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School Authority

Head of School	G. C. H. Archibald
Vice Captain of School	A. J. Muirhead
Head of Freeland	J. T. Moffat.
Head of Nicol	I. D. R. Prain.
Head of Ruthven.....	A. J. Muirhead.
Head of Simpson.....	G. C. H. Archibald.

School Prefects: S. S. Eriksen; J. M. Blair; P. F. Waterston; R. J. Lawson;
A. D. G. Duncan; A. W. Crowe.

The following School Prefects left during the course of the year: G. M. J. Ross (Vice Captain of School and Head of Nicol); I. A. G. Moodie (Head of Freeland); J. O. McIntyre; D. B. Fraser; D. G. Brash.

Captains or Secretaries of Games

Athletics.....	P. F. Waterston.
Boxing	G. M. J. Ross
Cricket	S. S. Eriksen
Cross-country	P. F. Waterston.
Fencing	P. D. C. Warburton.
Golf.....	J. T. Moffat.
Hockey	J. O. McIntyre.
Summer Hockey	A. C. Mutch.
Rugby.....	G. M. J. Ross
Sailing.....	I. D. R. Prain.
Ski-ing	A. G. R. Main.
Squash	C. L. McLachlan.
Swimming.....	A. G. Balfour.
Tennis.....	R. J. Lawson.

Editor of 'The Strathallian': R. J. Lawson.

Sub-Editors: N. S. Drummond; T. Orchard; R. I. Williamson; K. M. Burnett; J. F. Nielsen; M. J. N. Steele.

EDITORIAL

Discussions with classes, editorial staff and others have led, inevitably, to the conclusion that this year has not been a year noted for its newsworthiness. There have, of course, been some major items which have to be noted: the building of the new dining hall has progressed apace, and by the time this magazine is published—such is the delay between the collection of copy, printing and distribution—the building should be in use; even the mysteries, intrigues and rumours about the eventual use of the space released may by then have been resolved; the appointment of a successor to the present Headmaster has also been announced, and the present Headmaster will be retiring at the end of the 1969-70 session. But it would be idle to pretend that these events have the same importance in the minds of the majority of the School as they hold in the minds of, say, staff and Old Strathallians. The change of a rule, the relaxation of a dress regulation, these are the things which have an immediacy and importance for many in the School, for those who have to live in it for twenty-four hours a day. The ups and downs of the School's morale, the rumours and opinions which have circulated, the protests—which one should expect in a society which is not stagnant—go unreported except insofar as they contribute to a general impression. And this general impression is that it has been, well, a normal year. There have been changes; the School is not the same School as it was at the beginning of the year. In reading the following pages the reader might be forgiven for thinking that the same things happen every year with an air of the inevitable, and that nothing happens. But change is occurring, not violently as it has done in some educational institutions, but it is occurring. For some it may be change which is occurring not fast enough; for others it may be change in the wrong directions. Nevertheless, it is there, and it is as inevitable as Founder's Day, Sports Day or Speech Day. Where it will take us and what the result will be is not easy to say and we have no astrologer on our editorial staff.

Editorial Notices

Readers will note some slight differences in the lay-out of this magazine which have accompanied the change to a new type-face. The type face now being used is Univers.

We should be grateful if contributors would note that contributions for the next magazine must reach the School by July 10th, 1970.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of magazines from our many contemporaries.

IAN SCOTT PRIMROSE

When we heard of the death of Ian Primrose in a flying accident on 24th January 1969, we were greatly shocked and filled with regret that a Royal Air Force officer so full of promise should have been killed whilst doing the activity he enjoyed above all else.

Ian came to Strathallan in September 1959 into Riley and left from Freeland in July 1965. His father, Sqdn. Ldr. J. Primrose, A.F.C., was a serving Officer and Ian's only ambition was to follow him. To this end, all his plans were directed. He got his two 'A' levels and entered R.A.F. College at Cranwell in September 1965.

At School he played for the 1st XI for two seasons, was in the shooting team for three years and became a House Prefect, but it was for the R.A.F. Section that his best performances were reserved. He took his Proficiency and Advanced in the first year and became a glider pilot with above average classification at the minimum age. He got a Flying Scholarship from the R.A.F. and took his Private Pilot's Licence. He was also in the Section team which won the Scottish Air Cadets First Division Shooting Cup—the team which also came first in the Assegai Trophy, open to all Air Sections in Britain.

When he left the Section as a Flight Sergeant for Cranwell we expected great things from him and we were not disappointed. He came back to School as a cadet as A.D.C. to Air Vice Marshal Johnson and impressed everyone with his bearing and smartness. When he passed out at Cranwell he was specially selected, because of his flying ability, to become a Flying Instructor at the R.A.F.'s Central Flying School at Little Rissington—an honour many good R.A.F. men never achieve. It was here that Ian met his untimely death.

As Sqdn. Ldr. Primrose helped with the flying at a lot of the R.A.F. Camps, we feel even more deeply the loss of this young Strathallian. The sympathy of the whole School goes to Sqdn. Ldr. Primrose, and to his wife and daughter over Ian's death.

E.W.

THE HEADMASTER-ELECT

The Headmaster announced his retirement at the end of the 1969-70 session, and the Governors have appointed Mr. A. D. D. McCallum, T.D., M.A., to succeed him in July 1970. Mr. McCallum was educated at Fettes and Cambridge University and, after war service in which he reached the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was Mentioned in Despatches, he returned to Fettes to teach. He was a Housemaster at Fettes before coming to serve under the present Headmaster as Second Master. After five years at Strathallan, he became Headmaster of Christ College, Brecon, for six years before becoming Headmaster of Epsom College, Surrey, where he has been for the past seven years.

Mr. McCallum is 54 and is married with three children.

SCHOOL NOTES

Last year's Great Storm and Great Plague were followed this year by the Great Flood. The start of the Summer Term was wet beyond belief and at one point it was proposed to invent a form of water cricket and to introduce ark-building into the curriculum.

Closed-circuit television has been very much in the minds of the science department, which has an insatiable appetite for gadgets. The project got as far as a demonstration to the governing body, but whether we are all at once going to be able to see a test-tube being shaken by an electrical test-tube shaker isn't known yet.

The language lab is to be equipped with more tape-recorders. Fortunately the lab is on one floor and is not, therefore, likely to suffer the fate of the Tower of Babel.

Various privileges have been brought into effect in the course of the year. Boys over the age of sixteen may now wear non-regulation sports jackets; study-holders are allowed to have radios, and certain boys over the age of eighteen are now allowed into public houses with permission from housemasters.

The School Golf Club has already recorded its first direct hit on the new dining hall.

The Arts Lab, we are told, has successfully maintained its secrecy during its first year. If you don't know what the Arts Lab is, then its claim may be correct.



Stages in the building of the new dining hall.



Fluorescent lighting has been installed in the study block, and has thereby cut down the mysterious disappearance of light bulbs from other parts of the School.

On Founder's Day, a plaque in memory of the founder was unveiled in the School Chapel by the President of the Old Strathallian Club.

We congratulate J. A. Fisher (Fitzwilliam, Cambridge) on another first in the Medical Sciences Tripos, on his winning the college Medical Sciences Prize and on his election to a scholarship.

We congratulate J. C. S. Smith on his winning a University Prize in Moral Philosophy at Cambridge.

We congratulate R. C. Paton, A. R. Jeffrey, and W. A. T. Brunton who have all been awarded grants from the Medical School to do an extra year at the University of Edinburgh to study Bacteriology and Physiology.

A. C. Mutch played for the Scottish Schoolboy Hockey XI as goalkeeper in all three internationals.

D. J. C. Sharpe was selected to play for the Scottish Schoolboys XV against the English Schoolboys in the annual match at Richmond Park.

D. J. McBride attained Gold Medal standard in the middle javelin at the S.S.A.A. Annual Championships and broke various records for the same event elsewhere.

The name of the new house has been decided. Very appropriately it will be known as Leburn House, and Mr. McNamara has been appointed housemaster. The house will start next year with about fifteen boys, and will gradually build up from each entry to the School. This, in turn, will naturally reduce the numbers in each of the other houses to more manageable proportions. It will also mean re-thinking about the house match system.

Many of our readers will be interested to hear that Mr. D. S. Rymer has now left Ashville College to take up an administrative appointment at the University of York.

The following awards were made at the end of the Summer Term.

French Prize	M. G. M. Szwed-Cousins.
Mathematics Prize	G. C. H. Archibald.



New dining hall.

Form Prizes:

Form 1	P. D. Hunter.
Form II	A. N. Hartley.
Form IIIC	R. M. S. Strachan.
Form IIIB	H. M. Berrie.
Form III-Inter	I. A. Jamieson
Form IIIA	R. C. Stark.
Form IVC	S. F. Gunn.
Form IVB	R. W. Ross.

Distinction Prizes were awarded to: T. F. Hubbard; D. K. MacDougall; D. J. M. Morris; D. R. Barns-Graham; K. M. Burnett; I. W. Gordon; A. W. McKelvie; M. J. N. Steele; H. G. Fraser; C. P. Lear; K. M. Cassels; S. R. C. Duncan; A. N. Hartley; J. D. McKelvie; S. A. Moffat; P. D. Hunter.

At the end of the year there were 354 boys in the School.

STAFF NOTES

This year Mr. G. Marshall joined the staff to teach music and French. An Old Strathallian, G. A. V. Birnie, who was in Simpson eight years ago, spent two weeks at the School as part of his teaching practice. He will be joining the Biology Department next term. He will be the first Old Strathallian to teach here, and just beats J. W. McKinlay, ex-Nicol, who is also joining the staff to teach history, English and economics.

Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden are our only leavers this year. Mr. Ramsden joined the staff four years ago, and has been a house tutor in Riley since that time. He has taught French, German and Spanish to various levels, and was a useful opening bowler for the Occasionals. Mr. Ramsden is taking up an appointment in Germany.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. F. S. McNamara on the birth of a son, Duncan, Mr. and Mrs. Gray on the birth of a daughter, Jacqueline, and Mr. and Mrs. Ramsden on the birth of a son, Stephen.

On the administrative side there have been several changes. Miss Stewart came as Headmaster's Secretary, Miss McKinnon as Assistant Housekeeper, and Miss Paton as Sister in charge of the San. We had to say goodbye to Mrs. Henichen, who has retired after 14 years devoted service to the School. Until three years ago she was Assistant Housekeeper, and then she went into semi-retirement, but still came up to the School each day to run the tuck-shop. She was presented with a cheque for £10 by G. Archibald on behalf of the boys on the day of her retirement. We would like to wish her the best of health and happiness.

Finally it is with regret that the death of the Head Groundsman, Charlie Morrison, is recorded. Mr. Morrison had been seriously ill for nearly a year.

CHAPEL NOTES

The services in Chapel owe much to our visiting Preachers and we are fortunate in having many friends of long standing who like to come to share in our Chapel worship as well as many new friends who find it a stimulating as well as a challenging experience. The Chaplain has made a point of testing the reaction not only to his own efforts but to those of visiting Preachers and criticism, although often severe, is equally often appreciative. This encourages us to believe that the spoken word still has a big part to play in the set up of Chapel services. Such comment may seem irrelevant in a report on the Chapel but it does reflect on the debt we owe to a company of distinguished men, both clerical and lay, who come to Strathallan to take part in our services.

Confirmation classes have been held as usual and last for approximately a term and a half. Owing to the fact that the Bishop of St. Andrews had received another appointment and consequently was not able to be about in his diocese as much as usual during his preparation to leave, the Episcopal Confirmation was held in St. Ninian's Cathedral, Perth, on Sunday, March 23rd, when the following boys of the School were Confirmed:

Allan Aubrey Chalmers
Michael Watt Hugh Cran
Julian David Herbert
Charles Robert Keay
Graham Charles Harkness Lait
John Lambert Russell
Michael John Nicholson Steele
Christopher Drysdale Steele

The Church of Scotland Confirmation was held in the Chapel on May the 11th, when the following boys were Confirmed:

Simon James Barclay
John Carnegie Bell
Garry Marshall Crawford
Graeme Stuart Dinnen
Alan John Downs
Norman Scott Drummond
James Gordon Edwards
Thomas Fleming
Stephen Fraser Gunn
Nicolas Maurice Heggie
David Ian Howie
Alan Alexander Jeffrey
Robert James Lawson
Ian Douglas Lewis
William Murray Lindsay
Alexander Graham Mackie
Douglas Peter Lawrence McLeod
John Bruce Morton
Timothy George Orchard

Brian John Picken
Michael John Reid
Gordon Graeme Robbie
William Anderson Rodger
James MacDonald Scott
Andrew Cuthbertson Shedden
Edward Michael Upton
David Frew Wallace
Paul Fyfe Waterston

With regard to the Church of Scotland Confirmation the minister of the home parish of each boy is informed and his name is added to the Communicants' Roll of that parish. Those whose parents are abroad and who at the moment have no home parish church retain their membership on a record in the Chapel until such times as they wish to transfer.

It is a great encouragement to find that parents, godparents and in some cases family friends make a point of attending the Confirmation services.

The Chaplain again would like to place on record his indebtedness to Mr. West and the choir and to the sympathetic support he receives from the Headmaster and the House Masters.

I.R.N.M.

SPEECH DAY, 1969

Speech Day this year was again held on a Friday—13th June—and despite our inviting the Fates to descend upon us, there were no disasters and the weather, too, remained perfect. The Guest of Honour was Principal J. Steven Watson, M.A., D. Litt. of St. Andrews University.

All three main speakers had much to say about the state of education at the present time. The Chairman of the Governing Body in referring to the proposals in the Newsom Report to set up a national system of comprehensive education said that it was a Report that satisfied no-one. The Headmaster towards the end of his nineteenth Annual Report dealt with some of the more disturbing trends of the modern generation, a theme which the Principal of the University of St. Andrews partly took up in his speech after he had presented the prizes.

He suggested that the elder generation had certain duties towards youth. The first of these, he said, was that we should pass on our knowledge and skills, and the second was that youth should be encouraged to ask fundamental questions concerning this knowledge. The conflict between youth and age was a familiar one in history, and revolutionary periods—that is those verging on anarchy—arose when youth was full of

self-confidence. Then demolition of society might occur for the sake of demolition rather than improvement. However, he felt assured that developments in modern society, to which there was no easy answer, would be for the best if the older generations remembered their duties towards youth, and if youth, in turn, was prepared to learn from the past and use its initiative.

After the prize-giving the annual Speech Day concert was given. In the afternoon there were various exhibitions of work at the School. The scientific departments had several demonstrations on view, Riley had a history project set up, and the Art Department had an outdoor exhibition below the Art Room balcony. One of the remote controlled aircraft belonging to the Model Club exhibited its independence by flying over the village, and eventually, after the Sunset Parade, everyone else, too, departed to take a rather belated half-term's holiday.

SPEECH DAY PRIZES

Smith Cup	G. C. H. Archibald
Dux	J. O. McIntyre

Governors' Prizes

English	T. F. Hubbard
Classics	N. J. B. Fielding
Classics Essay	M. J. N. Steele
French Literature	T. F. Hubbard
History	T. F. Hubbard
History Essay	M. J. N. Steele
Mathematics	G. C. H. Archibald
Chemistry	D. J. M. Morris
Chemistry Research	R. C. Fergie R. B. Shanks
Biology	G. L. MacEwen
Biology Project	G. L. MacEwen N. M. Heggie
Physics	D. J. M. Morris
Physics Essay	C. D. Steele
Geography	I. D. R. Prain
Geography Fieldwork	I. D. R. Prain
Music	A. G. Balfour
Art	D. K. MacDougall
Art Essay	K. M. Burnett
Economics	I. D. Robertson

THE BUILDING APPEAL

Although the dining hall is now almost completed, the Appeal, of course, goes on. A full report of the opening of the new dining hall will appear in next year's magazine, when it is also hoped to publish the full list of subscribers. In the meantime we publish the third list of subscribers up to the end of May, 1969:

C. E. L. Anderson.
J. J. Blanche.
Mrs. I. Chrystal.
D. A. Cranston.
Mrs. M. A. Cranston.
P. F. P. Cranston.
T. G. Duff.
W. M. Edwards.
Very Rev. Dr. J. A. Fraser.
R. Ingram-Brown.

Mrs. J. Lawrence.
R. G. Morrison.
H. F. Reid.
A. C. Riddell.
T. F. Roger.
W. R. Tattersall.
W. G. Taylor.
Lt. Col. W. G. Watt.
A. L. Wright.

THE STRATHALLAN CLIMATOLOGICAL STATION

We are now in print—our readings appear in the monthly summary of observations issued by the Met. Office. Further 'news' is that the metric system has overtaken us—rainfall is now read in millimeters (25.4 to an inch), and temperatures in degrees Celsius (Centigrade to most of us). For those of us 'handling' daily these new fangled figures, it is surprising how quickly one can adjust to them. So if you wish to 'go continental' take the readings for a spell!

Readings have been recorded for eighteen months. For comparative purposes on a long-term basis we can only align our figures with those for Perth. From this it appears that 1968 was fairly average at Strathallan with 772 mms. rain (30.4") against Perth's 35 year average of 30.7" (Perth's 1968 figure was 28.7"). Temperatures overall were slightly down but the interesting point here is that whereas normally January and July are the two extreme months except where maritime influences are very pronounced, at Strathallan last year February was coldest with an average of 0.7°C (33.2°F) and August warmest 14.3°C. (57.8°F.). The absolute extreme figures for 1968 were 25°C. (77°F) on June 10th and -9.5°C. (15°F.) on February 21st. This year, February once more was the coldest at 0.6°C. (nearly 5°F. below average) and apart from January all the early months were cold. However, the early spring was dry with 2" less rain than usual, but May and June were wet, with May excelling itself with 5½" which is 2½ times normal.

Strathallan is registered as a climatological station and as such we simply record history. It never fails to surprise me the

kudos which is given to someone with a thermometer in his hands—and when one makes a knowing study of the cloud amount, wind strength, visibility or the state of the ground, it is as if we are Bert Ford or the twangy Rosia Kemp herself!

N.F.P.

Salvete

September, 1968

IV: Gunn (S).

IIIA: Brown, G. I. (S); Chalmers, G. A. (N); Ferguson, J. B. (S); Hay, J. A. (F); Hibberd, P. S. (S); Jamieson, I. A. (N); MacLeod, K. G. (R); McNicol, D. R. (R); Scott, P. L. (F); Shortreed, D. A. (F); Smith, G. E. (R); Smith, W. J. G. (R); Stark, R. C. (N).

IIIB: Beattie, J. T. (R); Elder, R. A. (N); Gifford, D. S. (S); Jarron, I. J. M. (S); Langford, M. W. (F); Lewis, P. N. (N); MacGregor, K. J. (R); McHarg, G. P. (F); McMillan, A. B. (S); Milne, K. R. (F); Rodger, D. K. (S); Stewart, T. D. (R).

IIIC: Berrie, H. (F); Fleming, R. (F); Grant, E. P. (R); McCredie, J. A. (R); McKenzie, K. C. (R); McLean, N. A. (N); McQueen, J. J. (R); Neeson, C. R. J. (N); Robertson, A. G. (R); Thom, G. J. A. (N); Turner, G. K. Walker, B. N. (S); Wright, G. (N).

II: Cassillis, (Ri).

I: Bell, D. C.; Buchanan, G. J.; Cameron, D. A.; Day, W. G. E.; Fingland, I. G.; Fingland, J. A. E.; Harrold, M. J.; Kennedy; Kirk, M. D.; Lyburn, G. W.; McArthur, A. C.; McIntyre, J. I.; Shannon, K. J.; Vaughan, G.; Wilkinson, A. P. (All Ri).

January, 1969.

V: Duff, A. M. (N); Duff, P. A. (N).

IIIC: Bird, D. R. (S); De la Haye, B. G. (S); Lydon, M. B. (S); McLean, K. C. (N); Proudfoot, R. G. (R); Robertson, E. A. (R).

I: Lydon, N. B. (Ri).

April, 1969

IIIA: Gilfillan, C. H. (R).

IIIB: Heard, D. J. M. (N); King, A. J. M. (N).

IIIC: Hay, C. R. (R); Heard, I. G. (N); Moffat, W. L. J. (S); Strachan, R. M. S. (R).

I: Fairchild, A. D. M.; Garvie, W. G. S.; Heard, K. J.; Hinshaw, D. L.; Voigt, R. J.

VALETE

December, 1968

Schol. VI:

Barns-Graham, M. D. (S); Came 64^a; IIIA; H. Prefect 68^a; Biology Prize, 68;
Science Librarian; L.Cpl. Army.
Feddinch, St. Andrews, Fife.

Brash, D. G. (S) ; Came 64³ ; IIIA ; Prefect 67³ ; School Prefect, 68³ ; Exhibitioner ; History Essay Prize, 67 ; Latin Prize, 68 ; Latin Prose Prize, 68 ; Chapel Prefect ; School Librarian ; Flt. Sgt. R.A.F.
8 Ledcameroch Road, Bearsden.

Fraser, D. B. (R) ; Came 64³ ; IIIA ; H. Prefect, 68² ; School Prefect, 68³ ; Exhibitioner ; Maths Prize, 68 ; XV 67-68 ; Chairman, Science Soc. ; Orchestra ; W.O. R.A.F.
Craiglynne, Troon, Ayrshire.

Low, D. K. R. (R) ; Came 64³ ; IIIA ; Chemistry Prize, 68 ; XV 67-69, Colours ; Athletics 66-68 ; L.S. R.N.
Tulach House, Blairgowrie, Perthshire.

Moodie, I. A. G. (F) ; Came 62² ; I ; H. Prefect 68² ; School Prefect, 68³ ; House Captain ; XV 68-69, Colours ; XI 67-68, Colours ; Hockey, 68 ; Sec. Mod. Lang. Soc ; Chairman, Film Guild ; Sgt. R.A.F.
Paxhaven, La Pouquelaye, St. Helier. Jersey.

L VI.

Clark, G. H. (S) ; Came 66¹ ; IIIC ; Cdt. Army.
Woodbank Farm, Windygates, Fife.

Morrison, I. A. (F) ; Came 65³ ; IIIC ; A.B. R.N.
Ardriach, Tarbert. Argyll.

V:

Allan, B. G. (R) ; Came 65³ ; IIIC ; Cdt. Army.
Glenturk, Newton Stewart, Wigtonshire.

Mulhall, N. H. (R) ; Came 66³ ; IIIC ; Choir ; O.S. R.N.
Dunbriton, 1, West Chapelton Ave., Bearsden.

IIIA:

Hutchinson, J. C. (R) ; Came 66¹ ; Pre-Service.
Rossmore, Silchester Rd., Glenageary, Co. Dublin.

March, 1969.

Schol. VI:

Laband, A. E. M. (R) ; Came 63² ; II ; H. Prefect, 68³ ; Exhibitioner ; History Prize, 68 ; Tennis 67-68, Colours ; Stage Manager, 69 ; A.B. R.N.
Glenyra, Earlsferry, Fife.

McIntyre, J. O. (N) ; Came 62¹ ; H. Prefect, 68¹ ; School Prefect, 68³ ; Form Prizes II, IIIA, IVA O level Prize ; Physics Essay Prize, 67, 68 ; Physics Prize 68 ; Chem. Research Prize, 67 ; XV 67-69, Colours ; Hockey, 67-69, Colours ; Captain 69 ; Sec. Science Soc. ; Orchestra, 1st Violin ; U.O. Army.
38 Dick Place, Edinburgh 9.

Ross, G. M. J. (N). Came 64³ ; IIIA ; H. Prefect, 67² ; School Prefect, 68³ ; Vice Captain of School ; XV 66-68, Colours, Captain 68 ; Athletics 67-68 ; Choir ; W.O. R.A.F.
Tredrea Inn, Porthcohan Bay, Nr. Padstow, Cornwall.

L VI:

McLean, K. C. (F) ; Came 65³ ; IIIC ; Cdt. R.A.F.
Cedarlea, Cedar Road, Broughty Ferry. Angus.

Smith, W. I. (R) ; Came 65² ; IIIC ; Hockey, 69 ; Cdt. R.A.F.
South West Fullarton, By Meigle, Perthshire.

July, 1969.

Schol. VI :

Archibald, G. C. H. (S) ; Came 64³ ; IIIA ; H. Prefect, 67³ ; School Prefect, 68² ; Head of School ; Maths Prize, 69 ; XV 68-69 ; XI 69, Colours ; Chairman, Debating Soc ; Sgt. Army.
19, Av. Keirg, 1208, Geneva. Switzerland.

Eriksen, S. S. (R) ; Came 64³ ; IIIA ; H. Prefect, 68³ ; School Prefect, 69¹ ; Hockey, 68-69, Colours ; XI 66-69, Colours, Captain ; Golf, colours, captain 68 ; Play, 69 ; L.S. R.N.
501, Glen Ridge, Kentview, Illovo, Johannesburg, Transvaal, South Africa.

Harrington, M. G. (R) ; Came 64³ ; IIIA ; Squash, Golf, 69 ; L.Cpl. Army.
9 Laurelhill Place, Stirling.

Muirhead, A. J. (R) ; Came 64³ ; IIIA ; H. Prefect, 68² ; School Prefect, 68³ ; Head of House ; XV 67-69, Colours ; Athletics 65-68 ; Cross-Country 69 ; Cpl. Army.
28, Snowdon Place, Stirling.

Pringle J. L. (F) ; Came 64³ ; IIIA ; H. Prefect, 68³ ; XV 67-69 ; L.S. R.N.
23 Broompark Drive, Newton Mearns, Renfrewshire.

Szwed-Cousins, M. G. M. (F). Came 64³ ; IIIA ; Choir ; Orchestra ; School Play 68, 69.
Orange Grove Villa, Miani, Tripoli, Libya.

Waterston, P. F. (R). Came 62¹ ; I ; H. Prefect 68¹ ; School Prefect, 69¹ ; Captain, Cross Country ; Athletics 66-68, Captain, 69 ; Sec. Fishing Club ; A.B. R.N.
Westdene, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire.

U VI :

Armstrong, A. J. G. (N) ; Came 64³ ; H. Prefect, 68³ ; Chairman, Film Soc. ; Cpl. Army.
Texaco, Trin. Inc., Pointe-a-Pierre, Trinidad.

Bailey, G. E. (S) ; Came 65³ ; IIIA ; Exhibitioner ; Art Essay Prize, 68 ; Choir ; Cpl. Army.
Back Lane, Rimpton, Nr. Yeovil. Somerset.

Balfour, A. G. (R) ; Came 62³ ; I ; H. Prefect, 68³ ; Music Prize, 66, 68, 69 ; Captain of Swimming, 68-69 ; Choir and Orchestra ; A.B. R.N.
Stannochoy House, Brechin, Angus.

Bell, J. C. (S) ; Came 63¹ ; I ; Economics Prize 68 ; Ldg. Cdt. R.A.F.
Fairfield Farm, Colinsburgh, Fife.

Blair, J. M. (F) ; Came 64³ ; IIIC ; H. Prefect 68³ ; School Prefect, 69¹ ; Chairman, Music Soc. ; Choir, Orchestra ; Sub-Editor, Wing Forward ; L.Cpl. Army.
16 Clarendon Place, Stirling.

Bogie, D. M. (S) ; Came 62³ ; I ; H. Prefect, 68³ ; XV 68 ; Choir ; Play 69 ; L. Cpl. Army.
Newfield, 14 Gamekeepers Road, Edinburgh EH4 6LU.

- Chalmers, A. G. (F); Came 64³; IIIC; H. Prefect, 69²; Swimming 69; Captain, Highland Dancing, 69; L.S. R.N.
11 Comely Park, Dunfermline.
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Low Wood, Greenmount, Bury, Lancs.
- Fearns, L. W. (N); Came 64³; IIIB; O.L. Prize V, 67; Choir; Sub-Editor Wing-Forward; Cpl. Army.
Stellmankamp 4, (2) Hamburg-64, West Germany.
- Forbes, I. R. B. (S); Came 67³; LVI; H. Prefect, 68³; XV.V. capt. and colours 69; Sailing; Editor, Wing Forward; U.O. Army.
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- Gray, A. (F); Came 61³; I; Hockey, 69; S. Hockey 68, 69, colours; Tennis 69; Squash 69; Orchestra; Play, 69; L.S. R.N.
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Bearside, Polmaise, Stirling.
- Jenkins, D. G. (S); Came 64³; IIIB; H. Prefect 68³; Orchestra; Play 69; Sgt. R.A.F.
Ardmhor, Bridge of Allan.
- Lawson, R. J. (R); Came 65³; IIIA; H. Prefect 68³; School Prefect 69²; Hockey 69; Tennis 66-67, Captain 68-69; Squash 68-69; Sec. Photo. Soc.; Head Librarian; Treas. Science Soc.; Editor, Strathallian.
343, Kobasi, Caddesi, Yemikoy, Istanbul.
- MacDougall, D. K. (R); Came 62³; I; Art Prize 69; Orchestra; Choir; Sec. Film Study Group; Arts Lab; Cpl. Army.
The Old Manse, Lochgilphead, Argyll.
- McLachlan, C. L. (N); Came 66²; IIIA; Athletics 66-69; Tennis 67-69, Colours; Captain, Squash 69; Play 69; Ldg. Cdt. R.A.F.
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Ballendrick, Bridge of Earn, Perth.
- Moffat, J. T. (F); Came 64¹; IIIC; H. Prefect 68³; School Prefect 69¹; Head of House; XV 68-69, Colours; Hockey 69, Colours; Golf 65-69, Colours and Captain; Sec. Mech. Club; 2 i.c. Pre-Service.
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- Rodger, W. A. (S); Came 64³; IIIC; Cdt. Army.
Hillswick, Albert Place, Stirling.
- Roy, E. C. (N); Came 64²; IIIC; XV 67-69; Athletics 67-69; Colours; P.O. R.N.
Spring Bay, Virgin Gorda, Br. Virgin Isles.
- Sharpe, D. J. C. (N); Came 62³; I; XV 67-69, Colours; Hockey 68-69, Colours; Summer Hockey 67-69, Colours; Squash, 68-69; Athletics 67-69, Colours; Scottish Schoolboys Rugby, 69; Sec. Badminton Club; Orchestra; Play, 69; L.S. R.N.
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The Acre Guest House, Acre Ave., Largs, Ayrshire.
- Walker, G. P. (S); Came 64²; IIIC; L.Cpl. Army.
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Millar, W. S. H. (N) ; Came 65³ ; IIIC ; A.B. R.N.
Cherrybank Cottage, Main Street, Auchtertool, Fife.

Munro, N. M. (F) ; Came 63¹ ; Pipe Band, 68, 69, A.B. R.N.
Craigallar, Dunscore; Dumfries.

Perry, C. T. (F) ; Came 65³ ; IIIC ; XV 67-69 ; XI 68, 69, Colours ; Pipe Band.
Wilma. Ashton. Nr. Chester.

Shedden, A. C. (F) ; Came 63² ; I ; Sec. Y.F.C. ; Cpl. R.A.F. ; Pipe Band.
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V:

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42 Blackcroft Road, N. Mount Vernon. Glasgow, E.2.

MacDonald, R. J. (R) ; Came 65³ ; IIIC ; Ski-ing, 68-69, Colours ; Cpl. Pipe
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I.

Vaughan, G. (Ri); Came 68³.

