Publishing Industry Training Board.

Local work has not been neglected as is shown by many high posts that have been, and are being, filled at the present time: President of Kirkcaldy and East Fife Chamber of Commerce, and Kirkcaldy Rotary Club, Chairman of Kirkcaldy and District Local Employment Committee and, also, the Boy Scouts Association. The world of Finance is not neglected either, with service as a General Commissioner of Income Tax and a Trustee Manager of Kirkcaldy District Trustee Savings Bank.

As a pre-war Territorial Officer, Harry served during the war both at home and in India. He was awarded the T.D. in 1950 and retired with the rank of Major. With two teenage daughters, Harry and his wife, as parents, have no direct interest in the School, although pupils have some interest in the daughters but, over a long period of years, it would be hard to find an old boy who has shown more interest and taken part in more activities, on behalf of the Club, than Harry Allen.

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

THE 34th Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Station Hotel, Perth, on Saturday, 9th December, 1967. The President, Dr. R. A. Houston, occupied the Chair and the formal business of the Meeting was carried through expeditiously. The President referred to the proposal which had been made by the Club that a Memorial Plaque to the Founder of the School Mr. Harry Reilly should be erected in the Chapel and that the Wreath should be laid against the Plaque on Founder's Day instead of at the grave. This proposal was presently under

consideration by the Governors and the Club. A proposal had also been made that part of the Club funds should be used for providing a further Bursary. This was also under consideration and it was suggested that it might take the form of an increase in the War Memorial Bursary Fund. 54 new life members and 3 new ordinary members were duly elected. The Council's Report and the Annual Accounts were approved and Office Bearers were elected in accordance with the list which starts the O.S. section of the magazine.

The Annual Dinner was held in the Hotel Banqueting Hall following the meeting when a large turnout of members and guests enjoyed an excellent meal.

After Dinner the President presented the Golf and Angling Trophies which had been won during the year.

The toast of the Club and the School was proposed by W. M. McKinlay, J.P.

Mr. McKinlay referred to the Association of Old Boys as being the main support of the Governors and a bulwark against outside attack. He paid tribute to the fact that the School continued to flourish largely as a result of the thought and care of the Head Master and his staff. Mr. Hoare is very highly regarded at the Head Masters' Conference not only because of his seniority but because of the prestige which his 17 years at Strathallan have given to the School.

The President replied on behalf of the Club and made brief reference to the activities of the Club during the preceding year.

The Head Master replied for the School and in the course of a quick resumé of the School's year, he referred to the Art Exhibition which had been held in London in aid of the Florentine Restoration Fund where a good proportion of the paintings exhibited had been sold. The Head Master's speech received its usual enthusiastic welcome from the assembled company.

The health of the guests was proposed by one of our keenest anglers, David Biggart, who is now Vice President of the Club and the reply was given by his close friend, Mr. T. Ian Robertson, also a keen angler. Their speeches were in lighter vein and most entertaining.

Dance Report

THE Annual Dinner Dance was held in the Banqueting Hall of the Central Hotel in Glasgow on Friday 19th January, 1968, and was as usual a great success. The guests were received by the President, Mr. Harry Allan and his wife, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all.

Angling Section Report

ANOTHER disappointing Season has been experienced by this Section but despite this the competitions are enthusiastically supported. The Season opened as usual at Loch Tay, but although a few fish were seen in the river, none was brought onto the bank. At the Annual General Meeting held at Ard-breknish Hotel, Loch Awe, on 3rd May, John Hall one of the prime movers in the formation of the Angling Section was elected Captain of the Section. Ronald Grant another enthusiast was elected Vice-Captain. The annual battle against the Phoenix Angling Club was held at the Lake of Menteith this year when 22 anglers turned out for each team. Despite good catches by some of the members, the O.S.'s were once again defeated by the Phoenix Team and had to pay for the teas. Other competitions have been held at Loch Leven and on the Lake of Menteith. Unfortunately the Lake of Menteith has not maintained its earlier promise and Loch Leven fished very poorly in the early part of the Season.

Golf Section Report

SPRING MEETING

This was played on a most pleasant afternoon in April last at East Renfrewshire and resulted in a win for the holder R. C. McGregor with 82-12-70. Runner-up was J. C. Dawson 76-5-71 and J. Turner Johnston, 77-4-73.

SUMMER MEETING

This was played over the nine-hole Auchterarder Course and with excellent weather conditions prevailing, "The Bogey Trophy" was won by J. McMillan with a score of 70-5-65, R. P. Thomas was runner-up 68-2-66 and R. Johnston was third with 75-6-69.

AUTUMN MEETING

This will be played on Thursday, 10th October, at Glenbervie, commencing at 2.00 p.m. and it is hoped to have a good turn out.

QUEEN ELIZABETH TROPHY

The Section was again represented in this excellent competition, which was being held this year at Barnton, 28th, 29th and 30th September. In the First Round, we were drawn to play Lenzie Academicals.

Graham Johnston, 4 Brights Crescent, Edinburgh, has agreed to take over the office of Secretary of the section and future enquiries should be made to him. Our thanks are due to Russell Thomas for the work done by him in arranging meetings and running the section.

London Branch Notes

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THE Annual Dinner was held on Friday the 8th March, 1968. We were pleased to welcome Mr. Hoare and Mr. Allen as our guests and we were interested to hear their news about the School and the Club.

Next year the Annual Dinner will be held on the evening before the Culcutta Cup match at Twickenham and we hope that anyone from Scotland here for the match will join us.

Strathallians, especially those who have recently left school, who intend to come and live in the South are asked to contact one of the branch office bearers. There are fifty local supporters of the branch so it is very probable that we shall be able to put new members in touch with one of their contemporaries.

News of Old Strathallians

Atherton, J. (1960-64) has completed a B.Sc. course at Glasgow University and is starting management training with Marks & Spencer.

Baxter, R. F. (1956-60) writes that he is a Fastener Sales Manager for Southern Africa with J. & P. Coats based in Johannesburg.

Birnie, G. W. V. (1957-62) is in his final year at Aberdeen University for B.Sc. Hons. (Zoology). He writes that he won a travelling scholarship to the Faroe Islands to study distribution of certain marine animals. He is now participating in an expedition to St. Kilda to census seabirds.

- Borland, I. C. (1958-62) has passed his Chartered Accountant Finals and was given the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland Prize (1968 Second Part) for his performance in Part V.
- Caldwell, G. S. (1957-60) who qualified C.A. in May 1965 has been working for a firm of Chartered Accountants in London for two years.
- Cappon, J.P. (1958-64) has just finished B.Sc. (Agricultural) course at Edinburgh University and is studying one year M.Sc. Dairy Husbandry at Auchincruive.
- Clark, B.G. (1956-64) is in his 4th year of the Dentistry at Dundee University.
- Clark, M. G. (1961-65) is in his third year of Joint Honours Medieval and Modern History at St. Andrews University. He is President of the Debating Society, obtained his 1st XI Hockey colours and is active in the Dramatic Society. He tells us that J. McKirdy and P. Smith are now leaving St. Andrews and G. R. Eadie and A. Y. Lawson are still going strong.
- Cochran, Jack (1942-47) is a leading Test Pilot and is to test the Concord.
- Dawson, E. S. (1939-44) has become an Associate of Babbie Shaw & Morton, Consulting Engineers, Glasgow. We offer our congratulations.
- Davidson, J. J. W. (1957-62) and his wife and children are emigrating to Rhodesia in October.
- Drybrough, W. N. G. (1950-57) was appointed Farm Manager of Southesk Estates Company, Brechin, in October, 1967.
- Duncan, W. R. (1950-57) has left J. & P. Coats and has gone into the Advertising Business in Birmingham.
- Fairbairn (1961-66) is in his third year LLB at Edinburgh.
- Ferguson, D. L. (1960-64) has informed us that he has left the Bank of Scotland after $3\frac{1}{2}$ years to take up an appointment with the Bank of Montreal, British Columbia.
- Fraser, T. R. L. (1944-45) informs us that he is Collector of the Incorporation of Cordiners in Glasgow for 1967-68.
- Gary, I. S. (1954-61) qualified as a Chartered Accountant in 1967 and intends leaving Britain in the Autumn. Meantime he sits his finals of a B.Com. at Edinburgh in June of this year.
- Gray, J. B. (1954-60) is now Budget Accountant with Glenfield & Kennedy Ltd., a subsidiary of the Crane Co. of America.