HOUSE NOTES

FREELAND

School Offices were held by the following: School Prefect and Secretary of Film Guild—I. A. G. Moodie; School Prefect and Captain of Golf—J. T. Moffat; School Prefect, Chairman of Music Society and Secretary of Art Society—J. M. Blair; School Prefect—A. D. G. Duncan; Editor of Wing Forward—T. G. Orchard; Pipe Major—B. D. Mitchell; Captain of Highland Dancing—A. G. Chalmers.

Freeland were represented in the First XV by I. A. G. Moodie, J. T. Moffat, P. D. C. Warburton, J. L. Pringle, B. D. Mitchell and C. T. Perry, but shortage of forwards was never adequately compensated for in the Senior Rugger House Matches.

Freeland were represented in the Hockey XI by J. T. Moffat, who had a Scottish Schoolboy Trial, D. N. F. Pennie and A. Gray, with Ovenstone and Fielding also playing in the Summer XI. Freeland won all three matches and the Hockey Cup.

Freeland were also well represented in the Cricket XI by P. D. C. Warburton, C. T. Perry, A. D. G. Duncan, D. A. Rutherford and I. W. Fairlie and the House retained a share in the Cricket Cup.

The House was second in Athletics, in Swimming and in the Music Competition and there were some good individual performances. C. D. Reekie again won the Junior Victor Ludorum, despite competition from P. L. Scott, D. N. F. Pennie had a share in the Middle Victor Ludorum and C. W. Duncan broke a School Record in the back stroke. The Senior Piping Cup was won by A. C. Shedden and the Drumming Cups by G. M. Crawford and C. T. Perry. The House also made a useful contribution to School Music and Drama, and G. L. MacEwen and N. J. B. Fielding won prizes on Speech Day.

House Colours were awarded to A. C. G. Moodie, J. T. Moffat, P. D. C. Warburton, J. L. Pringle, A. L. Wearmouth, B. D. Mitchell, C. T. Perry, A. D. G. Duncan, D. A. Rutherford, D. N. F. Pennie and A. Gray.

J. T. Moffat succeeded I. A. G. Moodie as House Captain in January at the same time as J. M. Blair was appointed a School Prefect.

The following were House Prefects during the course of the year: J. L. Pringle, A. L. Wearmouth, J. D. N. Ovenstone, P. D. C. Warburton T. G. Orchard, and A. G. Chalmers.

House Captains of Sport

Rugger: J. L. PRINGLE	Swimming: B. D. MITCHELL
Cricket: P. D. C. WARBURTON	Shooting: A. A. CHALMERS
Hockey and Athletics: J. T. MOFFAT	Boxing: K. C. McLEAN
Music: J. M. BLAIR	Tennis: A. GRAY

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House Captains: G. M. J. ROSS (left Easter)
I. D. R. PRAIN

School Prefect: J. O. McINTYRE (left Easter)

House Prefects:

A. J. G. ARMSTRONG, J. F. FAWCETT, J. R. T. BRUCE, M. J. N. STEELE,

The House finished up with 78 members; 2 left at Easter and 16 in Summer. In addition Gall and Stirling are going to start up Leburn House as House Prefects, and our warmest congratulations go with them for having been chosen for this challenging job. They will continue to be eligible to play for Nicol House teams however, and we are glad to keep up this connection with them.

We are losing the Senior Dormitory which is to return to a function more suited to the elegance of the room and it will be a new library. It will have a connecting passage to the present library through the wall where the mighty wooden mantel-piece stands as I write, but no doubt stood as you read. Our numbers shrink gradually as Leburn House grows, and we shall have a temporary dormitory in the Old Dining Hall. Prain will therefore be the last House Captain to rule from that dormitory, and he probably deserves the honour, having been in the House for no less than 18 terms.

The rules for the eligibility for the House rugger competitions were somewhat changed this year. The Senior team did well, unhappily losing the first match to Simpson, the winners, but winning the other two. Our 2nd XV landed up bottom, but the Colts team won all three matches and the Cup, looking very promising for the future. Other cups that we won through the year were the Boxing, in which Lait, Lewis P. and Thomson P. won medals; the Senior Squash in which no player in our team of Sharpe, McLachlan, Scroggie, Thomson and McKenzie lost a game at all; the Swimming, the team for which was well

trained by Neeson with the assistance of Edwards, and in which Reid M. J. was the Middle Victor Ludorum and Sneddon the Junior champion; and finally the Junior Piping, won by Gray C.W.

Sharpe was first in the cross-country and was also chosen to play for the Scottish Schoolboys XV, though weather cancelled the match. Roy was the Senior Victor Ludorum on Sports Day, the 3rd Nicol boy in succession, following on Houston and McNab. P. L. N. Walker was awarded the autographed cricket bat for his magnificent appearance in the XI against Glenalmond getting 7 wickets for 23 runs. This was his only second School Match as he was a late discovery, and he was away at an interview for the only other remaining match against Fettes. Prain, Mahon and Neeson were members of the School Sailing team which returned from various competitions bearing massive silver goblets. Unfortunately no House Sailing competition was held. McBride won a gold medal for the Middle Javelin in the Scottish Athletics events.

Other teams who played well but who did not win cups were the Hockey XI, the Junior Squash, the Junior Cricket XI and the Athletics.

Quite the worst performance we put up was in the Music Competition and our face was only saved by Fearn and the Choir, and Bethune at the piano. The orchestral and solo parts of the competition were embarrassing and the result of minimal practice.

I am glad to say that this year in the skiing we not only beat our closest rivals, Riley, but Freeland as well.

Members of the House who were outstanding in School first teams included Carmichael, McIntyre J. O., McKenzie, Ross, Roy, Sharpe and McBride. In addition Brown D. R. took over from Fawcett as Captain of Shooting, and McLachlan was Captain of Squash. Nicol looked as if they were making a take-over bid of the CCF with McIntyre, Prain and Ross in charge of the three sections, but when two of them left at Easter, the OC, feeling that the effects of 'IF' were not going to be as widespread as feared, let control of the Army and RAF fall into the hands of two Simpson boys.

During the Spring term we had the difficult evacuation of dormitories for flu victims, as the San spread its kingdom. Happily the epidemic did not last long and the School Play, 'The Government Inspector', was able to carry on, in which Sharpe, McLachlan and Mrs. Fairbairn took parts, with Campbell somewhere in the rafters, and Steele organising the Front of House.

On Speech Day Prain and the two Steele brothers won prizes, and at the end of the term other prizes were awarded to

Jamieson, Stark, Fraser, McKelvie and Steele M. again. J. O. McIntyre was the Dux of the School on his A level results.

Present members of the House are doing very well, but it is equally nice to hear from Old Boys of their successes and experiences. Many have written during the year with their news. We are particularly glad to hear of those graduating at University, and from those, C. W. Clinton is probably the first Old Boy to graduate from Witwatersrand, and M. Hammett from Keele. B. A. A. Robertson was the first Nicol Old Boy to be married in the Chapel on the 21st September 1968. I even got a phone call from America from Bruce H. Ferguson, whom all those who were in the House in 1962—3 will unfailingly remember.

On behalf of all the players, I should like to thank Mr. McKenzie, pere, very much for his kind hospitality on the occasion of the Masters' Golf Match.

T.C.G.F.

The following boys were awarded their House Colours during the year:
BRUCE, McKENZIE, BURNETT, McLACHLAN and NEESON.

House Captains of Sport

Rugby and Boxing: G. M. J. ROSS	Swimming: G. C. NEESON
Cricket: N. D. McKENZIE	Tennis and Squash:
Hockey: N. D. McKENZIE	C. L. McLACHLAN
Summer term: D. J. C. SHARPE	Sailing: I. D. R. PRAIN
Athletics: E. C. ROY	Shooting: J. F. FAWCETT
Cross-country: D. J. C. SHARPE	Ski-ing: I. J. C. MAHON

RUTHVEN

Letting one's thoughts wander back over the past year, the general picture one remembers is rain. Rain, and with it frustration. But while the year might not have been an outstanding one for the House, the record shows that much value has been achieved, both individually and collectively.

D. K. R. Low and A. E. M. Laband have gained entrance to Cambridge, and Governors' Prizes were won by A. G. Balfour, I. D. Robertson and R. B. Shanks. R. M. S. Strachan won his form prize in his first term in the School. In addition, we gained more Distinctions for outstanding work, at all levels, than ever before. We have provided captains for nine of the School games and increased our tally of cups to ten. These all tell their story, but I should like to make special mention of the splendid all-round achievement of the cross-country team, admirably led by P. F. Waterston, of A. G. Balfour's contribution over the years to House music, and indeed to the music of the School, of S. S. Eriksen's taking time off from the hallowed turf to win the individual golf championship for the second year, and of R. J.

Lawson's winning the tennis singles for the third successive year. We congratulate A. C. Mutch, who kept goal for the Scottish Schoolboys Hockey XI in all this season's international matches.

Much of the success of the year can be attributed to the example set by the prefects, and by A. J. Muirhead in particular, all of whom have made a very positive contribution to the House and School and have identified themselves very closely with the community.

While there remain a few dissidents—as no doubt there always will—who fail to appreciate even in their senior years that they themselves are the House and the School, I am glad to say that the spirit and enthusiasm of our two junior years is at a high level, and vintage years may lie ahead.

Our congratulations go to Mr. McNamara on his appointment as Housemaster of Leburn. House Tutor for the past three years, he has given invaluable service to the House. He takes our best wishes for the exciting and exacting task of launching a new House, and we look forward to the additional degree of competition which Leburn will provide. Mr. McNamara is succeeded as House Tutor by Mr. Newbury.

D.A.R.W.

Head of House : A. J. Muirhead

School Prefects :

D. B. FRASER, S. S. ERIKSEN, P. F. WATERSTON, R. J. LAWSON.

House Prefects :

A. C. MUTCH, A. G. BALFOUR, N. S. DRUMMOND, S. G. EVANS

Captains of Games :

Rugby and Boxing :

A. J. MUIRHEAD

Athletics and Cross-country

P. F. WATERSTON

Swimming and Music

A. G. BALFOUR

Cricket and Shooting :

S. S. ERIKSEN

Hockey : A. C. MUTCH

Tennis and Squash R. J. LAWSON

Ski-ing : A. G. R. MAIN

Sailing D. B. Brown

House Colours :

S. S. ERIKSEN, A. J. MUIRHEAD, P. F. WATERSTON, A. C. MUTCH,
R. J. LAWSON, A. G. BALFOUR and B. J. PICKEN.

SIMPSON

We have a large number of leavers this year, almost all from the Upper Sixth. Giles Archibald has been School as well as House Captain, and his urbane confidence has earned everyone's respect. Our other School Prefect is A. W. Cowre, who this year managed to make the house choir sound human again. Other leaving prefects are I. R. B. Forbes, who has been with us for only two years, but contributed a lot to our games, including

the captaincy of the team that won the Rugger Cup; D. G. Jenkins, who captained the team that won the Tennis Cup; D. M. Bogie, who captained the house hockey team from the touch line, after a painful encounter with an unlighted bulldozer, and D. M. S. Robbie, whose outstanding coaching and encouragement must have contributed at least the few points by which we won the Athletics Cup. Other cups won, apart from the Smith Cup that goes to the School Captain, were the Rugby and Hockey League Cups, and J. A. McArthur's Individual Shooting Cup.

Academic successes included places for M. D. Barns-Graham and D. G. Brash at Downing College, and a number of Governors' Prizes. T. F. Hubbard showed how one can come up the B Stream and land three of the major ones, those for English, History, and French Literature. Archibald won the Mathematics Prize, and Morris and Heggie won Chemistry Prizes.

Like the other houses we are going to shrink next term, and among the changes will be the loss of the Coven Trees Study along with all its hiding places for beer cans. We retain the dormitories down there. Gordon Birnie, a former Simpson house captain, has joined the staff.

Next term's House Captain will be D. M. Holmes, assuming that four of this year's leaving prefects do not fail all their examinations and return after all as they have threatened to do.

D.E.Y.

CIVICS LECTURES

Weekly lectures for members of the Sixth Form were resumed during the winter of 1968-69 and below is a list of those gentlemen who very kindly visited the School to talk to the boys about their work or other interests. To each one of them our most sincere thanks are due for finding the time in the midst of a busy life to prepare a talk and to come here to deliver it.

Superintendent Chalmers : *The Work of the Scottish Police Force.*

D. S. Erskine, Esq. : *The Work of the National Trust for Scotland.*

Professor R. C. Cross : *A Philosophical Problem.*

D. A. Blaikie, Esq. : *The Importance and Scope of Insurance.*

The Lord Provost of Perth : *Local Government.*

W. H. Beaton, Esq. : *The Role of Banking in Society.*

Brig. R. S. Doyle, C.B.E., M.B.I.M. : *The Problems of Establishing a New Town.*

Alberto Morrocco, Esq., D.A.(Abn.), R.S.A., R.S.W. : *A Portrait Demonstration.*

J. L. F. Fergusson, Esq. : *Forestry in the Economy of Scotland.*

J. H. Allen, Esq., T.D. : *The Printing Industry.*

The Very Rev. John A. Fraser, M.B.E., T.D., D.D. : *Church Government.*

Dr. W. R. Tattersall, J.P. : *Forensic Dentistry.*

J. L. Hunter Scott, Esq., B.Sc. Assoc., M.Inst.C.E. : *The Role and Responsibilities of the Architect.*

C. H. K. Corsar, Esq.: *Voluntary Service.*

J. C. N. Baillie, Esq.: *The Hydro-Electric Board.*

Dr. W. M. Jamieson, M.D., F.R.C.P.E., D.P.H.: *The Control of Infectious Diseases.*

MUSIC NOTES

Last year we reported that the School Orchestra had rarely had so few violinists. This year we have to report that it has even fewer, but those few have done valiant work. The brass section of the orchestra, which for the past two years has been the youngest section, has gained considerable experience and is producing a much more homogeneous sound with some reliability.

The second orchestra has some very promising material in it, and is particularly strong in violins. In a year or two we hope to reap some benefit. We have started a third orchestra again this year, and already its attainment is almost up to that of last year's second orchestra.

The choir has had two outside commitments this year. In September it led the singing at the Rotary International Conference at Gleneagles as it has done on several occasions before. In March it was invited to perform with the orchestra in the North Church, Perth, and on this occasion the main work was Vivaldi's Gloria. In the Speech Day Concert it gave some excerpts from Carmina Burana by Carl Orff. Due to an unfortunate sequence of anthems, all of which were in unfamiliar Latin, the choir did not receive this music at the first rehearsal with much enthusiasm, for it seemed to them that the English language was being abandoned. However, the music rapidly won through, and in the end the choir was singing the words with as much enthusiasm as if they had known what they meant! Great interest was evoked at rehearsals and the actual performance by the very large percussion section in the orchestra. Not least in this section was a genuine Chinese gong.

At the Chapel Services over the Speech Day period, the choir sang three anthems, and many members took part in the Music Society's enterprising concert performance of Dido and Aeneas by Purcell.

Programmes of concerts, anthems sung by the choir in Chapel, and results of the Association Board Examinations follow.

G.W.

INFORMAL CONCERT

Friday, 6th December, 1968

7.45 p.m. in the Music Room

1. Orchestra
Waltz from the ballet 'The Sleeping Beauty' *Tchaikowsky*
2. Tenor Solo
J. M. Blair
'Music for a while' *Purcell*
'The Vagabond' *Vaughan Williams*
3. Clarinet Solo
D. K. MacDougall
Romance No. 1. *Schumann*
Tango *Albeniz arr. Frank*
4. Orchestra
First movement from Symphony No. 1. *Beethoven*
5. Folk Singers
G. M. J. Ross, D. K. MacDougall.
America *Simon and Garfunkle*
The Hedgehog's Song *Williamson*
6. Flute, Oboe, 'Cello and Piano
G. M. A. Gray, P. J. Hunter, A. G. Balfour.
Two movements from Concerto in G minor. *Vivaldi*
7. Trumpets, Trombones and Timpani
March for the Funeral of Queen Mary. *Purcell*
8. Trumpets
J. H. Owen and R. W. Sproat.
'Sound the Trumpet' *Purcell*
9. Second Orchestra
Contredanse. *Haydn*
10. Tenors and Bases
Somerset Wassail *Traditional*
Jillian of Berry *Warlock*
Captain Stratton's Fancy *Warlock*
11. Orchestra
'The Great Gate of Kiev' from
'Pictures from an Exhibition'. *Mussorgsky arr. Stone*

Choir and Orchestra in North Church Hall, Perth—2nd March, 1969

- Gloria *Vivaldi*
Hymns
All people that on earth do dwell.
Now thank we all our God.
March from 'The Mastersingers' *Wagner*

SPEECH DAY CONCERT PROGRAMME

1. Orchestra^{*}
 - (a) Radetzky March *Johann Strauss*
 - (b) Fantasia on 'Greensleeves' *Vaughan Williams*
2. Tenor Solo
J. M. Blair accompanied by A. G. Balfour.
'Where'er you walk' *Handel*
3. Choir and Orchestra
Excerpts from 'Carmina Burana' *Carl Orff*
4. Second Orchestra
El Tanguillo *E. B. Jurey*
5. Orchestra
March from 'The Mastersingers' *Wagner*

National Anthem

The following anthems have been sung in the School Chapel during the year. 'The heavens declare' (Beethoven); 'Lord, for Thy tender mercie's sake' (Tye); Nunc dimittis in C minor (Charles Wood); 'Thou visited the earth' (Greene); 'Gloria in Excelsis' (Haydn); 'Let us now praise famous men' (Vaughan Williams); 'Hear, Lord' (Tchaikowsky); 'Sleepers Awake' (Bach); excerpts from 'Gloria' (Vivaldi); Nunc Dimittis in B Flat (Stanford); 'Ride on in majesty' (Malcolm Williamson); 'Christ is Arisen' (Hassler); 'The strife is o'er, (Henry Ley); 'Libera me' from Requiem (Faure); 'The heavens are telling' (Haydn); 'Sanctus' from Requiem (Mozart); Venite (Kenneth Leighton) and Psalm 100 (Gelineau).

The following have passed Associated Board Examinations:

J. M. Blair (Horn), Grade VI (Merit); J. H. R. Parker (piano), Grade VI; A. W. Bethune (piano), Grade V; A. Gray (oboe), Grade V; J. H. Owen (trumpet), Grade V; D. R. D. Low (flute), Grade IV; I. A. D. Low (piano) Grade IV; L. M. Johnston (clarinet), Grade III (Merit); T. S. Ling (violin), Grade III; R. A. Elder (piano) Grade III; S. A. Moffat (violin), Grade II (Merit); C. H. Baxter (violin), Grade I (Merit); D. H. Pate (violin) Grade I (Merit); A. P. Wray (violin) Grade I; P. D. Hunter (violin), Grade I (distinction).

ORCHESTRA

Violins: Mr. J. Mouland Begbie (leader), N. J. B. Fielding, J. C. Bell, J. J. Black, T. S. Ling.

Violas: M. M. Norval, E. M. Upton.

Cellos: P. J. Hunter, M. G. M. Szwed.

Flutes: J. D. N. Ovenstone, I. J. C. Mahon, K. M. Cassels, D. R. D. Low.

Oboes: A. Gray, R. A. Rodger.

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

Bassoons: Mr. D. A. R. Williams, A. W. Bethune.

French Horns: J. M. Blair, N. O. Sherington.

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

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

Timpani: D. J. C. Sharpe.

Percussion: T. K. Lunan, J. H. R. Parker, N. S. Drummond, T. G. Orchard,
I. Wright, P. L. Scott.

Piano: Mr. G. Marshall, J. H. R. Parker, A. G. Balfour.

SECOND ORCHESTRA

Violins: P. D. Hunter, J. W. Inglis, S. A. Moffat, D. H. Pate, D. E. Reid.
A. P. Wray.

Viola: H. T. Salt.

'Cello: W. J. G. Smith, R. C. Herbert.

Double Bass: J. E. Hamilton.

Flute: R. A. D. Powrie.

Oboe: S. D. Lowden.

Clarinets: F. G. R. Gillanders, L. M. Johnston, D. A. S. White.

Trumpet: H. M. S. Russell.

Trombones: A. W. Adam, J. A. Hay.

Piano: C. A. Campbell.

CHOIR

Trebles: A. W. Adam, C. H. Baxter, J. A. E. Fingland, D. S. Gifford, F. G. R. Gillanders, J. A. Hay, A. N. Hartley, P. J. Holden, A. J. M. King, M. D. Kirk, M. W. Langford, R. S. F. Leishman, T. S. Ling, I. A. D. Low, D. S. Lowden, S. A. Moffat, R. A. D. Powrie, D. E. Reid, H. T. Robertson, A. I. Robson, D. K. Roger, K. J. Shannon, D. A. Shortreed, W. J. G. Smith, A. P. Wilkinson.

Altos: D. R. Bird, C. A. Campbell, G. A. Chalmers, B. G. De la Haye, R. C. Herbert, P. D. Hunter, J. M. S. Kirkwood, A. G. Marshall, G. J. Pyle
B. N. Walker.

Tenors: J. M. Blair, R. A. Epps, D. M. Holmes, D. K. MacDougall, G. L. MacEwen, A. C. Mutch, D. N. F. Pennie, M. J. Reid, D. M. S. Robbie.
R. B. Shanks, E. G. M. Targowski.

Basses: G. E. Bailey, A. G. Balfour, A. W. Bethune, D. M. Bogie, K. M. Burnett,
A. W. Crowe, L. W. Fearn, R. J. Lawson, J. T. Thomson, M. G. M. Szwed, P. D. C. Warburton, R. J. Wilson.

DRAMA

The Government Inspector

The choice of Nikolai Gogol's 'The Government Inspector' as a School play was arrived at for several reasons. First, it was a play known to several senior boys, since it had been read in the sixth form the previous year. Second, there were not too many female parts, and this indeed is one of the first things one looks for in a play for a boys' school. Third, there was a marked resistance to doing any Shakespeare (perhaps we don't teach Shakespeare properly here).

The casting of the play was mainly determined by the volunteers that there were, and fortunately we eventually got enough of these. This did not, however, prevent some major

changes in the cast almost half-way through the rehearsals, mainly because one or two of the enthusiastic volunteers had managed to take on too many commitments. We were fortunate, too, to secure the services of Mrs. Fairbairn to take the part of the Mayor's wife, a move which proved popular with all except Mr. Fairbairn upon whom baby-sitting duties began to fall rather heavily, and Miss Stewart, the Headmaster's Secretary, was persuaded to take on the part of the Mayor's daughter.

Rehearsals started in the Sixth Form Block since the stage was occupied by a boxing-ring for the first half of the term, and this is always a difficult time in a production. The rehearsal room is never the same as a stage, and the actors have to put up with chairs placed for doors, and chairs standing in for all kinds of other items of furniture. The space, except when we used the Sixth Form Hall, was on the small side, and it was difficult to anticipate what the voices would sound like when we at last got onto the stage and had to project them into that acoustic monstrosity the School Gymnasium. It was just before the move was made at half term that a further problem arose in the change of cast which was mentioned above. The original Hlestakov dropped out, and D. Sharpe took over the part. Originally he had been playing a rather Falkirkian servant to Hlestakov, and had now to transfer to a very different part—one of a rather smooth, pseudo-sophisticated young man. That he was able to do this was very creditable; that he was prepared to, in spite of the extra rehearsals that were involved was even more so. The servant's part was taken over by T. Macleod, and the end-product of this part, after various experiments, was hilarious.

One of the marks of this relatively inexperienced cast—many were on the stage for the first time—was its continued good humour, despite one or two directorial rages about unlearned lines, and almost all of the cast acquired the facility of improvising and making up business. Furthermore, the actors were able to take the action along at a cracking pace which was essential for this play. Russian humour in translation seems to be rather heavy, and a fast pace is necessary to overcome this hazard.

A word, too, must be said about the set and the costumes. We are singularly fortunate in having at School a very good team in Mr. and Mrs. Macleod. Mr. Macleod worked very hard to produce a box set and persuaded Love's of Perth to loan us some furniture, and Mrs. Macleod once more produced wonders in the way of costumes. All kinds of people lent a hand behind the scenes and everything from the make-up department to ushering went without a hitch. I think that everyone connected with the production got something worthwhile out of it, and some of the unlikeliest people turned out to be good actors on the night—indeed one of the best never appeared at all; G. Dinnen did most

of the parts at one time or another during rehearsal, but couldn't be persuaded to face the public.

The Cast

Anton Antonovitch Skvoznik-Dmuhansky The Mayor *S. Drummond*
Anna Andreyevna His Wife *Mrs. T. C. G. Fairbairn.*
Marya Antonovna His Daughter *Miss H. Stewart.*
Amnos Fyodorovitch Lyapkin-Tyapkin District Judge *A. Crowe.*
Luka Lukitch Hlopov School Superintendent *J. Moffat.*
Artemy Filipovitch Zemlyanika Charity Commissioner *M. Szwed-Cousins*
Ivan Koosmitch Shypyokin Postmaster *S. Eriksen.*
Peter Ivanovitch Dobchinsky Town Landowner *T. Orchard*
Peter Ivanovitch Bobchinsky Town Landowner *A. Gray*
Stepan Ilyitch Uhovyortov Police Superintendent *D. Robbie.*
Ivan Alexandrovitch Hlestakov A Junior Official from Petersburg *D. Sharpe*
Yosif His Servant *T. MacLeod*
Stepan Ivanovitch Korobkin A Retired Official *C. McLachlan.*
Svistoonov A Constable *C. Laidlaw.*
Dyerzhimorda A Constable *A. Porter.*
Abdulin A Merchant *D. Robbie.*
Second Merchant *A. Porter.*
Third Merchant *C. Laidlaw.*
Mishka A Servant *D. Macdonald.*
A Waiter in the inn *D. Ovenstone.*
A Gendarme *D. Jenkins.*

The sets were designed by *Mr. T. J. MacLeod.*

Costume design and Wardrobe by *Mrs. T. J. MacLeod, assisted by Mrs. N. F. Pedgrift.*

Hairdressing by *Mrs. F. S. McNamara.*

Lighting by *A. Jeffrey.*

Stage Crew *H. Chrystal, I. Watters, N. Waterston, G. Lait and J. Barnet.*

Assistant Stage Managers *G. Dinnen and M. Bogie.*

Stage Manager *A. Laband.*

Front of House Manager *M. Steele.*

The play was directed by *Mr. R. N. Johnson.*

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We gratefully acknowledge help and assistance given by : Christopher Mann Ltd. for permission to perform the play ; Loves of Perth for the loan of furniture ; Theatrical Hires of Glasgow for providing uniforms ; Robson Lowe Ltd. for their permission to use reproductions of hand-stamps and postage stamps ; A. and A. Wigs ; Mr. H. Cumming of Woods of Perth in designing the programme ; masters' wives, the School Sewing Room and the School Workshop.

LIBRARY

I regret to say that the treatment of the Library by the School has not yet improved this year. At the beginning of the year new folders were bought for the magazines, and already many of them

have had to be replaced. Further, a number of books have had to be withdrawn due to the condition that they were in.

Next term, however, matters should be different. An extension to the library is being made, and a carpet, new bookshelves, desks and chairs are being bought. This should bring about an improvement in working and reading conditions, and should relieve the over-crowding.

Throughout the year new books have continued to flow in. Many additions have been made from the Everyman Library range of books and most of these additions have been classics which should be found in any good library.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the generous gift of £100 donated by Squadron Leader Primrose in memory of his son, Ian. The money is to be spent on books on flying.

Head Librarian: R. J. Lawson.

Assistant Librarians: N. S. Drummond.

T. K. Lunan.

S. G. Evans.

COMBINED CADET FORCE

In the first term of the School year normal training was added to by three lectures. Capt. Martin Minter-Kemp spoke on his experiences in the Transatlantic solo race, when he came 7th in a tri-maran; we were very glad to welcome Mr. Tim Powell, the owner of the boat, to the School as well. John Laing & Son Ltd, a construction firm, presented their Marlborough exercise and gave those who attended an introduction to planning, and Capt. Dixon gave a talk on the Army. Field Day proved to be one of the wettest ever.

In the Easter Term the Army Proficiency results were poor, though Broadwood gained a credit; the RN section have kept up a good average in their exams, and the RAF have had a very good pass rate.

Brigadier F. H. Coutts inspected the Contingent on the 23rd May. He was a most charming and encouraging guest and we much appreciated his kindness in visiting the School. He spoke to us about the new scheme of a Short Service Commission with entry into Business, which should be a very attractive idea for many boys. Because of the new buildings we were unable to have the customary March Past, so the Inspecting Officer was met by a Guard of Honour of 60 cadets at the front door. The usual Parade was replaced by the Beating of Retreat later in the afternoon. Officer Cadet T. C. Ashton who is now at Sandhurst acted as the Staff Officer. Brigadier J. C. Monteith,

the Commander of Highland Area, also visited the School in the afternoon and watched the Parade. All cadets did very well throughout the day and the new arrangements worked very smoothly. We were grateful to Chief Petty Officers Jeffreys and Murray for their assistance with the Guard. They now come from H.M.S. Camperdown, as the RNR Tay Division has moved from the ancient H.M.S. Unicorn onto dry land. Cadet Craig flew over the parade during the Retreat and happily guided his aeroplane back to where it had come from. Incidentally Cadet Lindsay has been having flying lessons too, so far without mishap. Some RAF cadets have been having driving lessons as well. Officer Cadet Lamb sent his regards via Ashton and we congratulate him on getting his colours for fencing at Sandhurst.

There are quite a large number of Old Boys in the Services, perhaps most in the RAF. We were very sad to hear the death of Plt. Off. Ian Primrose in a flying accident early in the year. He was a very promising young Officer who had been doing particularly well at the Central Flying School. Our most recent memory of him at School was his acting as ADC to the Inspecting Officer for our Annual Inspection in 1967 as a Cranwell Cadet, when he impressed us all by his smart bearing, quiet confidence and friendliness. He was a boy upholding the highest traditions of the Services and a great credit to Strathallan.

Cadets have paid two visits to Sandhurst through the year, and these have been much enjoyed. Quite a large number of boys have applied for Flying Scholarships but they seem very hard to get.

Orkney saw the Army section again away back last August. My thanks are particularly due to Fl. Lt. Wormald who stood in for me as OC at the last minute. The other Officers had a very strenuous programme and Hoy provided the usual excellent tramping ground. This August two Officers and 20 cadets visit the 1st Bn. The Gordon Highlanders in Minden BAOR.

The R.N. Section are trying their luck camping on their own at Portmahomack and the RAF had a very successful camp at Coltishall. An Arduous Training section under Mr. Pearson and Mr. Newbury advanced on North Wales again at Easter time.

The R.N. section has made an imaginative and testing assault course in the pond area and so the dreams of many previous N.C.O.'s have at last blossomed into fact.

The Pipes and Drums have performed very well in all School functions from St. Andrew's Night right through to Speech Day, and met the usual stiff opposition at Glasgow from Morrison's and Dollar, who were placed above us. Gray was 2nd in the Junior individual event. Heriot's again won the other competition, which was held at Dundee for the first time, in the worst weather

that anyone could remember for that occasion. The Dancing Team did well to come 3rd.

We are most grateful to Nicholas and Miles Paterson for presenting a very handsome silver shield to the School which will be used as a Band trophy.

On the Speech Day 'Sunset Parade' (the sun setting this year at about 5.30 p.m.) Cox. Prain was in charge of the parade and the other detachments were commanded by Roy, Archibald, Crowe, Robbie and P/M Mitchell. Miller was the Naval piper and Sproat and Owen the buglers.

J. O. McIntyre was Under Officer for the first two terms and when he left he was replaced by U/O Forbes. Prain remained for the whole year at the helm of the R.N. section, but the R.A.F. had a change-over too when Ross left at Easter, handing over to D. M. S. Robbie. Targowski was in charge of the Armoury.

If any Old Boys do read the Corps report, those who remember Army Camp at Catterick and an all-night exercise in torrential rain, with B. G. Stuart piping in the attack at dawn and the famous 'Izzy-wozzy' password contrived by D. Mackenzie (I think), will have been as amused as I was to read in the Daily Telegraph of the 3rd January:

OFFICER & DOG SURVIVE NIGHT IN SNOW-HOLE

'Apart from slight frostbite Lieut. Colin Dunbar survived the coldest night of the year in a snow-hole high up in the Cairngorms on Saturday. With him was his labrador dog.'

People don't change all that much, do they? Dunbar's massive trench caved in on top of him on that wet Catterick night.

T.C.G.F.

B.A.O.R.

Two Officers and twenty Cadets spent eight days as guests of the 1st Bn. The Gordon Highlanders at Minden, BAOR from 21–28th August. Our sincerest thanks go to them for their excellent training and their kind hospitality.

The final scheme took the form of a 24-hour escape and evasion exercise. Cadets were lifted by helicopter, moved by agents, fed themselves, 'blew up' a convoy at dusk, and scattered to return to their own safe territory by night, trying to avoid tracker dogs and 42 soldiers on patrol searching for them.

The outcome was as follows:

Barclay, Howie, McLean, Main, Picken, Sproat, Robertson, Williamson B. S., and Wilson W. R. were captured and interrogated.

All were pretty brave, but the last three are particularly to be congratulated on their refusal to impart any information even under 'pressure'.

McIntyre was first home. Having got a lift from a friendly German he drove to the base in style by 2000 hours.

Jenkins, Russell and Wilson P. R., moved very fast and reached Base by 2100 hours.

Burnett and Chrystal avoided capture and reached base about 0030.

Mackie was captured but escaped dramatically and reached base eventually.

Lewis and Thomson avoided capture and reached base about 0230 and slept in the armoured personnel carrier.

Grant and Walker slept the night in a barn and arrived at base at 0730.

C.C.F. ARMY CAMP—MINDEN B.A.O.R.

0354 Friday, 29th August, 1969.

'Good-bye Minden, good-bye Sergeant-Major, good-bye, thanks a lot, 'bye Charlie.' We were off after a week with The Gordons—a week?—a year more like. We had hardly been to bed for nights. I yawned, I sat on the seat and tried to sleep, I hung my legs over the end dangling them in the gangway and tried to sleep, I curled myself up in a ball and tried to sleep. 'Why are these East German trains so hard? I do so want to go to sleep . . .'

Mackie on his plastic covered bench opposite me wasn't moving. I looked carefully, his neck was twisted—broken, his head lolling off the seat, his legs were hanging limply in the central gangway. It must have been that swine of a P.T. Corporal. Poor bloke, he only had his hands on his hips too, and they had hung him from the wallbars. Twenty press-ups! I'll give him twenty press-ups. But was it that Corporal? He hadn't really killed anyone—quite. Wasn't it the Alsations that had tracked us relentlessly for hours, biting any who fell in their path, just the night before? But surely we had escaped from them, only to be captured after I was electrocuted on the fence. Now I saw the scene all over again. I remember the real cause. Mackie had fallen out of the helicopter—no, that can't have been it, only his map fell out. It must have been when he baled out of the back of the truck, and I had seen him spreadeagled on the road, and the Army had just driven away. The Officers' car must have gone straight over him. Lucky chap! For they had taken us off to be interrogated. Sand-bags taste funny, you know, when soaking wet and you've been frog-marched round a square, AND kicked brutally, and

hauled over upturned benches. I'll never do another bunny-hop in all my life. Another twenty press-ups? Go to blazes. What blasted silly questions.—How should I know where any A.P.C. was? What is it anyway? If I had that Sergeant MacDonald, it wouldn't be twenty press-ups, I'd make him sit for hours with his hands on his head, I'd shove him under a shower, I'd pull his finger-nails out one by one, I'd . . .

'Wake up. Ten minutes to Cologne.' 'Oh go to . . . Oh, yes Sir. I must just have dropped off.' And there was Mackie sitting up rubbing his eyes. 'Are you sure you're O.K.?' 'Yeah. Why not?'

Cologne. 6.00 a.m. Quite busy really. We can pass a couple of hours quite easily. I can't leave Germany without trying a Bratwurst, and I might as well get some of that Echtes Kolnisches Wasser stuff. I have some marks left and the rest of my genuine souvenirs all seem to be made in Japan. Except the cigarettes of course—200 from the NAAFI. 'Oh yes Sir, please Sir, oh my father smokes a lot Sir—drinks too Sir. Can I take a bottle of whisky through the Customs Sir? It was only 18/— in the Camp Sir!'

'Bad luck Old Bean, mine was only 16/— in the Officers' Mess.'

The Officers. You know they did nothing at camp. Fired ten rounds on the range. I think that's all they did in the week, except booze-ups at Captain Kinghorn's. Just like Burnett. How do you get to know all these people? Sook. It just had to be D Coy bar for me, and B Coy bar. 'Oh just coke, Sir.'

So we hung around Cologne station and sat on our cases while the Officers still had enough energy to go and look at the Cathedral. Well that got rid of them anyway. 'Hi Pete quick. Stub it out. They're back, you fool.'

And into another train, hours of it till Ostend. I suppose I nodded off, for jumbled images of the week's events swam before my eyes. What a laugh Jenkins looking pathetically around with his 15-ton APC stuck in a mud-hole, though they did get it out in the end. Then we were all pretty depressed at having to go to a concert. Thought it would be like the School Orchestra! But this Gordons' Band must be one of the best in the Army, because we thought it was quite good. The Officers spoilt our evening though. We were chased to bed out of the NAAFI dance. I suppose they had some party in the Officers' Mess—as usual. Anyway 2/Lieut. Lamb told us all about what they got up to. I've got some hopes for blackmail now.

Hours and hours and hours trundling along in a 3-ton truck, or landrover, or a minibus. If only we'd seen that border. I wanted to see some Commies. The Hartz mountains are really lovely though. And then there was Belsen—the sad mounds of graves of thousands in the purple heath. Pretty horrific pictures in the Entrance Hall. Charlie said that no birds ever sing there yet, and though it's all

surrounded by woods there was just silence. A dreadful atmosphere, but most impressive.

That was the day they were all on Exercise Quicktrain. What a commotion, with vehicles all over the place, as they swarm out in readiness for a Russian attack. We'd just seen Captain Lochore's polo ponies, and the most gigantic gun possible, and we'd managed to lose Williamson in a tank, when all the Scots Greys disappeared. (It was rumoured that our Officers were the only ones left in the Mess for lunch, and that they had wine for 20—but that couldn't be true, could it?)

Back at Camp some of the disorganised cadets slept with only one blanket on the bare mattress, so as not to crumple their sheets and blankets in their bed-blocks. Idlers!

'Left turn, right, turn. About turn. Move sharp. My name is Sgt-Major Greenhowe. I am the fiercest drill-instructor in the British Army!' 'I bet he didn't say that.' 'Didn't he? Well he was anyway.' Drill, and camouflage in the rain, and SLRs and SMGs, and GMPGs, and tanks, and helicopters, and trucks, and chips, and PT, and press-ups, and press-ups, and press-ups, and that terrible exercise at the end, and Minden, and Hanover, and the Army cinema (what awful films!), and German beer, and the rats in Hamlin, and the corporals and all we did when we were out.

And at last Ostend, but with it a rough sea. 'Excuse me Sir,' it was the steward's voice, 'Do you mind if I clear the glasses now and lash this chair to the bench? It may just be a little choppy.'

Poor Thomson—even with a pongo-pill. I went to the highest deck possible. 'Not been sea-sick this time Jenkins?' 'Oh no Sir, only when it's calm.'

The Customs—no-one was caught. Even Picken thought one interrogation enough. Back on British Rail—London—another train—home.

My mother was cooking breakfast when I got home. 'Have you enjoyed yourself, dear?'

'Enjoyed myself? At Corps Camp? Well . . . yes . . . yes I did actually. I enjoyed it very much.'

It was absolute hell, though.

ROYAL NAVAL SECTION

The strength of the section has remained at fifty this year.

In July 1968 Sub Lieutenant Downing took a party of twenty Cadets to Loch Ewe where they were involved in a busy training programme involving sailing in both whalers and R.N.S.A.

that the section has a fully equipped classroom for navigation study and a splendid base, while still retaining our rope store.

This year R.N. training took a more practical turn with the building of an assault course at the pond, which in ingenuity and breadth can compare favourably with those used in officer training by the three services. Due to Sub. Lieutenant Downing's skill and the herculean labours of Cox. Prain and P.O's Sharpe and Roy the assault course was constructed in an incredibly short time.

Our Field Day programme which was to have included a cruise from Rosyth was unavoidably changed when a N.A.T.O. exercise involved the destroyer on which the contingent was to have sailed. As a quick change of plan was necessary the Assault Course proved a splendid substitute, taxing the ingenuity of Cadets and Officers in atrocious weather conditions.

The school R.N. section this year said farewell to both Commander Murray, the Naval Member J.C.E., and Lieut. Commander Berger, Staff Officer Dundee. Commander Murray in his two years at Whitehall proved himself to be a good friend of Strathallan in many ways, not least in giving the School its very fine section Motor Boat which has proved such a tremendous success. We hope to welcome his successor Commander Groom to the School at some future date.

Lieut. Commander Berger as Staff Officer had occasion to help us out many times and did so willingly. We are grateful to him for bringing the school R.N. section into closer liaison with R.N.R. Dundee by inviting our cadets to become involved in such events as the Royal Visit last October. Lieut. Commander Briggs, his successor, has already made himself well-known and appreciated by the section, particularly as regards arrangements for this year's R.N. camp.

We congratulate Commander Scott on his well-earned promotion. A regular visitor to the R.N. section on General Inspection Day he this year attended once again as Naval Staff Officer. General Inspection this year consisted of a varied programme in training, in which the R.N. section provided an interesting demonstration on the Assault Course; also some sailing practice on the school pond. Time this year did not allow us to make use of facilities on the River Tay, so the Motor Boat was in dry dock at the R.N. hut.

Our camp this year was rather an ambitious 'Greenfields' camp at Portmahomack, Ross-shire. Upon its completion the general consensus of opinion has pronounced it well worth while, every cadet having both an instructive and an enjoyable time. We are grateful to the Naval Member for authority to hold the camp, and to Major Fairbairn for his considerable support as regards borrowing Army equipment etc. Mr. Henderson gave

valuable assistance in drawing up the initial programmes and in circumventing the many snags involved in such an undertaking.

Both Navy and Army assistance was absolutely first-class. Through the good offices of Captain Stewart R.N.R. Dundee and Lieut. Commander Briggs, the Navy lent us two whalers and transported them the considerable distance to Easter Ross, with the section Motor Boat which was uplifted from Perth Harbour. This convoy made its way up to Ross-shire, arriving there on Saturday 12th July 1969. Lieut. Macleod drove one large truck with the advance party of cadets and equipment, 'roaring' out of the school grounds on the morning of Wednesday 9th July at 0630, followed by Flying Officer Newbury driving the water truck.

On the seashore at Portmahomack the fairly impressive camp took shape so that when the main party of cadets arrived by coach from Inverness Station they were agreeably surprised to discover how comfortable and well-equipped our camp was.

All cadets had a full programme in which they experienced the Dornoch Firth in all its moods from calm to stormy. Mr. McBride, the sailing instructor from H.M.S. Camperdown, proved himself a splendid and indefatigable tutor.

The motor boat really came into its own with several memorable trips, not least of which was the cruise to Dornoch, some eight miles across the Firth. Flying Officer Newbury gave the school canoes their first trial in the open sea, when capsizes were the order of the day.

Each party of seven cadets went on the twenty mile cross-country expedition from Eilenadh Lodge to Easter Fearn. General opinion was 'Wonderful country—but OH the blisters!'

The interesting aspect of a camp like this in the centre of a small community is how well the cadets were received by the local people. This was certainly true in this case, from church parade on Sunday to the village fancy-dress parade some days later, when O. S. Gray led the procession playing the bagpipes. Strathallan won the pulling race against the local fishermen and the football match against the boys of the village.

The R.N. section was happy to welcome the school bursar, Mr. Cowie, and his wife when they visited camp mid-week.

Culinary 'efforts' at camp were surprisingly successful, and genuine opinion said, 'Better than Strath', which was high praise indeed.

To all officers and N.C.O's without whose help the camp could not have been such a success I am most grateful.

Coxswain: I. R. Prain.

P.O.: Roy, Sharpe.

L.S.: Gray, Fawcett, Steele, Walker, Mahon, Chalmers.

The following appointments and promotions are announced for next year :

Coxswain : M. J. N. Steele

P.O. : Duncan, McBride.

L.S. : Evans, Ingram, Williamson.

T.J.M.

R.A.F. SECTION

As usual the section was well up to strength at the start of the Autumn Term, but because of the alteration in the examination requirements half-way through the previous year, we started in September with 23 cadets without their Proficiency plus a further 17 recruits. This total of 40 cadets without Proficiency was without precedent; however the challenge was met by the end of the year—43 cadets had their Advanced, 7 their Proficiency and only 7 had nothing.

Once more we had three different Warrant Officers in charge of the section—D. B. Fraser until Christmas, G. M. J. Ross until Easter and D. M. S. Robbie until the end of the year. This obviously has advantages and disadvantages. It does give different people a chance to take charge and also ensures that cadets deserving of becoming N.C.Os do so. But sometimes the continuity of command is lacking and therefore one cannot see one's ideas coming to fruition.

Last year many cadets tried for their Flying Scholarships and R. A. L. Craig was successful, going on to complete his Private Pilot's Licence. He flew over the School on two 'state' occasions and took some very good aerial shots of the proceedings. This year only R. W. Sproat has been recommended for entry into the Scheme, but even this is a good result as we have had six in the last six years.

We have had our usual quota of glider wings this year, five in all, and two of these were recommended for advanced training. The .22 shooting was not as good as usual as we did not win anything, losing the one Scottish Cup we held, but as a lot of the cadets were young, the experience should serve them in the next two years.

Field Day was held, again as usual, in two places; Flight Lieutenant Wormald took the younger Cadets to R.A.F. Turnhouse where unfortunately the weather interfered with the programme although 5 Cadets did fly to R.A.F Acklington in Northumberland for the morning. Flying Officer Barker took the more senior Cadets to R.A.F. Leuchars to look around and see the working of the Station.

Six Cadets under Ft. Lt. Wormald went to R.A.F. Wildenrath in Germany at Easter. Although the Station was on Easter Leave for most of the time a thoroughly enjoyable time was had and a good working knowledge of life and play on an active German station was learnt. Trips in spare time were made into Holland to Overloon and Evoluon, down the Rhine on a magnificent new Rhine Steamer, and to the new shopping centre of Western Europe—Dusseldorf.

Forty Cadets under Flt. Lt. Wormald, Flg. Off. Barker and with the assistance of Flt. Lt. Craig of Glenalmond went to R.A.F. Coltishall the week after Easter. The preview of the rather formidable programme was very daunting and forbidding but at the end of the week Cadets with previous camping experience voted it the best camp they had attended, this despite bleak East Anglian winds and rain. Two of the initiative tests were unusual; the Berlin Wall involved getting over a 17 ft. Blast Wall with two poles and a length of rope; this produced a great sense of achievement once parties had got over it. The River Crossing meant getting across a 70 ft. wide fast-flowing river with empty petrol drums, ropes and plants. This caused quite a few people to have involuntary swims. The food was up to the usual Air Force standard, the bowling alley frequently used and the station dances literally rocked the whole area.

At the General Inspection we had Sqn. Ldr. R. Henderson from H.Q. Air Cadets as an assistant to the Brigadier and the Strathallian representative in the R.A.F.—Sqn. Ldr. E. J. E. Smith, O.B.E. from Cranwell.

The only blemish in a good year's progress was the very untimely death, in a flying accident of a former Cadet, Ian Primrose. An obituary can be read elsewhere in the Magazine.

N.C.O.s throughout the year

W.Os. D. B. Fraser, G. M. J. Ross, D. M. S. Robbie. **Flt. Sgts.** D. G. Brash, N. D. McKenzie. **Sgts.** R. A. L. Craig, M. W. H. Cran, D. G. Jenkins, I. A. G. Moodie, A. C. Mutch. **Cpls.** D. R. Brown, N. S. Drummond, J. G. Edwards, I. W. Gordon, G. L. MacEwen, D. P. L. McLeod, J. D. N. Ovenstone, A. C. Shedden.

R.A.F. COLTISHALL

This year's annual R.A.F. Camp was held at Royal Air Force Coltishall near Norwich, where we were accompanied by Flt. Lt. Wormald and Flying Officers Barker and Craig. R.A.F. Coltishall is an Operational Conversion Unit where all the Lightning pilots of the R.A.F. are trained. In addition, officers from foreign air forces are trained to fly Lightnings, although the Saudi Arabians buy their own aircraft first and in fact have a whole squadron

based at Coltishall with their own national markings. There is also a Helicopter Squadron based here and an Historic Aircraft Flight. This last consists of Spitfires and Hurricanes from the Second World War, and these aircraft have recently been used for making the new film, 'The Battle of Britain'.

We arrived on Wednesday evening with a fairly full programme ahead of us. Throughout the week we had four exercises to carry out, in which we were competing against each other and one other school. Some of these exercises demanded a fair amount of initiative and illegal co-operation between other sections and the locals.

The station had brought in three Chipmunks for our stay there. Owing to variable weather conditions, some cadets got more flights than others, but everybody got at least one. A few cadets also managed to get a quick flight in a helicopter, having been winched up to it from the ground.

The hope that everyone had was to get a flight in a Lightning, but such a hope was in vain, since regulations prevented it, although Flt. Lt. Wormald managed to get a trip.



An outing at R.A.F. Coltishall.

Saturday afternoon was spent looking round Norwich, a city which was far from lively enough for us, and the other excursion was on Sunday to Wroxham on the Norfolk Broads. This was much enjoyed; most people hired motor boats, which soon became an unprofitable business to the hirers as boat-hooks and ensigns were lost to the officers' boat.

Besides the exercises and flying there were many other features on the programme. These included shooting, a visit to the Ejection Seat Section, Flight Simulators, Electronics Section, and the Missile Servicing Section. The latter, alas, was beyond the intelligence of the average cadet.

The off-duty facilities were good. Although the local pubs were out of bounds, the Airmen's Mess was not. There was also a four lane ten-pin-bowling alley on which the Officers lost a challenge match to the cadets. The station also had its own cinema, and there was also a dance on one night and a jazz session on another. Accommodation and food were very good indeed.

On the whole the camp was enjoyed by the majority, and it was certainly rated higher than our last two camps. This was mainly due to the full programme—we were never left wandering around with nothing to do—and secondly because people went out of their way to entertain us.

M.H.C.

PIPES AND DRUMS

Last year's band was young, and so there were very few changes to make this year at all. Not surprisingly, then, the standard of playing continued to rise, particularly since a great deal of practice has been put in during the first two terms of the year. We were, perhaps, unfortunate, not to register any wins at the Glasgow and Edinburgh Band Competitions, therefore.

At Glasgow, we came third and congratulations go to C. W. Gray in coming second in the Junior Piping Competition there. The competition in the East of Scotland was this year held at Dundee, and it was disappointing to be placed seventh in the competition as a whole. It was some consolation to be placed first in the Smartness and Drill section.

As usual the Band has played at the General Inspection and on Speech Day, the latter being a fairly busy day with two displays and the Sunset Parade. We also had one or two outside engagements at local fetes, and our last performance was at the Dunbarney Fete at Bridge of Earn.

This year we added a new march to our repertoire, and next year we are promised a thorough overhaul, as it were, with a new competition set to learn. Once again we owe much to the

enthusiastic instruction of Pipe Major Sinclair and Drum Sergeant Wilson, both of whom have come up in their spare time during the week and on Sundays. Mr. Henderson, too, has given of his time very willingly.

The results of the School Competitions were as follows:

Senior Piping: A. C. Shedden.

Senior Drumming: G. M. Crawford.

Junior Piping: C. W. Gray.

Junior Drumming: A. C. G. Moodie.

ACTIVITIES

Since so many activities, societies, and so on exist in the School, it is surprising to see boys in the School who do nothing at all in their spare time. There can, of course, be no objection to a boy's doing nothing in some of his spare time; what is sad to see are those boys who are prepared to do nothing all the time. This can hardly be for want of knowledge of the meetings of the various societies, since many of them are well advertised: indeed the advertising of some societies has reached almost soap-powder proportions with large and lurid posters which can hardly fail to attract the eye.

We have to report the rise of one or two other societies this year. A Society by the name of the Arts Lab—perhaps a curious contradiction in terms—has been formed. Just what it does is something of a secret, but it seems to have a very small membership—less even than the Fly Tying Club—and it does not seem, by all accounts, to be a revolutionary society. Then Mr. Clayton and some boys have been sighted from time to time running around in great haste accompanied by a cine-camera. There are rumours of a film being made. On one of the occasions when this group was sighted it included one of our great non-games players in cricket flannels, so just what is going on remains to be seen.

One of the most encouraging features of the year has been the amount of self-entertainment undertaken, particularly in the field of music. A Folk Group has been flourishing throughout the year, and since the members of this have now left it will be interesting to see whether this particular kind of movement continues. The Music Society, too, has continued to flourish, mainly under the direction of J. M. Blair. Will it, too, keep up the high standards that it has set itself during the past two years? One hopes so, although its programmes have a limited appeal, and its meetings usually take place at that time when boys at last get down to the weekend prep which they have been putting off—i.e. after evening Chapel on Sundays.

Some of the reports which follow are sketchy, to say the

least. Getting adequate reports out of societies has been a perennial headache for editors of this magazine. The reader is therefore warned that the sketchiness of a report does not mean that the society in question is almost defunct.

THE ARTS SOCIETY

At the beginning of the year, several of the officers of the society retired owing to pressure of work. Amongst these was T. F. Hubbard who was instrumental in founding the society. His retirement has, though, been a fairly active one since he has lectured to the society and given a reading of his own poetry. We understand that he is negotiating the publication of some of his poems, and we wish him well in this venture.

Lectures this year have been given on such topics as William Blake and Michelangelo. Trips were also arranged to various Scottish art galleries. These trips, which have been very well subscribed to, included a visit to the Kirkcaldy Art Gallery to view the very fine collection of McTaggart.

This year has also seen a transformation, by common consent of the members of the Art Society into the Arts Society, which widens the scope of interest considerably. It now includes poetry, china and antiques amongst its interests.

The committee this year was:

President: R. A. Rodger.

Vice President: A. M. Duff.

Secretary: C. G. Scroggie.

There was a total of 53 members at the end of the year.

R.A.R.

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

This has been a good year for those interested in outer space, what with men landing on the moon and probes of Mars going on. Certainly the rise in public interest has rubbed off on this society, since the membership was three times what it has been in previous years.

The main aim of the society this year was to show films, but as usually happens at Strathallan the outside visits proved to be the more popular. Of these we had three—two to the Observatory at Dundee, and one to the Observatory at St. Andrews.

On the second visit to the Dundee Observatory the sky was clear and all of the party were able to have a good look at the planets Venus—of which a photograph was also taken—and Saturn, and other interesting celestial objects such as the Orion Nebula through the many different types of telescope.

During the Spring Term there was a solar eclipse, and a few boys were able to watch it indirectly through the school telescope.

Office-bearers during the year were :

Chairman : R. A. L. Craig.

Secretary : D. R. Barns-Graham.

Treasurer : P. F. P. Waterston.

BALLROOM DANCING

The team of some 30-40, largely consisted of Lower VIth boys, though three or four experienced players were left over from the year before. After training in the Winter term, the Team Coach, Miss R. Le Mesurier announced the team fit, and fixtures were arranged throughout the Easter Term with the Convent, our team playing away for the first half of the term, and playing at home for the second half of the term on the VIth Form Block pitch. Occasional intimate Sunday matches took place.

The two main away-fixtures for the year were against Dollar, where a training session took place, and the big game with The Beacon School, which was played at night under spot-lights. The Supporters' Club is growing, for the founder member Mr. Fairbairn was on this occasion accompanied by Mrs. Fairbairn and Mr. McLeod, who were allowed even to take part in this Friendly Match. We were very grateful indeed for the kind reception we got, for the magnificent decorations, and for the delicious refreshments at half-time.

We very much hope that all these very enjoyable fixtures will be kept up in the future. The behaviour of both members and supporters has been exemplary.

DEBATING SOCIETY

This year has again seen the continuing expansion of the society stirring general interest throughout the School. Numerous debates with other schools have provided the impetus and interest necessary to attract the large audiences which have characterized most recent meetings.

A debate with St. Andrews University on whether public houses are preferable to public schools revealed the true tendencies of many, while others with the young ladies of Kilgraston School, the Beacon and St. Leonards fired the enthusiasm of all, ensuring plentiful support for the principal speakers, G. C. H. Archibald, M. J. N. Steele and N. J. B. Fielding.

Though little success was achieved in the inter-school debate this year, in which Archibald and Fielding failed to

convince a naturally sceptical audience that women are better off with inequality, much entertainment was provided by T. F. Hubbard and J. Blair in one of the now-frequent debates with Kilgraston. M. Szwed-Cousins succeeded in upholding the motion that young and old have nothing to say to each other in a debate with St. Leonards School, and, altogether, the question of the generation gap was well thrashed out during this year, with motions ranging from public schools themselves, through the protesting youth, to our modern permissive society. However, in all but one of the debates, conservatism triumphed (as, in a fee-paying school, one might expect).

N.J.B.F.

FILM GUILD

Despite setbacks due to postal hold-ups and unco-operative hire companies, the Film Guild flourished as never before.

We began in the Winter Term with 'Images Pour Debussy', a beautiful story of reflections on water and dazzling images of the sun caught on rippling surfaces, co-ordinated with Debussy's piano music. The same evening we showed 'Big City Blues', a story based on fact—just one of the many tragedies we read about—filmed with no artificial decor, the stark, tense nature of the plot echoed only by the accompanying blues. During the rest of the term came 'The Chemist', a very early comedy, and 'Ai-Je', and since one meeting was cancelled because the films did not arrive on time, a special meeting was held at which 'A Night At The Opera' was shown, featuring the Marx brothers, 'Allo, Allo' and 'How To Marry A Princess', both by Gopo, were shown at the next meeting, and then, finally, 'The Hole', a short cartoon about the thoughts of an American negro labourer and his Brooklynite white counterpart on a building site, was shown and followed by 'Meditation on Violence', a film outstanding because of the anti-climax achieved by combining a highly suggestive title with several hundred feet of total inaction. The Sixth Form Hall reverberated with the groans.

During the Spring Term, films were few and far between. The Film Study Group—a society within a society designed for the Sixth Form only in order to show more select films at higher prices with a limited number of places—took its first steps forward. Unfortunately, owing to tightly booked schedules, many of the films on order were unavailable and we succeeded only in acquiring 'Wozzeck' for the first meeting, and, later in the term, Polanski's 'Knife in the Water'; both these films seemed to discourage a few of those who saw them.

Film Guild shows included 'The Caretaker' and 'Kanal'—the

latter apparently the more successful of the two. Feature films shown during the year were 'Tapkapi', 'The Liquidator' and 'The Spy Who Came in From The Cold'.

I hope that the Film Study Group will manage to get off the ground in the near future and wish my successor luck in finding original excuses to explain why certain films have not arrived—present excuses seem to be wearing thin!

A.J.G.A.

FISHING CLUB

In the early part of the term the fish provided good sport. All the fish taken were in fine condition and several of two pounds and over were recorded. By the end of May, however, the fishing had deteriorated markedly, and there were only eight recorded catches in the first twenty-five days of June, and these fish were in a much poorer condition than those which had been caught earlier.

From then on until the end of term the fishing happily improved, and the dry fly has proved to be very successful. J. M. Smith had a particularly successful season, catching 24 of the 61 recorded catches.

This year an additional fixture against the Old Strathallians was arranged. It was held at the Strathallan Pond on June 7th. Mr. D. Biggart, appropriately, caught the only fish of the day, but in spite of this disappointing scarcity of fish everyone had an *enjoyable day*.

The other match against the Old Strathallians was held on Loch Leven, the usual venue. This fixture the School won by the margin of 1 lb. 4 oz., and D. B. Brown was presented with a reel for catching the most fish in the day.

P.F.W.

FLY-TYING CLUB

The Fly-tying Club is one of the smallest clubs in the School, having a membership of 13 only, which is surprisingly small when one considers the number of fishermen in the School.

We had hoped, this year, to obtain weekly instruction from outside, similar to that given last year, but this was not possible. Nevertheless, the club was kept going by a small number of skilled enthusiasts.

J.F.F.

FOLK MUSIC CONCERTS

This year has seen a rise in the interest in folk-music, traditional, modern and blues. The main reason for this was the enthusiasm generated by concerts given by two new groups in the School. One of the groups was a traditional folk group and the other one a modern and blues group, the former consisting of D. J. C. Sharpe (guitar and vocal), A. C. Mutch (guitar) and E. C. Roy (vocal), and the latter consisting of G. M. J. Ross (guitar and vocal), D. K. MacDougall (guitar) and C. T. Perry (assorted percussion).

The first concert of the year was held in the Sixth Form Hall for the Sixth Form Society. The atmosphere was very good, largely due to 'T. G. Orchard Lighting Inc.', and the audience got even better as the evening rolled on. The traditional group opened the evening with many hearty renderings of well-known songs such as 'Wild Rover' and 'The last thing on my mind', in which audience participation was good. The traditional programme was well constructed, with a good balance between soft and subtle songs and more amusing songs such as 'The Dundee Cat'. Spaces were filled in by Sharpe's excruciatingly painful jokes.

The folk blues group played songs and instrumentals from the repertoire of such notables as 'The Incredible String Band', Donovan, Simon and Garfunkle and Bob Dylan, with the blues element supplied by instrumentals and songs inspired by contemporary artists, such as Davy Graham, Bert Jansch and John Henbourne. Especially popular were Mike Heron's song 'The Hedgehog's Song' and Donovan's 'Sand and Foam'. The audience's joining in the songs that they knew and the relative silence and appreciation shown during the folk blues made for an exciting evening.

The folk blues group later appeared at the Winter Term Informal Concert, in which they again played 'The Hedgehog's Song', and Simon and Garfunkle's 'America'. The songs were well received.

The next step could only have been to go on tour, and this we did, the first stop being at the fair city of Forgardenny. Here we played at a concert given in honour of Mr. and Mrs. Fotheringham who had just retired from active village life. The traditional group's 'Dundee Cat'—a Hamish Imlach song—went down very well, raising many a laugh. The other group's 'Pretty Peggy O' impressed the audience because of its energy, and the sight of Ross on the point of bursting a blood vessel with his ferocious harmonica playing.

The other one night stand was for the vast milling crowd which constituted the Dunning Youth Club. For this we joined forces and formed a traditional group.