- Galt, H. (1953-61) of Edinburgh has bought a race horse.
- Greig, C. A. H. (1959-65) was awarded full Dundee Blue on top of St. Andrews Blue already held for ski-ing, 2nd in British Universities Championships and captained Dundee University Team which was third.
- Hallgreen, J. L. (1954-58) writes that he has left the sea and joined Berkely & Co. Ltd. Cathodic Protection Engineers.
- Hannay, D. R. (1959-65) has completed his final year at Leicester University and has been awarded a B.A. (Hons.) Degree in Sociology. He is spending three months in Canada and the U.S.A. prior to being articled to Price, Waterhouse and Co., C.A. in Bristol to serve three years' articles.
- Hunter, K. R. (1952-57) is Treasurer of the London Branch of the Club and now is working as a Medical Registrar at University College Hospital, London.
- King, Nigel R. (1953-57) is presently Factor of Murthly and Strathbran Estates.
- Leighton, Guy, is in retail management with the Greatermans organisation in Port Elizabeth, South Africa.
- Melville, W. B., is studying for a B.Sc. (Hons) in Printing Technology at Watford College of Technology. He is being sponsored by Metal Box Co. Ltd. who arrange his industrial training during the course. He takes a very active part in sport at the College and now plays hockey for West Herts 2nd XI and also full back for the College Rugby XV. He has been selected to take part in a study tour of Printing in Western Europe. While working at the Bruce Hotel Carnoustie at Christmas he met A. Y. Lawson (3rd year languages at St. Andrews), W. G. Reid (3rd year Chemistry at Aberdeen), A. D. Reid (Farming), and D. P. Mackie (1st year medicine at Edinburgh). He has been a regular member of the Strathallan Occasionals Tour, along with T. N. W. Trusdale and P. Hamilton.
- MacKenzie, D. R. C. (1939-42) writes that he is now Chairman, Scottish Section of Federation of Civil Engineers and is to be congratulated on this office.
- Pate, A. M. (1954-61) is presently in U.S.A.
- Paterson, N. D. L. (1955-61) commenced at the Rex Hotel, Whitley Bay, Northumberland, as Assistant Manager in January 1968 and was promoted to Joint Manager in May 1968.
- Parker, John L. W. (1956-61) is playing rugby for Kelvinside Academicals. He was recently appointed as a Senior House

Officer in General Medicine in the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

Pickard, E. (1958-63) spent 10 months with Procter & Gamble Ltd. soap and detergent manufacturers and is about to join Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. as an articled clerk. He would like to contact O.S.'s in London.

Philip, Dr. R. G. M. (1948-54) writes that he is an Anaesthetic Registrar at St. Mary Abbots Hospital, Marloes Road, London, W.8.

Ross, K. I. R. (1956-62) has emigrated to Norway and is working for an advertising firm there. His address: c/o Hattrem, "Skaun" 2044 Frogner, Norway.

Ryder, M. J. D. (1958-63) is about to take final examinations for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and at present is employed by Harvey, Scott & Co., Glasgow.

Smith, E. J. E. (1950-53) informs us that he is now Squadron Leader at R.A.F. Staff College, Bracknell, Berks. for a one year course.

Wearmouth, Colin C. (1960-64) is at present in his final year Chartered Accountancy with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., Glasgow.

Woolley, I. G. has been working for I.C.I. as a Field Engineer for four years and is at present maintaining a range of Data Processing Equipment for Ashanti Goldfield Corporation in Ghana. He is due to be relieved in March or April and will be returning to England for reposting.

ENGAGEMENTS

DUNCAN, B. (1959/61), Kingsiey Hotel, Brodick, Isle of Arran, to Miss Elaine Mair of Kilmarnock.

GRAY, J. B. (1954-60), 97 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock. to Miss J. M. Craig of Prestwick.