Perhaps the most successful concert of all was the one in

the Spring Term for the Music Society in the Music Room. There was a large audience, and again lighting by T. G. Orchard added greatly to the atmosphere. The songs of the folk blues group were mainly 'Incredible String Band' songs. The traditional group had its usual and distinctive blend of amusing and traditional songs, especially amusing being 'The Music Man' and 'Rock My Soul'. Pleasant features of this concert were various solos, which included A. C. Mutch's 'I once loved a lass', and the folk blues songs by G. M. J. Ross, with Donovan's 'The War Drags On', and D. K. MacDougall's rendering of The Incredible String Band's 'Koeedi There'. It seemed at one point that the concert would never end as there were so many encores. It did eventually with a hearty 'Auld Lang Syne'—which was probably the only song that the audience didn't know the words of (or, for that matter, what they meant).

The Summer Term's concert had a somewhat less exciting atmosphere to it, but the music was good. E. C. Roy was strongly featured in the traditional group. The folk blues group having lost Ross gained K. M. Burnett and featured G. S. Dinnen on piano. The music was much more blues based and strongly emphasised was Davy Graham's music with 'Freight Train Blues' and a rather ambitious but surprisingly successful piece showing Graham's eastern and Moroccan influences. Other pieces were original blues improvisations with the exception of the traditional 'Rising Sun Blues'.

The main achievement of all this has been to make many people more aware of what folk music has to offer in its various forms, and it is hoped that the interest will remain alive.

D.K.M.

HIGHLAND DANCING

Although there were only eight pupils at the beginning of the year, this did not dull our hopes for the East of Scotland Dancing Competition which was to be held in the Summer Term. Before that, however, we had some other engagements, the first of which was in the School, when we gave a display of Highland Dancing at the St. Andrews Night festivities. Here we danced the Highland Fling and Haddow House.

Later on in the same term we performed the Highland Fling and the Sword Dance at a concert in the Village Hall at Forgandenny. Then, in the Summer Term, we gave our customary display at Speech Day, presenting, on this occasion, the Sword Dance.

A week later we sent our team to the East of Scotland Competition at Dundee. The team was A. G. Chalmers, J. D. D. Ingram, H. J. A. Chrystal and R. J. Wilson. We danced a Foursome

Reel and were placed third out of eight. Our final public engagement was the Dunbarney Church Fete.

Our thanks go to Miss Farquhar for her tuition and enthusiasm, and to Mr. Henderson for playing the pipes at so many of our practices.

A.G.C.

ST. ANDREW'S NIGHT

This year's St. Andrew's Night got off to a fairly timid start, but the proceedings eventually livened up considerably. The dance band, under Mr. Marshall's direction gave a spirited performance—even with a substitute lead violinist who had been called in at short notice. We were entertained by a display of Highland Dancing, given by the School team. Later the Pipe Band also appeared. The programme was as follows: Dashing White Sergeant; Strip the Willow; Eightsome Reel; Gay Gordons; Strip the Willow; Dashing White Sergeant. Refreshments were provided afterwards in the Msuic Room.

The band this year was J. M. Blair (piano) ; C. T. Perry (drums) ; N. J. B. Fielding (violin), and Mr. G. Marshall (accordion).

K.M.B.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Once again we have had a full and varied year. In order to raise money to pay for visiting artists we have had several 'pop' evenings, which being extremely well attended, have provided the society with some useful funds.

In September Alistair Hodge, Music Master at Perth Academy and Music Critic of the Perthshire Advertiser, talked to us about grand opera, giving us a very comprehensive history of this art-form. In the Spring Term, Alan Wilkinson, violin, and David Gwilt, piano, gave a recital. We do not often have such excellent players performing, and it is a pity that this recital was not better attended. Later in the same term two young and talented musicians, Alistair Allen, violin, and Carole Proudfoot, piano, presented us with yet another good recital.

In the Summer Term Robert Scott and his troupe of excellent young students performed both classical and pop items. This recital was much better attended than most, and was most successful. Mr. Marshall, our new President, gave an organ recital in the School Chapel, and yet another enjoyable recital was given by David Frame, who is no stranger in our midst, and Ronald MacIntosh who played duets for piano. Despite the

Ogdon like touch of David Frame—for we have never heard Mozart thumped at so much—everyone was well entertained.

Perhaps the highlight of the year was the folk evening given by Josh Macrae and his friend, Rab Farmer. Never has the Music Room been so full for a society meeting, and despite the fact that the meeting was a financial loss, we hope to obtain Josh Macrae again at some future date.

The afternoon Speech Day recital this year was undoubtedly the best we have had so far. It was a concert performance of Purcell's opera 'Dido and Aeneas'. We take this opportunity of thanking both Mrs. Fairbairn and Mrs. Gray, without whose help the concert would not have been possible. Finally, we must thank the Housekeeper for supplying refreshments for our guests after the performances.

Offices held 1968-69.

President: Mr. G. Marshall.

Patron: Mr. G. West.

Chairman: J. M. Blair.

Secretary: T. G. Orchard.

Vice-Secretary: T. F. Hubbard.

Treasurer: T. K. Lunan.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

It wasn't until the end of the Winter Term that the dark room became operational. During the term the wall between the old dark room and the Factor's Office was knocked down, benches were built round the edge of the 'new' darkroom, and a larger sink was installed. Finally, the skylight and windows were made lightproof and a girder was placed across one corner of the room with the intention of using it for lighting purposes. There were visions of using the enlarged room as a primitive studio for portraiture and experimental purposes, but with membership standing at seventeen (five up on last year) and negligible funds, the few who envisaged a bigger, better society could do very little.

All photographers, that is, all those with cameras—and there are many at Strathallan—should know something about photography and here the society provides facilities for developing and printing. However, in order to get people into the society, there will have to be an added attraction. A step in the right direction would be to make the darkroom a pleasant place to work in, with all the amenities of the modern dark-room. Without capital, the society can do nothing. With a small loan and some enthusiastic effort on the part of the existing members, the society could not fail to be improved substantially.

In an effort to arouse the interest of the School in the society, a photographic competition was launched. Maybe ambitiously the society guaranteed £3-worth of prize money, and there was an over-all loss of seven shillings and sixpence. There were two sections: action photographs and landscape photographs. Entries in either colour or black and white were acceptable, and they were collected in at the beginning of the Summer Term, a fee of sixpence per entry being charged. Although there were over a hundred entries, the general standard was not very impressive. The judges of the competition were Mr. Downing, the master in charge of the society, and Mr. MacLeod, to whom thanks are due.

The results were as follows:

Action	Landscape
1. W. A. M. Lambie	1. P. F. Waterston.
2. A. L. Stirling.	2. R. J. Lawson.
3. S. S. Eriksen.	3. S. S. Eriksen.

D. R. Barns-Graham was elected to succeed R. J. Lawson as secretary of the society for the school year, 1969-1970.

R. J. L.

RECORD CLUB

This year the Record Club continued to flourish under the Presidency of T. F. Hubbard to whom the club owed its existence as the gramophone normally used 'gave up the ghost' and he kindly lent his own gramophone to the club. Vice-President was L. W. Fearn and I. J. C. Mahon was the Treasurer.

The Club would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Gray, who has been the master in charge for several years now, for all the work he has put into the Club, and also to welcome his successor, Mr. G. Marshall, whom we know will be an able successor to him.

L.W.F.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

The Science Society has again had another very successful year with the number of members just below one hundred. Unfortunately, the varied activities of the society are still limited due to the difficulty of finding willing speakers to come and talk to us.

However, a few excellent lectures were given to the society during this session. Dr. Patrick talked on 'The limits of a athletic performance'. Mr. Barker and D. J. M. Morris talked about 'The Taxonomy of the Broad Bean' into which research is being made

in the Chemistry laboratories here by boys in the sixth form under the direction of Mr. Barker. Dr. W. G. Ferrier returned for a third time; this time to deliver a very interesting lecture on lasers. Mr. Maitland also gave us a lecture on lasers but he gave the subject a different approach.

On other Saturday evenings throughout the year many films were shown on such varied subjects as oil drilling; chromatography; water pollution, and design of wings for aircraft. Also some of our more senior members went to a meeting in Dundee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science in Schools, which discussed automation.

We would like to thank Mr. Barker for being our Vice-President for the year. J. O. McIntyre was the secretary of the society; R. J. Lawson the treasurer; D. B. Fraser the chairman for the Winter Term and A. A. Jeffrey for the remainder of the year.

A.A.J.

SCRIPTURE UNION

The Scripture Union has continued throughout the year, but with only moderate attendance. Although the membership nominally stood at 42, which is the same as last year, the average attendance was not as good and often did not reach double figures.

During the year a number of people have gone to the various V.P.S. camps, including the ski-camps, the sixth form conference at Carberry Towers, and various other camps.

Visiting speakers during the year have included the Rev. R. B. Gorrie, the Rev. G. M. Martin, the Rev. J. Briggs, and Mr. A. Lawson. Other meetings included a selection of films, slides and tape-recordings, for the loan of which we are very grateful.

A new system was devised at the end of last year, whereby the society was run by a committee of three or four boys. This proved to be rather cumbersome, as committees often are, and after a period of operating in this fashion, we reverted to the previous two-man system. Those in charge of the society this year were J. F. Fawcett and I. D. Lewis. Next year I. D. Lewis and D. Holmes will be in charge.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby for their help, encouragement and hospitality throughout the past year.

J.F.F. I.D.L.

SHOOTING

Although the general standard of shooting at all levels in the School improved considerably during the past year, it led to no spectacular results.

The School entered two teams in both the Autumn and Spring Leagues of the newly formed Public Schools Smallbore Rifle Association. The teams were entered in the open section of both competitions, thus placing no restrictions on the types of rifle used. The leagues consisted of eight teams of five per division. The A team came seventh in the First Division of the Autumn League, and were thus relegated to the Second Division of the Spring League, where they again came seventh. The B team came sixth in the Second Division in the Autumn League and fifth in the Third Division of the Spring League.

The two teams were :

Team 'A'	Team 'B'
J. F. Fawcett.	G. C. Neeson.
S. S. Eriksen.	A. J. Downs.
A. G. R. Main.	C. S. Grant.
D. R. Brown.	E. G. M. Targowski.
J. A. McArthur.	B. S. Williamson

Reserves : A. A. Chalmers, R. N. McIntyre, P. J. Nicol, A. L. Wearmouth.

The composition of the teams varied as individual achievements altered during the year.

The league required a round to be shot once a fortnight, and replaced our entries in the Perthshire League, which we had to allow to lapse last year due to the rebuilding of the range. The P.S.S.R.A. leagues have the advantage that rounds are limited to term time. Yet a further advantage is that it gives plenty of opportunities to shoot against other schools, and so this year there was only one inter-school postal match, and this was against George Watson's, to whom we lost by 713 points to 720.

Although the A team had come eighteenth and the B team twenty-sixth in the Junior Summer Competition in the previous year, their fortunes declined in the Winter Competition. Too many of our good shots were either over the age-limit or had left. Thirty-eight and thirty-nine were the best that the two teams could manage. In the Staniforth Cup the School came 48th.

The inter-house competition was won by Ruthven, with Freeland second.

The shooting eight was J. F. Fawcett, S. S. Eriksen, A. G. R. Main, A. J. Downs, D. R. Brown, J. A. McArthur, E. G. M. Targowsk, G. C. Neeson. Reserves were C. S. Grant, A. A. Chalmers, P. J. Nicol and A. L. Wearmouth.

Shooting colours were re-awarded to J. F. Fawcett and awarded to S. S. Eriksen, A. G. R. Main, J. A. McArthur, D. R. Brown and C. S. Grant.

J. F. F.

STAMP CLUB

This club continued under the presidency of Mr. Wormald, with J. F. Fawcett as secretary and A. D. G. Duncan as treasurer.

Fewer than usual meetings were held in the School this year, but regular visits were made to the fortnightly meetings of the Perth Philatelic Society. Nothing more adventurous than this was arranged.

J.F.F.

STRATHALLAN MOTION MODELS

Strathallan Motion Models has successfully completed its initial year. It comprises what would normally be called the aeromodelling club and the model boat club. Enthusiasm for these activities has grown throughout the year, particularly among the more junior members of the School, and most of the work done is undertaken in the Corps Palace or in the workshops. The availability of wood-work classes and a workshop, in fact, has meant that some reasonably advanced models could be built.

The Speech Day exhibition gave an accurate representation of the Club's activities throughout the year, and several club-designed aircraft and boats were on view, the most spectacular being 'Mary Lu' an aircraft which, on Speech Day, was demonstrating its flight capabilities when it disappeared in the general direction of Dunning. Happily, it was recovered.

R.A.L.C.

WING FORWARD

This year three editions were originally planned, but the one scheduled for the Spring Term was dropped, regretfully, when it became apparent that the old trouble of lack of contributors was going to mean a very thin edition.

The Winter Term edition featured as its main article an exclusive interview with top T.V./stage comedian, Derek Nimmo. This particular scoop was made by the editor himself. There was also a religious poll which produced some startling opinions among the Sixth Formers. In the same issue we also printed the news that although the previous edition of Wing Forward had been unplaced in the 'Scotsman' school magazine awards, the piece 'Pavement Artist' by A. G. Hopkins was highly commended by the judges.

The only other edition was the Speech Day Special which was the largest ever. The edition was typed, printed and stapled in

the twelve hours before the speeches, and something of the effect of working to a deadline was felt by all the production and many of the editorial staff. Once again the edition was a sell-out, fortunately for our finances which are now fairly secure for the next year. In this edition the main articles were interviews with the Headmaster, with D. M. D. Rollo of Scotland and Howe of Fife R.F.C., the former interview being undertaken by the editor and the latter by C. D. Reekie. Perhaps the most enjoyed articles, though, were the boys discussing the masters, a master's view of some of the boys, and a junior's impertinent (if true) view of the prefects.

The editor this year was T. G. Orchard and he was ably supported by a sub-editorial staff—I. R. B. Forbes; J. M. Blair; G. Dinnen; L. W. Fearn; N. S. Drummond—and other helpers—E. G. M. Targowski; A. Duff; P. Duff; A. J. Campbell; K. G. Macleod and B. N. Walker.

T.G.O.

YOUNG FARMERS' CLUB

The membership fell to 53 this year, but the club was nevertheless always well supported at its meetings. The club has had speakers from within the School itself and from outside, the outside speakers being Mr. W. Laing, who came and lectured about Australia, from where he has recently returned, and Mr. J. Paton, who gave us a lecture on the Young Farmers' Movement.

Other meetings consisted of films, visits to the Sugar Beet Factory at Cupar, and the Aberdeen Angus Bull Sales at Perth. The club is also grateful to Mr. Hamilton for showing us around his farm.

A.C.S.

The following were office-bearers:

Chairman: A. G. R. Main.

Secretary: A. C. Shedden.

Treasurer: W. I. Smith.

Committee: J. C. Bell; W. R. Wilson; I. W. Fairlie; A. C. Mutch.

A.C.S

Junior Cross-Country

Boy, it's cold . . . don't know how I'll ever get round . . . oh, come on, get us started . . . when will that gun go off? . . . at last . . . what a pace . . . Mudflats speeds beneath our feet . . . the leaders are still keeping up the sprint . . . the ground is awful . . . I'll never make it in these shoes . . . who's up front? . . . a red top, a yellow and . . . and another Nicol in the first bunch . . . where am I? . . . about 25th with three Nicol runners behind me . . .

have to do better than this . . . we're past the 'tree' now . . . see if I can speed up . . . there are five Freelanders in front . . . I wonder if I can pass them? . . . a quick burst and I'm through . . . my legs are starting to ache . . . there's miles to go yet . . . we're over the gate . . . oh, it's so sore . . . it's miles from half-way . . . the leaders are a good hundred yards clear . . . they're going so fast . . . don't they ever let up? . . . we're round the corner . . . there's a crowd of boys cheering at the next bend . . . the leaders are already off towards the sewage farm . . . if only I had their stamina . . . oh well, do your best, play to the crowd . . . off I go on in a sprint . . . one, two, three, four, five I've passed . . . It's so painful . . . I'm through the crowd and into the quietness of the avenue . . . what a fool I was to waste my energy so recklessly my legs feel ready to drop off . . . the runners I passed at the corner are making a come-back . . . ice is hacking at my feet . . . oh no! . . . it mustn't be . . . not now . . . the pain . . . a ghastly stitch claws at my stomach . . . it's getting worse . . . must keep going must . . . must . . . I'm fighting for breath . . . we're past the farm . . . a biting wind needles my bare arms and legs . . . it's awful . . . when will it end? . . . no, it can't be! . . . it is . . . the leaders are over the top of the valley . . . and I'm only just out of the field . . . they must be half a mile ahead . . . how am I going to face the meadow? . . . I'll get past the bloke in front of me . . . someone's coming up behind me . . . he's passed me . . . we're into the meadow . . . must make the top . . . there's a crowd up there . . . I stagger on . . . the House Captain shouts something sarcastic about losing . . . I feel like giving up . . . all of a sudden I'm over the wall and into the valley . . . I stumble up the far side . . . not much further now . . . mustn't give up . . . the pain . . . up Monkey Puzzle Walk . . . round the corner . . . my legs! . . . cramp has set in . . . I can't move . . . I stagger . . . the pain sears through my shivering body . . . I'm off again . . . but oh how slowly . . . the Study Block passes by in a succession of agonized strides . . . the line . . . I sprint . . . I run . . . it's moving away . . . come back! . . . it's over . . . I'm only 28th but it's finished . . . who cares!

R.C.S.

Time

Tick
 The clock moves
 Time moves like a flowing river
 It goes on and on never stopping
 All day, all night it goes
 Like a moving face
 Tick

S.R.C.D.

The Train

Gaining speed it leaves the junction
forging into the bush
Perhaps it's going to Mwanza
To the Lake
Or maybe to Bukoba
Who knows
It could go anywhere
Nairobi, Mombasa, anywhere
There goes the train from Dar-es-Salaam.

I.W.S.

The beach afterwards

In one hand the beach
In the other the city
Both whispering quietly
Between there is a dance
In the dance is a body
The body is you
The dance is me
The cigarette smoke
Designs a tear
Outside cars roar
The wind answers and
The city hums on
The seagull flies
The dance is over
waves
The seagull drifts
above
The dance slows
stops
A back is turned
The pavement is hard
And grey
A hand is raised
Fingers reaching into
The greyness
There the seagull drifts
Above the beach
Empty, vast, wild
Empty.

D.K.M.

London

A petrified forest of brick and mortar trees
Wreathed in sulphurous fog and swirling smoke
An eternal murky swamp that has swallowed up life.

R.C.S.

The Weather

The clouds
float slowly
by
like ponderous judges
in open-air courts.
The wind exhales
its fantastic strength
in
gusts and
blows
like
an energetic
policeman.

G.E.S.

Feeling during an event

Sitting, staring, unthinking, I am part of my wooden seat—the voice booming round my ears and my sleeping mind occasionally pierced by accents on 'must', 'don't' and 'try'. Visions of faces loom up and die, visions of work undone. Then sunshine, dusty roads and humming heat swim before the raindrops on the window.

Again the voice. 'He says you must . . . He says, if you don't . . .'

The draped figure raises his hand and voice, and the field of heads produces its mechanical response.

I sit and feel the chains; the weight of eyes on my back. Starched expressions, new for this day, stare in faceless rows and the weight holds me down. In thought I rush out, free of chains, yelling, laughing. But inevitably I lie somewhere clubbed and bleeding. And so I sink down again and wait for every piece of a smiling face and shining hair to form my mind.

'But we are all sinners!'—and accusing and cruel, the voice goes on. I turn and say, only with my eyes,

'Yes, I will probably escape, even physically; but don't push me too far.'

D.K.M.

Evening garden

laid in grass and
drooping flowers
leaves of large
hard, green fingers
on scarred hands
heavy, slightly curved
against the sky
back cloth of grey clouds
but not touching
the skinness
drooping flower stalk
waving grass
thin line shadows
light line
of hair about
the face holding
the firm sadness
of mouth curves
the warmth of
eye-depth
depth of shadow
slanting
in the evening light.

D.K.M.

RUGBY REPORT

Whilst it is again necessary to report an unfavourable season in terms of results at 1st XV level, it is true to say that the standard of rugger was higher than in recent seasons. Although it should have been possible to win more games the scores in most of the defeats were quite close. After beating Perth Academy and drawing with Keil, there was a very close game with Fettes. Perhaps the most unfortunate aspect of this match was the injury to G. M. J. Ross, the captain, which was to keep him off the field for the remainder of the season. I feel sure that his leadership on the field and his own playing ability would have made a considerable difference to the season which was just starting.

This season the team remained much the same throughout. Most positions were adequately filled but there has been a lack of players of match winning ability. Perhaps the biggest difficulty was to find a good scrum-half, and although those tried did as well as could be expected, the authority and skill required in that position were lacking. As a result the backs, who were handicapped by lack of speed generally, were not able to make a profitable use of the usually generous supply of ball given by the forwards. Warburton at stand-off showed considerable promise at times but erratic service and occasional lack of concentration took away some of his striking power.

The forwards played well at times but were rather unimaginative and generally too slow. As a result, although first phase possession was satisfactory, the vital second phase possession and support was often not good enough. D. J. C. Sharpe had some excellent games and was selected for the schoolboys' match at Richmond.

It should be emphasised that however much talk and thought there is about rugby it is proved time and time again at all levels that the basic skill and speed and fitness—plus a good goal-kicker—are the most necessary qualities in a team.

Below the 1st XV the standard of rugger and the results have been excellent. The 2nd XV had a satisfactory season and the 3rd XV improved throughout the season and should provide some useful players for the 1st XV next season. Undoubtedly the outstanding team this season has been the Senior Colts, who were unbeaten. This was a magnificent achievement against a very strong list of opponents. The success was built mainly on sound teamwork, sensible tactics, and some real ability, particularly in the backs. The Junior Colts had a satisfactory season, although some of the better players showed inconsistent form.

In future seasons there will be no inter-school rugby in the Spring Term. The 1st XV will play some club matches, and there

will be an emphasis on house competitions. Much of the rugger is lost in this term due to the weather anyway, and there should be less congestion and more time available for the other Spring Term activities.

I would like to thank all those masters who have given so much time to the coaching of the school rugger, and also the housekeeping and ground staffs in providing other necessary facilities.

Full colours were awarded to: D. K. R. Low; A. J. Muirhead; D. J. C. Sharpe; I. A. G. Moodie; J. O. McIntyre; P. D. C. Warburton; J. T. Moffat; I. D. R. Prain; I. R. B. Forbes.

Half colours were awarded to L. H. A. Carmichael; J. L. Pringle; E. C. Roy; B. D. Mitchell.

F.S.McN.

1st October—v. Perth Academy—Home—Won 6-0.

Strathallan kicked off, and despite our gaining ground almost immediately through Warburton's making an outside break from a ruck we gave away two penalties, which gave Perth Academy a chance to regain lost territory. Yet another penalty moved them into the Strathallan twenty-five. Much of the ensuing play was characterized by a beginning of season indecision, and Perth Academy almost scored during this period.

Eventually a breakaway led to our gaining ground, but Academy soon counterattacked and were only stopped by Moodie. Strathallan pressed heavily but were penalised several times; fortunately all the Perth Academy attacks came to nothing. Then, after a penalty to us, Warburton, after a dummy scissors got a clear break and missing out Pringle, passed to Pennie on the line. The goal was not kicked and half time was reached with the score at 3-0.

Soon after the re-start, Roy was awarded a free kick, but play still continued to oscillate around the centre of the field. From a penalty we moved into the Perth Academy twenty-five, but play was soon carried back again to the half-way line. The Academy at this stage broke through once more, and only Moodie's falling on the ball prevented what would have been a certain try. A few minutes later Perth Academy had a further chance to level the scores when they were awarded a kickable penalty, but this chance was missed. Thereafter play moved to the opposite end of the field, and eventually a push-over try was scored by Strathallan. The final whistle went four minutes later.

Team: I. A. G. Moodie; D. N. F. Pennie; J. L. Pringle; L. H. A. Carmichael; E. C. Roy; P. D. C. Warburton; J. T. Moffat; D. H. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; D. M. S. Robbie; A. W. Crowe; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead; G. M. J. Ross; D. J. C. Sharpe.

3rd October—v. Old Strathallians—Home—Lost 6-3.

On a damp day when the ball became slippery quickly, the Old Boys opened the game with a run into our twenty-five, but the movement was stopped by Moodie's tackling into touch. After clearing the ball from the twenty-five, Strathallan gained a penalty and moved briefly into the other half, only to be pushed back straight away. Twice after this in succession

Moodie prevented the Old Strathallians from scoring by defending admirably. However, the continuous pressure began to have its effect on Strathallan's play, which began to be distinctly scrappy, and twice tries were almost given away because of poor defence. Crowe, at one point, managed to get play back into the opponents' half, but this didn't last long, and although the defence began to settle down, a move by the Old Strathallians ended in Currie's passing the ball to Cromarty who scored. Half time followed shortly afterwards.

Strathallan pushed the game from the re-start of play to the Strathallian twenty-five, where Carswell broke in a counter-attacking movement. He was well on his way on a clear run when called back by the referee. After a good kick ahead by Warburton, followed by a penalty against the Old Boys for obstruction, resulted in Carmichael's kicking a penalty goal to level the scores.

Shordly after, however, Hunter scored for the Strathallians in the corner. The rest of the game was played in the School half with one or two dangerous looking movements from the opposition being stopped.

Team: I. A. G. Moodie; D. N. F. Pennie; D. J. C. Sharpe; L. H. A. Carmichael; E. C. Roy; P. D. C. Warburton; D. M. Bogie; D. K. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; D. M. S. Robbie; A. W. Crowe; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead; G. M. J. Ross; J. D. N. Ovenstone.

10th October—v. Keil School—Away—Draw 3-3.

Keil started confidently and attempted an 'up and under' saved by a good fall from Low. Soon after, however, the School was awarded a penalty and moved into an attacking position. Several scrums followed and it became evident that we had the advantage in the tight. After Carmichael had kicked ahead into the opposition half, a good break by Bogie brought Strathallan well into the Keil twenty-five. The movement came to nothing, however, and for a long period the play stayed around the half-way line. Keil were then awarded a penalty, and rather optimistically tried for goal. The kick was unsuccessful. Warburton made a good break at this point and we again moved into the opposition's twenty-five, and after a good break by McIntyre, we looked like scoring. The movement was stopped within feet of the Keil line. After narrowly missing a kick as a result of a penalty, Strathallan again were awarded a less kickable one near the line. This Perry kicked. At half-time the score was 3-0.

Strathallan immediately continued to attack in the second half, but the movements broke down and a Keil counter-attack took play down to our line, where a touch-down saved a try. Then, for failing to release the ball after a tackle Strathallan had a penalty awarded against them. The kick was unsuccessful. Yet another penalty was awarded to Keil on the twenty-five for a scrummage infringement, and once again the kick was unsuccessful. Eventually, however, the pressure told, and Keil scored in the corner.

Throughout the remainder of the game we had several likely looking runs emanating from the backs; one in particular by Sharpe looked dangerous. Moodie caught and kicked well at full-back to contain the Keil attacks.

Team: I. A. G. Moodie; C. T. Perry; L. H. A. Carmichael; J. L. Pringle; E. C. Roy; P. D. C. Warburton; D. M. Bogie; G. M. J. Ross; J. O. McIntyre; D. K. R. Low; I. R. B. Forbes; A. W. Crowe; D. M. S. Robbie; D. J. C. Sharpe; A. J. Muirhead.

15th October—v. Fettes College, Away—Lost 6-0.

It was a dull day, and before ten minutes of the match had elapsed it was pouring with rain, and since the rain lasted for much of the match, conditions were difficult. The School got off to a poor start, and gave away several penalties so that the opposition were able to move well into our twenty-five. The pressure from Fettes was more or less continuous, and once again our defence looked distinctly shaky. A good break by the Fettes wing was stopped by Perry, and Ross, picking up the ball broke clear, but we were soon back defending hard. Another penalty was almost kicked by Fettes, and eventually Fettes did score through a try. The score woke up Strathallan but attempts to break through the Fettes' defence proved fruitless, and Fettes scored for a second time.

If the first half belonged almost exclusively to Fettes, then Strathallan certainly had the second. This looked like a new team who spent most of the time in the Fettes twenty-five. Carmichael attacked and kicked confidently, while the half-backs gave plenty of chances to our three-quarter line. Most of the Fettes counter-attacks were coped with adequately, but it proved impossible to break through their defence, our backs perhaps lacking in imagination.

There were still too many mistakes being made in this match, and the team was certainly far from good, yet there had been a great improvement. The only incident of importance was the injury of Ross, who left the field.

Team: I. A. G. Moodie; C. T. Perry; L. H. A. Carmichael; J. L. Pringle; E. C. Roy; P. D. C. Warburton; D. M. Bogie; G. M. J. Ross; J. O. McIntyre; I. D. R. Prain; I. R. B. Forbes; A. W. Crowe; D. M. S. Robbie; D. J. C. Sharpe; A. J. Muirhead.

19th October—v. The Edinburgh Academy—Away—Lost 19-6.

For the second year running we came across a polished Academy team. Strathallan kicked off and moved into the Academy half, but as soon as Academy got the ball, they ran straight through to score under the posts. The goal was kicked, so that was five points down very quickly. Immediately after an attempt at a drop-goal failed, and this probably stirred the School team to some sort of action. From then on counter-attacks started, and the nearest to come to fruition was one in which the ball ended over the Academy dead ball line. It was then the Academy's turn to attack and scores were prevented by Broadwood and Moodie. But a try eventually came from a push-over. Much indecisive play followed, and after Sharpe had scrambled the ball away, the Academy set up a movement from a ruck and scored in the corner. The only good moments as far as we were concerned in this half were an attempted drop-goal by Warburton and a good run by Sharpe which came to nothing. At half time the score was eleven points to nil.

After the interval, Academy went near to scoring again straight-away, but a tackle by Moffat stopped the movement. From a line-out shortly afterwards the half-backs took the play back into the Academy half, but we were still very much on the defensive, Roy, Pringle and Carmichael tackling particularly well. Then Forbes managed to break with the ball and well-supported by Crowe took the game into the opposition's twenty-five. From here Sharpe scored. By this time the side was beginning to look a little more effective, but it gave away several penalties, and Academy went further ahead from

a push-over try. Perry kicked a penalty goal towards the end of the game, but by that time the Academy had the match decisively in the bag.

Team: I. A. G. Moodie; C. T. Perry; J. L. Pringle; L. H. A. Carmichael; E. C. Roy; P. D. C. Warburton; J. T. Moffat; D. K. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; D. M. S. Robbie; A. W. Crowe; R. A. Broadwood; A. J. Muirhead; I. R. B. Forbes; D. J. C. Sharpe.

22nd October—v. Trinity College, Glenalmond—Away—Lost 9-3.

Once again it was a tale of trailing from the start. Glenalmond moved straight into attack, and were awarded a penalty from which they scored. The Coll. returned to the attack almost immediately with a characteristic three-quarter movement making use of fast centres and fast wings. Fortunately Pringle covering across stopped this one by tackling the man into touch, and the lineout which followed turned into a maul almost on our own line. From this we got the ball back and Moodie cleared to touch. Then Robbie came away with the ball and carried the game into the Coll. half. After one or two more attacking moves we were awarded a penalty kick, but we were unable to score from this. The ball was kept in the Glenalmond twenty-five, however, until they produced a typical break-away movement, and the defence, thrown out of position, was unable to prevent a further score. A further penalty was kicked to make the score 9-0 at half time.

The second half seemed to be more even, both sides in turn attacking without a great deal of success. Pringle and Carmichael both tackled well, and Warburton narrowly missed in an attempt to drop a goal. Then Moffat managed to force his way over from a scrum near the Glenalmond line. Finally, almost on time another attempt at a drop-goal by Warburton again narrowly missed.

Team: I. A. G. Moodie; C. T. Perry; J. L. Pringle; L. H. A. Carmichael; E. C. Roy; P. D. C. Warburton; J. T. Moffat; D. K. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; I. D. R. Prain; A. W. Crowe; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead; D. M. S. Robbie; D. J. C. Sharpe.

26th October—v. Loretto—Away—Lost 8-6.

Strathallan kicked off and unusually spent the first few minutes pressing on the Loretto twenty-five, mainly due to a good break by Sharpe, followed by an equally good one by Pringle. When Loretto did at last break clear they were awarded a penalty kick, but this attempt at goal was unsuccessful. However, at this stage of the game Strathallan looked much the superior side and they were soon brought back into the game by Moffat, Low, Pringle, Warburton and Sharpe. Muirhead was particularly outstanding in defence. A good break by Moffat, resulting in his scoring, put us in the lead—something which we hadn't experienced since the match against Keil! At half-time the score was unchanged.

After half time the side looked a good deal less fluent than it had been and there was a great deal of indecisive play, in fact, from both sides, and a lot of penalties. Loretto brought the scores level again with a good try which might have been prevented had Roy got his man a little earlier. Very shortly after, Loretto were able to consolidate their position with another try, despite good defence from Moodie, and the goal was kicked. From the resulting kick-off, Robbie got the ball and started a movement in the pack which resulted in a try for us, so the score came back to 8-6 in favour of

Loretto. Neither side was able to add to their score from then on although it wasn't for want of trying. In the end, Strathallan felt that they were perhaps a little unlucky to lose a match in which they had produced some of their best form of the season.

Team: I. A. G. Moodie; A. L. Wearmouth; J. T. Pringle; L. H. A. Carmichael; E. C. Roy; P. D. C. Warburton; J. T. Moffat; I. D. R. Prain; J. O. McIntyre; D. M. S. Robbie; A. W. Crowe; N. D. McKenzie; A. J. Muirhead; D. K. R. Low; D. J. C. Sharpe.

8th November—v. Merchiston Castle School—Home—Lost 11-6.

On a damp day when the ball was slippery and difficult to handle, Strathallan were very unsettled for much of the first half, although after being 6-0 down they started to fight back. However, the Merchiston defence was able to contain our attacking moves, and 6-0 was still the score at half time.

In the second half Merchiston took their lead to 11 points through a try by Robertson which was converted. After this Strathallan counter-attacked to some effect. Sharpe and Pringle played particularly well, and Warburton made several breaks which came to nothing when neither the back-row nor the centres were with him to take further advantage. Eventually both he and Roy scored tries, but three chances of kickable goals were missed, and it was this poor goal-kicking which cost us victory.

Team: I. A. G. Moodie; E. C. Roy; J. L. Pringle; L. H. A. Carmichael; J. T. Moffat; P. D. C. Warburton; B. D. Mitchell; I. D. R. Prain; J. O. McIntyre; D. M. S. Robbie; A. W. Crowe; I. R. B. Forbes; D. J. C. Sharpe; D. K. R. Low; A. J. Muirhead.

15th November—v. West of Scotland Colts—Lost—Home 16-5.

Big Acre was in perfect condition for open rugby, and following their good performance against Merchiston the previous Saturday team morale was high. The School kicked off towards the pond and although losing an early penalty goal, fought back to lead 5-3 through a try under the posts by Forbes, converted by Crowe, within ten minutes of half-time. However, Strathallan were content rather to rest, and West of Scotland Colts scored twice more before the whistle for half-time. The second half saw the School attacking hard in an effort to reduce the leeway, but shortly before the end West of Scotland scored another goal.

19th November—v. Morrison's Academy—Away—Lost 21-0.

Morrison's who were having one of their best seasons for a long time were soon on the attack and moved up to our line. Here we were awarded a penalty, but the kick did not find touch, and shortly after, a run on the Morrison right—Roy was not up on his man in time—and a kick ahead which bounced the wrong way for Moffat covering across in goal, put Morrison's ahead. Eventually play was taken up to the Morrison's twenty-five, but again a movement put their fast wing in possession and he scored. Strathallan throughout this half were not able to make much use of the penalties that were awarded to them, with the result that Morrison's kept coming back on the attack time and time again. Fortunately Pringle was covering across well in the centre, taking his own man and often the wing as well. There was no further score before half time.

At the re-start the pattern of play remained the same, Morrison's adding

to their score with a finely taken drop goal. The Strathallan attacks were sporadic, being more movements initiated by individuals than anything else. Sharpe had one or two breaks, but there never seemed to be anyone there to finish the good work off, or else he let go of the ball too late. Time and again, though, the pattern for counter-attack was set by some fast running by the Morrison's backs and inadequate speed on the part of the Strathallan backs in getting up quickly enough to stop the movement before it got into full stride. Eventually, therefore, Morrison's ran up 21 points without ever looking in serious trouble until, at the end, a scissor movement between Warburton and Carmichael saw us very close.

Team: I. A. G. Moodie; E. C. Roy; J. L. Pringle; L. H. A. Carmichael; J. T. Moffat; P. D. C. Warburton; B. D. Mitchell; D. K. R. Low; J. O. McIntyre; I. D. R. Prain; A. W. Crowe; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead; G. M. J. Ross; D. J. C. Sharpe.

23rd November—v. Gordonstoun—Home—Won 8-6.

From the kick-off Prain moved up to lead the attack. However, a good Gordonstoun run resulted in a touch-down to Strathallan, which was used to move back again into the Gordonstoun twenty-five. They cleared, but it was not long before Strathallan was back again, with McIntyre and Low extinguishing any thoughts of break-outs that Gordonstoun might have had. Then Warburton jinked his way throughout the entire Gordonstoun side to score under the posts, and mercifully this was one try that was converted. Gordonstoun were by this time finding their feet and managed to work play right down to the Strathallan goal-line when they scored from a line-out. There followed several good individual movements, but the cohesion and backing-up necessary seemed to fail Strathallan, and Gordonstoun too, missed their chances, so at half-time the score was 5-3.

After half-time there was a period when each side seemed to be assessing the other, and there was little positive rugby, until Pringle sent Warburton away to score. Gordonstoun narrowly failed to get on terms on several occasions after this, and Moffat saved two possible tries by good falling. A four-man line-out showed Crowe to advantage, but the opportunities here were never taken either. Finally a penalty was given away in mid-field, and Gordonstoun converted a long kick.

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28th November—v. Dollar Academy.—Away—Lost 11-6.

The game took some time to come alight, but once it did it was a very spirited match, distinguished by some good, forceful rucking, and fast covering. Strathallan took the lead through a penalty goal kicked by Crowe, and then Dollar launched a series of handling movements which tested the effectiveness of Strathallan's cover defence. By half-time Dollar had drawn level with a penalty goal.

After half-time it was Moodie again who put in some very good work at full-back in the face of persistent attacks by Dollar, and his kicks found touch time and time again. It was, therefore, against the run of play that Moffat regained the lead for the School with a break-away try. Dollar soon

countered this score with a goal, and then, to make matters certain, Dye scored a further try after a fine run by Allan.

In the set-scrums McIntyre's hooking gave us an advantage, as it had so often during the season; the line-outs were more or less equal, and Dollar had the upper hand in the loose.

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3rd December—v. Panmure—Home—Lost 17-14.

After a poor start by both sides, Panmure asserted their superiority in the scrums, but it was Strathallan that scored first through a penalty kicked by Crowe. Panmure started to penetrate our defence with some good running, but most movements foundered on Moodie. From a line-out in the centre, Panmure got the ball back and it went through several pairs of hands before Panmure scored in the corner. Their second score came soon after. So it was that a strong Panmure side threw Strathallan back onto the defensive for most of the first half, and just when it seemed as though the score might be kept down, they scored a further try underneath the posts. At half-time the score was 11-3.

During the second half Strathallan played much better rugby, but it was Panmure who scored again. Then, after a brilliant run by Pringle, the ball found its way to Roy who had only to fall over the line to score. Panmure answered this with another try. We then scored a push-over try, Moffat being the scorer, and added to this a penalty goal from Crowe.

Team: I. A. G. Moodie; E. C. Roy; J. L. Pringle; L. H. A. Carmichael; J. T. Moffat; P. D. C. Warburton; B. D. Mitchell; I. D. R. Prain; A. C. Mutch; A. G. R. Main; A. W. Crowe; I. R. B. Forbes; A. J. Muirhead; G. M. J. Ross; S. G. Evans.

7th December—v. Aberdeen Grammar School—Away—Lost 13-9

At the start, this game looked promising—Strathallan, having just played what was probably their best game of the season against Panmure, were all set to win. At the beginning there were several good breaks but Aberdeen defended well, and about ten minutes after the start Muirhead was injured. Nevertheless, Strathallan were the first to score, Warburton eluding the opposition back row from a set scrum. After this, we had several further chances of increasing our lead without ever doing so, until Carmichael kicked a penalty goal. Aberdeen during this time had been mounting counter-attacks, and these were kept out mainly by the indefatigable Moodie. Aberdeen got three points of our lead back just before half-time.

The second half was not nearly so good. Strathallan became over-confident and there were several defensive slips. The opposition were able to run through us twice, and both scores were goals. Warburton managed to drop a goal later on, but that is as near as Strathallan got to scoring again.

Team: I. A. G. Moodie; E. C. Roy; D. J. C. Sharpe; L. H. A. Carmichael; J. T. Moffat; P. D. C. Warburton; B. D. Mitchell; D. K. R. Low; A. C. Mutch; I. D. R. Prain; I. R. B. Forbes; A. W. Crowe; S. G. Evans; A. J. Muirhead; G. M. J. Ross.

11th December—v. Glasgow Academy—Home—Lost 11-0.

This was a match that the School had hoped to win. Academy, a young side, were having much the same sort of season that we ourselves had been having. Unfortunately the Academy's spirit was far superior to our own and we were completely beaten in the tight. As a result we found ourselves eight points down at half time. The backs appeared sluggish in comparison to their nippy opponents, and it was no surprise when Academy scored a further try early in the second half. Both sides suffered injuries, and Muirhead was off the field with a cut eye when Academy scored their final try—however this is no excuse for such a lethargic performance.

25th January—v. Daniel Stewart's—Home—Won 6-5.

This was the first, and as it turned out the only, game of the Spring Term. It started with Stewart's hustling our backs and getting a scrum on the Strathallan goal-line. We managed to clear from this danger. Soon after we gave a penalty away thirty-five yards out, and Stewart's failed to convert this. Perry's clearance put us into our opponents' half, and Moffat had crossed the Stewart's line before the whistle went for a knock-on. After this play swung to and fro and despite good backing up from Jenkins and Carmichael, breaks by McIntyre and Muirhead came to nothing. There was no score at half time.

Soon after the re-start, Warburton crashed through the Stewart's forwards and passed to Sharpe who scored. Both sides after this gave away several penalties, and twice Warburton nearly got through to score, both breaks being stopped on the goal-line. Finally Carmichael kicked a penalty which had been awarded to Strathallan in the Stewart's twenty-five. After this, there was very little in the way of attack from Strathallan, although the side were defending quite well, but the final score of the match came from a Stewart's try under the posts which was converted.

Team: C. T. Perry; J. T. Moffat; D. C. Jenkins; L. H. A. Carmichael; A. L. Wearmouth; P. D. C. Warburton; B. D. Mitchell; A. G. R. Main; J. O. McIntyre; I. D. R. Prain; A. W. Crowe; N. D. McKenzie; A. J. Muirhead; S. G. Evans; D. J. C. Sharpe.

OTHER RESULTS

	P.	W.	D.	L.
2nd XV	10	6	2	2
3rd XV	8	7	0	1
4th XV	3	1	0	2
5th XV	1	1	0	0
6th XV	1	1	0	0
Colts	9	8	1	0
Junior Colts	10	6	0	4
U13½	8	5	2	1

HOCKEY, 1969

There were only two First XI matches played during the Spring Term, and these were both away. However, both these matches were won, the first quite convincingly, the second by a narrower margin. The Second XI, the Colts and the Junior

Colts had one match each, and these were convincing victories. At Oxford, the XI gained valuable experience and acquitted itself very creditably winning three out of five matches.

J. O. McIntyre, A.C. Mutch and J. T. Moffat played in the Scottish Schoolboys Final Trial, and A. C. Mutch was selected as Goal-keeper. He subsequently played against England, Ireland and Wales for the Scottish Schoolboys XI.

The results of the House Matches are reported under Summer Hockey. The Cup for League Hockey was won by Simpson.

FIRST XI MATCHES, 1969.

1st March—v. Gordonstoun—Away—Won 4-2.

This match was played on a cold, windy day on a sandy pitch, which was fast and dry. Strathallan lost the toss and played down hill for the first half. This was the first time Strathallan had played as a team.

Strathallan took the lead after fifteen minutes when Gray scored after some good work by Eriksen. Gordonstoun came back strongly and scored two good goals making the half-time score 2-1 against Strathallan.

Shortly after the start of the second half Strathallan equalised when Williamson scored off a pass from Smith. Strathallan continued the pressure and the Gordonstoun goalkeeper made several good saves. He could not prevent Strathallan's third goal, which Smith scored with an excellent shot. Williamson scored the fourth goal before the end of the match following an excellent run by Gray.

This was an encouraging victory against a sound and more practised Gordonstoun team playing on their own ground.

Team: A. C. Mutch; N. D. McKenzie, A. W. Crowe; S. S. Eriksen; J. O. McIntyre (Capt.), J. T. Moffat; A. Gray; R. I. Williamson; D. F. N. Pennie; W. I. Smith; R. J. Lawson.

6th March—v. Perth Academy—Away—Won 4-3.

This match was played on a very muddy pitch which presented serious problems to the School team, and according to the new experimental rules.

Perth scored two goals before very long, but Strathallan were coming more into the game, and, before half-time, good approach work by Williamson led to Pennie scoring to make the half-time score 2-1 in Perth's favour.

Straight from the bully-off Strathallan attacked and, after much pressure, Pennie equalised. Perth added a third goal from a penalty flick following obstruction in the circle by Strathallan. However, Strathallan kept up the pressure and Pennie added two more goals to make the final score 4-3 in Strathallan's favour.

Although this was not a particularly attractive game to watch, and the School did not play as well as against Gordonstoun, the team played with great determination to defeat an accomplished and successful Perth team on their own ground.

Team: A. C. Mutch; N. D. McKenzie; S. S. Eriksen; J. T. Moffat; J. O. McIntyre (Capt.); D. J. C. Sharpe; B. J. Picken; R. I. Williamson, D. N. F. Pennie; I. Smith; R. J. Lawson.

OXFORD HOCKEY FESTIVAL, 1969

The team travelled down overnight on Monday, 24th March. Unfortunately British Railways had booked sleepers on the 2230 train from Edinburgh and sent us tickets for the 2320. However, they put on an extra coach on the midnight train and provided us with pillows and blankets. At Oxford we found that the taxi drivers were staging a protest against British Railways, but we eventually got ourselves and our baggage to Worcester College, where we had comfortable quarters and good fare, until we left the following Friday.

25th March—v. Stamford—Lost 1-3.

Strathallan made a shaky start against a good, well-disciplined Stamford team.

Polished interpassing on the superb Trinity ground soon had Strathallan rattled, and we were soon two goals down. Towards the end of the first-half Strathallan attacked with vigour, but never quite succeeded in breaching a strong Stamford defence.

In the second half Strathallan had more of the play and Smith scored after some good work by Lawson and Pennie. The Strathallan goal then came under severe pressure, but Stamford had to work hard to score their third goal, making the final score 3-1 in their favour.

Team: A. C. Mutch; N. D. McKenzie, S. S. Eriksen; A. G. Mackie; J. O. McIntyre (Capt.); J. T. Moffat; A. Gray; R. I. Williamson; D. N. F. Pennie; W. I. Smith; R. J. Lawson.

26th March—v. Welbeck—Won 3-1.

Strathallan played with a good deal of confidence. McIntyre and Pennie scored goals in the first half, and the only Welbeck goal came from a deflection into our goal by a defender.

Strathallan continued to attack in the second half with penetrating running by Smith, who scored the third goal. McIntyre also was in dominating form and Welbeck did not look likely to provide a serious challenge in the second half.

Team: A. C. Mutch; N. D. McKenzie; S. S. Eriksen; A. G. Mackie; J. O. McIntyre (Capt.); J. T. Moffat; B. J. Picken; A. Gray; D. N. F. Pennie; W. I. Smith; R. J. Lawson.

26th March—v. St. Edward's—Won 2-1.

St. Edwards was a very good side with a fine record and this was the best game of the Festival from Strathallan's point of view.

St. Edward's went straight into the attack, but their moves were broken down by Mackie and McKenzie at full back, and by McIntyre at centre half. The wing halves also played well giving little scope to the St. Edward's wingers.

Strathallan, after showing that they could hold the St. Edward's forwards, came more into the game. It was not surprising when Smith scored following a free hit taken by Eriksen. Pennie scored Strathallan's second goal just before half-time from a through pass from McIntyre.

The play in the second half was evenly matched and St. Edward's eventually scored from a short corner. Strathallan then counter-attacked, but

never looked very likely to score again. The game was played at a spanking pace throughout, but good team work gave Strathallan an exciting win.

Team: A. C. Mutch; M. D. McKenzie; A. G. Mackie; S. S. Eriksen; J. O. McIntyre (Capt.); J. T. Moffat; A. Gray; R. I. Williamson; N. D. F. Pennie; W. I. Smith; B. J. Picken.

27th March—v. Oundle—Won 1-0.

This match was played on a hot afternoon on the Worcester ground. The teams were very evenly matched, the rather narrow pitch favouring the defence. Half time came with no score, both sides failing to exploit the mistakes of their opponents.

Strathallan started the second half in a more lively manner, and soon Pennie first-timed a waist high centre from Gray into the Oundle goal. Strathallan then had slightly more of the play, Williamson combining well with Gray on the right wing, and probably just deserved to win this enjoyable game.

Team: A. C. Mutch; M. D. McKenzie; A. G. Mackie; S. S. Eriksen; J. O. McIntyre (Capt.); J. T. Moffat; A. Gray; R. I. Williamson; N. D. F. Pennie; W. I. Smith; B. J. Picken.

28th March—v. Allhallows—Lost 2-3.

This match was played in the Parks, on the University Ground, which had a rather treacherous surface, thanks to overnight frost.

Strathallan started off badly, and the defence was not alert enough to cope with some excellent interpassing by the Allhallows insides. In the first ten minutes Allhallows scored twice, and they were leading 3-0 at half-time.

The second half saw a complete change. Against really keen pressure from Strathallan, Allhallows held out for some time, but eventually their defence cracked. Williamson scored two excellent goals. Then Lawson put the ball into the net following a shot from Smith. No goal was awarded, however, as some Strathallan forwards were still in an off-side position. The whistle went for full time with Strathallan still a goal behind, although they had had the better of Allhallows in the second half.

Team: A. C. Mutch; N. D. MacKenzie; A. G. Mackie; S. S. Eriksen; J. O. McIntyre (Capt.); J. T. Moffat; A. Gray; R. I. Williamson; D. F. N. Pennie; W. I. Smith; R. J. Lawson.

Our thanks are due to the organisers of the Festival, to the staff of Worcester College, and to the ground staff of the College and University grounds we used. Strathallan was well represented in the matches arranged for reserves, morale was high throughout and the Festival was a valuable and most enjoyable experience.

OXFORD FESTIVAL PARTY. Masters: Messrs P. R. Spurgin and R. C. B. Mole-Boys; J. O. McIntyre; A. C. Mutch; J. T. Moffat; R. I. Williamson; D. N. F. Pennie; W. I. Smith; S. S. Eriksen; A. G. Mackie; A. Gray; N. D. McKenzie; R. J. Lawson; and B. J. Picken.

Colours were awarded to R. I. Williamson; W. I. Smith; D. F. N. Pennie; N. D. McKenzie; S. S. Eriksen; J. T. Moffat and A. C. Mutch.

SUMMER HOCKEY

The first two rounds of hockey house matches were played in April, and the last round on the last day of June. The results were as follows :

First Round :

Freeland beat Ruthven 3—2. Nicol drew with Simpson 0—0.

Second Round :

Freeland beat Simpson 3—0. Nicol beat Ruthven 1—0.

Third Round :

Freeland beat Nicol 2—0. Ruthven beat Simpson 2—0.

The competition for the Hockey Cup, which Freeland won, was keen and the standard of hockey as high as it has ever been.

Three of the Summer XI's matches were called off. The matches against Ruthrieston Strollers and John Hunter's XI were cancelled because of rain, and Edinburgh Academy proved unable to solve last minute transport difficulties. The Summer XI beat Merchiston and Glenalmond convincingly and emerged with considerable credit from their matches with Grove Academy F.P. and Morgan Academy F.P. Both these clubs brought very strong XI's and the School defence was severely tested. The School also produced some fine forward play, but expectations here were not fully fulfilled. One or two more goals might have been scored had the forwards found more time for practice. None the less this was a very good Summer XI who played well together and five of its members will be returning.

SUMMER XI RESULTS

Saturday, 24 May—v. Inverleith—Won 2—1. Goal scorers: Pennie and Williamson.

Saturday, 31 May—v. Merchiston Castle School—Won 12—0. Goal scorers :

Pennie 4, Williamson 2, Ovenstone 2, Moffat 2, Burnett, Jeffrey.

Sunday, 8 June—v. Morgan Academy F.P.—Lost 0—2.

Tuesday, 10 June—v. Trinity College, Glenalmond—Won 4—2. Pennie 3, Moffat.

Saturday, 21 June—v. Strathallian Club—Lost 1—3. Pennie.

Sunday, 29 June—v. Grove Academy F.P.—Lost 1—3. Moffat.

Saturday, 5 July—v. Edinburgh Northern—Lost 1—2. R. J. Lawson.

McIntyre having left at the end of the Spring term, A. C. Mutch was appointed Captain of Hockey. Summer XI colours were reawarded to D. J. C. Sharpe and J. D. N. Ovenstone and awarded to A. Gray, A. A. Jeffrey and N. J. B. Fielding.

P.R.S.

CRICKET

On the face of it, this was not a very good season. In matches against other schools we lost to Merchiston Castle, Fettes, Loretto, and all of them for different reasons. Against Merchiston we had to bowl with a very wet ball and field on a drenched outfield. Had these conditions not obtained, then there would

probably have been a less decisive defeat. Against Loretto we came across a very fast wicket for the first time in the season, and Loretto had a fast bowler to go with it, and it was in this match that the side did not give a very good account of itself. The match against Fettes, played for the first time at the very end of the season, was a good game of cricket, and in the end the better side won.

Against the debit side, we can put wins against The Edinburgh Academy, who seemed to have been a better side later on in the season, Dollar and Trinity College, Glenalmond. The season, them, has had its consolations.

This has been a year of retrenchment. At the beginning of the season we had one batsman left from last year's eleven, two players who looked as if they might make runs, some second eleven players, and several colts players who had made very few runs at all in their previous season. With this latter point particularly in mind, the policy was to get batsmen used to the idea of staying in and playing an innings of some length from the point of view of time if not runs. This did not always lend itself to attractive cricket, particularly at the beginning of the season when the wickets were either wet or slow, and later on in the season both the Old Strathallians and our last opponents were muttering about the time it took the eleven to score runs—conveniently forgetting that it also took the fielding side a long time to get the wickets.

The main batting problem, and it was a problem which remained with us throughout the season, was finding an adequate pair of opening bats. The innings hardly ever got off to a good start. Rutherford got some runs and was usually difficult to prise out, but his repertoire of strokes is still very limited, and very often he was out hitting across the line of the ball. Fairlie looked as if he might provide the answer as the second opener, particularly when J. T. Thomson, who had not been scoring very many runs but who had the virtue of being able to stay in, started to get out too quickly. However, this was not to be. The number three position was eventually filled by Warburton, whose batting has come on a great deal, but loss of form necessitated his going further down the order, and his best innings, as far as concentration goes, was against Fettes in the last game.

With wickets falling cheaply at the beginning of the innings, Eriksen was very seldom able to get going, and although he made slightly more runs this year than he did last, he never really played very convincingly, the ball outside the off stump usually getting him sooner or later. Perry started to come on as a batsman when the wickets got harder, and Wallace, although he doesn't display all the strokes that he has at the wicket, played some promising innings, although he has a tendency to try to terminate promising innings being played at the other end. Much then was

left to the middle order batting, and here both Archibald and Duncan usually batted very well—only against Merchiston did they both get out quickly. Archibald exuded confidence every time that he went to the wicket, and despite the fact that most of his strokes were cross-batted ones, his ability to watch the ball and keep his head over it got him a lot of runs. Duncan, whose technique looks unsounder than in fact it is, is capable of striking the ball very hard, particularly through the covers and between long-on and mid-wicket. If anything he looks for the hook a little too much, and on several occasions this was his downfall. N. D. McKenzie started to take his batting a little more seriously, and some of our tail-enders may take heart in the fact that since the end of term he has scored quite a lot of runs for the Occasionals, and excelled himself by scoring 59 not out for the Cryptics at Bromsgrove. It shows what can be done.

The bowling looked to be our strength at the beginning of the season. Both McKenzie and Perry had bowled well at the beginning of the innings last year, but this season it was not to be. Perhaps the slow wickets conspired against them early in the term, but the inability to bowl a line or keep the ball up to the batsmen made them far less of a force than they should have been. Perry also tried some slower left-arm bowling, but without a great deal of success.

At one point in the season Carmichael was used to open with the new ball, and his late in-swingers had bats in trouble. However, he did not retain his place in the side. Two other bowlers were used with regularity. Eriksen bowled slow medium cutters, and Sherington bowled off-breaks. Sherington in fact was a very useful addition to the side and showed great promise. He was usually able to bowl both a line and a length, and he should improve with further experience. At times I felt there was a reluctance to put him on, and once he was on to give him a really long spell. He was certainly no more expensive than the other bowlers and often looked more likely to get wickets.

The fielding generally has had a great deal of attention paid to it this year and on the whole it has been of a good standard. It was at its worst, without a doubt, against the Old Strathallians, and they, sadly, have the impression that it is always poor. The fact is, though, that P. L. N. Walker's bowling against Glenalmond was made to look better than it was by two superb catches—one by Perry and the other by Wallace. Warburton's wicket-keeping is still rather scruffy, but he kept well in the final match of the season. Incidentally it was in the field that Eriksen could be faulted as a captain in that he was not sharp enough in pulling up any shoddy or lazy fielding.

At the end of the season full colours were re-awarded to N. D. McKenzie, and were awarded to Archibald, Perry and

Warburton, Half colours were awarded to Duncan, Wallace, Rutherford and Sherington.

The second eleven had a fairly good season, but were unable to cope with strong opposition. MacLeod bowled consistently well, but is rather straight, and P. L. N. Walker got his share of wickets. Most at some time or another scored some runs, but were unable to repeat the feat when promoted to the first eleven.

The Colts, this year run by Mr. Mole, were an exceptionally keen bunch of players and there are several good prospects. E. G. Mackenzie played in the last match of the first eleven and was certainly a credit to the Colts in every way as reference to the match report will bear out. Competition to get into the first eleven next year could be very keen.

A final word should be said by way of thanks to Mr. Addison who has run the cricket for some years at Strathallan. Running cricket is an arduous task and after many years of toil on the Lawn he deserves the less onerous duties of master in charge of golf.

FIRST XI AVERAGES

	<i>Inns.</i>	<i>N.O.</i>	<i>H'est.</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Av.</i>
G. C. H. Archibald	11	1	53	271	27.1
C. T. Perry	9	3	32	145	24.1
S. S. Eriksen	13	1	58	276	23
A. D. G. Duncan	12	2	43	188	18.8
D. F. Wallace	9	4	24	78	15.6
D. A. Rutherford	11	0	39	148	13.4
P. D. C. Warburton	12	1	44	127	11.6
I. W. Fairlie	6	0	21	38	5.8
N. D. McKenzie	8	1	10	34	4.8
L. H. A. Carmichael	6	3	4	12	4
J. T. Thomson	6	0	12	23	3.7
N. O. Sherington	7	4	2	2	.6

Also batted: D. G. Jenkins; I. W. Gordon; E. G. Mackenzie; B. J. Picken; J. M. Dods; P. L. N. Walker.

	<i>Overs</i>	<i>Mdns.</i>	<i>Runs</i>	<i>Wkts.</i>	<i>Av.</i>
P. L. N. Walker	11	4	22	7	3.2
N. O. Sherington	91	17	174	12	14.5
N. D. McKenzie	134	38	248	17	14.5
S. S. Eriksen	91.4	23	223	15	14.8
C. T. Perry	114	34	259	13	19.9

Also bowled: Picken; Carmichael; E. G. Mackenzie.

May 3rd—v. Crieff C.C.—No play—rain.

May 7th—v. Dundee University 2nd XI—No play—rain.

May 17th—v. The Edinburgh Academy—Won by four wickets.

Edinburgh Academy

V. A. Lovat-Cameron, c and b Picken	29
R. A. J. Gray, c and b Perry	4
R. L. A. Blair, c Wallace, b Perry ..	16
W. R. M. Henderson, c Eriksen, b Picken	3
A. T. French, b McKenzie	4
M. W. Gregson, b Perry	8
B. D. Allison, b McKenzie	0
B. C. Wood, not out	21
A. C. Kinghorn, b Sherington ..	2
R. G. Cosh, c McKenzie, b Eriksen ..	2
P. S. Roberts, run out	0
Extras	7

Total 96

	<i>O.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>R.</i>	<i>W.</i>
McKenzie	16	5	21	2
Perry	16	7	18	3
Eriksen	9.4	2	18	1
Sherrington	10	0	24	1
Picken	7	4	8	2

Strathallan

J. T. Thomson, lbw, b Cosh	0
B. J. Picken, c French, b Roberts	3
D. F. Wallace, b Cosh	0
S. S. Eriksen, b Roberts	2
P. D. C. Warburton, c Gray, b Roberts	5
G. C. H. Archibald, not out	31
A. D. G. Duncan, b Lovat-Cameron	43
L. H. A. Carmichael, not out	3
Perry, McKenzie and Sherington did not bat	
Extras	10

Total (6 wkst.) 97

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Cosh	12	2	33	2
Robarts	10	5	13	3
French	6	0	17	0
Kinghorn	2	0	11	0
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Cameron	6	2	12	1

This was, by any standards, a remarkable match and that it, and the other matches we had at New Field, were able to go on at all after a great deal of rain during the week, reflects much credit on the Academy's ground staff. The game was played on the relief square at New Field and the pitch was rather drier than anything Strathallan had met this season. The Edinburgh Academy won the toss and batted first.

Neither McKenzie nor Perry was able to find consistent direction or length and the first wicket fell in the tenth over of the innings with the score at 18. After twelve overs, both opening bowlers came off, and Lovat-Cameron and Blair continued to consolidate the innings. Sherington and Eriksen came and went, and eventually Blair was taken well by Wallace at forward short leg off the third over of Perry's second spell. 49–2 seemed a fair morning's work for the Academy, but in the last half an hour before lunch, they lost two more wickets to Picken, when Lovat-Cameron and Henderson were both out to shots of aggressive intent.

From our point of view it was a relief to see Lovat-Cameron go, since he had, up to that point batted admirably, punishing the bad ball and taking well, judged singles.