MacGREGOR, ROBERT (ROBIN) CARRICK (1952-59), Greenways, Bridge of Weir, to Miss Margery Roxburgh Henderson, 26 Oxford Road, Renfrew (daughter of Ian D. Henderson 1926-30).

PATE, I. (1956-60), 10 Glenorchy Terrace, Edinburgh, to Miss M. H. Milne of Forfar.

PATERSON, N. D. L. (1955-61). Rex Hotel, Whitley Bay, Northumberland, to Miss Anne Holloway of Churchstoke.

WEARMOUTH, C. C. (1960-64), 163 Weymouth Drive, Kelvindale, Glasgow, W.2, to Miss Patricia Helen Currie.

MARRIAGES

BAINBRIDGE, G. R. (1944-47), 93 Stirling Avenue, Leamington Spa, Warwicks, to Miss R. Hilderley.

BAXTER, R. F. (1956-60), A003 Downsviev Linden Road, Po Sandown, Transvaal, S. Africa, to Miss A. G. Wilkinson.

- BORLAND, J. C. (1958-62), Datchworth, 20 Hillside, New Barnet, Herts, to Miss E. M. Scott, M. A., Edinburgh, on 5th July, 1968.
- CLARK, N. F. (1955-58), Weston Farm, Petersfield, Hants, to Miss M. Filgate, Victoria, Australia, on 20th July, 1968.
- COOK, A. S. (1958-61), 21 Albert Drive, Helensburgh, Dunbartonshire, to Miss Heather C. Cameron, on 5th April, 1968.
- GRAY, J. B. (1954-60), 97 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock, to Miss I. M. Craig of Prestwick on 7th August, 1968.
- KERR, T. A. (1946-52), P.O. Box 964 Lusaka, Zambia, C. Africa, to Miss Margaret Morgan, of Grays, Essex, at Lusaka.
- PARKER, J. L. W. (1956-61), 50 Kelvin Drive, Glasgow, N.W., to Miss Dianne Scott, Strathbran, Strathpeffer, on 18th July, 1968.
- PATE, IAN (1956-60), 10 Glenorchy Terrace, Edinburgh, to Miss Mary H. Milne, Dietician, 158 E High Street, Forfar, on 28th January, 1968.
- SINCLAIR, J. H. (1948-54), 12 Roddinghead Road, Whitecraigs, Glasgow, to Miss Sandra G. Fraser, Inverness-shire, on 19th October, 1967.

BIRTHS

- BAINBRIDGE, G. R. (1944-47), on 15th September, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Bainbridge, 93 Stirling Avenue, Leamington Spa, Warwicks, a daughter, Wendy Jane.
- DAWSON, E. S. (1939-44), on 8th October, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Dawson, 9 Arden Drive, Giffnock, a son, Robin Derek.
- HALLGREN, J. L. (1954-58), on 20th January, 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. Hallgren, East Bay Cottage, Battery Place, Rothesay, a son, David.
- KERR, R. I. M. (1951-58), on 7th April, 1968, to Mr. and Mrs. Kerr 74 Bourton Avenue, Patchway, Bristol, a daughter.
- MAGUIRE, J. M. (1947-51), on 19th May, 1968, to Mr. and Mrs. John Maguire, 44 Forfar Avenue, Glasgow, S.W.2, a daughter, Elspeth Jane.
- STEWART, D. M. (1959-63), on 25th July 1967, to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Stewart, 1 Monkland Court, Kilgraston Road, Edinburgh, 9, twins, a son and daughter.

DEATHS

- DAVIDSON, H. A. C. (1920-25), of H. Davidson & Co., Bermuda, on 23rd April, 1968.
- THOM, JAMES (1943-46), of Findlaystone Drive, Coatbridge, on 10th Septemebr, 1967.
- WILKIE, P. (1921-27), of 3 Church Hill, Edinburgh, 9, on 21st August, 1967.
- WILSON, ROBERT T. F., 22 Lawside Avenue, Dundee, on 9th March, 1967, aged 39 years.

Our Contemporaries

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and apologise for any omissions.