Shortly after lunch McKenzie got his first two wickets of the season, and from that point the innings meandered along until the Academy were all out leaving half an hour's batting for Strathallan before tea.

Cosh and Roberts bowled with great vigour during this period and without reviewing the disaster individually, I will let the figures speak for themselves: 0-1; 0-2; 3-3; 8-4. After a short spell off for rain after the tea interval, Academy made it 11-5. The bowling was still good; the fielding aggressive; both particularly so in view of the wet ball. The turning point of the match came when Archibald was dropped at second slip at the start of his innings.

Archibald with that characteristic aplomb of his went on batting as if nothing untoward had happened, and as if the score had been 200–5. Duncan, too, after some playing and missing, settled in. The Edinburgh Academy captain was now in an unenviable position. Was he to keep his opening bowlers on in the hope of finishing off the innings, or was he to make an immediate bowling change? He chose to do the former, and can hardly be criticized for doing so, since captains at higher levels of cricket than he have done the same thing in similar circumstances. Sometimes the strategy works; sometimes it doesn't; this was one of the times that it didn't.

Both batsmen, by taking well judged singles and by hitting the bad ball, gradually forced the field onto the defensive. Duncan punched the ball through the covers and had some swinging hits into the deep mid-wicket area, and Archibald went on accumulating his runs. At half past five 60 runs were required and by 6 o'clock the match was nicely poised. Cosh returned to bowl, but was treated with little respect this time, his first over costing eight runs. When Duncan was out at 6.20 for a very fine 43, 6 runs were required and Archibald and Duncan had put on 80. Archibald and Carmichael saw us to victory in the next five minutes.

May 20th—v. Perth Academy.

This match was to have been played earlier in the season, and had it remained on the date it should have been on, rain would have prevented play. As it was the match was played on a fairly dead wicket, and neither side's bowlers got much encouragement from it once the shine was off the new ball. Our early batting was not quite steady, although a repeat of the previous match was avoided. Picken was out early to an indeterminate shot, and Eriksen didn't quite get to the pitch of a ball that there was no need to play anyway. Thomson continued to bat steadily without taking potential runs offered on the leg-side, and he was out after 45 minutes for 10. Wallace, too, did not look very safe outside the off-stump and played inside the line of anything down the leg-side too readily. Still, 24 at this stage of the season, his career, and the state of the match was encouraging. The remainder of the runs came mostly from Archibald and Duncan, who were again relied upon. Throughout the innings Perth Academy fielded very steadily indeed, and there was some excellent throwing in.

Perth Academy lost three early wickets to Perry and were not able, after such a poor start, to pursue the target set. The immediate task was to avoid the loss of any further wickets, and this Forbes and Walker did with some resolution. Walker, indeed, struck some very good blows and eventually ended with 55 not out, a very good innings, particularly since the light was never very good. When Forbes' resistance ended, Davidson continued the good work, resisting skilfully, and was only out to the last ball of the day.

Strathallan

J. T. Thomson, b Walker	10
B. J. Picken, b Walker	2
S. S. Eriksen, c Forbes, b Malcolm	5
D. F. Wallace, b Forbes	24
G. C. H. Archibald, c Moffat, b Malcolm	30
P. D. C. Warburton, not out	15
A. D. G. Duncan, not out	36
Carmichael, Perry, McKenzie and Sherington did not bat.	
Extras	6

Total (for 5 wks dec.) 128

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Malcolm	18	3	45	2
Walker	14	3	42	2
Forbes	14	2	35	1

Perth Academy

S. Moffat, b Perry	1
D. Smith, lbw, b Perry	0
A. Forbes, lbw, b McKenzie	16
M. Rawlinson, b Perry	1
J. Walker, not out	55
J. McEwan, b McKenzie	0
P. Scott, run out	0
J. Davidson, b Picken	2
Lawrence, P. Moffat and Malcolm did not bat.	
Extras	9

Total (for 7 wks) 84

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	10	4	16	2
Perry	11	3	20	3
Sherington	4	0	19	0
Eriksen	5	2	4	0
Picken	3	0	16	1

May 24th—v. Morrison's Academy.

The day was one of those characteristically gloomy ones which we have come to expect in this month. However, the wicket and the outfield on the pleasant Morrison's Academy ground at Crieff were dry and the School was put in to bat.

Thomson and Rutherford put on 25 for the first wicket, most of the runs coming from Rutherford, whilst Thomson was busy entrenching himself. Rutherford was caught at forward short leg playing an uppish shot to a ball that stopped a little. Eriksen had a most fortunate start, being dropped off the first two of his innings. Neither chance could be termed difficult, but Eriksen disdained these favours and never really settled in. Then just when it seemed as if nothing short of a land-mine would remove Thomson from the crease, he ran himself out—a remarkable aberration for one who always looks on runs as being of relatively little importance. Eriksen followed shortly after, being caught at the wicket, and then Wallace was caught at short extra cover stretching for a ball that stopped a shade.

The next three batsmen seemed to decide to try for the luck of Eriksen, but without any success. Archibald continued to bat unmoved at the other end, and he and Perry put on 42 for the eighth wicket. Most of Perry's runs came from drives over the bowler's head, although he did have one fortuitous boundary over the slips. He was out, first ball after tea, assaying a further drive over the bowler's head, Cochran taking a finely judged catch. Archibald completed a timely 50 shortly after—the third time in succession that he has come to the School's rescue. The innings was declared at 136 for 9 and at no time could it be said that the batsmen had full control of the game. So far, the School's batting has been like the best Staffordshire china—pretty, but fragile.

The Academy, apart from the missed chances mentioned, fielded extremely well. Their throwing was good, and their stopping on a very bumpy outfield was excellent. Their bowlers became a little wayward towards the end of the afternoon, and were obviously lacking match practice. Ruxton got a fair degree of turn out of the pitch with his off-spinners, and we were denied the opportunity of seeing whether Sherington would get as much.

The Academy innings lasted just three overs before the rain came down. It had been threatening at the end of the Strathallan innings and your correspondent, had he been opening the Morrison's innings, would have certainly appealed against the light immediately. We are only sorry that the Academy's keen side did not get more opportunity to show what they were like.

Strathallan

J. T. Thomson, run out	12
D. A. Rutherford, c McKerracher, b Hall	18
S. S. Eriksen, c. Kennard, b. Hall	13
D. F. Wallace, c. McKerracher, b. Hall	9
G. C. H. Archibald, b McKerracher	53
P. D. C. Warburton, c Sheriff, b Ryder	1
A. D. G. Duncan, c Kennard, b Ryder	0
L. H. A. Carmichael, c Hall, b McKerracher	0
C. T. Perry, c Cochran, b McKerracher	21
N. D. McKenzie, not out	2
N. O. Sherington, not out	0
Extras	7

Total (9 wkts. dec.) . . . 136

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKerracher	10	2	20	3
Ryder	16	3	54	2
Hall	15	3	34	3
Ruxton	6	1	21	0

Morrison's Academy

P. A. Cochran, not out	1
J. R. Hall, not out	1
Extras	0
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Total (for 0 wkts.)	2
	O. M. R. W.
McKenzie	2 2 0 0
Perry	1.2 0 2 0
Rain stopped play.	

May 27th—v. Daniel Stewart's College.

This match was played at Daniel Stewart's, and in view of the amount of rain that there had been, we were lucky to play at all. The wicket was extremely slow, as was the outfield, and so it was not surprising that neither side was able to establish an advantage.

Daniel Stewart's batted first, and it was very obvious that most of their batsmen were suffering from lack of practice. However, the bowling wasn't

very straight and some catches went down and Stewart's ground their way to 80 for 8 wickets, at which point they declared leaving the School just over an hour to make the runs.

Since the School batsmen were not in form either, this challenge was declined and the match petered out into a draw.

Daniel Stewart's College

Vallance, c Carmichael, b	
Sherington	12
Duguid, b McKenzie	1
Street, c Duncan, b Perry	29
Birse, run out	0
Clark, c and b Perry	4
Rennie, c Rutherford, b Perry	0
Middleton, c Eriksen, b Perry	7
Rees, c Duncan, b Perry	13
Currie, not out	9
McLean, not out	2
Extras	3

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 80

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	17	10	10	1
Perry	23	9	31	5
Eriksen	10	4	17	0
Sherington	10	4	17	1
Carmichael	1	0	2	0

Strathallan

J. T. Thomson, c Rees, b Currie	0
D. A. Rutherford, lbw, b Rees	4
Eriksen, not out	23
Wallace, not out	5
Extras	3
Warburton, Duncan, Archibald, Carmichael, Perry, McKenzie and Sherington did not bat.	

Total (for 2 wks.) 35

May 31st—v. Merchiston Castle.

Play started on time on a fairly rain soaked square. As usual, we got off to a poor start, Thomson being out after sixteen minutes play. The second wicket retrieved matters somewhat, but the batting never really got on top of some fairly charitable bowling which was, however, backed up by some very keen fielding.

The main disasters came after lunch, when Eriksen, Archibald and Duncan went in the course of one over, none of them to shots that they would probably care to remember. After this, much of the afternoon was taken up with salvage operations, which were conducted mainly by Perry and McKenzie. Perry was eventually last out aiming to hit the ball over the Chapel.

There was sufficient rain over the tea interval to prevent a prompt start to play, and indeed when it was resumed, sawdust had to be used in liberal quantities. Swan and Raven entertained us with some very correct batting, which in fairness was made easier by the fact that the ball was exceptionally wet and the fielders were hardly able to stand.

Strathallan

J. T. Thomson, lbw, b, Drummond	1
D. A. Rutherford, c Service, b Foster	16
P. D. C. Warburton, c Drummond, b Foster	19
D. F. Wallace, c Raven, b Foster	8
S. S. Eriksen, b Foster	24
G. C. H. Archibald, c McHoul, b Foster	0
A. D. G. Duncan, b Foster	0
L. H. A. Carmichael, st Service, b Sloan	4
C. T. Perry, st Service, b Swan	17
N. D. McKenzie, b Drummond	10
N. O. Sherington, not out	2
Extras	1

Total 102

	O.	M.	R.	W
Drummond	14	4	25	2
Clark	11	5	10	0
C. Swan	22	11	21	2
Foster	19	5	22	6
McHoul	7	3	11	0
Lawson	4	1	12	0

Merchiston Castle

R. G. Swan, not out	47
J. G. Raven, not out	53
Extras	5
Total	105

June 5th—v. C. B. E. Somerville's XI.

This is one of our pleasantest fixtures of the season, and the weather, sunny and hot, was very suitable for it. At first it seemed as if the School were not going to take advantage of the perfect batting wicket, and it was obvious the several batsmen were still struggling to find some kind of form. Rutherford stayed in for 20 minutes without making a great deal of impression, and Warburton was out making no shot at all. Wallace followed soon after. Thereafter Eriksen and Archibald got down to making some runs.

Disappointingly Eriksen was out at 58 when in full flow. It was an unnecessary shot, and he was well set, his fifty having come in 54 minutes. Archibald became more circumspect, the nearer he reached 50. Finally, losing all patience he hit across the line of a straight one and that was that. Fortunately Duncan contributed a brisk 31 before being out to a ball that came back a shade to beat his half-forward prod at the ball. The side was out leaving C. B. E. Somerville's XI a target of 90 an hour—a not unreasonable proposition in view of the pace of the outfield.

They started very well, but after the loss of one or two early wickets the chase ended. Sherington bowled particularly well, varying his pace and flight.

Strathallan

D. A. Rutherford, c Thompson, b Haw	9
J. M. Dods, b Haw	1
P. D. C. Warburton, lbw, b Duncanson	13
S. S. Eriksen, st Thompson, b Duncanson	58
D. F. Wallace, st Thompson, b Duncanson	4
G. C. H. Archibald, b Haines	49
A. D. G. Duncan, b Giavarini	31
C. T. Perry, run out	5
N. D. McKenzie, c Thompson, b Giavarini	1
N. O. Sherington, not out	0
L. H. A. Carmichael, st Thompson, b Haines	4
Extras	5

Total180

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Haw	14	1	41	2
Somerville	6	1	12	0
Duncanson	10	1	46	3
Wren	13	0	46	0
Haines	7.3	1	22	2
Giavarini	7	3	8	2

C. B. E. Somerville's XI

A. McNab, c and b Carmichael	25
D. Haines, c Eriksen, b McKenzie	10
P. E. C. Barr, b Sherington	7
J. G. Giavarini, st Warburton, b Sherington	4
G. F. R. Martin, c Sherington, b Eriksen	28
F. A. Orr, c Archibald, b Sherington	2
A. B. Wren, not out	27
J. R. Thompson, not out	2
Extras	7

Total (for 6 wkts.)112

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	6	0	19	1
Perry	11	1	38	0
Carmichael	4	2	8	1
Sherington	12	2	24	3
Eriksen	7	1	16	1

June 7th—v. Loretto.

This was a match in which we were completely outplayed. The New Field wicket at Loretto was a fast one, and Loretto had a bowler to match. Stewart's bowling, though, was erratic, and his figures suggest a venom and accuracy which in fact was not there. Most of the batsmen contrived to get themselves out. Rutherford was bowled trying to hit one pitched on the off stump round to square leg. Thomson continued his miserable season by being caught at the wicket down the leg side. Eriksen went for a drive to a ball outside the off-stump, Warburton played no shot—the second time in two innings. Picken got out of the way of the ball that got him out. Perry was caught off the back of his bat, and considering the direction in which the ball went this was a pretty remarkable feat by Perry.

A certain amount of resistance came from Archibald and Duncan in the middle of the innings, but both of them were out shortly after lunch.

Loretto had all the time in the world to make the necessary runs, but the match might have been closer for all that had Warburton held a chance given by Bush off McKenzie early on in his innings. Admittedly it was a difficult chance to his left, but these chances have to be taken.

Strathallan

J. T. Thomson, c Wilson, b Sampson	0
D. A. Rutherford, b Stewart	7
P. D. C. Warburton, b Stewart	4
S. S. Eriksen, c McNeill, b Stewart	2
B. J. Picken, b Stewart	0
G. C. H. Archibald, lbw, b Stewart	11
A. D. G. Duncan, b Henderson	10
C. T. Perry, c and b Stewart	2
D. F. Wallace, not out	3
N. D. McKenzie, b Henderson	7
N. O. Sherington, b Henderson	0
Extras	10

Total 56

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Stewart	16	10	14	6
Sampson	5	1	10	1
Henderson	14	7	18	3
Cullen	4	3	4	0

Loretto

P. W. Bush, lbw, b Eriksen	17
H. S. Thacrah, c Thomson, b McKenzie	16
N. J. McLean, c Rutherford, b Eriksen	9
A. B. Crawford, lbw, b McKenzie	0
C. D. D. McNeill, not out	7
A. S. M. Wilson, not out	7
Extras	2

Total (for 4 wks.) 58

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	13	3	28	2
Perry	6	2	11	0
Eriksen	10	6	9	2
Sherington	4	0	8	0

June 10th—v. Dollar Academy.

Conditions on the Lawn were exceptionally good for batting, and so it is pleasant to report that after some of the recent disasters the School batsmen were more able to take advantage and get some runs.

Fairlie, the fifth to be tried in the opening position this season, had as much lack of success as his predecessors, but Rutherford batted much better than he has been doing and at last played a lengthy innings. He and Warburton put on 67 for the second wicket, Warburton's innings not being without luck. Contributions from Eriksen and Archibald, and a quick 17 from Jenkins saw the total to 200.

The Dollar innings opened eventfully. Carmichael bowled Watson with his first ball, but there being 3 fielders behind the popping crease on the leg side a no-ball had been called. Watson's fortune did not last long. The second wicket was some time in falling and it was through a run-out that it did. The remaining batsmen were difficult to prise out, neither Perry nor McKenzie making much impression. The breakthrough came from Carmichael, in his second spell, and Eriksen. The last man was out in the last over, and one felt that a little less McKenzie and Perry—neither of whom has the ability to bowl straight when it matters—and a little more of Sherington might have seen the match over quicker than it was.

Strathallan

D. A. Rutherford, b Duck	39
I. W. Fairlie, b Bryson	0
P. D. C. Warburton, c Duck, b Mathieson	44
S. S. Eriksen, b Bryson	37
G. C. H. Archibald, c Watson, b Duck	31
A. D. G. Duncan, c Duck, b Bryson	1
D. G. Jenkins, b Bryson	17
C. T. Perry, not out	10
N. D. McKenzie, b Murray	5
L. H. A. Carmichael, not out	0
N. O. Sherington did not bat.	
Extras	16

Total (for 8 wks. dec.) 200

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bryson	11	2	52	4
Duck	12	1	54	2
Strachan	7	2	18	0
McKenna	3	0	16	0
Murray	7	0	24	1
Mathieson	5	1	20	1

Dollar Academy

A. Bullock, c Carmichael, b Eriksen	10
N. Watson, b McKenzie	1
D. Gourlay, run out	18
J. Duck, b Perry	17
N. Bryson, lbw, b Eriksen	18
I. Spencer, b Carmichael	17
M. Strachan, c Archibald, b Carmichael	2
J. K. Murray, c Archibald, b Eriksen	9
A. M. Sweet, b Eriksen	1
J. McKenna, not out	0
R. Mathieson, lbw, b McKenzie	1
Extras	17

Total 111

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	12	5	17	2
Carmichael	9	4	15	2
Perry	8	1	28	1
Eriksen	9	2	23	4
Sherington	6	3	11	0

June 18th—v. Perthshire.

Heavy rain during the day meant that this match was cancelled—by Perthshire. The pitch was perfectly playable at the appointed time, and Perthshire are lucky not to have suffered an ignominious defeat under Law 17.

June 19th—v. R. N. Johnson's XI.

This was a match somewhat hastily got together, since it has become customary in recent years for the Master in Charge of Cricket to field an eleven against the School. The School batted first, and the first wicket fell at 16 when Fairlie was bowled off his pads. Wickets after that fell regularly since the middle order batsmen did not seem able to read Mr Pedgrift's bowling, and it was left to Duncan and Perry to salvage something from the wreckage. The innings was virtually over when these two became the first two victims of a hat-trick in Mr Williams' second spell.

The visitors got off to a poor start. Both opening bats had to go off at the tea interval and so were unable to settle down to make reasonable scores. Thereafter some inaccurate bowling from Eriksen treated charitably, and some accurate bowling by Sherington saw the School into a good position, only D. F. Wallace remaining unperturbed to the end.

Strathallan

D. A. Rutherford, c Taylor, b Pedgrift	17
I. W. Fairlie, b Mole	8
P. D. C. Warburton, c Dods, b Pedgrift	3
S. S. Eriksen, st Johnson, b Pedgrift	15
G. C. H. Archibald, c Dods, b Mole	13
A. D. G. Duncan, b Williams	23
D. G. Jenkins, b P. Walker	3
C. T. Perry, lbw, b Williams	32
N. D. McKenzie, b P. Walker	4
N. O. Sherington, b Williams	0
L. H. A. Carmichael, not out	1
Extras	1

Total 121

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Walker, A. B.	4	1	9	0
Williams	16	3	32	3
Mole	10	2	26	2
Pedgrift	8	0	33	3
Walker, P.	7	1	20	2

R. N. Johnson's XI

P. S. Taylor, Esq., c Perry, b McKenzie	5
N. F. Pedgrift, Esq., retired out	6
J. T. Thomson, b Sherington	6
J. M. Dods, c Duncan, b Sherington	5
D. F. Wallace, not out	13
P. L. N. Walker, c Warburton, b Eriksen	2
R. C. B. Mole, Esq., c Rutherford, b Sherington	9
C. D. Steele, b Eriksen	1
R. N. Johnson, Esq., c Fairlie, b Sherington	1
D. A. R. Williams, Esq., not out	1
A. B. Walker did not bat.	
Extras	6

Total (for 8 wks.) 55

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	5	3	7	1
Perry	2	1	2	0
Carmichael	5	2	8	0
Eriksen	11	3	24	2
Sherington	13	7	8	4

June 21st—v. Old Strathallians.

First, a commendatory word must be said about the Old Strathallians who not only brought up a very good batting side—which must be quite difficult to do on a Saturday when players have regular commitments with other clubs—but also were very punctual. It is a pity, therefore, that playing hours are so bitty for an all day match.

The Old Strathallians batted first. Cook, as usual, had a swashbuckling start, but was bowled by Carmichael in the fourth over of the innings. At this point the score was 16, and shortly after this Carmichael, who had been bowling well, was mysteriously taken off, and not given another over until the end of the innings. It is sad to say that this was only the first of the School Captain of Cricket's elementary mistakes during this innings.

Smith and Pate continued to take the score along, and as a partnership are always a joy to watch, particularly as, at times, they seem to be bent on running each other out. The second wicket fell after lunch when Smith was bowled by Eriksen, and Pate was out soon after trying to cut an off-break which came back rather a lot.

By now the score was being pushed along quite merrily by the rather portly pair, Tommy Taylor and Sam Galt. They were aided and abetted by some poor fielding and field placing. Boundary fielders ten yards in from the boundary cost two wickets, and Sherington bowling off breaks which were turning a foot to a field more suitable for a left-arm spinner was becoming rather costly when he might well have been removing many of the opposition. That the bowler allowed this state of affairs to happen is excusable, since he is inexperienced; that the captain allowed it to happen is not. So Messrs. Taylor

and Galt reaped a good harvest. Eventually Taylor was caught on the mid-wicket boundary, and Trusdale, captain of the Old Strathallians this year, came in to chance his arm. The situation, of course, demanded it, and it is a pity that a batsman of his calibre had to fling his bat at most things, when, given the time, he is such an entertaining stroke player. One shot, a glorious straight drive of McKenzie, was a sample of what we missed. At the other end Galt sailed on serenely to a well-deserved 50, which included two majestic lofted on drives.

In contrast, the opening of the School innings was quiet, and Rutherford and Fairlie put on 49 in quite the best opening stand so far of the season. Fairlie was inclined to be impatient when some bad bowling did come along, and long hops went unpunished because he took his eye off them. Rutherford, on the other hand, became increasingly more strokeless, since his philosophy is that if one is to stay there one doesn't take chances even with the bad ball; a charitable outlook which allows the bowler to steady himself and bowl less bad balls. Fairlie was out with the score at 49, Warburton followed soon afterwards and Rutherford inadvertently let a half volley hit his pads. Eriksen seemed intent on committing suicide instead of playing a good innings—too often this season his innings have been memorable for the wrong reason—and so it was left to Archibald and Duncan, as ever, to consolidate. This they did to the tune of 40 runs and both were out together, Duncan being l.b.w. and Archibald being caught superbly by Stuart Mackenzie. Perry and Wallace had little difficulty in playing out time.

Old Strathallians

I. Smith, b Eriksen	30
A. Cook, b Carmichael	9
W. S. Pate, b Sherington	14
T. Taylor, c McKenzie, b Sherington	33
H. Galt, st Warburton, b Eriksen	55
T. Trusdale, b McKenzie	31
P. Hamilton, not out	9
D. Mackenzie, S. Mackenzie, A. Turner and T. Ashton did not bat.	
Extras	21

Total (for 6 wks dec.) . . 202

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	14	0	45	1
Carmichael	4	1	12	1
Perry	12	2	51	0
Eriksen	10	1	44	2
Sherington	7	0	26	2

Strathallan

D. A. Rutherford, lbw, b Turner	27
I. W. Fairlie, b Taylor	21
P. D. C. Warburton, b Turner	0
S. S. Eriksen, c. Trusdale, b Taylor	20
G. C. H. Archibald, c and b Mackenzie, S.	27
A. D. G. Duncan, lbw, b Smith	20
C. T. Perry, not out	26
D. F. Wallace, not out	5
N. D. McKenzie, N. O. Sherington and L. H. A. Carmichael did not bat.	
Extras	11

Total (for 6 wks.) 157

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Ashton	7	2	10	0
Mackenzie, S.	15	7	26	1
Mackenzie D.	3	0	8	0
Turner	9	2	18	2
Taylor	13	4	26	2
Smith	6	1	31	1
Pate	4	0	23	0
Galt	1	0	1	0
Hamilton	1	0	4	0

July 2nd—v. Forfarshire.

This was one of our evening games, and fortunately the evening was sunny and bright—a prerequisite if these games are to be a success. The School batted first, and didn't bat very well. Fairlie was bowled off his pads early on, and Warburton was out soon after cutting uppishly and giving gully a relatively simple catch. The remaining batsmen were troubled by the spinners. Perry batted very well and sensibly, declining to go for the big hit which he rather likes to do. Duncan produced two very nice cover drives, both for four, before being caught at mid-off.

When Forfarshire batted not all the big guns were brought out immediately, Perry bowled well on a wicket that was starting to green up, and had some of the batsmen in trouble. Eventually some hard hitting saw Forfarshire almost to victory, but not before Walker, playing in his first match for the eleven, got two wickets.

Strathallan

D. A. Rutherford, lbw, b Finlayson	7
I. W. Fairlie, b Fleming	0
P. D. C. Warburton, c Wood, b Fleming	9
S. S. Eriksen, c Wood, b Finlayson	9
G. C. H. Archibald, c and b McLeod	4
C. T. Perry, c Thomson, b Wood	27
A. D. G. Duncan, c Wood, b McLeod	15
B. J. Picken, run out	2
P. L. N. Walker, c and b Wood	3
N. D. McKenzie, c and b Wood	5
N. O. Sherington, not out	0
Extras	6
Total	87

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Patullo	4	2	10	0
Fleming	6	4	4	2
Finlayson	6	0	11	2
McLeod	9	2	22	2
Thomson	8	1	27	0
Wood	3	0	7	3

Forfarshire

M. J. S. Walton, c McKenzie, b Walker	35
G. Spencer, b Perry	0
D. Tullis, b Perry	11
T. M. Smith, run out	0
A. J. Cooper, not out	36
K. Wood, lbw, b Walker	1
D. Thomson, not out	0
Extras	5
Total (for 5 wks.)	88

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	8	3	24	0
Perry	10.2	2	44	2
Eriksen	1	0	12	0
Walker	2	0	3	2

July 5th—v. Glenalmond.

This was one of the matches that we now have scheduled for a 1.30 start. The School wicket was a good fast batting wicket, and so the events of the afternoon were remarkable, to say the least. Glenalmond won the toss and decided, very rightly, to bat. Kerr and Begg opened the innings quietly, but there was little sign that they were in any trouble. McKenzie was bowling straight but rather short of a length, and the batsmen were able to play him off the back foot. Perry, too, was rather erratic to start with, and certainly wasn't bowling as well as he had been in the previous match. After eight overs of the innings, and with the score standing at twelve, Eriksen made a crucial and shrewd change. Opening bats are sometimes susceptible to spin, and Walker

was brought on to bowl his left arm slows from the Chapel end. On the second ball of the over Kerr went to drive, didn't get to the ball, got an edge and Perry took a fine one handed catch low down to his right. It was a catch that P. J. Sharpe himself would have been proud of. Worse was to follow for Glenalmond. Monro was leg before playing back to a ball in Walker's second over which came back at him a shade, and Begg, in Walker's third over, was taken nicely by Eriksen diving forward at silly-mid-off. McLeod and Maclean looked as if they were going to retrieve the situation from 3 wickets for 17 and indeed took the score quite rapidly to 46. At this point McLeod hit a ball which appeared to be going hard and wide of mid-wicket and Wallace launched himself horizontally, rolled over several times and came up with the ball. In its way this was just as spectacular a catch as Perry's earlier in the innings. At the same score Maclean was bowled by Sherington who had been brought into the attack, and Munro, in the next over, drove across a straight ball from Walker. When Wilson and Easmon looked like holding things up, Eriksen got Easmon stumped in his first over, and Glenalmond were soon all out for 58.

This was the first innings this season that the eleven fielded spectacularly, and, of course, very good fielding made tidy bowling look very good bowling.

The match was still to have its moments though. Rutherford was out hitting across the line, Warburton played a ball onto his stumps—a rather unfortunate way to be out since the ball just trickled onto them, but then batsmen who are out of form get out in unfortunate ways—and Gordon and Eriksen took the score from 9 to 28, when Gordon was caught at the wicket. At 41 Eriksen, too, deflected a ball onto his wicket, and the usually prolific Archibald was soon out. After this Perry and Duncan saw us home, Duncan finishing the match off on the last ball before tea by pulling Easmon through mid-wicket for four.

Trinity College Glenalmond

W. F. Kerr, c Perry, b Walker	6
J. G. Begg, c Eriksen, b Walker	4
P. G. Monro lbw, b Walker	3
R. J. S. McLeod, c Wallace, b Walker	14
R. W. Maclean, b Sherington	15
P. M. Wilson, c Perry, b Eriksen	6
D. R. Munro, b Walker	0
C. S. Easmon, st Warburton, b Eriksen	4
H. P. Pringle, b Walker	0
R. F. Callander, not out	0
D. J. Barber-Fleming, lbw, b Walker	1
Extras	5

Total 58

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Perry	6	2	5	0
McKenzie	4	1	6	0
Walker	11.1	4	22	7
Sherington	7	0	19	1
Eriksen	2	0	2	2

Strathallan

D. A. Rutherford, lbw, b Pringle	1
I. W. Gordon, c Callander, b Easmon	14
P. D. C. Warburton, b Easmon	2
S. S. Eriksen, b Pringle	23
G. C. H. Archibald, c Callander, b Pringle	4
C. T. Perry, not out	5
A. D. G. Duncan, not out	7
D. F. Wallace, P. L. N. Walker, N. D. McKenzie and N. O. Sherington did not bat.	
Extras	6

Total (for 5 wks.) 62

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Pringle	10	2	26	3
Easmon	8	0	19	2
Barber-Fleming	2	0	11	0

July 8th—v. Fettes.

The Lawn wicket was about as amiable as it is ever likely to get when it is dry, and in this match we won the toss and batted first. Because of examinations, the match was scheduled for a 1.30 start, and we had to do without Perry, who was doing an exam, and Walker, who had an interview. Neither Chalmers nor Dickinson, the Fettes opening attack, were the kind of bowlers to give the batsmen a difficult time on this pitch, and yet we still lost two early wickets. Rutherford, who has been mesmerized by the short ball of late, stuck his bat out horizontally at a long hop some two and a half feet outside the off-stump. The ball then bounced off the bat, for an easy catch behind the wicket. Gordon was a little unlucky in that he got a good ball which came back a little and clipped the off-stump. It was left to Fairlie and Eriksen to repair our fortunes.

Fairlie defended admirably for a while, but having got himself into a defensive mood, he was unable to score any runs, and it was probably his inactivity which led to the downfall of Eriksen. Eriksen had begun to strike the ball well, but was pinned down by some accurate, just short of a length bowling by Trantor. Eventually the impatient shots started, and Trantor held a very good catch indeed off a ball which Eriksen had tried to hit back over his head. Fairlie was out soon afterwards and so the innings ground to a halt again. Warburton started to play an innings which was very restrained by his standards, but it was of the kind that was needed at this point. Archibald managed to get some quick runs, and Duncan, disappointingly, was soon out. It was then left to Wallace and Warburton to salvage something from the wreck of the innings, and by this point, too, time had become as important as runs. Warburton was eventually out trying to hit a leg-spinner over square leg and Mackenzie, playing his first innings for the 1st XI replaced him. Mackenzie batted extremely sensibly and never looked like getting out until Wallace foolishly ran him out, and, as if he was not content with that, tried to run the next McKenzie out next ball. The innings closed soon after, at just after 5.30. We had taken a long time to get the runs, but, conversely, it had taken Fettes a long time to get us out. Even so, the runs-time equation was very much in favour of Fettes, and their opening bats never looked like getting out, although they began to fall behind the ideal scoring rate. Lumsden began to have difficulty in reading Mackenzie's spin, but it was Loudon who was out stumped whilst trying to drive him through extra-cover. Mackenzie can count himself unlucky in not picking up more wickets. Todd was caught at the wicket trying to square cut a very wide ball from Eriksen and then wickets began to tumble. This was not, let it be added, because of anything in the bowling which was straight but nothing more than that, but because thunder-clouds were starting to mass, and one or two spots of rain seemed to suggest to the batting side that they ought to get the match won as quickly as possible. So it was that Lumsden was bowled leg-stump by McKenzie, Reid, essaying a big hit, was caught off a skier to the wicket-keeper, and Mellaby, attempting the same shot, was caught by

Mackenzie at fly-slip. MacNaughton followed shortly after bowled off stump, and Fettes just got home in an exciting finish about eight minutes from close of play. It didn't rain.

Strathallan

D. A. Rutherford, c Lumsden, b Dickinson	3
I. W. Gordon, b Chalmers	1
I. W. Fairlie, c Lumsden, b Reid	6
S. S. Eriksen, c and b Trantor	45
P. D. C. Warburton, lbw, b Reid	12
G. C. H. Archibald, b Chalmers	22
A. D. G. Duncan, c Martell, b Chalmers	2
D. F. Wallace not out	20
E. G. Mackenzie, run out	6
N. D. McKenzie, b Trantor	0
N. O. Sherington, c Loudon, b Trantor	0
Extras	3

Total 120

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Chalmers	18	10	22	3
Dickinson	9	2	21	1
White	7	2	18	0
Mac-				
Naughton	5	1	16	0
Reid	15	5	24	2
Trantor	21	12	16	3

Fettes

M. J. Loudon, st Warburton, b Mackenzie	33
D. J. Lumsden, b McKenzie	52
J. J. Todd, c Warburton, b Eriksen	17
R. A. B. Reid, c Warburton, b McKenzie	2
S. S. Mellaby, c Mackenzie, b McKenzie	5
R. Dickinson, not out	8
G. C. MacNaughton, b McKenzie	2
J. P. Martell, not out	0
Extras	3

Total (for 6 wks.) 122

	O.	M.	R.	W.
McKenzie	10	2	20	4
Eriksen	14	2	42	1
Mackenzie	13	0	39	1
Sherington	8	1	18	0

We had two A XI fixtures this year, the first being against St. Salvator's Staff XI, which was played this year at St. Andrews. Since there was already a 1st XI fixture on the date it was played, the team was a selection of 2nd XI and 3rd XI players. Once again it was a very close game, St. Salvator's just holding out.

We also played a game against a Kelvinside Academy XI who were touring in this area. They did not choose a very good week-end, unfortunately, because there had been a considerable amount of rain. The Lawn square was still under water when they arrived on the Sunday morning (this was just one of the ten times that the square was under water during the term) and so a start before lunch was quite out of the question. As it was we got a 1.45 start on the Paddock, and against some accurate medium pace bowling on a wicket giving plenty of aid to the bowlers we scored 74, the main contributors being Whyte, who had a nice little innings, although with a lot of right hand in it, and Rutherford. One must also make special note of the Kelvinside fielding which was very good. When Kelvinside batted they had not seen anyone of quite the pace of McKenzie, and he picked up seven wickets, many of them with his slower ball. Kelvinside were all out for 36. This was, nevertheless, an enjoyable fixture, and we hope that Kelvinside got something out of it.

SECOND XI

- v. **The Edinburgh Academy**—Edinburgh Academy 64 (Walker, P. 7–16). Strathallan 65–9.
- v. **Perth Academy**—Perth Academy 25 (Macleod 7–12). Strathallan 28–1.
- v. **Dundee High School**—Dundee High School 32 (Macleod 6–8). Strathallan 34–0.
- v. **Daniel Stewart's**—Strathallan 125–8 (dec.) (Gordon 32, Dods 30). Daniel Stewart's 10.
- v. **Fettes**—Fettes 98–8 (dec.) (Macleod 3–27). Strathallan 49–6.
- v. **Merchiston**—Strathallan 43. Merchiston 44–7.
- v. **Loretto**—Strathallan 103. Loretto 70.
- v. **Dollar**—Strathallan 151 (Wallace 35). Dollar 58 (Macleod 7–32).
- v. **Glenalmond**—Glenalmond 138. Strathallan 82.

THIRD XI

The 3rd XI, fostered by the unfailing enthusiasm of Mr. Clayton, have, it can be said, enjoyed their cricket even if they have not been successful. They have had some useful players, some of whom will probably be seen in higher grades of cricket eventually. At the beginning of the season the 2nd game was hampered more than most, since there was no prospect, at that time, or for the first month, of finding them a pitch on Little Acre. Perhaps their results should be seen, too, in this light.

- v. **Fettes**—Strathallan 68. (Wilson W.R. 25 n.o.) ; Fettes 70–4. (Broadwood 2–20).
- v. **Merchiston**—Strathallan 40. Merchiston 42–0.
- v. **Glenalmond**—Glenalmond 70 (Wearmouth 4–18). Strathallan 29.

SENIOR COLTS

- v. **Edinburgh Academy**—Edinburgh Academy 125–9 (dec.) (Fergie 4–19). Strathallan 42–9.
- v. **Perth Academy**—Strathallan 105–6 (dec.) (White 56). Perth Academy 54 (Whyte 4–3, Aitkenhead 3–3).
- v. **Morrison's Academy**—Strathallan 131–7 (dec.) (Hill, C. 65). Morrison's 17–4. Rain stopped play.
- v. **Fettes**—Strathallan 86–9 (dec.) (Whyte 32). Fettes 29–0.
- v. **Merchiston**—Strathallan 36–6. Match abandoned—rain.
- v. **Perth High School**—Strathallan 93 (Hill 33). Perth High School 33 (Whyte 7–3).
- v. **Loretto**—Strathallan 105–9 (dec.). Loretto 108–4.
- v. **Dollar**—Strathallan 159–6 (dec.) (Whyte 36, Thomson 35*, Duncan, C. 32) Dollar 69 (Mackenzie 8–17).
- v. **Glenalmond**—Strathallan 138–9 (dec.) (Whyte 52). Glenalmond 140–7 (Whyte 4–36).

JUNIOR COLTS

The following list of results makes depressing reading. They certainly reflect a frailty in the batting, nobody showing distinct signs of being capable of building an innings. Shedden and Lowden displayed a welcome desire to attack the bowling, whilst Hill presented a stolid defence. In no single instance were both attributes combined—the last two games could each have been won had the batting prospered.

Bowling potential is high, with Lowden and Chalmers both keeping a full

length. Support bowling was inadequate, but there is variety which includes off-spin and orthodox left-arm. With greater control next year there should be more penetration.

- v. Edinburgh Academy**—Lost—Strathallan 29. Edinburgh Academy 31-3
- v. Perth Academy**—Won—Perth 19. Strathallan 21-1.
- v. Dundee High**—Drawn—Strathallan 90. Dundee 47-8.
- v. Fettes**—Lost—Strathallan 33. Fettes 34-3.
- v. Loretto**—Lost—Strathallan 82. Loretto 83-7.
- v. Glenalmond**—Lost—Glenalmond 85. Strathallan 46.

JUNIOR XI

- v. Croftinloan (A)**—Strathallan 142-8 (dec.). Croftinloan 29.
- v. Lathallan (A)**—Strathallan 26. Lathallan 54.
- v. Drumtochty Castle (H)**—Strathallan 44. Drumtochty 44.
- v. Dalhousie (H)**—Strathallan 120-7 (dec.). Dalhousie 26.
- v. Craigflower (H)**—Strathallan 99. Craigflower 87.
- v. Ardvreck (A)**—Strathallan 121-8 (dec.). Ardvreck 58.

JUNIOR SECOND XI

- v. Craigflower (A)**—Craigflower 91. Strathallan 22.
- v. Ardvreck (H)**—Strathallan 85-3 (dec.). Ardvreck 35.

ATHLETICS

Like almost all the other summer sports, Athletics was curtailed extremely badly by the poor weather at the beginning of term. It started with the abandonment of the house standards competition half way through the first week, and after that, despite the new drainage on Big Acre, the track and surrounding areas were swamp-like for much of May. A new fixture, against The Edinburgh Academy, was cancelled because of these conditions, and the first fixture that was possible was against Loretto. For this fixture, most of the training had gone on indoors, but we were able to get on to the track for three of four days just before the event. Nevertheless, we were able to win by the convincing margin of 33 points.

The next fixture was against Fettes, and they proved to be too strong for us, although there were some fine performances. Roy jumped $20'1\frac{1}{2}"$ in the long Jump and McBride threw the javelin $151'8\frac{1}{2}"$. The match was lost by 11 points.

We went to the Baton Relay Competition at Dunblane to defend the Baton which we won last year. The other participants at this meeting were Trinity College, Glenalmond, Queen Victoria School, Dunfermline High School and Rannoch. In the senior events, we were placed an over-all second, the more notable achievements being one first place and five seconds. In the middle events we won over-all, with four firsts and two seconds, and won the junior events over-all with two firsts and one second.

D. J. McBride broke the meeting and the School record for the middle javelin, throwing 157'8". For the second year running we won the Bâton.

There were fewer Strathallan entries for the S.S.A.A. Annual Championships at Scotstoun, Glasgow, due, perhaps, to Founder's Day being on the same day. Despite this those who did enter put up a determined effort, and the results, generally, were satisfactory. Very deservedly, McBride won the Gold Medal in the middle javelin, and D. M. Holmes the Silver Medal in the middle high jump.

Although losing to Glenalmond by eight points, Strathallan ended the term's fixtures with a fine win over Rannoch by a margin of thirty points.

This year the gaps in the senior team were very adequately filled by middles, so the future for next year's senior team looks rosy.

The following represented the School during the term: D. M. S. Robbie; E. C. Roy; D. J. C. Sharpe; J. M. Burnett; C. L. McLachlan; P. F. Waterston (Capt.); D. J. McBride; D. M. Holmes; C. P. Lear; A. J. Downs; A. G. Mackie; D. N. F. Pennie; R. H. McQueen; J. B. Morton; G. Lockhart; P. L. Scott; C. D. Reekie.

The House Standards Competition was won by Simpson, with Freeland second

Sports Day was once again a fine day—picking a fine day is something that Messrs. McNamara and Henderson always do right—and a large crowd came. There was the prospect of records being broken this year, too, as an added attraction. The results follow, and this year we publish, too, the current records for each event

100 yards Riley. Gillanders 1, Hamilton 2. 13.1 secs. *Record*: 12.5, Black 1967.

100 yards Junior. Scott (F) 1, Lawrence (S) 2, Reekie (F) 3, Dale (N) 4. 11.4 secs. *Record*: 11 secs., Craig 1955.

100 yards Middle. Pennie (F) 1, Lear (S) 2. 11.1 secs. *Record*: 10.7, Duncan 1951, Black 1965.

100 yards Senior. Burnett (N) 1, Roy (N) 2. 11 secs. *Record*: 10 secs., Petrie 1942.

220 yards Junior. Scott (F) 1, Lawrence (S) 2. 25.5 secs. *Record*: 25.4, Robertson 1957, Lear 1967.

220 yards Middle. Lear (S) 1, Downs (S) 2. 24.2 secs. *Record*: 24 secs, Petrie 1941.

220 yards Senior. Roy (N) 1, Burnett (N) 2. 24 secs. *Record*: 23.6 secs. Hamilton 1949.

330 yards Riley. Hamilton 1, Nicol 2. 46.1 secs. *Record*: 44.4 secs., Waterston, N. 1966.

440 yards Junior. Reekie (F) 1, Lawrence (S) 2. 58.6 secs. *Record*: 56.4 secs. Taylor 1962.

440 yards Middle. Pennie (F) 1, Burnett (R) 2. 54.4 secs. *Record*: 53.2 secs., Taylor 1964.

440 yards Senior. Roy (N) 1, Waterston (R) 2. 55.8 secs. *Record*: 51.6 secs., Houston 1967.

880 yards Junior. McNicol (R) 1, Dale (N) 2. 2m. 18.3 secs. *Record*: 2m. 14.2 secs., Wilkie 1961, Sharpe 1966.

880 yards Middle. Morton (F) 1, Fraser (N) 2. 2m. 11 secs. *Record*: 2m. 4.3 secs., Sharpe 1968.

880 yards Senior. Sharpe (N) 1, Waterston (R) 2. 2m. 4.5 secs. *Record*: 1m. 59 secs., Borland 1961.

1 mile Middle. Morton (F) 1, McQueen (R) 2. 4m. 51.8 secs. *Record*: 4m. 35.3 secs., Sharpe 1968.

1 mile Senior. Sharpe (N) 1, Waterston (R) 2. 4m. 46 secs. *Record*: 4m. 21 secs., Dow 1962.

High Jump. Riley. McIntosh, W. 1, Bird 2. 4' 7". *New record*.

High Jump Junior. Scott (F) 1, Reekie (F) 2. 4' 10". *Record*: 5' 4", Holmes 1967.

High Jump Middle. Holmes (S) 1, Jenkins (F) 2. 5' 5". *Record*: 5' 8", Holmes 1968.

High Jump Senior. Roy (N) 1, Robbie (S) 2. 5' 4". *Record*: 5' 10", Muir 1967.

Long Jump Riley. Ling 1, McIntosh W. 2. 13' 2". *Record*: 16' 6", Tinnall 1961.

Long Jump Junior. Scott (F) 1, Reekie (F) 2. 17' 9". *Record*: 18' 2½", Lear 1967.

Long Jump Middle. Lear (S) 1, Whyte (R) 2. 18' 4½". *Record*: 20' 3", Lawson 1965.

Long Jump Senior. Roy (N) 1, Robbie (S) 2. 19' 9½". *Record*: 20' 10", Black 1966.

Discus Junior. Lawrence (S) 1, Low (R) 2. 96' 11½". *Record*: 115' 5", Holmes 1967.

Discus Middle. Mackie (S) 1, McBride (N) 2. 139'. *New Record*

Discus Senior. Robbie (S) 1, Moffat (F) 2. 102'. *Record*: 136', Ridland 1961.

Javelin Junior. Low (R) 1, Reekie (F) 2. 115' 8". *Record*: 138' 10", Ross 1966.

Javelin Middle. McBride (N) 1, Downs (S) 2. 163' 5". *New Record at School*. *Record*: 166' 5", McBride 1969.

Javelin Senior. Robbie (S) 1, McKenzie (N) 2. 143' 9". *Record*: 158' 9½", Ashton 1968, 166' 11", McBride 1969.

Shot Junior. Reekie (F) 1, Duncan (F) 2. 36' 4". *Record*: 37' 4", Ridland 1957.

Shot Middle. Downs (S) 1, McBride (N) 2. 44' 9½". *New Record*.

Shot Senior. McKenzie (N) 1, Perry (F) 2. 37'. *Record*: 44' 2", Black 1966.

Relay Riley. Big Dorm 1, Glencoe 2.

Relay Junior. Freeland 1, Simpson 2.

Relay Middle. Rimpson 1, Freeland 1.

Relay Senior. Nicol 1, Freeland 2.

Winners: Simpson

Victores Ludorum

Roy (N) Senior

Pennie (F) Middle

Lear (S)

Reekie (F) Junior

BOXING

A large number of new boys in the School this year meant that a lot of hard work had to be done to enable the finals to be over by the half-term of the Spring Term. However, as always Mr. Henderson managed to get the preliminary bouts rolling and consequently there was a gap of a week between the semi-finals, and the finals.

The finals were held on Monday, 3rd February. This year there were a lot of good fights, and none of them had to be stopped. A tremendous amount of pluck, too, was shown by all the boxers.

The points were close at the beginning of the finals, but Nicol held on to their lead to win for the third year in succession. The Headmaster presented the prizes.

Thanks are due to Mr. Henderson for organizing all the bouts, and also to the various officials and the time-keeper. G. M. J. Ross was Master of Ceremonies.

The results of the finals were as follows:

Division	Winner	Runner-up
Riley:		
Gnatweight	Robertson	Day
Midgetweight	Cameron	Leishman
Flyweight	Paterson-Brown	Powrie
Bantamweight	Hartley	Buchanan
Middleweight	McIntosh	Rae
Featherweight	McArthur	Robertson
Senior:		
Heavy-weight 'A'	Reekie (F)	Fleming (F)
Heavyweight 'B'	Robbie (S)	Rennie (R)
Bantamweight	Lewis (N)	Brown (S)
Featherweight	Beattie (R)	Inglis (R)
Light Heavyweight	Smith, G. (R)	Watters (R)
Welterweight	Lait (N)	Miller (F)
Middleweight	Thomson (N)	MacDonald (S)
Lightweight	Cantley (R)	Thom (S)
Light Middleweight	Elder (S)	Robertson (S)
Light Welterweight	Waterston (R)	Wright (N)

CROSS COUNTRY

This year cross country running was started again as a serious competitive sport. A system of runs on Wednesdays during the rugby terms was instituted, and a record was kept of the times of those running so by the time the annual cross country races were due, house captains had a fair idea of the cross-country talent in each house.

After these races had been got out of the way in the Spring Term, our attention was turned to a fixture against University College School, London, who took on a combined Strathallan and Trinity College, Glenalmond team. The race was run over our senior course, and U.C.S. were well beaten. Ballantine of Glenalmond was the individual winner.

We also sent middle and junior teams to the Scottish Schoolboys National Championships which were held at Callander. Two senior boys ran as individuals in the senior section. The Callander course was excellent, combining rough moorland, forest and hill running. McQueen ran well to come 12th in the middles race out of a large entry, and in the senior race, Waterston came 18th and Muirhead 41st.

The following are the results of the School Cross-Country Inter-House races. What it feels like to run in one appears on a previous page.

Senior: 1st Sharpe (N)
2nd Waterston (R)
3rd Muirhead (R)

Middle: 1st MacQueen (R)
2nd Morton (F)
3rd Fleming (F)

Junior: 1st Reekie (F)
2nd Lewis (N)
3rd McNicol (R)

Winning House: Ruthven.

FENCING

The Fencing Club continues to flourish, if the pun maybe pardoned, although the inter-school fixtures have not gone very well as far as we are concerned. We beat Glenalmond 7-2, Kingussie and Dollar, and lost to Ainslie Park and Merchiston. In the latter match, however, both Wright and Mitchell beat international opponents. Unfortunately the Scottish Schoolboys Championships were held in the holidays, and most of our expert fencers were unable to attend.

- v. **Glenalmond**—Won 7-2. Warburton, Wearmouth and Nielsen—2 wins. Mitchell 1 win.
- v. **Kingussie**—Won 8-8 (decided on hits). Nielsen and Mitchell won 3. Wearmouth won 2.
- v. **Ainsley Park**—Lost 8-1 in Sabre Event.
Lost 8-1 in Foil Event.
Lost 4-2 in Epee Event.
- v. **Dollar**—Won 8-8 (decided on hits).
- v. **Merchiston**—Lost 13-3.

(The last two fixtures were Thistle Shield Matches).

GOLF

Unusually, the first event that the School Golf Team took part in this year was in the Autumn Term, when we were invited to take part in a Perthshire Schools Team Stroke Play event over the Cairnies course at Glenalmond. The event was inaugurated by Trinity College, Glenalmond, and thanks must go to Mr. H. Price for his organisation. Six other teams took part besides ourselves, and our team of four, three scores to count, was Moffat, Eriksen, Williamson and Picken. Williamson shot a 77, the second best individual score of the day on a course that was playing long after rain. Moffat had a 79, Eriksen an 84, which in parts was rather an adventurous score, and Picken a 90. Even had Picken's score counted in the aggregate we should have won this event. Trinity College, Glenalmond were second. It was very satisfying, after so many disappointments over the Cairnies in the past, to record a win there.

The meeting was also instrumental in getting some contacts from other schools, and assessing strengths of them with a view to matches.

During the Summer Term, matches were played against Gordonstoun, Dollar and Glenalmond. The first two matches were played over Craigie Hill G.C. and we won the first $5\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ and lost the 2nd $2\frac{1}{2}-3\frac{1}{2}$. We halved with Glenalmond at the end of the term. A match arranged against Perth Academy fell through at the last moment. The Staff were beaten easily over the Rosemount course. The composition of the team varied from match to match, mainly because the games had been arranged during the week and unfortunately clashed with other activities. Throughout the year Eriksen, Picken, Williamson, Whyte and Ovenstone were awarded golf colours. Moffat was elected captain. This was particularly fitting since Moffat has devoted a great deal of time, energy and enthusiasm to promoting the game in the School for the past five years. He has played in the School team ever since he came, and when it has come to raising funds for the golf club or to the more mundane tasks of mowing greens, he has always been ready to help. His energy in the club will be greatly missed.

The club championship was won by S. S. Eriksen who returned a gross score of 49. At the non-competitive level the game has been popular once more, although there has been a falling-off in the maintenance of the greens. The wet May had something to do with it, no doubt, but the election of a rather youthful committee may also have its drawbacks. In the past we have always relied on fairly senior members of the club, and usually committee

members, to keep the general state of the course up to the mark.

At the beginning of the term Mr. Johnson, the master in charge of golf, took over the cricket, and Mr. Addison took over the golf. Both masters were elected honorary members of the club.

SAILING

This year the boats were maintained under Brown's supervision, and he was later helped out by Mahon. Maintenance, however, was slow, and not all the fleet was ready by the time that the sailing season was upon us.

The season, in fact, did not start well. Our first fixture was against Loretto. Here matters were not helped at the start because when the race began the captain had moored his boat to the starting buoy. Then the Perth Young Helmsman's Trophy, so long a Strathallan monopoly, slipped from our grasp despite a strong challenge.

The Perth club this year held an open regatta instead of the usual team racing weekend. We did not shine here, and the highest position anyone got was Forbes who was third in one of the races. From then on, though, our fortunes took a turn for the better. In a three-cornered contest with Glenalmond and Rannoch on Loch Freuchie we had a good win in very trying conditions.

Following this, Prain and Forbes contrived to win the Midlands Schools' Championship on Loch Earn, despite slight structural alterations which were made to the boat minutes before the start of the race when Forbes fell overboard carrying half the boat with him.

The sailing of the Stuart Cup was postponed due to high winds, but not before Mahon had obtained a very creditable second. When the day of the re-sail came, the winds proved to be as strong if not stronger than on the original day, and the event was moved from the Forth to Loch Fitty. Two firsts were notched up—one by Prain and one by Forbes—and Mahon made sure that the cup was ours by sailing to a third place. The Strathallan weight-ratio in the boat proved for once to be very helpful, since we were the only team not to get a ducking at some time in the afternoon.

At the time of writing, our chances at Mudhook are fairly slender. There is a long entry list. The School will be represented by Prain, Forbes, and Findlay.

I.D.R.P.

SKI CLUB

The membership of the club remained in the eighties and several of the new members were already intermediate skiers, which shows promise for future years.

We switched our transport contract to King's of Dunblane this year and were very well served by them. Their buses proved larger, warmer, faster and more reliable than those we have had in previous years. As a result, 45 boys were able to go up to Glenshee every Sunday in considerable comfort.

This season's accident rate was high with one broken leg, one cracked ankle, one fractured thigh (all these in the first three weeks of the season) plus several broken skis. This is mainly due to lack of thought and is unnecessary. On the positive side however H. M. S. Russell had the doubtful privilege of performing his own opening ceremony for the new first aid centre at Glenshee minutes after the official version. For this he was rewarded with extensive publicity in the "P.A." and the Scotsman.

Our old slalom poles are being replaced by carpet poles obtained from various shops in Perth and are a big improvement. We have had the use of a set of racing numbers by courtesy of Hendersons of Stirling who continue to give us an excellent equipment service, maintained by a seemingly tireless Mr. Alexander. With radios being used for timing for the first time this season we have acquired a sufficiently professional appearance to be mistaken for, successively, the Neish and the Universities Championship!

The racing started on December 15th. with the National Schools competition at Hillend in Edinburgh. A team of four representing the school (A. G. R. Main, R. J. Macdonald, K. M. Burnett and M. W. H. Cran), accompanied by Mr. Clayton, spent a very useful and enjoyable weekend in Edinburgh. We did surprisingly well to come 5th out of 25 schools considering our comparative lack of experience on artificial slopes.

This year another fixture was made with Loretto and Rannoch in Glenshee. A Giant Slalom course of 24 gates was set by Mr. Clayton in new snow under a blue sky. We won quite convincingly in what proved to be a good match despite the difficulties encountered by one team in finding their way to the course. D. J. Butchart did very well from starting last on the rutted course to finish 3rd.

Unfortunately this year's race against Dundee Ski Club Juniors had to be cancelled due to bad weather and the scheduled race against Aberdeen G.S. did not materialise.

The Interhouse Championships were held at the foot of the Workman's Hut run, consisting of a giant slalom set by Mr. Clayton. Snow was scarce and of uneven texture. Ruthven, the

hot favourites, came first. In the absence of Main who was injured, R. J. Macdonald skied well to win with a clear three second lead from C. J. Robertson. Riley, for the first time, came last.

Once again Major H. H. Greig kindly lent the school Laggan Cottage for a weekend. We were chauffeured in the new Land Rover by Mr. Clayton. We spent two very comfortable nights at the cottage, racing against Rannoch, Loretto and Gordonstoun on the Saturday, returning on the Sunday.

In blizzard conditions we came a close second to Gordonstoun, who thereby avenged the defeat we had inflicted upon them last year. Main and Macdonald skied well to finish 2nd. and 3rd. respectively.

The Scottish Schools race is now sponsored by B.P. who are offering a total of £180 in training grants as prizes. This helped produce a field of fierce competition in which Strathallan could have succeeded. The long, fast 33 gate giant slalom was held in perfect overhead conditions. Both Main and Butchart performed particularly well to achieve 4th and 7th places respectively against very strong opposition (the first three places all went to members of the British Espoir team). Unfortunately our other two times were slow making an average team position rather than a good one. However we did finish 5th out of 19 schools which was a good effort. It was, nevertheless, galling to find that we had beaten all those teams that had beaten us on the artificial slopes in Edinburgh.

In short, the racing was good but lacking in spectacular results. The general standard of ski-ing has improved with a very promising group of younger skiers. D. J. Butchart, at only 13, skied consistently well throughout the season. Main is to be congratulated on his excellent captaincy of the racing squad, all of whom have set a particularly good example especially in their willingness to devote so much of their time and energy to the coaching of beginners, promising and otherwise.

Finally our thanks are due to Major Greig for the use of Laggan Cottage and also to Mr. Main for the loan of his caravan. To all race organisers, starters and timekeepers especially Mr. Clayton and Mr. Newbury and Messrs. Whitworth (Rannoch), Orr (Loretto) and Cross (Gordonstoun) we convey our thanks.

A.G.R.M./J.F.C.

RESULTS

National School Competition, Hillend, Edinburgh, December 16th, 1968.

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| (1) Edinburgh Academy | 165.8 |
| (2) Glenalmond | 170.9 |
| (3) Gracemount S.S. | 171.2 |
| (4) Aberdeen G.S. | 182.9 |
| (5) Strathallan | 183.4 |
| (6) Loretto | |

Strathallan Placings

1st run		2nd run	
Main	28.0" (7=)	Main	25.8" (2=)
Macdonald	29.6" (14)	Cran	30.6" (22=)
Cran	31.2" (23=)	Burnett	38.2" (64)
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88.8		94.6	
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Strathallan v. Loretto v. Rannoch, Glenshee February 9th, 1969.

1st		3rd	
Strathallan		Rannoch	
Main	38.5" + 37.5" = 76.0" (1)		
Butchart	42.0" + 43.0" = 85.0" (3)		
Macdonald	53.3" + 42.1" = 95.4" (4)		
Cran	46.4" + 53.7" = 100.1" (6)		
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356.5		655.1	
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2nd			
Loretto			
(2, 5, 8, 10)		(7, 11, 12, 13)	
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Inter-house Championships, Glenshee, February 23rd.

Individual

(1) R. J. Macdonald (R)	67.2"
(2) C. J. Robertson (S)	70.2"
(3) D. R. D. Low (R)	75.0"
(4) K. M. Burnett (R)	75.3"
(5) D. J. Butchart (R)	79.8"
(6) D. M. Holmes (S)	84.1"
(7) M. W. H. Cran (S)	86.1"
(8) R. I. Williamson (R)	86.9"
(9) J. F. Nielsen (F)	88.2"
(10) J. B. Ferguson (S)	89.6"

Team

(1) Ruthven	111 points
(2) Simpson	99 points
(3) Nicol	61 points
(4) Freeland	56 points
(5) Riley	52 points

Strathallan v. Gordonstoun v. Loretto v. Rannoch, Cairngorm, March 9th.

(1) Gordonstoun	101.5
(2) Strathallan	104.9
(3) Loretto	117.6
(4) Rannoch	N.T.
(only two finishers)	

Strathallan placings

Main	23.2" (2)
Macdonald	25.0" (3)
Butchart	27.7" (9)
Cran	29.0" (10)

Scottish Schools, Glenshee, March 25th.

(1) Grantown G.S.	3.26.1
(2) Kingussie S.S.	3.28.8
(3) Gordonstoun	3.36.7
(4) Blairgowrie H.S.	3.41.3
(5) Strathallan	3.42.2
(6) Loretto	3.54.7

Strathallan placings

Main	1.09.6	(4)
Butchart	1.11.2	(7)
Macdonald	1.21.4	(30)
Cran	1.27.5	(44)

SQUASH

This year squash has made great progress within the School. More people than ever have been using the courts, and the over-all standard of play has been of a much higher quality than in previous years. Much of the credit here is due to Mr. Mole and Mr. Addison, who have so willingly given of their time to coach enthusiastic, if not all that skilful, young players.

Two squash ladders were organised, a senior ladder and an under-15½ ladder, but these forms of competition were not used a great deal; particularly were the seniors at fault in this respect. The advantage of the under-15½ ladder was to be found in aiding team selection of junior teams.

In the inter-house competition, Nicol, with three of the School team, overwhelmed the opposition in the other houses very convincingly to win the squash cup. In the junior inter-house competition, Ruthven, Nicol and Simpson won two out of three of their matches, but Ruthven were the winners in having ten wins out of fifteen.

The open championship for the seniors was won by Lawson, who beat Sharpe 3-1, and for the juniors by Parker, who beat Sherington 3-0.

The School team was R. J. Lawson, D. J. C. Sharpe, C. L. McLachlan, C. G. Scroggie and M. G. Harrington. A. Gray and J. T. Thomson also played. Result of School matches:

v. Bloodsuckers—Won 3-2.

v. Gordonstoun—Won 4-1.

v. Scone Palace—Won 3-2.

v. Glenalmond—Lost 1-4.

v. Strathallians—Lost 2-3.

Under 15½ v. Firhill Secondary School—Lost 1-4.

Under 14½ v. Firhill Secondary School—Won 5-0.

C.L.M.

SWIMMING

For the first time for many years swimming has become a very popular sport, despite Mr. Newbury's rigorous training schedules which should be enough to put off all but the most enthusiastic. The season, if one can talk in terms of seasons for swimming, since we are one of the few sports not at the mercy of the weather, was a comparatively successful one. A new approach to fixtures was undertaken from the beginning of the year. Instead of the sole match at the Bath Cup in London—a venture which we have dropped—we turned our attention towards several matches with schools in our immediate area. This proved much more rewarding to the swimmers in two ways: first, in that they had more matches to look forward to; second, larger teams were required and so more swimmers had the encouragement of possible inclusion, and those that were included got more experience of competitive swimming.

The first match was swum against Glenalmond, and everyone was eager to do well. The senior team secured a close win; however, the overall result was a defeat as the strong Glenalmond juniors proved too much for ours.

The second match was against Perth Academy, and everyone was somewhat over-awed by the prospect of swimming against a Scottish Internationalist. However, with these initial fears suppressed, we went on to win the fixture, the juniors doing so quite convincingly.

Individual results of the match were as follows:

Freestyle

Senior 100 yds.: 1. Perth Ac. 2. Edwards. 3. Reid. 4. Perth Ac.

Junior 50 yds.: 1. Perth Ac. 2. Sneddon. 3. Beattie. 4. Perth Ac.

Breaststroke

Senior 100 yds.: 1. Perth Ac. 2. Chalmers, A. G. 3. Perth Ac. 4. Reid.

Junior 50 yds.: 1. Perth Ac. 2. Lockhart. 3. McLeod, K. 4. Perth Ac.

Back Crawl

Senior 100 yds.: 1. Balfour. 2. Perth Ac. 3. Perth Ac. 4. Heggie.

Junior 50 yds.: 1. Mitchell, D. 2. Academy. 3. Duncan, C. 4. Perth Ac.

Individual Medley

Senior: 1. Perth Ac. 2. Perth Ac. 3. Chalmers. 4. Mitchell.

Medley Relay

4X50 yds. Senior: 1. Perth Ac. 2. Strathallan.

4X25 yds. Junior: 1. Strathallan. 2. Perth Ac.

Freestyle Relay

4X50 yds. Senior: 1. Strathallan. 2. Perth Ac. disqualified.

4X25 yds. Junior: 1. Strathallan. 2. Perth Ac.

Seniors drew 31–31.

Juniors won 32–26.

The next fixture was against Loretto, and here, despite the fact that half-term had been just before, we put up good opposition. Again the seniors won, but the juniors were somewhat outclassed, although they tried extremely hard. The match was lost 52-45.

Individual results :

Freestyle

Senior 100 yds. : 1. Edwards. 2. Wearmouth. 3. Lor. 4. Lor.

Junior 50 yds. : 1. Lor. 2. Sneddon. 3. Lor. 4. Beattie.

Breaststroke

Senior 100 yds. : 1. Chalmers, A. G. 2. Lor. 3. Lor. 4. Reid.

Junior 50 yds. : 1. Lor. 2. Lor. 3. Lockhart. 4. McLeod, K.

Back-crawl

Senior 100 yds. : 1. Lor. 2. Balfour. 3. Heggie. 4. Lor.

Junior 50 yds. : 1. Duncan, C. 2. Mitchell, D. 3. Lor. 4. Lor.

Medley Relay

4X50 yds. Senior: 1. Lor. 2. Strathallan.

4X50 yds. Junior: 1. Lor. 2. Strathallan.

Freestyle Relay

4X50 yds. Senior: 1. Strathallan. 2. Loretto.

4X50 yds. Junior: 1. Lor. 2. Strathallan.

Seniors won 27-22.

Juniors lost 30-19.

Unfortunately the fixture against Rannoch was cancelled when Rannoch could not raise a team because of other commitments on the same day, and projected matches against Gordonstoun and Perth High School did not come to anything.

Colours were awarded to A. G. Chalmers, J. G. Edwards, and A. G. Balfour. The results of the Inter-House Swimming Sports are as follows :

Freestyle

Senior 100 yds. : 1. Wearmouth (F). 2. Neeson (N). 3. Balfour (R).
4. Mitchell, (F). 64.5 secs.

Middle 100 yds. : 1. Edwards (N). 2. Reid (N). 3. Jenkins (F).
4. McGregor (R). 59.6. *New Record*.

Junior 50 yds. : 1. Sneddon (N). 2. Beattie (S). 3. Hill (N). 4. Gordon (S). 28.6 secs.

Breaststroke

Senior 100 yds. : 1. Chalmers (F). 2. Robertson (S). 3. Macleod (R).
4. Roy (N). 80.4 secs.

Middle 100 yds. : 1. Reid (N). 2. Scroggie (N). 3. Lockhart (F).
4. Lee (S). 91 secs.

Junior 50 yds. : 1. Dale (N). 2. McLeod (R). 3. Stark (N). 4. Baxter. (F). 41.3 secs.

Backstroke

Senior 100 yds. : 1. Balfour (R). 2. Neeson (N). 3. Chalmers (F).
4. Wearmouth (F). 76.5 secs.

Middle 100 yds. : 1. Heggie (S). 2. Mitchell, D. (F). 3. Edwards (N).
4. Reid (N). 77.4 secs.

Junior 50 yds. : 1. Duncan, C. (F). 2. Sneddon (N). 3. Hill (N).
4. McLeod (R). 34.5 secs. *New record*.

Butterfly

Senior 50 yds.: 1. Robertson (S). 2. Chalmers (F). 3. Mitchell, B. (F). 4. Neeson (N). 34.5 secs. *New Record*.
Middle 50 yds.: 1. Edwards (N). 2. Reid (N). 3. Pickering (S). 4. Smith (R). 36.6 secs.

Medley Relay

Senior: 1. Simpson. 2. Nicol. 3. Ruthven. 4. Freeland.
Middle: 1. Nicol. 2. Freeland. Other 2 houses disqualified.
Junior: 1. Nicol. 2. Freeland. 3. Simpson.

Freestyle Relay

Senior: 1. Simpson. 2. Nicol. 3. Ruthven. 4. Freeland.
Middle: 1. Freeland. 2. Nicol. 3. Ruthven. 4. Simpson.
Junior: 1. Ruthven. 2. Freeland. 3. Simpson.

6X50 Freestyle Relay

1. Nicol. 2. Freeland. 3. Simpson. 4. Ruthven.

Over-all

1. Nicol. 2. Freeland.

LIFE SAVING

Classes were again very well attended, and the following results, representing a 100% pass, were attained at the end of the Summer Term:

Instructors Certificate: J. R. Lee, H. J. Chrystal.

Bronze Medallion: A. J. Bennet; A. J. Hay; D. Shortreed; P. Holden; N. Baxter; M. Gordon; A. Watson; E. Robertson; K. Milne; A. Wallace.

Intermediate Certificate: K. G. McLeod; J. A. McRedie.



Who says we're not revolutionary?

Bronze Cross: R. H. Green; R. G. Dale; I. F. S. Day; R. H. McQueen; C. S. Grant; P. Renwick; J. L. Russell.

Award of Merit: J. R. Lee; W. Millar.

Bar to Bronze Medallion: Lee, Millar, Green, Dale, Day, McQueen, Grant, Russell.

Bar to Bronze Cross: Lee, Millar.

TENNIS

There were doubts at the beginning of the season as to whether the good standard of tennis, which other schools now associate Strathallan with, was going to be maintained. Looking back, one cannot help but think that surprisingly the results have been equally as good as last year. Out of nine matches played the School won eight.

They came up against little opposition until Fettes came over from Edinburgh. They had a very strong and well-balanced team, and the School played very well indeed to win this particular match. However, in the next game, which was against Merchiston—a much weaker team than Fettes—things did not go quite so well as they should have done. As a result the match was lost. The one match which we regard as the strongest on the list and would have tested our capabilities—against Glasgow Academy—was cancelled due to rain. This was a pity, for we have not beaten them for several years, and we had hopes of doing so this year.

The first pair were determined this year to better their last year's near undefeated season. This they did, losing only one set on their way to winning 27 out of 27 matches.

The second and third pairs were reliable but rather inconsistent at those times when absolute concentration was vital. The second pair did, however come away with some hard fought wins.

In the house matches, Simpson, having the strongest team, easily beat Nicol and Freeland, but only just beat Ruthven 5-4, to retain the cup.

There were 78 entrants for the Open Singles Championship this year, and for the third year running McLachlan and Lawson R. J. found themselves face to face in the final. In the semi-finals Lawson R. beat Lawson A. 6-2; 6-0 and McLachlan beat Jenkins 3-6; 6-1; 6-1. In the final Lawson R. beat McLachlan 6-2; 6-1.

Results against other schools were as follows :

- v. Edinburgh Academy**—Cancelled.
- v. Glenalmond**—Won 6—3.
- v. Gordonstoun**—Won 7—2.
- v. Kilgraston**—Won 9—0.
- v. Daniel Stewart's**—Won 6—3.
- v. Fettes**—Won 5—3.
- v. Merchiston**—Lost 4—5.
- v. Loretto**—Won 9—0.
- v. Glasgow Academy**—Cancelled.
- v. Old Strathallians**—Won 7—2.

C. L. McLachlan was re-awarded his colours and Crowe, Ferguson, Gray and Lawson, A , were all awarded colours. The first pair was C. L. McLachlan and R. J. Lawson; the second pair, A. Crowe and A. Ferguson; the third pair A. Gray and A. W. Lawson

R.J.L.

STRATHALLAN OCCASIONALS

The Occasionals enjoyed another successful season winning six and drawing eight of their seventeen matches. There have been some notable events. Perthshire escaped defeat by the inability of our 'tail' to score seven runs in seven minutes, whilst the Bats were deprived of victory by the same tail scoring 96 in 97 minutes. Mr. A. P. F. Alexander returned, briefly, to score 50 against Perthshire. Mr. Hole achieved an undefeated 97 against J. L. W. Parker's XI. A handsome 5 wicket win against West Lothian was our second victory over the county in three games. Mr. Johnson captained the side this season, but not even he could force a victory against the Gnomes.

On the Tour, Mr. Taylor hit 88 against Bristol Bedouins whilst Mr. Addison had the misfortune to be lowest scorer with 56 from a total of 275 for 2 declared in the match with Denstone Wanderers. T. N. W. Trusdale made the first century scored for the Occasionals, hitting 107 against Lansdown. S. S. Eriksen accumulated an undefeated 55 in the same match, and later made 47 not out batting at number nine against the Somerset C.C.C. Youth XI.

Regular and colourful reports of matches appear in the 'P.A.'.

Old Strathallians wishing to play in any match during term should contact Mr. D. A. R. Williams as early as possible in the season. Mr. R. N. Johnson will be again managing the Tour.



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The President 1968-69

David Biggart was at Strathallan from 1943 to 1948. He was in Ruthven House and played in the 1st XV as a wing forward during his last two years at School.

After leaving School, David served his C.A. apprenticeship with the Glasgow firm of Kerr, McLeod and MacFarlane. Having qualified, he moved to his present Company, Taylor and Ireland, as a partner with his father, and later his younger brother, Mitchell.

David and his wife, Margaret, live at Bridge of Weir with their family of four boys. The oldest, Stuart, already at Strathallan in Riley House, with three younger brothers to follow in his footsteps, assures David of keen and active interest in the School for many years ahead.

David has served on the Club Council for the past five years and has been Dance Convener.

Apart from family, Accountancy and Strathallan, David has only one other interest in life—a very strong interest—angling!

David serves on the committee of several Scottish Angling Associations, and has for the past 12 years been Secretary of the Phoenix Angling Club. Despite all the service given by David, he still finds times—a lot of time—to participate in and enjoy sport. Just to prove he can fish as well as organise, in 1961 he was Scottish Champion. Most important of all, he is current champion of the Strathallian Angling Club.

It can be seen from the above, that any job David undertakes, is given his full and undivided attention and we are fortunate to have a man of his calibre to serve as President.

A.G.M. and Annual Dinner

The 35th Annual General Meeting of the Club was held in the Station Hotel, Perth on Saturday, 23rd November, 1968. The President Mr. J. H. Allan occupied the chair and the formal business of the meeting was carried through expeditiously. In the course of the meeting the President showed to the Members a sketch of the proposed plaque which would be erected in the School Chapel and it was unanimously approved. Further consideration had been given to the proposal to use part of the Club's capital for setting up a new Bursary but no final proposal was yet ready. Forty-five new life-members were admitted to the Club and two new ordinary members. The Council's report and the Annual Accounts were approved and Office-Bearers were elected in accordance with the list at the start of the O.S. Section of the magazine.

The Annual Dinner followed the Meeting in the Hotel Banqueting Hall and was well supported by members and their guests.

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

The toast to the Club and the School was proposed by Sir John Gilmour, Baronet, D.S.O., T.D., D.L., J.P., Member of Parliament for East Fife. Sir John proposed his toast in a competent manner and laid particular emphasis on the right of parents to have a prior right to choose the education which is to be given to their children and their right to choose for their children the schools other than those under control of the State which they should attend. The President in his reply thanked Sir John for his toast and gave a brief resume of the activities of the Club during the year.

Mr. Hoare made brief reference to the School's accomplishments during the year and referred particularly to the high standard which had been achieved in music and art. He reported that the School is full and assured the members that Strathallan is in good heart!

The Toast of the Guests was proposed by the new Vice-President, Ronald Grant, in a humorous and confident speech and the reply was given by Mr. Denis Young, House Master of Simpson House. Mr. Young's amusing stories told in a most entertaining way made a fitting conclusion to the Toast List.

Dance Report

The Annual Dinner Dance was held in the Banqueting Hall of the Central Hotel, Glasgow, on Friday, 24th January and was once again the highlight of the winter's social activities. The Council would like to see more younger members of the Club attending the Dance and it is hoped that there will be a big response from them for the next dance on Friday, 23rd January, 1970.

Angling Report

The Angling Section has had another active year under the Captaincy of Ronald Grant. We had seven outings, plus the Annual Cocktail Party.

The Season started with our visit to Kenmore after salmon. The weather was seasonal, but no fish were caught.

On April 12th, we went for the usual weekend to Loch Awe but changed the location to Portsonachan. This was very successful and following the Annual General Meeting on the Friday evening we woke to Arctic conditions on the Loch on Saturday and only one fish was caught by Leslie Steven. Our Annual Match against the Phoenix Angling Club produced a lot of sunshine but very few fish were caught and as a result we lost the match.

By kind invitation of the Headmaster we were invited to compete against the School on the School Pond. We had an extremely pleasant day, ending with a meal at Glenfarg. David Biggart caught a lovely rainbow trout 1 lb. 6 ozs. and others were seen. The competition on the evening of May 23rd on Loch Leven was noted for gale force winds and only one fish was caught by Jimmy Grosset.

On June the 19th we fished on the Lake of Menteith on a beautiful summer's day with better results, fourteen fish being landed by Club members. The Season ended with a match against the School on Loch Leven, when the School fished very well and succeeded in beating the Club. We hope that some of the School team will be changing sides this year and we would like to welcome any new members who are fishing enthusiasts. They should contact the Honorary Secretary, Alastair Fingland, Balnacraig, Callander, Perthshire (Tel. : Callander 65) who will supply full details.

The 1969 trophy winners were :—

Archie Glen Trophy	Leslie Steven
Grosset Trophy	David Biggart
Fingland Trophy	Alastair Fingland

Strathallan Golf Club

Captain : G. S. Lowden

Secretary : A. G. Johnston, 4 Bright's Crescent, Edinburgh EH9 2DB

Only one outing has been held this year at time of going to press and that at Gleneagles in June. The turn-out particularly among the younger members was encouraging but it was the 'Old Brigade' which carried the day, the Johnston Trophy being won by J. M. McMillan with a nett 72 hotly pursued by Dr. R. Houston.

The team entered for the Queen Elizabeth Trophy at Barnton on 27th September is G. S. Lowden and I. Q. Jones ; J. C. Dawson and I. MacEwen ; A. McInroy and A. G. Johnston, the first round being against Ayr Academy F.P.

A week-end's golf has been arranged at Elie from 4th to 5th October and judging by those who have intimated their intention to play it should be a successful venture. A match against the School golf team is contemplated for the Sunday afternoon.

On Sunday, November 2nd after the Old Boys' Dinner an outing has been arranged at a venue to be finalised and it is hoped that as many golfers and non-golfers will be able to attend.

The Club membership stands at 74 of whom 52 have paid their current subscriptions—defaulters please note.

News of Old Strathallians

- Agnew, Douglas W. E. (1958-61) has been appointed Art Master at Portslade Boys' Secondary School.
- Aitken, I. M. (1953-58) has been appointed an Assistant Actuary to the Scottish Mutual Assurance Society.
- Allan, G. R. J. (1955-58) informs us that he holds a House Post at Glasgow Dental Hospital.
- Allcock, R. E. (1956-61) after 7 years with British Rail in Scotland moved to Birmingham in November 1968 to start work with the Parts Division of Rootes Motors Ltd., as their Distribution Planner.
- Ashton, T. C. (1963-68) completed first year at Sandhurst and has been accepted into the Royal Artillery. Played cricket for Academy 2nd XI.
- Balfour, G. W. Jnr. (1961-68) appointed 1969 Jethart Callant to lead all mounted ride outs and other functions in connection with the Jedburgh Festival. Also a member of the East Area Young Farmers' Speechmaking Team for the Scottish Youth Finals.
- Benson, B. (1954-59) in February 1969 was promoted to Company Director of Arolyne Plastic Ltd., the only company in the U.K. who manufactures skis and ski-sticks.
- Biggart, D. D. C. (1961-68) is taking a B.Sc. in Pure Science (Psychology, Geology, Chemistry, Zoology) at Aberdeen University.
- Blanche, R. B. (1946-50) has recently been appointed Principal Auditor with Sierra Leone Government.
- Botting, R. F. (1921-22) now at 25 de Mayo 362, Buenos Aires has retired from active participation in the management of "Alpargatas" where he had worked since 1924. He retains a keen interest in the School and Club and would be delighted to hear from or see any O.Ss.
- Brown, O. T. (1930-34) we offer our congratulations on his award of the O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours List on 14th June, 1969.
- Clark, B. G. (1956-64) is in his final year at Dundee University for Dentistry and is President of Dundee Student's Society.
- Clark, N. F. (1954-58) informs us that he is emigrating to Australia in October, 1969, to take up farm management after five years management in South of England.
- Cumming, Alastair M. (1960-65) is in his final year of a B.A. (Hons.) Business Studies at Portsmouth College of Technology. (Council for National Academy Awards) (Sandwich with B.P.).
- Davidson, J. F. (1961-65) congratulations on completing B.A. (Hons.) at Cambridge.
- Dawson, M. I. M. (1960-65) has completed his studies at The Royal Agricultural College of Cirencester and is now working in Real Estate dealing with farms and intends eventually to farm himself. Has been playing regular first class Rugby. His address is P.O. Box 480, Pietermaritzburgh, Natal, S. Africa, and he would be very pleased to hear from or to see any O.Ss.
- Dunbar, James A. (1960-66) is a medical student and has successfully completed his pre-clinical studies at St. Andrews University. He is now taking clinical studies at Dundee University. He was elected President of the British Medical Students' Association for 1969/70.

- Ferguson, David L. (1960-64) is now employed by the Bank of Montreal, Hope, B.C., Canada.
- Ferguson, J. C. (1958-63) qualified in Medicine in June, 1969 and is working as House Surgeon at Stobhill General Hospital, Glasgow.
- Forgan, D. W. N. (?-56) after working for several years managing Tea Estates for George Williamson & Co. he is now hunting professionally in Tanzania and Kenya.
- Fraser, T. R. L., "Onich," Toward Point, Argyll (1944-46)—Strathallians are well represented in the Trades House of Glasgow. For 1969-70 J. Alastair Montgomerie is Deacon of the Incorporation of Tailors; T. R. L. Fraser is Deacon of the Incorporation of Cordiners; and J. Turner Johnston is Deacon of the Incorporation of Barbers. In addition A. Ronald MacLeod has just completed a successful year as Deacon of the Incorporation of Bonnetmakers and Dyers, and John Blanche is preparing for his year as Visitor of the Incorporation of Maltmen. Our Secretary Iain A. Headrick is Clerk to the Incorporation of Skinners and Glovers.
- Gordon, G. C. H. (1955-60) working in London as a C.A. but keeping in touch with contemporaries.
- Grant, W. J. S. (1964-68) is studying Law at Edinburgh University. He is also playing the drums with the "Ax Blues Band"—a well known Edinburgh Group.
- Gray, I. S. (1954-61) is working as an Investment Analyst with a London Firm of Stockbrokers.
- Greig, S. F. H. (1961-68) has completed his first year at Dundee University where he is studying Social Sciences and Letters.
- Guild, W. (1937-38) has taken over Ravenscourt Guest House at Granton on Spey since last Easter, 1968 and is thoroughly enjoying the company and busy life.
- Hannay, D. R. (1959-65) is serving Articles with Price Waterhouse & Co., C.A., Toronto, Canada.
- Hayward, J. J. U. (1955-59) has left Coopers Brothers (Glasgow Office) to join Industrial and Commercial Finance Corporation Ltd., on 1st May, 1969.
- Innes, Alisdair (1942-49) lives in Kansas City and has 3 daughters. He came over last winter and attended the O.S. Dinner and the Calcutta Cup match.
- Lamb, R. A. (1962-66) commissioned into the Gordon Highlanders 24th June, 1969.
- Logan, R. G. (1960-64) graduated 2nd Class LL.B. (Hons.) at Birmingham University and is going into Librarianship.
- Marr, Ben E. (—) is now Company Secretary to Thames Television Ltd.
- Melville, J. B. (1956-63) graduated from the Scottish Hotel School, Glasgow in June, 1968 with a Diploma in Hotel Management. Whilst there he gained several prizes including Merite Culinaire. He worked for three months in Gothenburg, Sweden, in Summer 1967. Last November he joined British Transport Hotels as an assistant manager and when last heard of was at the Great Eastern Hotel, London, E.C.2.
- McIntyre, James A. (1939-44) we congratulate him on his election as President of the National Farmers' Union of Scotland.

- McKenna, Dr. W. B. (1929–34) is the President of the Rotary Club in Glasgow for 1969/70.
- McLachlan, W. E. (1956–63) graduated from Glasgow University and is now working as computer programmer with Rolls-Royce Ltd., Hillington.
- Parker, J. L. W. (1956–61) is working in the Western Infirmary, Glasgow and plays Rugby and Cricket for Kelvinside Academicals.
- Paterson, M. B. N. (1960–65) is returning home after spending 2½ years with Rackhams (Harrods) Ltd., in Birmingham training in the retail trade. Is finishing his training in Dalys of Glasgow as a Trainee Manager.
- Paterson, N. D. L. (1955–61) who was married in March is Joint Manager of the Rex Hotel, Whitley Bay and would be pleased to see any O.Ss. J. B. Melville was an usher at the wedding.
- Paterson, R. W. W. (1951–56) informs us that he is the Senior Registrar in Eye Surgery at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary and is playing for the Inverleith Hockey Club.
- Philip, R. M. G. (1949–54) is moving to Freeport, Grand Bahama to go into General Practice.
- Scott, D. A. (1961–65) after spending four years with Bank of London and South America in London is now at St. Luke's College, Exeter and is studying Physical Education and Geography beginning in September.
- Scott, L. S. (1935–38) has just completed a tour of duty as Visiting Professor of Urology at Alexandria University, Egypt.
- Scott, R. H. (1955–63) informs us that he is working in Nigeria on Oil Exploration and Production.
- Shepherd, W. N. (1956–60) informs us that he plays for Pency Park R.F.C. 1st XV.
- Stuart, M. M. (1960–66) has completed his second year at Leicester University where his course is B.Sc. Honours Engineering. He visited U.S.A. in Summer 1968 and worked in North Carolina for 10 weeks, and toured for three weeks.
- Shaw, M. W. (1953–61) informs us that he is the Sales Manager for Murphy Chemicals (East Africa) Ltd. and now lives in Nairobi.

Engagements

- Allan, G. R. J. (1955–58) Netherton, Dumbarton to Dr. Lindsey D. MacLennan.
- Cumming, A. (1960–65) c/o Bank of Scotland, 133 Princes Street, Edinburgh to Miss Mary Jane Sinclair.
- Dawson, M. I. M. (1960–65) P.O. Box 480, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, S. Africa to Miss Jane Scott on 4th May, 1969.
- Dunbar, James A. (1960–66) The Howard, Invergowrie to Miss Ann Pettet, a medical student from London on 1st January, 1969.
- McLachlan, W. E. (1956–63) 7 Trinity Crescent, Beith to Miss Ann K. Hamilton September 1968.
- Scott, R. H. (1955–63) Clevans Hill, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire to Miss Fiona A. M. MacGregor of Greenways, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire (sister of R. C. MacGregor Jnr.).
- Shaw, M. W. (1953–61) P.O. Box 30438 Nairobi to Christine P. Milton on 1st June, 1969.
- Stuart, M. M. (1960–66) 25 Jordan Lane, Edinburgh 10, to Miss D. Stephens of 6 Ateton Drive, Castleford, Yorkshire.

Marriages

- Agnew, Douglas W. E. (1958–61) Flat 5, 3 Clarendon Terrace, Brighton to Miss Bridget Hempton of Neston, Wirral, Cheshire on 19th August, 1968.
- Aitken, I. M. (1953–58) Restalrig, Airdrie to Miss Clare Robertson, 130 Terregles Avenue, Glasgow, S.1., on 12th July, 1969.
- Clark, Neil F. (1954–58) Weston Farm, Petersfield, Hants., to Miss Mary Filgate of Victoria, Australia on 20th June, 1968.
- Hayward, J. J. U. (1955–59) 104 Novar Drive, Glasgow, W.2., to Miss Linda Louise Scott of Bearsden, on 8th March, 1969.
- Logan, R. G. (1960–64) Tullochcorm, Caldwell Road, West Kilbride, Ayrshire, to Miss Fiona E. Bracewell at Kingston, Dorset, on 5th July, 1968.
- Marshall, J. R. (1957–61) Duncrub Park, Dunning, Perth to Miss Wilma Young at Strathallan School, on 15th August, 1968.
- MacGregor, R. C. Jnr. (1952–59) Greenways, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, to Miss Margery R. Henderson, 26 Oxford Road, Renfrew (daughter of Dr. I. Henderson) on, 31st July, 1969.
- McLachlan, W. E. (1956–63) 7 Trinity Crescent, Beith, on 27th June, 1969.
- Paerston, N. D. L. (1955–61) 35 Haig Avenue, Whitley Bay, to Miss F. Ann Holloway, at More Church, Nr. Bishop's Castle, on 15th March, 1969.
- Philip, R. G. M. (1949–54) Strathspey Hotel, Grantown-on-Spey, on 21st June, 1969.
- Robertson, B. B. A. (1959–64) 19 Blackness Avenue, Dundee DD2 1ET, on 21st September, 1968, at Strathallan School Chapel.
- Shaw, M. W. (1953–61) P.O. Box 30438, Nairobi, to take place on 10th January, 1970, in Kenya.
- Shepherd, W. N. (1956–60) 40 The Drive, Tynemouth, Northumberland, to Miss Eileen Townsend of Monkseaton, Northumberland, on 16th May, 1969.

Births

- Benson, B. (1954–59) on 20th September, 1968 to Mr. and Mrs. Benson, North Grange Road, Bearsden, a daughter Joanna Victoria.
- Fitzpatrick, A. J. (1949–54) on 10th May, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. Fitzpatrick Cairnmoor, Erskine Road, Whitecraigs, a son Hugh Alan Taylor.
- Fitzpatrick, H. I. B. (1947–51) on 8th February, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Fitzpatrick, a daughter Sally Carolyn Brunton.
- Forgan, D. W. Neil (?–56) on 20th March, 1968 to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Forgan, a son Angus Graham Neil.
- Marr, B. E. (1943–49) on October, 1968 to Mr. and Mrs. Marr, Little Bowling, Upway, Chalfont, St. Peter, Bucks., a son Ben Cameron Dean.
- Paterson, R. W. W. (1951–56) on 28th June, 1968 to Mr. and Mrs. Paterson, 23 Bonalty Terrace, Edinburgh 13, a daughter Jill Helen.
- Robertson, S. (1951–58) Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, Wester Broomhouse, Dunbar, East Lothian, 2 sons Rory and Calum.
- Sinclair, J. (1948–54) on 29th August, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. John Sinclair, a daughter.
- Stuart, H. L. (1948–53) on 16th May, 1969 to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Stuart, Dalnacraig, Woodside Gardens, Carmunock, Glasgow, a son.

Deaths

Bain, Ian S. R. on 15th December, 1968.

Bonthrone, A. (1921–26) in early 1969.

Cleland, James (1926–28) of Roselin 1 Woodland Avenue, Kirkintilloch on 1st June, 1969.

Cowper, Hugh K. (1926–30) in Australia, 1969.

Davidson, H. A. C. of H. Davidson & Co. (1920–25) Hamilton, Bermuda on 23rd April, 1968.

Primrose, I. S. (1959–65) at The Central Flying School, R.A.F. Little Rissington, Glos., on 24th January, 1969.

Steel, J. H. (1930–38) Lindores, 61 Newark Street, Greenock in July, 1969.

Watt, W. W. (1929–33) Glebe Capel, Capelrig Road, Newton Mearns on 5th November, 1968.

Obituaries

Willie Watt was at Strathallan from 1929 to 1933. He was a keen and able sportsman and made his mark at Rugby, Cricket and Athletics. Cricket was his forte and he was captain of the Cricket 1st XI in 1933. On leaving school he took up law at Cambridge but after two years in the profession in London he returned to Glasgow to join the family business of Ross and Lidell of which he was Senior Partner at the time of his death. During the war he was commissioned in the H.L.I. and served with distinction in Malta, the Middle East and Italy. Willie was elected president of the Club in 1957 and carried out the duties of his office with dignity and charm. He is survived by his widow and three children.

Ian Struan Robertson Bain was one of the original pupils when Mr. Riley opened his school at Bridge of Allan. He graduated at Glasgow University in 1923 with the degree of M.B., Ch.B., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S. Glasgow. He became Senior Consultant Gynaecologist at the Royal London Homeopathic Hospital having obtained membership of the R.C.O.G. in 1948, followed by his F.R.C.O.G. During the war he served as Surgeon Lieutenant in the R.N.V.R. in Malaysia. Prior to his death he was Consultant Gynaecologist to the Libyan Government in Benghazi.

Ian Primrose graduated from R.A.F. College Cranwell on 1st March, 1968. He completed his advanced Flying Training on GNAT Aircraft at R.A.F. Vally in Anglesey in September, 1968 and was 'creamed off' to train as a Flying Instructor. He had made a great start to his flying career prior to his death in a flying accident during his training as an instructor at the Central Flying School, Little Rissington, Gloucestershire on 24th January, 1969.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLUB

Attention is drawn to the facilities at the above, which are available to all members of the Old Boys' Association.

The Public Schools Club is situated at 100, Piccadilly, London, W.1., and in addition to luncheon and dining facilities, overnight accommodation is available for members at very reasonable prices.

The Club rooms comprise a bar, smoking room, dining room, television and writing rooms, together with a Ladies' Annexe with a separate entrance in Whitehorse Street. There is an active Club Golfing Society, and under reciprocal arrangements, members may use the squash courts of the Naval and Military Club, 94, Piccadilly, W.1.

Full details, Club brochure and forms of application for membership are available from the Headmaster and the Secretary of the Old Boys' Association.

The attention of school leavers is particularly drawn to the special 'Junior' membership, under which on reaching the age of 18 and within six-months of leaving school, for a single payment of 7 gns. benefits of full membership are covered for seven years.